

Former Federal MP Judy Erola challenges outdated attitudes of men and women

By STEPHEN WISE

Upon recognizing her in an elevator recently, a man exclaimed "Judy Erola, the woman who has helped to ruin the country."

Erola, a former minister for the Status of Women and an active feminist rights leader spoke to a York audience last Wednesday about the history and future prospects of the feminist movement.

Erola challenged outdated attitudes of men and women, saying that the women's movement goes in cycles. "Presently, we are in an ever-deepening trough for the women's movement. . .any sense of security we may have is very false."

The most immediate concern for Erola is the issue of the REAL Women organization. She feels this group, which lobbies for women's rights has connections with the pro-life movement. "They practise disinformation," Erola said. "REAL Women must be challenged or we will regret it. Instead of action to create better daycare, working parents are directed to courses on parenting." Erola described these courses as fundamentally designed to get mothers out of the work force and back at home.

As a former MP, Erola has learned that in order for women in politics to achieve their objectives, these goals must first be endorsed by men. On controversial questions, she will usually ask a male associate to raise a point. "By doing this," Erola said, "the issue will receive more atten-



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DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A WOMAN WHO COULD RUIN A COUNTRY? Well, according to one man Judy Erola has. Erola, former minister for the Status of Women, spoke to a York audience last Wednesday.

tion. The mood of the house is that men are more credible (and) that they are more intelligent than their female counterparts."

According to Erola, the essential problem for women who attempt to get into politics is funding. "Men can easily phone a few friends who can then phone a few friends and raise ten grand in an afternoon," Erola said.

Erola said that women have been "team players" for too long. "It's about time they started to rock the boat without fear of being kicked off!"

Despite her pessimism over wo-

men's continuing subordinate status in society, Erola said that statistics reveal that the number of women in law and the judiciary are on the rise.

"Television has come a long way," Erola said. "I'm seeing women on TV that I like. These women are strong, professional and business like." Shows like the *Golden Girls* and *Kate & Allie* were examples she posed for the audience. "Only now are the feminist efforts of 20 years ago trickling down into the mass media," she said. "CBC for example is starting to take women's issues more seriously."

CYSF NEWSBEAT

David Dollard on the CYSF beat for October 21, 1986 with the budget.

In the shortest session of the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) of this academic year, the CYSF allotted over \$300,000 for the 1986-87 budget. The figures arrived at are based on the 1985-86 fiscal year, according to Director of Finance Nadine Changfoot, and are only estimates because of the "differing student enrollment" and the effect this has on provincial funding for universities.

Changfoot indicated that this year's proposed deficit is \$4,682 which coupled with last year's deficit of \$2,353, will present a total deficit of \$7,035. The CYSF will be providing \$60,000 in funding for the 38 groups (including \$9,970 for athletic funding) it sponsors. Salaries (for the president, business manager and the executive secretary) total \$53,234, with projects and events at \$50,428, and membership in the Ontario Federation of Students at \$30,000.

The most interesting event of this

council meeting concerned a motion to amend the budget by Peter Fraser of the Environmental Studies Students' Association (ESSA). Fraser requested that the \$22,000 in the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) trust fund be given to GSA and not to CYSF. Earlier CYSF President Gerard Blink explained that the GSA and CYSF had agreed to split the money 50/50. However, Fraser was not satisfied.

Blink claimed that constitutionally, CYSF is not obliged to disburse any monies to GSA, as the Board of Governors has not officially recognized GSA's withdrawal from CYSF. Although not obliged constitutionally to give GSA funding, Blink said that "morally CYSF should give some funding to GSA." Fraser's motion to amend the budget went no further than his request, as he was unable to have the motion seconded.

With this failure, Fraser packed up his belongings and stormed out of the Senate Chamber.

Academic pressure forces McLaughlin pres resignation

By ZENA MCBRIDE

The president of McLaughlin College Council has resigned his position for academic reasons and Howard Beach was acclaimed as his successor this past Monday.

"There is no earth-shattering story behind my resignation," said Tim Kinloch who stepped down from his presidency on September 25. "I am a second year student taking five courses and I took on the position (as president) under the condition that it wouldn't affect my studies—but it did."

"There are certain projects in the council I had helped implement and they needed more attention than I

could give them as president," Kinloch said, adding that he had assumed a lesser position on council as a consultant in order to work on those projects.

Kinloch stressed that any conflicts he may have had with members of the council were not important enough to have caused him to step down. "As far as my resignation is concerned," Kinloch said, "it was (for) academic (reasons) and to work on those projects."

Business manager and last year's McLaughlin council president, Steve Morrell, expressed regret at Kinloch's departure. "Tim did a good job and we're sorry to see him go."

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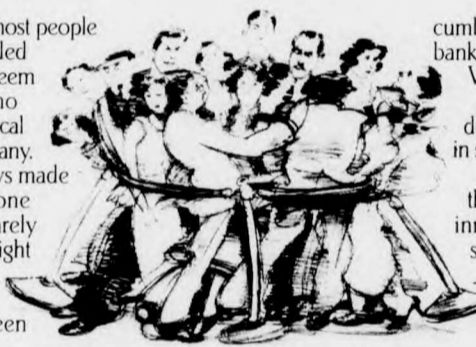
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