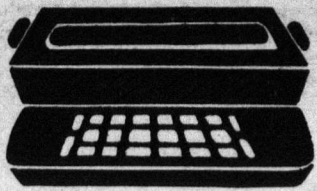


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WRITING COMPETENCE PETITIONS: NOTICE TO STUDENTS

This notice is intended for students who have not met the University's writing competence requirement and whose deadline for meeting that requirement occurs on or before September 1, 1987. Students who do not pass the writing competence test by their deadline will have their registrations cancelled prior to the start of classes unless granted an extension by the GFC Writing Competence Petitions Committee (WCPC).

If your deadline is **May 1 or July 1** and you plan to register in the Spring term or in a subsequent session, you may be able to petition or re-petition the WCPC for permission to continue your registration, provided that you are currently registered and have written the writing competence test at least once.

If your deadline is **September 1** and you plan to register in the Fall term or in a subsequent session, you may have the option of petitioning the WCPC either in March or in July provided that you are currently registered and have written the writing competence test at least once. Students with a September 1 deadline who will be out of the city July 28-31 may wish to consider submitting a petition in March. Students in this category should first consult the student advisers or student ombudsmen.

Students are urged to seek advice on preparing their writing competence petitions. Such advice can be sought from the Student Ombudsmen, Room 272 Students' Union Building, or the Student Advisers in the Office of the Dean of Student Services, Room 300, Athabasca Hall. The regulations and procedures used by the GFC Writing Competence Petitions Committee are available in either of these offices.

Petitions must be received in the University Secretariat, 2-5 University Hall, by **Thursday, March 19, 1987, 4:30 p.m.**

U of A Law Class '61 reunion

by Tom Olsen

In an afternoon of emotional nostalgia, members of the graduating Law Class of 1961 gathered in the Law Centre Friday to remember, reflect, and reminisce about events encircling their graduation 26 years before.

Co-ordinated by Patricia Perron and Deborah Howes, the reunion replayed how four female members of the graduating law class of 1961 (Tove Bording, Margaret Rorke, Patricia Toombs, and Margaret Ellen Bonar) filed a Statement of Claim against their male counterparts. The women charged discrimination after being denied the right to attend the traditionally all-male graduation banquet.

A highlight of the event was the presentation by Margaret Bonar, a plaintiff in the suit, of a framed copy of the original Statement of Claim to the Law library.

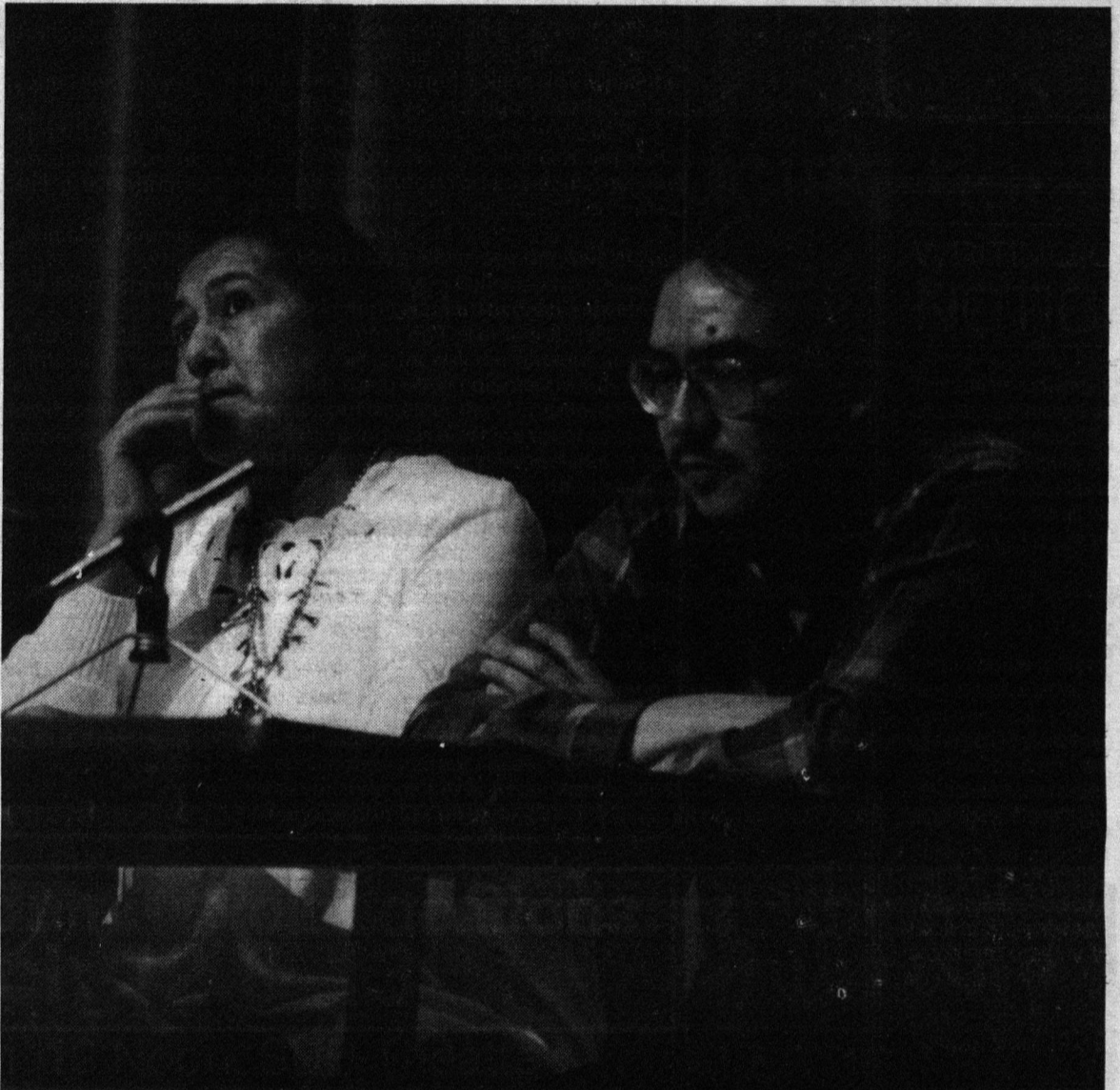
Contrary to reports published in *the Gateway* at the time, the women did not have to dress as unemployed steel workers to gain entrance to the banquet, nor did James Coutts, a defendant in the suit, barricade himself in a house to prevent being served the document.

