

# Spacewoman

**Hamilton (CUP)** - At 38, Dr. Roberta Bondar, a neurologist at McMaster University, will soon begin a new career as Canada's first woman astronaut.

Bondar describes the excitement of being one of the six candidates chosen from 4300 applicants to the astronaut program as comparable to "making the cut" for the high school basketball team.

The Canadian astronaut crew is divided into two teams of three people. The first team, which includes Dr. Bondar, has a medical background, and will research human adaptation to space and motion sickness. The second team will concentrate on engineering research.

At the moment, two Canadian-operated flights using an American space shuttle are planned. The first is scheduled for the fall of 1985 and the second is planned for the following year.

These orbital flights, which average from five to seven days, will take up only one team member, who will carry out the experiments.

Dr. Bondar is hopeful that "if the program gets expanded probably all (team members) will go up."

One area of research which Canada could seriously consider, according to Bondar, is space medicine. As the human element

in space is seen more frequently, space medicine and the study of human physiology in zero gravity is increasingly pertinent.

Bondar describes the complications of surgery in space. "With zero gravity, make one slip and the blood is in little globules all over the place."

As the only woman in the astronaut program, Bondar has been questioned about the lack of female participation. Women, especially in her age bracket, Bondar explained, have not had the same opportunities for involvement in medical or technical fields, the way men have.

"They probably aren't as free. How many single women are there? Because most married women don't look at rushing off to take a job in space when they probably think a little more about looking after the children than men do, who have a wife to look after the children."

She does not believe that her status as a single woman was a consideration in her selection to the program.

Worries that women will drop out of a program due to marital stress, is a far lesser concern than in previous years, Bondar believes.

Within twenty years time, it is likely that a far greater of well-qualified women will take part in such a space program, she said.

# Booze flows more easily

by Gilbert Bouchard

Recent changes in University policy have made it unnecessary for clubs or other groups holding liquor functions on campus to acquire an ALCB liquor permit.

SU VP Internal Peter Block explained that the old system was where "a club who wanted a liquor function on campus would get approval from the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), then go to the northwest end of town to the ALCB permit office to get a permit, and then go to the Strathcona liquor store to pick up the liquor."

Now all a group has to do is get a letter of approval from the principal occupants of the building or room they're using and then go to the OSA for their approval.

This approval is a request for an institutional license extension, as opposed to the old special permit.

"The University has one liquor licence, held in the Board of Governor's name. They, in turn, split it up into four: Housing and Food (mainly Lister Hall), Grad Student's Association (The Power Plant Lounge), Department of Physics, and the Students' Union," said Block, "so SU clubs will most likely have to go through the SU."

Clubs will have to buy their liquor through RATT and pay a ten per cent handling fee. But the SU is offering not to charge the fee to registered clubs if they use SUB. Other groups will have to pay the 10 per cent plus a \$10 fee if they want to use a room in SUB.

"Registered clubs will be able to purchase liquor at cost from RATT, so the liquor will be the cost price as if they'd bought it at the vendors," said Block.

"Functions that demand only beer will need working days notice, and functions with liquor and wine will need 10 working days notice, because we can only order from the ALCB once a week

and just enough stock is kept in RATT to meet demand," said Block.

Another move aimed at keeping RATT stock down is the SU's new policy to not accept returns. Clubs who order liquor from RATT will not be able to return the unused liquor for refund.

"One group ordered 20 cases of beer and only used 4," said Block.

This new procedure should eliminate delays and save students hassles in organizing functions. The question remains as to why the university took this long to implement this procedure.

ALCB General Manager, Joe Forgiore, said that "Calgary, for example, had this arrangement (licence extensions) at the same time both it and the U of A got full liquor licenses (back in the spring of 1980)."

Which means that the University of Alberta could have adopted the institutional licensing system back in 1980 also but refused to.

"The special permits at the U of A are unnecessary when the University has the authority under its new liquor license since 1980 to do it themselves," said Forgiore. "It worked well in Calgary and eliminated unnecessary delays."

The Acting Director of OSA, Ron Chilibeck agrees, adding that "the ALCB told us that we must cease immediately or as quickly as possible."

A changeover to the new system was attempted a few years ago but nothing came of it, added

Chilibeck.

"Right now, the new program is still up in the air. We're trying to put in place something as beneficial as possible," said Chilibeck.

But as of today, application forms have not been printed, procedures are not in place, and a final draft of the new procedure has not been completed.

"I've heard two or three dates for the completion of the program, April 1st, May 1st, and definitely for the next academic term. As of right now, you can use either system," concluded Chilibeck.

Block still has reservations, though, particularly regarding responsibility. "What if there is a violation of the regulations surrounding the license? We don't know what'll happen if a club violates the license," said Block. Block was concerned that the SU's license could be removed, which would mean no cabarets, no RATT, no Dewey's and no liquor at L'Express," said Block.

Block also expressed concern over the SU's responsibility for groups who get their licenses through the SU but have their functions outside SUB, where the SU could not police.

Chilibeck agreed that "whoever supplies the beverages for a group has to take responsibility for its customers. And if the license is not used correctly, there might be a review."

"But that's something that the SU is going to have to work out on their own," said Chilibeck.

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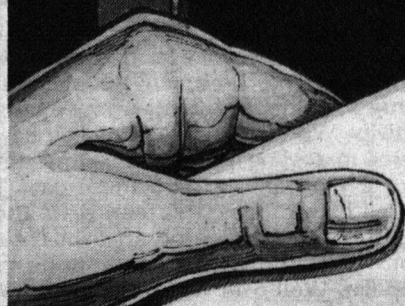
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