## **CROSS CANADA**

### Costly appeal cuts off women's group

TORONTO (CUP) — A group of students say the Queen's University sexual harassment complaints procedure is so flawed and expensive it's forced them to drop a complaint.

"We fully intended to go through with this complaint exactly as the rules say, like good students, but it was just too expensive," said Rachel Gorman, one of the complainants. "The procedures made it impossible."

An appeal required a \$250 deposit and legal counsel that could cost "tens of thousands of dollars," Gorman added.

Gorman — along with three other students — brought a complaint against nine Queen's men two years ago, after the men had postered their residence with signs saying "No Means Kick Her In The Teeth" and "No Means On Your Knees Bitch".

Two weeks ago, the university's sexual harassment board found two of the men guilty of sexual harassment. The board recommended to the principal that the men write a letter of apology and attend a workshop on violence against women.

The complainants disagree with the ruling, Gorman said. Though they were glad the university recognized the posters constituted sexual harassment, they would have liked to see Queen's find all nine men guilty, she added. "We're very pleased that they recognized it as harassment," she said. "But they could have gone further."

### Roaches anyone?

TORONTO (CUP) - Always on the cutting edge, the University of Toronto has one better than the old fly-in-the-soup joke — it's added roaches.

Botany department employee Al Mobasheri bought soup at a university cafeteria Feb. 7, only to find out he had purchased lentils and a surprise bonus.

Mobasheri slurped down five or six spoonfuls before discovering a thumb-sized cockroach with a few of the legs missing.

"God knows if I ate any," said Mobasheri.

Jacqueline Vadas, manager of the Mara Catering company which owns the cafeteria, heard Mobasheri's complaint when he returned the soup — cockroach and all.

"I wish we'd caught it [the cockroach] but unfortunately the soup was dark," she said. "Maybe if it had been a light soup we could have seen and taken it out.'

Mobasheri said he got his money back, but didn't get an apology. Vadas said she didn't see what else could be done.

"It is unfortunate, but I don't know what I can do about it," she said. "I went to try to catch up to him. I was going to give him something to make up for it, a muffin or yogurt or something. We're terribly sorry but we already do all we can do."

Mobasheri said he is boycotting the cafeteria and is urging others to do the same. Mobasheri added that he and his boss had seen a mouse running across the cafeteria floor a few weeks earlier.

### **Racist editors fired**

TORONTO (CUP) - The student council at York University's law school has fired the editors of a student newspaper after the paper was accused of racism.

Obiter Dicta was accused of inciting hatred against black students by printing an anonymous letter in their Feb. 10 edition. Two of the four editors resigned before the vote of Osgoode Hall's

The letter, written by a 1988 Osgoode graduate, accused black students admitted through an affirmative action program of turning Osgoode into a "national joke."

The letter also warned that affirmative action recipients anger "qualified" white students who had been refused admission. It suggested they would face violence similar to that of Marc Lepine's against women engineers at l'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal.

The letter was preceded by a disclaimer from the editors which said it was "highly offensive and potentially inciteful," but they were publishing it to demonstrate "the type of mind-set racism we are up against." The letter appeared in a special edition of the paper devoted to issues of racial and gender equality

The issue was distributed on the morning of Feb. 10, but an ad hoc committee had removed it from the stands by 1 pm. The committee then demanded the dismissal of the editors and an apology from the student council, the paper's publisher. The council and the committee then redistributed the issue with the offending page removed.

# Medical enrollment reduced

BY BRUCE GILCHRIST

In early February, the ten provinces collectively decided to cut the number of new doctors in this country by 7 per cent. However Dr. T.J. Murray, Dalhousie's Dean of Medicine, says that Dal will not be affected by the cut and that health care will not be adversely affected by the cut.