When questioned about these reports, Coutts brought into question the integrity of *the Gateway* editors of the period, saying that such reports served only to sensationalize what was in actuality a

very sedate and easily rectified situation.

The reunion was also used as a forum for expression of views on women in the study and practice of law in today's society. Associate Dean of Law Anne McLellan stressed that in spite of the many strides taken over the past 26 years, there is still a long way to go towards the equalization of women in the work force.

Honored guests of gathering included former Law school Dean Wilbur Bowker, and present Dean Timothy Christiansen. The reunion and ensuing reception was sponsored by the Association of Women and the Law, and the Law Students' Association.



The Native Student Club sponsored a preview of the upcoming First Ministers' Conference last Friday. Native leaders discussed what they will be seeking and what they expect to get out of the conference.

Centres find summer jobs

HALIFAX (CUP) — With cuts to federal summer jobs programs, employment centres are trying hard to sell a positive attitude to students who may not find many jobs advertised on their boards.

"To me, nothing other than a positive attitude makes sense," stresses Mike Whitehouse, who is organizing employment workshops for Dalhousie University's counselling services.

New this year is a workshop called "The Hidden Job Market", presumably designed for people who have trouble finding the much talked about but elusive market, let alone getting a job out of it.

"We're working on the fact that 90 per cent of all jobs that people get are not advertised," says Whitehouse. "Most people take a traditional approach to the job search which is pretty ineffective."

"It's easy to sit around home and get uptight about it," says Whitehouse. He says students must identify what makes them happy and have a comprehensive and coordinated job search plan instead of dropping off resumes as if it is a lottery.

"Probably the most important thing is networking with friends, neighbours, business people and acquaintances. Tell them you're doing a job search inventory," he suggests.

He adds "Someone who is positive and enthusiastic... and someone who is open to change is someone who is going to succeed."

With all this advice, students may think getting a job in the summer will be a piece of cake.

But the figures tell a different tale.

Last year, the unemployment rate for returning students in Nova Scotia rose by over ten per cent to 22.6 per cent despite falling rates in Central Canada. In Newfoundland, almost 30 per cent of students were unemployed during the summer.

The national unemployment rate for students has been falling since the summer of 1983 when the jobless rate hit a record high of 17.6 per cent. Last summer 13 per cent of returning students were unemployed, and 14.1 per cent were jobless in summer '85. Unemployment rates for students in 1987 are forecasted at 15.5 per cent for males and 13.4 per cent for females (according to the Conference Board of Canada, an independent forecasting agency).

Student groups criticized the federal government's recently announced Challenge '87 program, both because funds were cut from last year's levels and because of its emphasis on the private sector.

With 30 per cent of Challenge funds earmarked for subsidized

private sector jobs, groups such as the Canadian Federation of Students claim regions without strong private sectors and people not traditionally hired by business will suffer.

However, the person responsible for the Challenge '87 funds in Nova Scotia says he's happy with the province's allotment for this year.

Tom O'Connell, manager of special programs for employment and immigration Canada expects the funds spent in Nova Scotia to increase by 25 per cent over last year, despite the overall national decrease.

Even for those students who do manage to get jobs this summer, low wages may mean they won't be able to save money for the next school year.

Don Lawrence, manager of the Canada Employment Centre at Dalhousie, says many students are finding they need a part-time job during the year to support themselves.

He estimates the centre now handles 400 to 600 part-time jobs a year, up from the 60 they averaged ten years ago. "Usually it's to supplement the student loans they now have."

"It's hard to save money unless you consider eating a luxury," he said.



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