

Anthropologist lambasts colleagues

TORONTO (CUP) - anthropologists tend to impose their own cultural beliefs on societies they study according to Marxist anthropologist Eleanor Burke Leacock.

She was speaking last week to students at the University of Toronto and most of her remarks were concerned with how anthropologists have downplayed the role of women in many societies.

In the early 1950's Leacock had lived with the Montagnais-Nescapi, a hunting and gathering society in Labrador and Quebec. It was her experience there that first interested Leacock in investigating the role of women in early social systems.

She said that anthropologists had imposed on many cultures the ideas of the family system, male supremacy, and the role of dominance in a culture.

Leacock believes this attitude stems from the assumption that human society is based upon authority and domination. This is an essentially fascist theory,

she maintained.

When the Nescapi were first "discovered" by the French in the 1660's Jesuit priests were sent to "civilize" the natives. At that time the Nescapi society was based on egalitarian and communal existence, but the Jesuits' process of "civilization", Leacock said, was to change the basic nature of their system into one of domination by certain groups over others.

The Jesuits attempted to make the people obey a chief, the women obey the men and in turn the men to be authoritarian and the children to obey their parents, she said.

One problem the Jesuits encountered, Leacock said, was the sexual freedom enjoyed by married couples. The priests was perturbed because this meant that a husband could not tell whether his wife's child was his own or not.

The men thought that the priests were savages, Leacock said, because they only loved their own children. In a communal societies such as

the Nescapi and the Iroquois the adults do not strictly differentiate between their own and someone else's children.

In the societies Leacock described, division of labour was sexual, but all areas were essential to survival. While the men hunted, she said, the women prepared the animals for food and raised vegetables, the main food of the Iroquois society.

Women also played an equal role in the spiritual role of the tribes, she said, although anthropologists generally portray spiritual leaders as being exclusively male.

Leacock says while there is much evidence of equality in these societies, it is generally ignored by anthropologists in favour of the male supremacist values of this society.

Leacock is presently chairperson of the anthropology department at City College in New York. She has worked extensively in Canada.



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At Simon Fraser University in British Columbia government grants account for 90 per cent of its finances. The revenue there increased by 21 per cent in 1973-74 and 11 per cent in 1972-73. Universities in B.C. expect a 30 per cent increase in government grants for 1975-76.

In Alberta, the government originally planned a 5 per cent increase in the basic enrollment unit. In November the increase was

boosted to 15 per cent.

Saskatchewan increased its university grant 15 per cent in 1974-75 and a similar increase is expected for 1975-76.

The Manitoban government increased university support by 14.3 per cent for 1974-75, and no cuts are expected next year.

Outside Ontario, Quebec has the lowest increase in government funding. The average increase since 1972-73 has been 11.6 per cent. Professors in Quebec receive a guaranteed cost of living increase from the government.

Universities in the Atlantic provinces received an increase of 17 per cent in each of the last two years. The increase is expected to be very much higher for 1975-76 because of inflation.

Commerce Victorious

by Cathy J. Campbell

Commerce and Science finally made the long gruelling journey through tournament play to meet in the championship game on March 24 at 9 o'clock. These teams has met previously with Commerce sweeping to a 7-1 victory. This setback meant that Science was forced to defeat their opponents in two straight games in order to secure championship laurels. Science quickly hustled into a 3-0 lead with Commerce leaving their rough house tactics and moving into a peaceful game. At Halftime Science was leading 3-2. With backs against the wall and with Science on the brink of elimination by the end of the second half, they popped in 3 fast goals to win 7-6. Schaus, Smith, and Matthews scored 2 each for the winners while Pottie scored 4 for Commerce. The triumph forced another

full game to be played immediately to decide the victor.

After a 10 minute intermission both fatigued squads began the final game. Commerce came out hitting and soon held a 2 goal lead. Science attempted to rally but Hershman's work in the Commerce nets along with Commerce's defensive control enabled them to hold on and even extent their lead. Science was forced to come out of their defensive shell which had brought them success in the first battle. Commerce eventually emerged on top courting a 6-3 victory. Richardson netted the hat trick while Pottie scored 2 for Commerce. Schaus, Smith and D Cook had 1 goal each for Science.

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