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Student Finance Act, and therefore simply cannot allow for the complexities of the many institutions it tries to cover.

"We felt in looking at the act, that it reflects an attitude of the government toward universities as a group," said Burgess.

For example, one section dealing with the Board of Governors states the Board is supposed to assist the Minister of Education in his job together with other duties, but nowhere does it charge the Board with its main existing responsibility, that of running a good university.

Other sections give the Minister powers to create and set limits for university committees, which Burgess feels would be too restrictive to the university.

R.G. Baldwin, Dean of Arts said over the years scores of committees have put in hundreds of man hours into assisting the government in drafting proposals for the act, "but for the life of me, I can't see any result that these committees have put in."

There are no checks or

devices in the proposals which any sophisticated government would like in an act as comprehensive as this, he said.

Professor A.A. Ryan said he didn't feel those who drafted the proposal read it in the same manner as those in the university. Talks he had with Education officials tell him there is a great gap in meaning of the act between how institutions read it and how the government meant it, and he suggested holding a meeting between the government and the university on it.

Dr. Harry Gunning, university president, said the present Minister "is of an open mind on the matter and would be very receptive to the ideas of others."

Should there be no complaint or suggestions for changes in the proposal, drafted for discussion only, it will probably go through in its present form. Senate agreed the onus was on the different institutions to point out the various shortcomings of the proposals in such a way that proper changes could be effected, but he did not go into how these would come about.

Women and stress study

The sources of stress in women and specific incidents that precipitate stress will be the focus of a conference taking place at the Palliser Hotel in Calgary from October 16-18.

The coordinator of women's programs for the University of Calgary's division of continuing education, Catharine Warren, says the conference on "Women and Stress" is designed primarily for housewives and working women but will also be of interest to professionals, both women and men, who want to better understand stress in women.

"Stress is a normal and natural component of everyday living," remarks Warren. "The idea is not to eliminate it but to make it work for you and to learn how to control the amount of stress you are subjected to."

Conference participants will look at questions such as: why are more women than men institutionalized for emotional problems? why are treatment decisions for depression made predominantly by men when the consumers are women? are the

stresses women encounter different, special or unique to women?

The conference opens with a free public lecture on "Women and Stress" by Dr. Phyllis Chesler. Dr. Chesler, whose book "Women and Madness" explores the mental and emotional problems and treatment of women, is a member of the psychology department of the City University of New York.

According to Catharine Warren, "Her book demonstrates that the stereotyped ideas of men and women often result in a double standard of mental health - one for men and one for women."

Women who demonstrate independent, creative or self-assertive behavior are often classified as mentally ill by their husbands and therapists, argues Dr. Chesler. Women are encouraged to depend on men to solve their problems, she says.

Friday, the conference focuses on sources of stress. Panels of women will discuss common life experiences such

as premenstrual tension, fatigue of young mothers, divorce and widowhood. Responding to their comments will be a consultant team consisting of Dr. Chesler, a family physician, a psychiatrist, a nurse and a mental health worker.

Because understanding the causes of stress will not solve the problem in the short term, says Mrs. Warren, on the last day, Saturday, participants will be given the opportunity to sample various concrete methods of coping with stress.

Dr. Kay Hurlburt, director of educational services at the Calgary General Hospital, will talk about creative response to stress, with emphasis on insight, relaxation and meditation.

"One of the creative responses is to differentiate between stress - which can be positive - and distress, to develop an awareness of the tension and then to develop a technique of body relaxation," Dr. Hurlburt says. Some of the ways she says women can cope with stress are by taking relaxation breaks, by meditation, by coming to grips with their own beliefs and framework for living, and by developing meaningful human relationships. Through counselling and human interaction, one can develop insight and a better understanding of oneself and one's problems, she claims.

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