

Odds are stacked against women, says Favreau

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"Heads he wins, tails she loses," said psychologist Olga Favreau at a lecture last Monday explaining current attitudes among psychologists towards sex difference.

Researchers let their biases affect their research in favour of male superiority, she said. "Whatever it is men are better at is better than whatever women are better at," she explained.

For example, she said that a lot of researchers claim men are better at spatial and mathematical problems but women are supposed to be better at "simple motor

tasks." Even when the claim is made by researchers that women are better at linguistic abilities, they then lower language skills to a "simple motor task" requiring the use of memory and recall more than anything else. Researchers do this, she said, although in other spheres, the development of language is considered the highest human development.

According to Favreau, researchers use a biased interpretation of their findings to condone and explain the status quo. She said lady researchers were as guilty of this as male researchers. "It's a selective suggestion . . . of what women are better at," she said.

She also accused researchers of using biological data of the prenatal stage of human development to show how males are naturally dominant, but Favreau said this information can be turned around the other way.

"There is a kind of breach between the facts and the interpretation of them," Favreau said. Statisticians point out "fortuitous" differences and use poor methods of selecting samples and supporting their arguments.

However, Favreau noted the "futility of trying to make real world recommendations."

Men have a higher crime rate involving money, she said, and women tend to be more prevalent shoplifters. Therefore she said, women should not be trusted as store clerks and men should not be bank managers and insurance adjusters according to this logic.

ing the validity of sex difference research, although she said that scientific research could not be curtailed. Still, she likened the study of sexual differences similar in some cases to the differences between Jews and other Germans in Nazi Germany.

Statistics are not trustworthy as exceptions are averaged out and great areas of overlap are not taken into account.

Accordingly, educators should be looking for what makes people good at various tasks, and not what makes boys or girls good.

Favreau concluded by question-

Revelations 17:2

"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

Grad Applications Postponed

Owing to the present postal difficulties, the research grants office, School of Graduate Studies, will undertake to forward applications for the January 10, 1976 sitting of the Graduate Record Exam. The closing date for completed applications (including the

appropriate fees by money order in U.S. funds) is: noon, - Friday November 28, 1975, at this office. Further information and application forms are available from the Research Grants Office, Carleton Hall, Extension 4674.

Workshop planned for December

Vincent Gilpin, a psychiatric social worker from Queen's University will conduct a two-day practical workshop for New Brunswick guidance counsellors December 1-2 on the UNB Fredericton campus.

The workshop is sponsored by the New Brunswick Teachers

Association Guidance Council, the provincial department of education and UNB through its high school relations office.

Titled "self-determination through contract setting—a transactional analysis approach to high school counselling," the workshop will be held in the Memorial Student Centre starting at 9 a.m. Monday, December fourth.

Anyone interested is invited to

attend as an observer.

Gilpin is a teaching member of the International Transactional Analysis Association and trained in Gestalt psychology at the Western Institute for Group and Family Therapy.

He is supervisor of social work at the Kingston General Hospital, and an associate faculty member with the Midwest Institute for Human Understanding.

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EEC official to speak

The European Community's links with non-member countries and its evolving relation with Canada is the topic of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs meeting being held Wednesday, December third, at 8 p.m. in Rm. 122-123 of Tilley Hall, UNB, Fredericton.

Speaker for the occasion will be Marie Jose de Saint Blanquat,

senior information officer of the European Community headquarters in Brussels. De Saint Blanquat, a staff member of the European Community staff since 1958, previously served the French diplomatic service in Istanbul and Moscow and was with the French delegation at the United Nations.

The meeting is open to all interested members of the public.

Ward names Randy Kim pubs officer

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Randy Kim is the new pubs officer for the students' union.

According to applications committee-chairman Ron Ward, Kim has been filling this position since last year unofficially and both president Warren McKenzie and former vice-president Gary Stairs recommended him for the position.

Vice-president Gordon Kennedy questioned the need of a pubs officer when no more pubs will be allowed in McConnell Hall this year, but other councillors said this would be admitting defeat on the part of council, with respect to recent negotiations with the residence system for the use of this

building.

Ward also said there were other events besides pubs which require a pubs officer.

McKenzie said there should be a pubs officer to deal with the New Brunswick Liquor Control Commission.

Meet slated

A leadership conference hosted by the Associate Alumni of the University of New Brunswick will take place Sunday, November 30, in the faculty club from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"These conferences have proven to be of great value in past as a forum for discussion of campus problems," said students' union president Warren McKenzie. This year, as last, members of the alumni student liaison committee will be present. The meeting is open to any student who feels he or she is a student leader.

McKenzie said, "I hope that you will make the most of the opportunity to meet with other concerned and involved students in an informal atmosphere." He urged executives of campus organizations and other interested students to attend.

Students feted

Students were treated to the ultimate in romantic dining when the power went off in the SUB. Quickly recovering from definitely difficult situation, Saga began serving the special of the night, meatloaf, by candlelight.

Said Howard Goldberg, as he passed out the candles, "You gotta sit four to a candle... and if you leave pass it on".

Most students were happy not seeing what they were eating. In fact, some felt it was the best way to eat Saga's creations. Who knows what wonders Saga will present to us next?

THINK BRUNS!

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By ROGER WIN

EDITOR'S NOTE: wickian staff writer Winsor has some personal and factual research on alcoholism at UNB. This is a bad pl. totalers. At the same offers some good persons wanting to

"Hi!, another bee

These words, along similar phrases, are commonly around of being wondered if the little too common. C sure their usage has any in the last couple

Most nights, especially weekends, it is not around campus. It areas (behind build woods etc.) that a dangerous. One of the of this is the h alcoholism, and it is corners that non-drink into trouble. Many have almost been killed have tripped over after he passed out.

Statistics show that students spent a \$189,613 for alcoholic the Fredericton c doesn't include what off campus, like at from NBLCC. With the sum must be dou grand total of about \$

Labor rela

The third Annual Business Conference of the University of Mon weekend.

The topic of discussion State of Labour Relations in the Atlantic. All Atlantic uni represented with the UNBSJ and Memor

Several speakers take part in the th members of the N.B. Labour and the Car Congress.

Friday afternoon between these offi students in the fo discussion took place points from the group the previous two