

Symposium '88 Graduate Students' Association

Public Students and Researchers
invited to attend

March 11th 1988
North Power Plant
Information: 432-2175

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES: NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS

The Executive Committee of General Faculties Council has approved a request from the Students' Union that classes be cancelled from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16** and not on Wednesday, February 12. Classes are cancelled so that students can attend the Students' Union Election Forum.

SUB THEATRE MOVIES

\$1.00 for U of A Students
\$3.50 for Non-Students
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR AT 7:30 PM.
SHOWTIME: 8:00 PM.

"NOLTE'S TRIUMPH."

Ralph Novak, PEOPLE MAGAZINE

"Weeds' will stand for a long time as a great American film classic long after you and I are dead. A 10+."

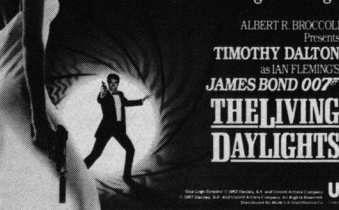


Nick Nolte **WEEDS**

Feel what it's like from the inside.
MATURE
crude language & suggestive scenes
not suitable for pre-teenagers

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 • M

The new James Bond...living on the edge.



SUNDAY, MARCH 20 • M

The Princess Bride
Sunday, March 27 • PG

Women look to

Colleen Pellatt slipped into the trap of lower salaries and bleaker job prospects on her first day of university.

She had no idea what she wanted to study, so she chose the subjects that interested her without considering the development of her career. Colleen, now a third year Sociology/Psychology student, will likely earn only \$20,000 a year after graduation, \$8,000 less than the average starting engineering salary.

Statistics show that Colleen is typical of the young women who arrive on Carleton's doorstep each fall. Despite decades of feminist cries for equal opportunity, women still tend to choose traditional, low-paying areas over lucrative fields like engineering and computer science. At Carleton this year, women form only eight per cent of engineering students and 22 per cent of computer science students. In other technical and scientific studies, the numbers are also still low: 24 per cent of industrial design students are female, as are 27 per cent of architecture students and 34 per cent of those who study science.

Statistics Canada reported last October that women are most likely to choose social science, education or the humanities when they enter university.

"The concentration of female graduates in these fields suggest that a large number of women still make traditional choices when they select a career," according to the bulletin.

Fran Klodawsky, status of women coordinator on campus, says high school girls still believe they will not have to support themselves.

"There's still that dream of the prince charming coming along and the girl not having to work."

In a 1984 study of 123 high school girls by Maureen Peats and Jessica Armstrong, 50 per cent said their first priority in life was family. Only 32 per cent listed career as their top priority, while 15 per cent said family and career can be effectively combined.

But statisticians predict today's 18-year-old will need a steady income for 25 years, if her marriage lasts all her life. And since 74 per cent of these young women will get divorced, they'll need to work to support themselves.

Klodawsky blames women's less practical career choices on social attitudes.

"In children's advertising, the girls are being told they want dolls and pretty pink and blue fluffy things. Boys are being told they want airplanes and machines," she explains. "So from a very early age the idea is that boys and machines go together and girls and machines don't."

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Experts say parents, teachers and guidance counsellors should be informing young women about careers.

But Ian Miller, manager of the campus Canada Employment Centre, says parents have pre-conceived ideas of what they want for their children. Some parents still push children into educations based on sexual, traditional lines. He says some parents come into the employment centre and tell him in what field they want their children to study.

"Parents have at times too much influence." The Peats-Armstrong study found that mothers and fathers were the main sources of encouragement for high school girls. Guidance counsellors and teachers come next in line.

But Miller says there has been a "real shortage" of good guidance counsellors. Although the situation is improving, he says, "high schools would be the first to admit that they could use more staff in those areas."

Nancy MacKinnon, a first year journalism student, said when she went to consult her guidance counsellor in grade 11, he told her



Women are still having trouble shattering traditional stereotypes.