

Women's Equality Not Guaranteed

OTTAWA (CUP)—A college diploma or university degree is still no guarantee that a woman will achieve equality in the work force, according to a Statistics Canada report on sex differences and employment characteristics of post-secondary graduates.

The report, based on a study of graduates entering the work force in 1977, bases its conclusion on continuing salary gaps between men and

women in equivalent jobs, and the tendency for women to earn their degrees in "non-elite" fields, resulting in stagnant, low paying work.

The survey shows, that men who graduate from medical and dental programs and found full-time employment earned \$21,330 in their first year of work, compared with only \$15,500 for women in the same situation.

Only one third of the female

masters graduates for the survey year were in the \$20,000-plus income bracket one year after graduation compared with over half of the male graduates in the same period.

Women with bachelors degrees fared even worse when compared with male salary achievements. The median salary for a woman with a B.A. and no previous job experience was

\$13,090—not even as much as the \$13,270 earned by a man with one-year college diploma and no work experience.

Male graduates in clerical positions earned as much as \$3,000 a year more than women with equal training in similar jobs, the study shows.

The tendency of Canadian women to enroll in "traditionally female" areas of study has also hurt female salary levels and job ad-

vancement opportunities, according to the report.

Nearly two thirds of the 28,000 degrees awarded to women were in the fields of education, fine and applied arts, humanities, psychology and sociology. These fields account for only one-third of the male graduates in the same year.

At masters level, only ten per cent of the 2,280 female graduates earned their degrees in business or engineering, while 40 per cent of the 4,930 male graduates earned degrees in these traditionally high paying areas.

While most education and employment trends for women changed very little over the last decade, the study found a radical difference in the attitudes of female graduates. Women are much less willing to accept salary discrimination on the job and are much more aware of the economic effects of educational decisions.

Although the authors of the report found this increase in awareness a positive development, they concluded that graduation is still the wrong time to discover that your education has prepared you for a little more than a clerical occupation.

McGill

employee

assaulted

MONTREAL (CUP)—A female McGill University employee was sexually assaulted the morning of September 16 less than a hundred feet from a campus residence.

This is the second incident of sexual assault in the McGill area in a week.

The woman was taken by surprise on her usual route to work on the McGill campus.

The woman contacted Montreal police after notifying the McGill student newspaper, the Daily, of the incident. When they returned with her to the area, they were stopped by another female who was "crying and clearly upset," who said she had been grabbed.

Al Rostaing, director of campus services, said "this is news to me".

He confirmed that last week's incident did not actually occur on McGill property and was therefore not within his jurisdiction, although it was on University Street which he described as the perimeter of the campus.

"Our main problems aren't during the daylight hours," he said. "I would need an army to patrol all the outskirts of the campus."

The description of the attacker does match the one given by the McGill student assaulted last week.

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Council Meeting

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Other business

- Owen reported that Minister of Education Terry Donahoe had written the Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) a letter, requesting to meet with them regarding the work of the federal-provincial task force on student-aid. Owen considered it a good omen considering that last year Donahoe broke every meeting arranged between him and then Dalhousie student council president Dick Matthews.

- The 1979-1980 Course Evaluation report was presented, a report which Graduate rep Peter Rans described as "very erudite and well-written" and of importance to all students.

- He also urged that the names of professors who refuse to cooperate with course evaluations be publicized.

- Mention was made of the new campus daycare facilities opening and councillors were urged to spread the word to ensure the facilities are well utilized.

- Owen announced that the councillor handbooks, planned to initiate and involve new councillors, were late in coming out. He said he did not have time to publish them as early as planned.

- Councillors and students at large, many of whom had waited for over five hours, were elected to various council committees.



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