

Fewer Co-eds In U.S.A.

ATLANTIC CITY (CUP-CPS) — The percentage of women students earning college degrees is decreasing, according to reports given separately at the annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators last week.

Corma A. Mowrey, associate director of Lay Relations of the National Education Association, noted that 39 per cent of 1963 college graduates were women. This was a smaller ratio than in either 1940 or 1930.

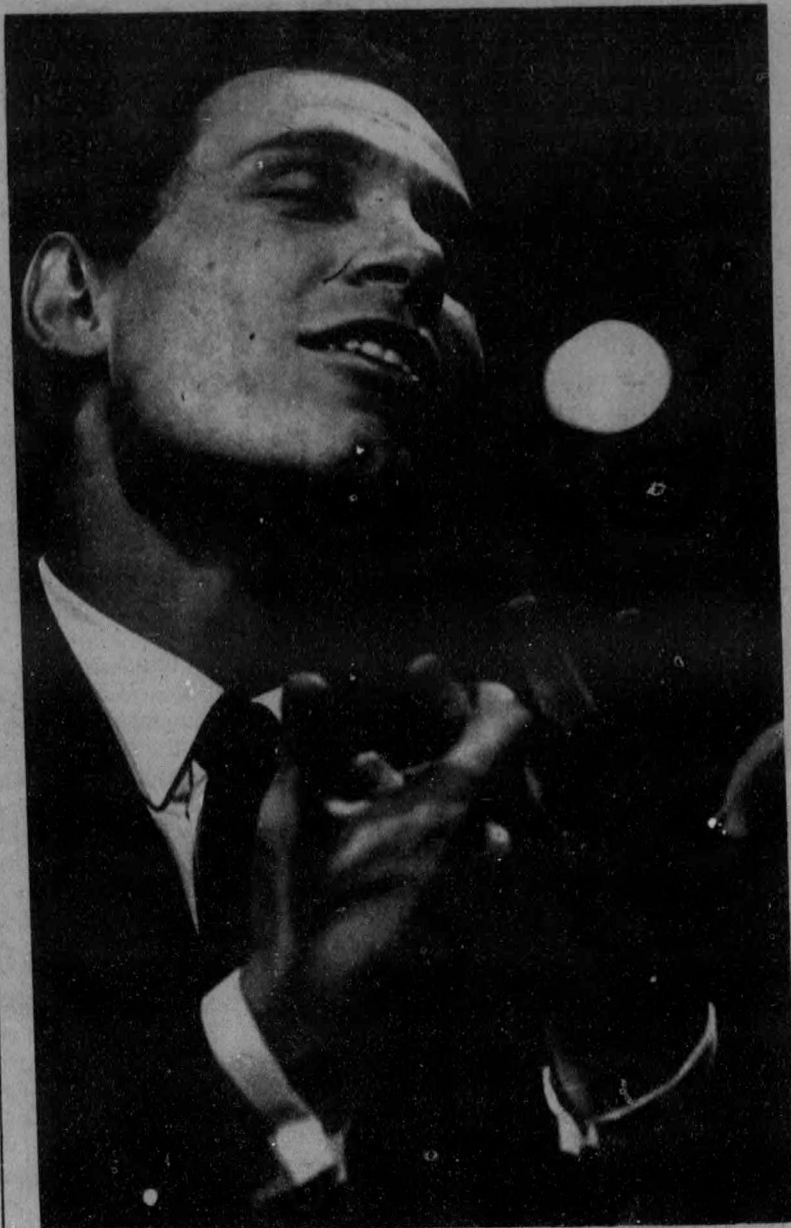
The decline is even sharper in fields of graduate study, she said. The proportion of women earning Master's degrees was only 31 per cent in 1963, as compared to 38 per cent in 1940 and 40 per cent in 1930. As far as the Ph.D. is concerned, "We have fared still worse." The number of women earning doctorates today has more than tripled since 1930, but the number of men in doctoral studies has increased more than five-fold.

Mrs. Esther Paterson, assistant United States secretary of labor and special assistant to the President for consumer affairs attributed this decline to a trend towards early marriage. "Today, people are marrying younger than ever, without waiting until he man is settled in a career, much less until the woman has a dowry," she said. "Marriage itself can now be managed on credit or the installment plan.

As a result, education for women is becoming a life-long prospect, to be continued while families are growing up. "Most women can combine homemaking and education more easily she said.

Mrs. Mowrey pointed to dire consequences if higher education is not tailored to meet the needs of early-marrying women. The decline of women in higher education "will contribute to already disadvantaged positions in the job world and tend to concentrate women in lower paying, less rewarding jobs."

