

Women chained

KINGSTON (CUP) - Women attending a conference on Women in Revolution here Jan. 13-16 were able to make two assumptions by the end of the weekend — they are all working for the liberation of women and they all believe it cannot be achieved within the present social system.

The establishment of an autonomous women's movement became the focus of discussion on how to combine those two.

Varda Burstyn, who led the final discussion at the conference, said an autonomous women's movement must differ from radical feminism.

Radical feminism, Burstyn said, develops ultimately into sex war because it says woman's role is developed from her reproductive function resulting in a society divided into two sex classes.

On the other hand, she said, Marxism says "women's oppression is in fact rooted in her biological capacity for reproduction but is also a question of the way society is organized into classes which cements and gives configuration to the way women are oppressed."

Patriarchy and class society are intertwined, Burstyn said.

"If we want to liberate women we come smack up against the power of the state. That state isn't going to give us any of the power we want.

"That's why socialism and

feminism have to be aligned. Not because the working class is more important — because it's not."

But feminists have been hesitant about joining socialist groups, she said, because they fear participation "will mean a *de facto* subordination of their struggle."

The left continues to be male-dominated, Burstyn said, and women have to fight sexism all the time. Inside socialist groups, she said, men do the theorizing while women, because of their skills, do the organizing.

Mags cultivate poor taste

OTTAWA (CUP) - Canadian custom officials have started to ban issues of drug-oriented magazines such as *High Times*, *Head*, *Rush* and *Flash*.

J. Merner, prohibitive imports officer with the department said the February issue of *High Times* and *Rush* have been "prohibited." He said the legal division of customs said the magazines were "immoral" and counselled readers on illegal acts of cultivation and importing.

He said section 422 of the criminal code permitted the prohibitions. Customs examines and bans magazines on an individual issue basis.



Mickey's little hand says... Workmen spent Wednesday installing the new \$15,000 clock in Varsity Arena, but were disappointed to find the Mickey Mouse face had fallen off the equipment in transit. photo Grant Wurm

Library plugs into network

Students in the university's Faculty of Library Science will now be able to gain first-hand knowledge of a major computer-

based network of bibliographic records.

The faculty recently gained access to the Ohio College

Library Centre (OCLC) network which began as a co-operative effort of libraries in the state of Ohio and has grown to become the largest internationally recognized network of its kind. It permits the searching of more than two million bibliographic records and employs more than 1,000 computer terminals in approximately 700 libraries.

Records are added to the system from the United States Library of Congress MARC (Machine-Readable Catalogue) tapes and also from member libraries, which provide information on items they have acquired that are new to the system.

The benefit is that, by this means, the number of new items requiring original cataloguing in each library is kept to a minimum, resulting in savings in time and money.

Member libraries have the option of using their computer terminals as entry points in the system — to provide an on-line union catalogue of the holdings of all the libraries — or they can ask OCLC to prepare and mail presorted computer-produced cards to be added to their conventional card catalogues.

At the U of A, computer terminals will be used to instruct students in the use of the system and to provide demonstrations of its capabilities.

Liberal con

The annual federal provincial convention of the Liberal party will be held Feb. 4-6 at the Mayfield Inn in Edmonton.

Provincial party leader Nick Taylor will address the convention and guest speakers include labor minister John Munro and supply minister Jean-Pierre Goyer.

Author W.O. Mitchell will be speaking at the banquet to be held Saturday night of convention weekend.

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Ed. students apathetic

The Education Students' Association (ESA) is complaining that apathy among Education students is hampering efforts to protest recent funding cut-backs in student teacher practicum.

"Most of the 5000 Ed. students sit on their asses in the lounges and don't really care what happens," said Dennis Mayhew of the ESA Wednesday.

A \$2.3 million increase requested by Alberta faculties of education to expand practicum programs was refused by education minister Julian Koziak and advanced education minister Dr. Bert Hohol in December.

The ESA has the support of the faculty of Education, including the dean, Dr. Walter

Worth, Mayhew said, but not the education students whom the association is supposed to represent.

"If I asked the average Joe about the practicum cut-back," Mayhew said, "he wouldn't even know what's going on." The "social function" of the ESA is more prominent than it's politics, Mayhew said, but added the Students' Union is not political either.

ESA president Wolfgang Baumann is seeking an audience with Koziak, Mayhew said, but Koziak's refusal to meet with the ATA, ASTA and education faculty deans from across the province indicates Baumann's chances are slim.

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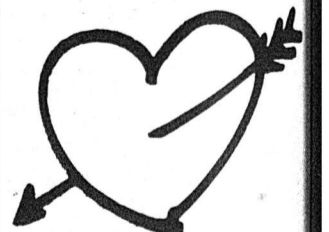
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