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Sexist "scientific" article petitioned

TORONTO (CUP) — York faculty and staff are demanding the retraction of a "scientific" article which blamed working mothers for mass murder and cheating on exams.

The *Canadian Journal of Physics* carried the article in its Sept. 1989 edition by University of Alberta professor Gordon Freeman that attributed societal ills to mothers employed outside the home.

"Under the subject of science, the article is utter rubbish," said physics professor Stan Jeffers, who signed a petition addressed to the National Research Council, the federal agency which publishes CJP.

Selma Zimmerman, York's advisor on the status of women, started the petition. She said the journal should be reprinted without the article.

Zimmerman compared the article to hate literature and said it should not remain in circulation. "While it sits there, it can be used as a reference and it authenticates the procedure and it validates the contents."

Ralph Nicholls, CJP editor and a York physics professor, said he has no intention of retracting the article. Jeffers said York's physics department has dissociated itself from Freeman's views.

Canada attracts foreign students

OTTAWA (CUP) — International student enrolment in Canada had a record annual increase last year, according to the Canadian Bureau for International Education.

The CBIE's national report found there were 87,000 foreign students in Canadian schools, colleges and universities in 1990-91, representing a growth of 21 per cent from the year before.

Mary Hofstetter, chair of CBIE's board of directors, attributes the increase to Canada's reputation as "a first-class place to study."

Although trade schools and community colleges had the largest increase, universities also saw an increase in the number of foreign students by 10 per cent since 1989-90.

According to the report, 58 per cent of foreign students in Canada are from Asian countries, with Hong Kong leading, followed by the Philippines and China. Most Chinese students are enrolled in graduate programs. The report also says the number of women studying in Canada continues to grow.

Harassment charges cleared

TORONTO (CUP) — Queen's University has cleared seven of nine male students charged with sexual harassment after signs mocking an anti-date rape campaign appeared on campus.

The case became national news two years ago during the student run "No Means No" campaign. Signs posted in a Queen's men's residence said "No Means Kick Her In The Teeth" and "No Means On Your Knees Bitch."

The university's harassment board has told the two guilty students to write a letter of apology to the complainants, and to learn about violence against women.

The decision, handed down on Tuesday, provoked mixed reactions from complainants.

The women who took the complaint to Queen's administration — after the student council refused to resolve the issue — aren't satisfied that seven of the nine men were cleared, according to *The Toronto Star*. They plan to appeal the decision, and have two weeks to do so.

Feds cut native loans

WINNIPEG (CUP) — A status Indian from the Fort Alexander reserve, George Lammers' request for a student loan was turned down by his band in August. Wayne Fontaine, the education counsellor for Fort Alexander, said 35 reserve residents this year are waiting for funding under the federal Post-Secondary Education Assistance Program. Two hundred have received assistance for tuition fees, books, transportation and a living allowance "which leaves students below the poverty level".

Lammers tried to take out a full Canada Student Loan of \$3,465, available to all Canadian students. But when he asked to be assessed for the bursary and loan-forgiveness portion, available to non-status Indian Manitoba residents, he received a form letter informing him he was ineligible because he was a federal responsibility.

Lammers, a first-year student at the University of Manitoba, said his treatment has been discriminatory and has taken the issue to the Manitoba Human Rights Commission.

He said although the federal government is not fulfilling its responsibility for the education of all status Indians, the Manitoba government also has an obligation to status Indian residents.

NEWS

Students raid the bank

BY ARAN MCKITTRICK

There is a concern among students that there maybe a need for a food bank on campus. Concern arose last year at Thanksgiving as students collected food products during the Gospel Feast, for donation to the Metro Food Bank.

These concerns were voiced to Beverley Johnson the Black Student Advisor whose office co-ordinated the collection.

"I feel there is a need for such a food bank on campus," said Johnson, "and others do too."

Johnson suggested a pilot program to assess the need for such a service on campus.

"The program might be undertaken by either the School of Social Work or Department of Sociology," Johnson said she believes the program should work out of a centrally located office, one which is accessible to all students but one secluded enough not to deter any needy student, who might fear being recognised at the food bank.

"The Chaplaincy in the Student Union Building would be an ideal location," she said.

Support for this idea came from Russ Pevlin, the head of the Dalhousie Mature Students Society. Pevlin said that the D.M.S.S. had conducted an informal type of food bank among society members.

"Whatever food was dropped off was picked up and used by someone else," said Pevlin in emphasizing the need for such a service.

According to Dianne Swinemar, the director of the Metro Food Bank, students have been using and continue to use the food bank through its respective agencies.

"Setting up another food bank for students is not going to solve the problem," she said. "It scares me to know there is even a need." Swinemar suggested that to solve the problems of hunger and poverty, students and society need to question the problems.



Hmmm...Should I use a fork, or a spoon?

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"Why don't some students have enough money for food?" asked Swinemar. "Is it due to substance abuse, the need for counselling, or lack of employment? When we have answered these questions then we can start to solve the problem." Instead of creating another food bank on campus, which would cause the problem of identification of needy students, Swinemar said the various agencies of the Metro Food Bank should be publicized around campus.

"In this way students would know where the closest agency was and would not be afraid of using it."

The Metro Food Bank Society's first priority is to provide food for those in need through the collection and distribution of food and food products to church and community groups. It is also involved, in seeking solutions to the problems in question.

According to the Society's mandate, education and awareness are the solution. On December 31st 1994 they plan to close down the Metro Food Bank and begin to take a greater role in advocating solutions to these national problems.

Dalhousie is not an isolated case. Other universities are also reporting the need of "anti-poverty services" by students who are being directly affected by the recession, increased tuition fees and the Goods and Services Tax.

Food banks in Montreal agree that students have always been a part of their clientele, especially in the months of January and February while students wait for government bursary cheques.

"Loans and bursaries have become the sole source of income for some students," said one food bank employee in Montreal.

Rebounding from the rubber stamp

BY JENNIFER BECK

The students failed to move the mountain, but they succeeded in bringing it down to earth.

Board of Governors proposals in general, and tuition increases in particular, have been habitually rubber-stamped to success. The student body managed to interrupt this process last November 19, when it diverted the flow of bureaucracy and delayed the ten per cent hike 'til January 23.

Perhaps this seems like a small victory, but "We've sent shock waves through the entire system," says Scott McCrossin, Chair of the Student Union of Nova Scotia. Peter Potier, President of the Dalhousie Student

Union, cautions students not to be demoralized, as they have made "definite political gains."

The repercussions of the recent mobilization stretch far beyond Dalhousie campus, where the students confronted the BoG and "were neither convinced with their capability nor pleased with how little they knew," says McCrossin.

By being the first University in the province to arrange its budget, Dalhousie annually sets the precedent for over 30 000 students province-wide. "Other University boards have yet to set their budgets and what happened here at Dalhousie sends them a message of accountability. Our gains are not exclusive to one institution," says McCrossin.

"For instance, now our Board of Governors must go over any new budget line item by line item, asking the question, 'How does this benefit education?' Hopefully, students will learn to expect this kind of accountability."

McCrossin says that it is viable to operate a university with a budgeted increase of zero. Hospitals, by example, rarely budget for any kind of increase, but obviously must find some way to maintain quality of services.

"We're disappointed in the board members and the system, not in our accomplishments. If Howard Clark spent as much time fighting the government as he does fighting the students, we would all benefit," says McCrossin.