College graduates are more likely to be employed than women with less education. In 1962, nearly 60 per cent of col-



One of the new creations of the quiet revolution in Quebec is its poets, writers and singers. Such is Jean-Pierre Ferland, one of the foremost chansonniers of the 'new' Quebec. His poetic songs are widely acclaimed by the youths of French Canada and Europe, and he will make an appearance in Fredericton on February 27. His concert begins at 8:30 in the former Teachers' College, admission for students is only 50¢.

lege educated women aged 18-64 were in the labor force, as compared to the 45 per cent of high school graduates employed and 38 per cent of those who did not go beyond elementary school. Eighty-one per cent of those who did not go beyond elementary school. Eighty-one per cent of those women who had five years or more of college and were in the 45-64 age bracket were in the labor force in 1962.

Figures on the proportion of college women in the labor force "suggest that for them the work world is an elective choice expressing their growing desire to fulfill their potentialities as creative human beings," Mrs. Mowrey said.

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AN IDEA FOR THE PRESIDENT

At a recent meeting of the SRC, President MacKay elicited ideas from the students for the improvement of the university. Although what I am about to propose is not a new idea, I believe that it has merit enough so that it should once again be brought to the attention of the administration. I refer to the setting up of a trailer court on campus for the use of students.

The advantages of having a trailer court on the UNB campus are numerous and obvious. It would provide a means of inexpensive housing for the growing number of married students, as well as for other students who might acquire house trailers. Since it would provide quarters on campus for a good many students who now commute to UNB in cars, it would also tend to ease the campus traffic and parking problems. Most important of all, a trailer court could be made to provide needed revenue for the university . . . and in that respect it would be advantageous for all the students . . . the more UNB gets from other sources, the less we pay in fees.

Lest the idea be abandoned for the sake of being too general, let's examine the trailer court plan more closely. Although there are several sites where a court could be set up without interfering with the building plans of UNB, there is one superior site practically ready-made. It is already levelled and need only to have the plumbing installed . . . an access road leads right up to it . . . it is in a convenient location. I speak of course of Buchanan Field.

Buchanan Field is little enough used at the present, and will become completely unnecessary for athletics after the completion of the Teachers College athletic field. Using the gymnasium as a starting point, an underground utilities tunnel could be run around the edge of Buchanan Field, which would carry water and disposal pipes and electric wiring. Once that's done . . . bang . . . you're in business with a trailer court. Since the field is well drained . . . it would not even be necessary to pave the roadway . . . and with underground electric wiring, the court would be orderly and attractive . . . an asset to the campus.

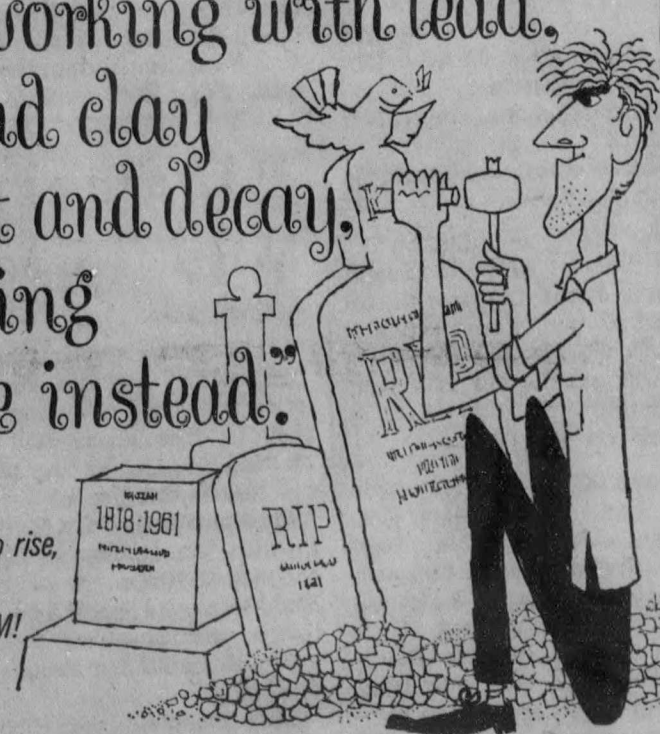
An engineering consultant tells me that such a utilities tunnel, with hook-ups for 200 trailers, would cost approximately \$100,000. Let us say the university would charge \$30/mo for each trailer. The lot would then provide a revenue of over \$70,000 a year. Aside from the original construction, the maintenance costs would involve only road-plowing and garbage collection . . . well within the capabilities of our present maintenance staff and equipment. Thus, the trailer court would pay for itself in a couple of years . . . and thereafter provide a handsome revenue for the university. And if Buchanan Field were ever needed for another purpose . . . it could be made available almost overnight.

So there is an idea . . . not a perfect one, but a good one. Do we hear any comment?

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