

experiences with discrimination. Upon going to school, Gordon realized that she was just as intelligent as the men around her. In her studies Gordon realized that, "things, events were all described from a male point of view." Even in defining power, certain dominant concepts had to be accepted.

Gordon also noticed that women's career paths varied greatly from those of men. Women were only supposed to advance so far or their families were supposed to take precedence. For Gordon, "feminism is representing women in all their totalities."

The last speaker on the panel was Christine Boyle of the Dalhousie Law Society. As a lawyer, Boyle has contact with a lot of women in many fields and she noticed that there were a lot of women with different perspectives on feminism.

Boyle deals with mostly the legal aspect of feminism and the legal change possible. And from her observations Boyle asked, "Who has the most overtone to own property? Who drops out of the work force to raise a family?" The answer is, obviously, women. These are factors Boyle believes work against women.

A new women's centre for Dal

By MARY ELLEN JONES

THE MUCH-NEEDED women's centre on Dalhousie's campus has become a reality.

After several years without a space exclusively for women the Dalhousie Student Union has allocated Room 402 in the SUB to house the new centre.

The Dalhousie Women's Alternative, originally called the women's society, was the instigator of the centre and with the founding of the centre has accomplished one of its long-term goals set out this past fall.

Allison Brewan, one of the members of the women's alternative, said the group will be organizing an official opening for the

women's centre by the end of this week.

"We are accepting donations for the centre, of books, posters, articles and even papers students have written on women's issues," said Brewan.

Brewan said the committee working on the new women's centre has been in contact with the Dean of Women to find out what sort of expectations there are for a women's centre on campus.

Some plans for the Women's Alternative and the new center include organizing a workshop for International Women's Day and a coffee house.

There is also the possibility of the women's alternative sponsoring self-defence classes for women.

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Student aid

TORONTO (CUP) — In an effort to lower debt loads, Ontario's minister of colleges and universities will increase student aid grants significantly for some low-income students next year.

Greg Sorbara said Jan. 16 that almost all of an approved \$10.8 million (eight per cent) increase in the student aid budget would go to the grant program. The loan portion of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) will likely stay at or near its current level.

Most of the new grant money will go to students from families with incomes of less than \$24,000 (based on a three-child family, with one child attending a post-secondary institution).

For example, a university student from a family that earns \$20,000 will receive \$4,520 in grants next year, an increase of \$600, or 15.3 per cent.

Sorbara told the legislature he is trying to lower the amount students owe after leaving college or university.

"The problem most frequently raised with me is debt load," he said. "Students have been forced to assume increasingly large loans in order to attend a post-secondary institution."

According to the ministry, an average student from a low-income family can now expect to owe the government \$1,000 after completing a four-year bachelor's degree, compared to \$1200 last year. That compares with a \$20,000 debt load in British Columbia, \$9,600 in the Maritimes and \$5,400 in Quebec, the ministry said.

Students Are Marching!



Don't Let The Government Double Your Tuition

The Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education has recommended that tuition be approximately doubled. As well, the Commission wants the provincial government to abolish the provincial bursary program. Students

are telling the provincial government what they think of these recommendations on Thursday, February 13. At 11:30, we are gathering at the Dalhousie Student Union Building for a march to Province House. Join us.

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