

# Conference on women's health issues to be held

(UNB-PRI) Society's stereotype of women as nurturers and caregivers has given all of us a model of compassion. But for women, attempts to live up to the ideal have often left a legacy of stress and self-neglect.

This is one aspect of the issues on the agenda of a conference to be held at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23. Entitled Women's Health Issues: Nurturing Ourselves, the conference will focus on helping women of all ages and backgrounds take greater control over their own health and self image. There will be a Friday evening lecture and a day long schedule of

workshops on Saturday.

The conference is being organized by UNB's faculty of nursing and department of extension and summer session, with the co-operation and support of the New Brunswick Department of Health and Community Services and the Canterbury Tales Bookstore in Saint John.

The regular registration fee for the conference is \$35, and a reduced rate of \$10 applies to students and senior citizens. The fee does not include lunch, but it does cover refreshment breaks and all conference materials. Pre-registration is required before noon on Wednesday, March 20. Space cannot be guaranteed after that deadline. Prospective partic-

ipants can register at the department of extension and summer session on Duffie Drive on UNB's Fredericton campus, or get more information by calling 453-4646.

"We're building the conference around five concurrent workshop streams," explained Penny Ericson, UNB's dean of nursing and one of the conference organizers. "The intent is to let each

participant choose a schedule that satisfies her current need, whether that's a concentration on one theme throughout or a sampling of workshop sessions with different themes." The five workshop streams will focus on relationships across the life span, coping in a changing world, taking control of your own life, physical health and well-being, and developing coping and support skills.

The opening event of the conference will be a special lecture on Friday, March 22, at 8 pm in Room 105 of MacLaggan Hall. Phyllis Stern, a professor in Dalhousie University's school of nursing, will give an address entitled Violence Against Women: An International Perspective. This lecture is open to the public and free of charge.

## Study on unwanted sexual attention

(STU-PR) Male and female university students report almost identical levels of unwanted sexual attention from members of the opposite sex, according to a recent study by St. Thomas University psychology professor Suzanne Valentine-French.

But her research findings into sexual harassment among Canadian university students suggest that males respond to unwanted attention differently than their female counterparts.

Valentine-French will be discussing her research and the various problems she has encountered in investigating the issue of sexual harassment in a talk set for 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 14 in the conference room at St. Thomas University's Holy Cross House. Admission to the lecture is free.

"The current means of measuring the incidences of sexual harassment among peers of the opposite sex are largely inadequate," says Valentine-French.

"While I have found a surprising similarity in the number of reported cases of sexual harassment among both male

and female students, my research also shows that when males are on the receiving end of unwanted attention, they tend to feel more in control of the situation than females in similar circumstances. Women report that they feel threatened and vulnerable to coercion. Men, on the other hand, say they're able to control the situation," she says.

Valentine-French has been studying the issue of sexual harassment since 1983. Her current research is part of doctoral studies she is undertaking at the University of Calgary.

Among her other findings, Valentine-French says there is little agreement on a definition of what constitutes sexual harassment.

She also notes that there are problems in collecting accurate data and that university faculty members and administrators are often reluctant to admit that harassment is a problem at their institutions.

Valentine-French has been teaching at St. Thomas since last fall.

## Lecture on Quebec sovereignty

(UNB-PRI) Canadians of all ethnic origins are asking questions about their country's future and the role Quebec will play in it. A major lecture at the University of New Brunswick will address some of the implications of the kind of radical change that many believe is coming.

The 1991 W.C. Desmond Pacey Memorial Lecture will be given by sociologist Robert J. Brym of the University of Toronto. It will be held on Monday, March 18, at 8 pm in Room 102 of Tilley Hall on UNB's Fredericton campus, and on Wednesday, March 20, at 5 pm in the Faculty Lounge of the Ward Chipman Library on the Saint John campus. On both campuses, the lecture and the reception that follows are open to the public and free of

charge.

In his lecture, entitled Class Conflict and Other Benefits of Canadian Diversity: Some Consequences of Quebec Sovereignty for Social Inequality in English Canada, Dr. Brym will argue that the idea of Quebec sovereignty ought to be greeted by Canadians not with horror or indifference, but with enthusiasm for the greater centralization it would encourage in the rest of Canada.

"We can learn something from Quebec about mobilizing capital for industrial development," he suggests. "Quebec governments have taken some valuable economic initiatives, but they require a centralized structure. In fact, I think the worst possible outcome for Canada -- and probably for Quebec too -- would be a more

decentralized federalism such as that proposed by the Allaire Report."

Dr. Brym received his undergraduate education at Dalhousie University in Halifax and at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He earned an MA from Dalhousie in 1973 and a PhD from the University of Toronto in 1976. The author of five books and numerous scholarly papers, his major research interests have included socio-economic causes of underdevelopment in Atlantic Canada as well as four areas of English-Canadian sociology: economic development, stratification and mobility, ethnicity and politics.

The Desmond Pacey Memorial Lectures are given by leading figures in the humanities and social sciences who are also invited to participate in informal discussions with UNB students and faculty. The lectures were established in 1981 to honor the distinguished UNB professor and administrator who died in 1975.

## registration

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students are applying for a student loan, they should do it early so they can pre-pay their fees.

If students pre-register but do not pre-pay, they still have to go through the registration process at the Aitken Centre.

Of course, says McKillop they will not have to worry about their courses in

September if they have already pre-registered, but in order to completely avoid the Aitken Centre they must also pre-pay.

If students both pre-register and pre-pay the only other thing they have to do is go to the "drop-in centre" at Memorial Hall to validate their student ID cards and pick up any other materials that they will need for that year.

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