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...usually do most of the talking.
-B. Edwards.

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Garneau rent increases recommended

by Greg Neiman

Rent increases for the North Garneau residences will be considered by the Board of Governors at its next meeting April 2.

Part of a package containing eight recommendations from the Board Building Committee, an increase in rent of 10% will be deliberated along with proposals to change the principles of tenancy and step up landscaping and renovation programs. A request for a further report aimed at transferring administrative responsibility for the area to Housing and Food Services will also be considered.

A twenty-five page brief from the building committee suggests the changes, formed in conjunction with the North Garneau Committee.

On the issue of rent increases, the brief says the North Garneau Committee voted unanimously for the increases. "Rents should be comparable, but somewhat less than the rental market of the public sector," said the report, adding that the university has an existing policy to subsidize rents at a rate of 20%.

Proposals for landscaping could be absorbed within the rental increase. As well, the increase would help defray

increased operation costs, the brief said.

Sixteen more houses would be renovated if the Board approves the allotment of a \$100,000 from the Graneau Reserves Fund, under the definition of an "extra-ordinary" expense. At a cost of about \$6000 each, a small crew of workers moving from house to house would work to increase the safety of the houses - increasing their operating and maintenance economies, as well as their comfort.

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The "status" of university women

Status statistics still in doubt

by Kim St. Clair

Poor communication seems to account for some of the bad feelings surrounding the Senate Task Force report on the status of university women.

The report, which was presented to the Board of Governors in June of last year, revealed that "women academics at this university are discriminated against on the basis of sex, both individually and as a group."

One statistic revealed by Task Force research is that male faculty members earn \$1,336 more on the average and as much as \$3,179 above what female faculty members with the same qualifications. It was also found that women are hired in relatively lower positions than men, that 1 1/2 times more men than women hold regular permanent positions, and that participation of women in the decision-making processes at this university is at best only nominal.

Now, almost one year after the report was made. Senate members are getting upset at the seeming lack of action on the university's part. Dr. Jean Lauber, of the Academic Women's Association, said in an interview: "I'm certainly disturbed that so little has seemed to happen. It seems like people are still doubting the statistics, yet they seem to be quite clear."

In fact, says Meyer Horowitz, university vp (academic), "Some people in fairly important positions are questioning some of the statistics." He added that he himself considers the figures to be accurate.

Horowitz, denying accusations that the university has shelved the report, asserted that all the recommendations have been considered and many of them are presently being acted upon.

However, Senate Executive Secretary Neil Henry claims that to his knowledge nothing whatsoever has been done about six of the thirteen recommendations made. It is possible, though, he added, that the Senate has not been made aware of all that has taken place.

Responding to a statement that one year is more than adequate to implement the plans of action, Dr. Horowitz said, "I don't think that's right.

It's more important we go about these things after a great deal of thought and care."

Some steps are, however, being taken. Dr. Horowitz, complying with one of the requests made in the study, will recommend to Dean's Council that a thorough report on the status of all women in university be made.

Some of the recommendations put forward in the Task Force report are, that:

- a policy statement against sex discrimination be adopted;
- the university assume greater responsibility for day-care facilities;
- a professional, external study on the employment status

of non-academic women be made;

-a committee be formed to review proposals for improving the status and numbers of women employed by the university;

-a committee be formed to rectify unjustifiable salary differences;

-positive action be taken to encourage women students to enter and complete graduate work;

-representation of women on decision-making bodies increase.

The whole matter will again be raised at the next Senate meeting, on April 15.



Your typical overworked, underpaid, downtrodden subject of sexual discrimination. Society works to force women to accept these roles rather than assume ones of high responsibility within and without the academic world. Photo Bob Austin.

Psych prof refutes racially-biased research

by Tom Baker

"What I have to tell you today is a very ugly story - a story that involves the politics of universities and the politics of science."