The provincial ministers of health will reduce the number of new doctors in Canada from 1725 per year to 1600 — a 7.2 per cent reduction. The Bayer-Stoddard report - commissioned by the provinces to investigate the state of physicians and health care - recommended three strategies to deal with what was seen as an overpopulation of physicians. These were: cutting the number of new physicians, limiting the number of immigrants granted access to medicalschool and certification to practice, and controlling the number of physicians specializing so as to retain a large base of family practitioners.

As of yet only the first strategy has been implemented. Murray expects 400 external applications to be granted to first year medicine programs. This would mean that 25 per cent of the students in first year medical programs would not even be from this country. Murray says that the provinces "should do all three" of these strategies.

Dalhousie will not experience any cuts in the number of medical

cut from 96 a year to 84 in 1986. The reduction at Dalhousie was made in anticipation of cross-country cuts, and Murray says that Dalhousie was "ahead of the game" in cutting the number of first year students and in implementing the curriculum being inaugurated in the '92-'93 year.

Murray says that the reason the cuts were and are being made is because "there were enough physicians already. We are not attempting to reduce the number of physicians, rather we are trying to keep the appropriate numbers and carefully review the numbers and kinds [of specialities] and where the needs are." He says better use of this country's medical assets is necessary.

Murray says that the provinces made the cut because "we cannot afford more [doctors]" and that the cut is not an exchange of "needs for care." He thinks the provinces made the cut to have "the ability to pay the bottom line."

Murray also says that that although the cut will make it harder for students to gain admission, those students in the program will benefit, as the same funding will go towards fewer students in smaller classes, and "it will make it easier for the new students"

But will the reduced number of practicing doctors mean a cut in general public? Murray says no because "increasing resources does not mean increasing health. We are

numbers. We are trying to keep it where it is."

At the Bayer-Stoddard report's suggested rate of 1600 Canadian physicians trained every year, for 40 years of practical work, the minimum ratio of Canadian-born physicians to people in Canada (with the flaw of zero growth) would be about 1 physician for every 430

Murray does not see the cut as a step towards elitism or privatization, but rather as "a step towards a system more carefully determined and appropriate." He sees the medical establishment moving away from the present fee for service to a salaried, block funded health organization with less billing.

Murray says "privatization would destroy the existing health system" and that a dual system such as in Thatcher's England would lead to the destruction of the universal health care system as the richer private system would erode the weaker provincial health care sys-

He says the idea of a private system "makes [me] nervous. The changes are stressful [but lead to] a better system. Accessibility to doctors is not being reduced, but accessibility of people becoming doc-

"Canada's reasonable and huthe health service offered to the mane [health care system] is envied around the world,"

# Making sexist degrees a choice

cordia University graduates will soon be able to choose a degree with a gender-neutral title, but several university senators say the move doesn't go far enough to combat sexism.

Following a 21-1-5 senate vote Feb. 7, students may now opt for a Baccalaureate rather than a Bachelor's degree, or a Magisteriate instead of a Master's degree. The degrees will still be referred to as B.A.s and M.A.s

Although most senate members support the change — which will be reviewed in five years - several said it isn't sweeping enough.

Sociology professor John Drysdale said the university should lead the way in the elimination of sexist and gender-exclusive terms.

"If we're really convinced that one set of terms is sexist, then it's up to us to change the terms, not to merely give students a choice between a sexist set of terms and a non-sexist set of terms," he said.

It is not clear which type of degree the university will grant if a student

does not indicate a choice. The policy will come into effect in 1993, and alumni may request a

MONTREAL (CUP) — Con- degree with the new title once it

Last year, Concordia rejected Carolyn Gammon's requested for a Mistress of Arts.

Ken Huck, a student who requested a baccalaureate for his spring graduation, said he thinks the policy is "watered-down."

"Having an option is good, but the default position should definitely be that you get a gender-neutral de-

Gerald Auchinachie, English department chair, opposed the policy. He said he didn't find the degree rirles sexist

"I've seen so many women with Bachelor's degrees that I don't associate it with gender-exclusiveness," he said. "As well, I don't believe objective reality is driven by words. I'm not sure this is going to change

