

Soc undergrads organize thirty students present

A move was made Tuesday night to form a union of sociology undergraduate students.

The meeting attracted about thirty students, who set up a five-member temporary executive which will coordinate election of an executive to stand until the end of the term. Chairman of the executive is David Phillips.

The primary interest of those present was to obtain undergraduate representation on the interim executive council of the sociology department. Although not yet certain of positions on this council, two students were appointed as undergraduate representatives.

The idea for an undergraduate organization originated in December during the foment in the sociology department. Four interested students began to discuss the possibility of undergraduate representation on the executive council. After Christmas, they presented Dr. G. K. Hirabayashi, head of the department, with their proposals.

Although they were not given a definite answer, they were led to believe that further negotiations could follow if undergraduates came up with more definite proposals.

Those initiating the movement feel that representation on the interim council, which will be dissolved in March, could lead to undergraduates having a voice in matters of instruction and planning of sociology courses.

Students felt that "the department does want undergraduate representation."

Also present at one meeting was Peter Boothroyd, grad student in sociology. He commented on some of the experiences of the grad students in forming a similarly oriented organization.

It was pointed out that thirty students was not a large representation of the many students enrolled in sociology courses on this campus, all of whom are eligible

to be active members of the organization. Mr. Boothroyd said that the grad students had decided that anyone who attended a meeting or otherwise showed interest would be assumed to be representative of all grad students.

A second meeting may be held in the near future. Interested students should contact the executive.



GORDON GORDEY—plays a hysterical satyrmaniac in the Jubilaires latest musical comedy, "Girl Crazy". Such burning stars as Sexy Kate (Anne Wheeler) and Sweet Mistress Molly (Elaine Christiansen) play the more feminine roles. The show will run February 6 to 8 and 12 to 15. Tickets can be bought at the SUB ticket booth.

Moncton U has strike vote; results revealed soon

MONCTON (CUP)—Confusion reigned at L'Université De Moncton Tuesday as students split on whether to strike to strengthen demands for the resignation of administration president Adelard Savoie and four of his executives.

The two-day strike vote ended Tuesday but external vice-president Bernard Jauvin said the results will not be released "until recent events are cleared up."

"The vote was close," Jauvin said, "But I can't tell you which side won."

Faculty executive resignations and a threat to withdraw financial support by the university's largest contributor faced students as they went into the second day of voting.

They also learned Tuesday that a board of governors meeting remained in session all day "to decide action to be taken against last week's occupants of the science building."

An emergency general meeting was scheduled for Wednesday morning which will decide, pending results of the board meeting, what the next move will be.

The 1,400-student campus has been in a state of turmoil since January 11, when 100 students occupied the science building to demand more government aid for french-language schools in the province.

Faculty support for student demands reached a peak Friday when, after a seven-hour meeting, the faculty association recommended formation of an arbitration commission consisting of three students and three administrators.

The faculty also:

- supported student demands for federal aid, although they did not support the occupation itself,

- called for a three-day campus-wide study session to discuss the crisis,

- demanded better facilities and co-management of the university by students, faculty and administrators,

- demanded publication of the university budget, now a confidential document.

Students went along with faculty demands and were going to leave the building voluntarily but

were forced to devise new tactics when they learned late Friday night Savoie had rejected the faculty proposal for arbitration commission and had called police to clear out the science building.

Saturday morning 60 city police and a number of RCMP arrived on campus, but their task was simplified when students decided to leave without resistance.

A few hours later, at a meeting attended by 300 students, the student council voted unanimously in favor of a strike "until administration president Adelard Savoie and four of his executives resign." Their decision was put before the campus Monday and Tuesday.

Faculty support grew Saturday, the first day of the teach-in, when faculty joined student demands for Savoie's resignation.

But student-faculty solidarity was short-lived.

Sunday the faculty began to split over the student council call for a general strike and Monday morning the faculty executive resigned fearing "radical action" by faculty.

The issue was further complicated Monday when Jean Louis Levesque, the university's largest contributor, announced he is withdrawing support from the university.

The announcement, coming ironically during a student struggle for more financial aid, will swing faculty support further away from the students, according to Moncton student leaders.

