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Carleton women harassed

OTTAWA (CUP) - A group of women in the Carleton University school of journalism claim there is sexual harassment of students by one or more faculty in that school. ranging from sexist jokes in class to sexual blackmail and physical assault.

The allegations were made by three journalism students who say they are speaking for a group fo 25 students who met March 13 to discuss "sexual harassment in the school of journalism.

spokespeople The Maureen McEvoy, Debbie Woolway and Susan Dusal refused to specify how widespread or severe the problem is, how many professors are implicated or mention specific incidents.

"We have to protect the women involved," said McEvoy. "The women at the meeting said they didn't want names to go fotward. It's the kind of problem that instills a lot of guilt, fear and shame in women."

The spokespeople said the women at the meeting reported incidents including being called sweetheart, jokes in bad taste, fondling, bum pinching, outright sexual propositions, sexual blackmail and physical assault.

McEvoy said "Most women at the meeting could identify with the least serious of these incidents, a few with the more serious.

Dean of Arts Naomi Griffiths said five women from the school of journalism came to her March 17 to lodge an informal complaint of sexual harassment against one journalism professor. Griffiths said she would interview faculty member before the deciding what action to take, if any.

"One has to move very carefully in terms of natural justice, both for the student and students chose to make their for the teacher. While we don't concerns public in this manner want the matter blown out of proportion, we don't want it swept under the rug either."

Griffiths said it was the first complaint of sexual harassment by faculity she has received.

Meanwhile, two male journalism professors, Brian Nolan and Bob Rupert, say they are considering legal action about the allegations. Nolan said they were offended at the "blanket condemnation of the entire faculty." He said the allegations damage the reputation of both the school and individual faculty members.

Journalism director Stuart Adam said the school "deplores harassment of any kind" and that he will be looking into the matter.

"I can't say if the allegations are true or false, Adam said. "There is perception clearly reflected in the document that must be taken seriously."

Adam said he regretted the concerns public in this manner and that the reaction of the journalism faculty has been one of shock

spokespersons women at the meeting recommended the university establish a specific office or person to deal with complaints of sexual harassment, that the university provide educational seminars for faculty on the problem, and that guidelines for faculty conduct be

drawn up. Currently Carleton has no grievance procedure to deal specifically with sexual harass-

Students may lodge an informal complaint with the chairman of their department or the dean of the faculty.

The only other option, accor-ding to Carleton president William Beckel, is for the student to lodge a formal grievance for dismissal of the professor. This would require a formal hearing, which Beckel called a "major event.

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Hello. I'm filler.

Sometimes there isn't enough news to go around. When that happens it leaves these icky spaces all over the paper. They're too small for a feature and too oddly shaped for a graphic.

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That's where I come in. My job is to stretch. S-t-r-e-t-c-h. It's not that difficult and I can say anything I want. Generally however, I'd. rather not say anything.

Quite frankly, I never have all that much to say. I suppose it is because I am nothing more than a cheap, shallow attempt to cover up the fact than an editor is not doing his job.

Everybody knows that people do not read little stories with 24 pt. headlines. Lazy editors have been known to put in their shopping lists or letters to their mothers.

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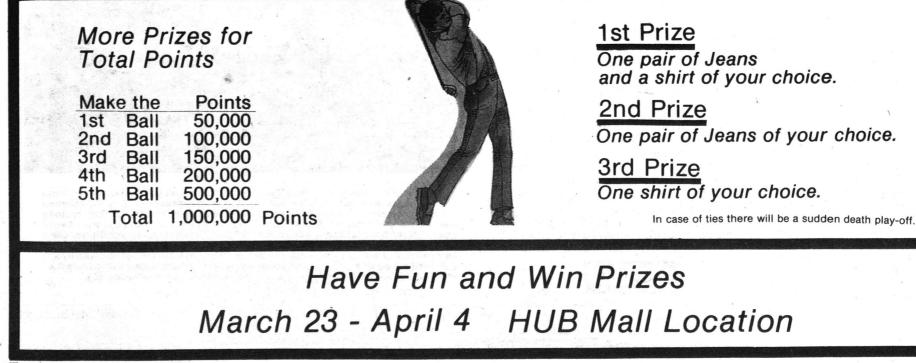
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