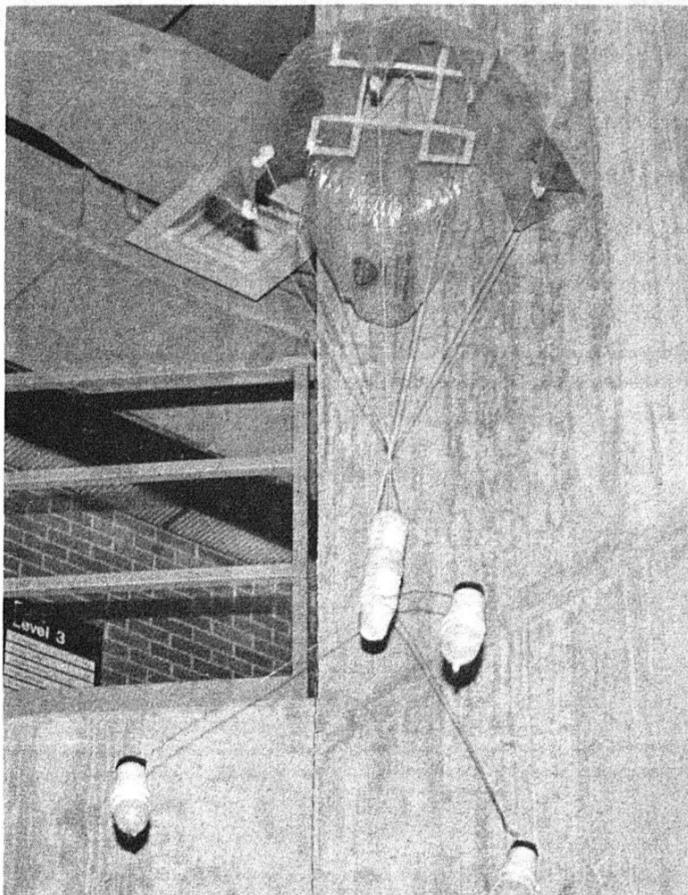
So began Dr. Jerry Hirsch last week at a special Biology seminar on campus. Hirsch, a professor of psychology and zoology at the University of Illinois, devoted his talk to a book he has written that proposes to refute the 'intelligence heritability' theories of William Shockley and Arthur Jensen.

While insisting he was "not radical," Hirsch presented a controversial argument maintaining that politics has played an "unfortunate role in the field of psychology and genetics throughout the century." In the

discussion period several professors questioned the fairness of many of his comments.

Hirsch alleged that Shockley with his "raceology" theory and Jensen with his "IQ inheritability" theory are simply trying to scientifically prove that black people are naturally inferior to white people. According to Jensen and Shockley, widespread sterilization is necessary to prevent the reproduction of such inferior types.

"These theories are not merely the ravings of a couple of nuts. Unfortunately, this type of crud has been at the forefront of the whole field of population studies." Professor Herrnstein, head of the Psychology Department at Harvard and a vocal



Gateway's "soft" lander en route to disaster. Photo Greg Neiman.

Gateway lander plunges to ignominy - softly

by Greg Neiman

Amid raucous cheering from most observers, *The Gateway's* entry to the Mech E 360 planetary soft lander competition plunged twice to ignominious disaster Wednesday in the Mech E building.

Even the judges could not conceal their grins, but it was impossible to see if their mirth was the result of smugness or relief.

There were dark allusion that third year chemical engineering student, Kimball Day, had been called in as a "ringer", and when repeated test runs proved successful, some tension among the ranks of the unsuccessful was plain.

But all that is history now. The competition involved dropping a craft six floors inside the Mech E building, entries being judged on speed of des-

cent, softness of landing, weight, and cost.

Gateway's entry was third lightest, and definitely one of the least expensive. In test runs it dropped quickly, its parachute system opening in time for a soft landing.

Competitors were given two attempts at a good score. The first time the craft inverted, crashing heavily, and the second time it drifted over the bannister of the second floor, never making it all the way down.

Many entries, though, displayed high creativity, and were eminently successful.

"You should have known," said one engineering student.

"It's not as simple as you thought it was, eh?" said another.

We could see the relief in their eyes from six floors off.

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