

## HOW DOES THE LAW AFFECT YOU WOMEN ?

- 1) 27.3% of the Federal Public Service is female. There is no equal pay legislation pay applicable to the Public Service.
  - 2) When a woman marries her legal domicile becomes that of her husband.
  - 3) When a woman marries, she is addressed as Mrs., no longer as Miss, or by a neutral title which doesn't reflect her marital status.
  - 4) When a woman marries, her name for passport purposes becomes her husband's surname. (There is no legal obligation to change your name upon marrying.)
  - 5) An Indian woman loses her status as an Indian if she marries a non-Indian. Her children are not considered Indian.
  - 6) When a woman is widowed, she is not guaranteed a share in the estate which she and her husband have accumulated.
  - 7) A man is legally responsible for support of wife and children. Woman is not.
  - 8) The law against prostitution (Section 164(1)(c) of the Criminal Code) specifically refers to herself, and ignores men.
  - 9) The law prohibiting abortion has not yet been removed from the Criminal Code.
- For a more comprehensive survey attend the forum Thursday, January 27, at noon in SUB Theatre.

## EDUCATION - caught without its homework done

It is with great pleasure that I note that the Faculties of Medicine, Commerce and Physical Education have contributed to the support of Women's Week. These faculties thus demonstrate concern about the changing roles of women (and therefore men) in today's society, which phenomenon should be of interest to the academic community at LEAST from an intellectual point of view.

I was, however, very disappointed to note that the faculty concerned with socializing future generations did not contribute. I can't help wondering why the Faculty of Education persists in producing teachers who perpetuate harmful and incorrect stereotypes of the male and female roles in Canadian society.

If the Faculty of Education were a responsible body concerned with producing professionals, it would be making all the future teachers aware of the extent to which they are themselves products of an out-dated socialization and of the extent teachers daily impose these worn-out stereotypes on impressionable students.

For example, teachers often expect better *achievement* from boys in a Math or Science class than from girls in the same class. The students sense this teacher-expectation and perform accordingly to the detriment of the girls' development.

Many of the inaccuracies in the school curriculum could be corrected by aware teachers - who do not change their own chosen role - but who present their students - male and female - with all the possibilities for each human being.

Our textbooks are full of stereotypes that portray the boys as ACTIVE: "adventuring", "earning money", "winning", while the girls are portrayed as PASSIVE: "helping solve", "spending money" (on dolls or sewing equipment) and "making adjustments". Teachers should be willing to give alternative examples such as the math problem with the boys making cookies and the girls playing marbles. Teachers should also be encouraged to order books that attempt to redress the imbalance in our curriculum, such as:

*Jellybeans for Breakfast* Parents Magazine Press  
*Challenge to Become a Doctor*, Feminist Press  
*Mommies at Work*, Knopf.

Female students should be allowed to take Industrial Arts and boys Home Economics if they so desire. Female students as well as male should be encouraged to rearrange furniture, distribute dictionaries and run the movie projector.

Counselors should give young girls information on all occupations available to them, not just the ones considered *women's work*. Nor should the psychology that defines the healthy adult woman as different from the healthy adult person (male or female) be used.

These suggestions may seem self-evident; however, they are not being implemented fully in any school in Edmonton. Yet these are only a few of the possible desirable changes. Such changes will not be implemented until sufficient pressure is exerted on the teachers in the academic community and in the schools.

by Susan Tanner

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR FEMINISM ?

by Adele Fontaine

Please answer each question as indicated.

I. Which one of the following do you believe most?

- a Women know less about themselves than men know about them.
- b To be born a female is a great tragedy.
- c Jesus saves.
- d None of these.

II Of the following men which is most incompetent?

- a Barry Westgate.
- b R.B. Wishart.
- c E.C. Manning.
- d All of these.

III Of the following women, which is the most competent?

- a Elizabeth I.
- b Mama Cass.
- c Vera Radio.
- d None of these.

IV Which of the following persons would you prefer to be with?

- a A 20 year old.
- b A 75 year old.
- c An infant.
- d None of these.

V George Wong once said: "Women are all the same." Would you agree that:

- a he knows what he's talking about but I don't.
- b he never said that; I know him personally.
- c his daddy taught him to say that.
- d None of these.

VI Apples:

- a cause indigestion.
- b symbolize the evil of women.
- c have caused the greatest inequality between men and women.
- d cost \$.29 per lb. at Safeway.

VII Most people are:

- a born naked.
- b born losers.
- c happy.
- d frigid.

VIII The letters F.U.C.K. mean:

- a From Us Colored Kids.
- b For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge.
- c Farmers United Community

Korporation.

d Not a hell of a lot.

IX Marriage is:

- a a cop-out.
- b legal permission to fornicate.
- c an opportunity for feminine submission.
- d lovers living happily ever after.

X Homosexuals are:

- a human beings.
- b purists.
- c great believers in birth control.
- d a result of overbearing mothers and weak fathers.

XI If you went to see a doctor and he told you your cervix was dilating, you would:

- a take some aspirin.
- b do exercises with Ed Allen to get it back in shape.
- c phone your male friend and tell him he played a bad trick.
- d rush to the nearest hospital.

XII Which of these submerged groups do you like the most?

- a Irish protestants.
- b French Canadians.
- c Ukrainian Catholics.
- d Women.

XIII Men love women and women love babies.

- a True.
- b False.
- c Perhaps.
- d We must perform somehow.

XIV Sexual intercourse is:

- a a game.
- b a book.
- c a political move.
- d fun.

XV The word man stands for the whole human race because:

- a men are the only people that count.
- b when the English language was being formulated women were baking pies.
- c It's hard to imagine 'woman' standing for the whole human race.
- d \*\$%+@-of a trick played on the English by the ancient Greeks.

For answers see p. 9

## Dr. Dorothy Smith

Dorothy Smith received her Bachelor's Degree from the London School of Economics and her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. She has taught at Berkeley and at U.B.C. At 46, she is head of a single parent family. Dr. Smith now chooses to make her home in Canada.

Dr. Smith writes of women:

*"Something has transformed their condition in a special way over the last two hundred years. The emergence in this century of large-scale corporate capitalism has transformed the family into a service organization, trivialized the world of women in the home, and substituted an order oriented towards display in the home oriented towards display in the home rather than one ordered around the practical activities of family members... (This has implications for) the situation and existence of women"*

*"My mother was a suffragette and*

*went to jail for breaking windows in a central store. That was before she married and before the First World War. I wasn't brought up as a feminist. In fact I was brought up conventionally although I suppose some of my mother's commitments to independence for women came through to me. I got interested in the situation of women in an active way. (I gave talks, etc.) when I was on the faculty at Berkeley six or seven years ago. I found just then how much women are discriminated against in my profession. I should have seen it before of course. It was always there. But without a women's movement around to nudge you to consciousness, you can be incredibly blind. Around that time I made a resolution not to take the crap any more, but it's taken a long time because I'd no idea just then how deep it went and how much I was involved in it. Or how much I'd have to change to live up to that resolution. I'm still trying."*