The controversy centres around student demands that the government give the school a grant of \$32 million over the next two years and that half the provincial education budget be set aside for french-language education.

Some 35 per cent of the New Brunswick population is French-speaking.

Women discuss role in society "A girl can do anything"

By ELLEN NYGAARD

Modern woman's position in society was the subject of two panel discussions held last week at the university.

Wednesday night, the Students' Wives Club presented a discussion entitled "Kiss Me Men but run My Country Women". Panelists were Keith Henders of the Human Rights Office, Edmonton; Miss Amy Elliott of the Department of Extension; and Mrs. Betty Buchanan, an Edmonton housewife working with the Family Institute.

"A girl can do just about anything she wants vocationally if she isn't bound to tradition" said Mr. Henders, a recent delegate to the Ottawa conference on human rights.

He outlined resolutions on women's rights made at the conference. An original resolution had called for "preferential treatment of women in public positions for a certain period of time". This was amended, however, and Mr. Henders feels that the final proposals will be ineffective.

Mr. Henders cited several examples of legislation dealing with women's rights on the provincial level. The Sex Disqualification Removal Act provides that one cannot be barred from a job or position for one's sex. There is no form of enforcement of this law, however. Under the Equal

Pay for Equal Work Act, protection is offered only in the event of a complaint.

Miss Elliott presented the individual woman's position and problems in society.

"A lot of girls are still going around with this mental picture—elementary schooling, marriage, and they all lived happily ever after", she said.

"Is your husband going to be the only one to continue with his education?" she asked the wives. "Choose your own pattern out of your own knowledge; don't fall into it."

Many things stand in the way of women's free choice in society, however. The working world's reluctance to hire part-time staff or enroll part-time students is a major barrier. Miss Elliott said that some businesses hire the "token woman" like the "token Negro".

"There are two types of working women," said Miss Elliott. Those working out of economic necessity and those working because of an intrinsic interest in their jobs."

Mrs. Buchanan dealt with the practical problems thus presented combining societal and biological feminine roles. She emphasized that "being mothers and fathers are the two most important roles in our lives". However, women, especially those who marry young, should think to the future. They will have a lot of time after their

children grow up. What will they do?

The panelists objected to the common attitude of so many "homemakers" that they are "just housewives".

Wauneita presented the second discussion Friday in connection with Women's Week. Panelists were Alice Lorch, an anthropology student at U of A and Lynn Hannelley of the Edmonton Social Planning Council.

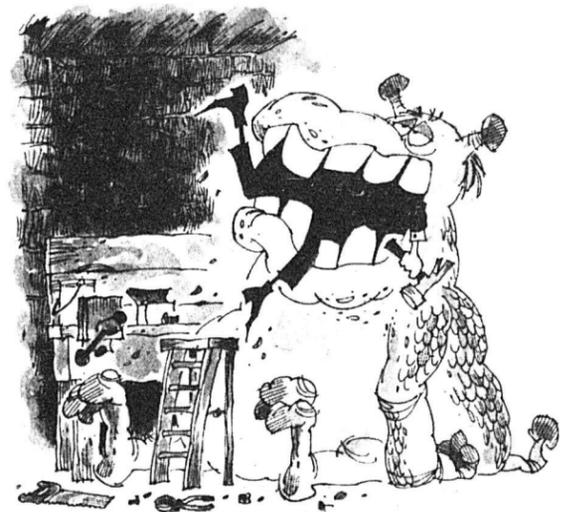
Discussion centered on the conflicts between woman's two roles: as wife and mother, and as professional woman. The traditional attitude is reflected in statements such as "a girl should not go through life without tasting the sweet joys of motherhood" as Miss Lorch pointed out.

"Women tend to use their traditional role as a kind of sanctuary," said Miss Lorch.

"Even going to university is often seen as a means of "greater fulfilment of the old role" rather than "breaking out of the old role". "A man is encouraged to have an interest in the things he is doing just for interest's sake" she said.

"For a woman these things are time-fillers or 'icing on the cake'." Because of their "supporting role" in society, however, women have a much easier time than men.

"Women do not have to relate to society on their own," said Miss Lorch.



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