

Unwelcome sexual attention, which can come in many forms, is the primary definition of sexual harassment in today's enlightened society. A new video produced by the President's Committee on Sexual Harassment hopes to educate universities across Canada.

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were too American, some were aimed at offices — none were appropriate for the campus setting," Solomon added. The film was paid for by the committee's four member associations and the university president.

Since the film was completed

in late November, the committee has signed a contract with a company to market the video to universities and colleges across Canada. "We hope to recover some of the costs, and help to educate people in other universities too," Solomon noted.

PACSH officials dealt with 18

of the 31 cases reported at the university during the past school year. The remaining cases were reported to various other people or groups on campus, and subsequently reported to PACSH.

When the committee was formed in 1982, only one case of sexual harassment was reported. These statistics indicate people are beginning to recognize what sexual harassment is, and feel more comfortable about reporting it, Solomon said.

Approximately 85 per cent of the complaints are from women, but every year men are also sexually harassed. Undergraduates, grads, support staff, and academic staff have complained of sexual harassment, and members of all groups have been alleged sexual harassers. "It's not a problem we can narrow down to any one group," Solomon said.

The scope of the complaints is incredible with various types of sexual harassment being reported, the co-ordinator said. Harassment could be repeated requests for a date; inappropriate touching; or sexual blackmail involving implied favors.

Members of the university community who feel they have been sexually harassed can call 432-TALK to get advice from a committee member. Members are able to outline different courses of action for individual cases. When anything physical is suggested, campus security is involved, Solomon noted.

"It is anytime there is unwelcome, and that is the key word, unwelcome sexual attention given," Solomon said.

Noogies for universities

by Sue Craig

EDMONTON—Gerry Gibeault, the New Democrat's Critic for Advanced Education, claims that the Getty government is no longer committed to a universal system of post-secondary education for the qualified.

Gibeault feels that the community colleges are not equipped to handle the large number of students that do not meet the enrolment caps at Universities. He claims the government must take action on this matter before permanent damage is done.

The New Democratic critic also feels that the transferability of college programs will become a problem if the overcrowding situation becomes worse. "It is a very serious problem and one that I would like to see addressed by the government." Gibeault wanted to see a fall sitting of the Legislature to address issues such as this.

Speaking on free trade, Gibeault forsees a number of impacts that the deal may have on education in Alberta. While the province may be able to obtain cheaper research equipment such as computers, Gibeault charges the pact may "lead to an Americanization of the college faculty because there will be virtually unrestricted border crossings." He fears an influx of American teachers because the wages paid in our public system are higher than those in the United States.

Gibeault feels that the establishment of more private colleges is

another "negative trend" that may occur along with the implementation of free trade. The NDP critic pointed to institutions such as the Career College Institute and Henderson College of Business as reasons for Albertans to be wary of an influx of private institutions into Alberta. Both of these schools have been plagued with controversy in the past. Gibeault said that the unique Canadian approach to education may also be compromised once free trade is implemented.

Addressing differential fees paid by foreign students, Gibeault supports a phasing out program particularly as these fees apply to third world students. However, Gibeault does not want to see an elimination of these fees for Americans unless a "reciprocal arrangement" is established.

Gibeault also supports the reinception of Health Care coverage for foreign students studying in Alberta. Gibeault claims, "...it is unfortunate that our government has taken a very parochial view when it comes to people who should be covered by Health Care."

Gibeault applauds student lobby attempts, such as the recent Scroll campaign. The Scroll was an intra-provincial petition protesting cutbacks to education funding. "The government needs to have that kind of pressure continually brought to bear on them to ensure that they realize that there is a significant constituency out there that values higher education," said Gibeault.



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