

Dineen announces honorary degree recipients

Dr. J.O. Dineen, President of the University of New Brunswick, has announced the names of the three honorary degree recipients for Convocation, October 21.

Ouimet address

The Hon. Mr. Justice Roger Ouimet, of the Court of Queen's Bench for Quebec will address the 19th annual Fall Convocation, October 21.

Mr. Justice Ouimet, who has been involved in many diverse facets of the legal profession over the years, was born in Montreal in 1908.

He graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1926 with a bachelor of arts degree. While attending lectures at Laval University in Quebec City from 1928 to 1930, he read law with former Canadian prime Minister the Hon. Louis St. Laurent. Mr. Justice Ouimet was called to the Bar of Quebec on July 4, 1930.

From 1930 to 1955, Mr. Justice Ouimet practised law with several law firms before both the civil and criminal

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The three recipients are: the Hon. Mr. Justice Roger Ouimet of the Court of Queen's Bench for Quebec; Dr. James M. Harrison, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Ottawa; and Mr. Derek John Marks, until recently editor of the Daily Express, and now personal adviser to the Chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers, Sir

Max Aitken.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Ouimet's distinguished career in the legal profession culminated in his appointment in 1955 as Judge of the Superior Court and the Court of Queen's Bench (criminal jurisdiction) for the province of Quebec. UNB will confer the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Mr. Justice Ouimet.

Dr. Harrison will receive the honorary degree of doctor of science at Convocation. As assistant Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources he is in general charge of coordinating activities in the earth sciences for the Canadian government. Dr. Harrison was for many years associated with the Geological Survey of Canada and its Director from 1956

to 1964.

Mr. Marks, a distinguished journalist, former editor of the Daily Express, and a Director of Beaverbrook Newspapers, will receive the honorary degree of doctor of laws at Convocation. Mr. Marks was recently appointed personal adviser to Sir Max Aitken, Chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers and Chancellor of UNB.

Women's Lib

By j.g.

The Pre-School Centre is being threatened with extinction. The Building that now houses it is decrepit and crowded and certainly should be mercifully done away with. Things have come to a sorry pass when the only place on this campus available for our children is a condemned world war 2 shack.

If the university is to pay more than lip service to the notion of equality of opportunity for women, it must immediately commit itself to providing good, inexpensive daycare for the children of all its students and workers. Not to do so severely limits the choices open to women. If day care is very expensive or unavailable, a mother may just not be able to attend school or work in the library or whatever job it is that pays husband's tuition fees.

Good day-care isn't just babysitting and benefits more than parents. Children are fantastic people. They need to play with and learn from their peers

and adults other than mummy and daddy. Day-care kids aren't delinquents. They're delightfully well-adjusted, social and independent persons. The Pre-School center desperately needs the facilities and equipment to make an exciting environment in which they can learn.

While looking for a new day-care location (isn't the rarely used memorial student's union a possibility?), the university community should be thinking as well of the nature of day-care on campus and how it can be improved.

The Pre-School Centre presently caters mostly to children 3 and over. There are a limited number of places for 2 year olds in an inadequate room, and none at all for under 2's. The Co-op day care, limited to Co-op members, cares for children from one year, but it is unable to handle all the infants who need care. There are lots of babies who need competent, loving care—too often these children are left with young girls or untrained persons. WE NEED INFANT DAY CARE.

Cost is prohibitive—\$70. a month is a large chunk of the average women's budget—almost enough to discourage one from work at all. The Co-op day care centre has a sliding scale of fees according to the amount of time the parent can offer to the centre. Parent time makes the centre truly co-operative, gives the children a multitude of adult models and cuts down on the number (and cost) of hired staff. The university centre could learn from this. The Royal Commission on the Status of Women has recommended: "that the fees for the care of children in day-care centres be fixed on a sliding scale based on the means of the parents."

DAY-CARE MUST NOT BE THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF THE WELL-TO-DO.

The university should actively seek government financing. The notion of universal government paid education has been accepted; now it must be extended to include pre-school and kindergarten education. Again, the Royal Commission recommends that: "the provinces...pay not less than 80% of the provincial-municipal contribution to day care centres."

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