

Task force for women at UNB

Women "content with second class status" ?

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Lack of input by women students is a major problem facing the UNB task force on women said history professor Gillian Thompson at a public debate at Lady Dunn Hall March 17.

Thompson, head of a subcommittee to look into possible ways in which women are discriminated against academically at UNB, said women students seemed to be "content" with "second class status."

She said women's academic standings, hunts for summer jobs, and success after leaving university are adversely affected by the "subtle ways" in which women are discriminated against.

She said there were not a proportionate number of women in the bachelor's programs, less in master's, and next to none in doctoral programs.

It was further pointed out that, at UNB, there were only 50 women at the assistant professor level or higher, compared with 550 men.

She listed five recommendations of the Atlantic Association of Colleges and Universities

- that all universities and colleges make allowances for child care and women's centres; that the federal and provincial governments provide sufficient financial backing for women students; that the provinces ensure equality of access to

professions; that the government be asked to review school text books; and that more female "role models" in the form of women faculty be provided for aspiring students.

If women saw more women professors, they would also aspire higher academic attainments, it was explained. Without these "role models," women would assume they should not continue their education to graduate school.

Computer science professor D.M. Fellows said it was "surprising" how many UNB organizations had disproportionate numbers of men and women.

Changes would be recommended if a "systematic bias" was found, he said.

Fellows heads a committee to determine if remuneration of faculty and staff is equitable for men and women.

Professor M. Milham, One of the two women full professors at UNB, pointed out that salaries for faculty and staff were cumulative. That meant that salary increases were based on former salaries, and if one had a low salary to start with, salary increases would be correspondingly small over the years. This was a particular problem for faculty hired before moves were made to equalize salaries for men and women.

Task force chairperson M. Franklin said the attitudinal survey committee would look at

attitudes inherited by women since birth and the effect they had on the operation of the university.

The approximately 50 persons present also examined physical services and women's literature at UNB. One person suggested the library get more books on women.

She also said more lighting was needed on campus to avoid molesters. A women's studies program was also suggested.

Other topics discussed included particular problems of women physical education students and an alleged case of discrimination

against women law students.

A woman law student denied that an exam question with blatant sexual references was discriminatory.

Some questions were asked concerning the over 20 briefs received by the task force.

"A real gas" for chemists



Photo: Evans

existent door outside Room C-3, escape time was considerably cut down.

Panicking students were curtailed in their attempts to reach the poisonous gas-filled corridors by the quick if slightly hysterical warnings of Dr. Bottomley.

The gas leaked from a 150 gram Boron Triboride cylinder. Once transmitted into the air, the gas can be converted to hydrofluoric acid which could cause deterioration of calcium in the human skeleton.

According to the spokesperson it was extremely lucky that the gas did not react with water...as someone from the Physics 1000 class pulled the emergency shower, thereby causing further panic.

Bottomley said there was no real need to evacuate the building but he didn't wish to possibly jeopardize the safety of the students.

The problem was the amount of hot air in the Chemistry building. All 1:30 classes were cancelled after the commotion and brisk March winds aired the halls and filled them with smell of relatively harmless Fredericton air.

Last Friday, 100 grams of gas from a cylinder escaped into the hallways of the Chemistry Building. According to a spokesperson from the Chemistry 100

class the accident caused quite a furor.

The fire alarm went off, but due to what he termed a "long-winded" professor and a non-

Grads planning big bash

The Graduating class of '77 held a General Meeting March 9. Over 200 Grads were in attendance. Those present showed keen interest and produced criticism directly concerned with grad activities, traditional and formalities.

The first gathering of the Grads opened with Brian Forbes, Valedictorian, introducing the executive. The executive was composed of Mike Bowes,

President, Barry Newcombe, vice-president and Gina Widawski, Secretary Treasurer.

Forbes laid out the tentative schedule, aided by Bowes. The proposed Schedule included events such as Extravaganza on Wednesday night, (waking with a hangover), a rehearsal on Thursday, followed by a Governors' dinner, then Graduation, a President's luncheon and capping the day with a Ball. Friday was left open for various Clubs and Faculties to organize among themselves.

The real splash of the gathering came when the floor was opened to questions from the Grads present. The topic centred about the Graduation Ball. Presently the Ball is expected to occur in McConnell but the consensus was that it was too small. Other suggestions included Lady Dunn Hall, the AUC or Keddy's Motor Inn. There was no unanimous

consensus concerning the location and the final decision is being left up to the executive.

All Graduates concerned, or those who are involved in the arrangements should submit a brief letter (yes or no) saying whether or not they and/or their parents will be attending. Drop the letters in campus mail, addressed to Grad Class 77, SRC office, Rm. 126, SUB. This is extremely important and should be completed immediately. Letters MUST be in by March 30 of THIS year.

That's all for now folks, so watch The Bruns for more information concerning tickets and other graduation aspects. Also, there will be a party at Brian's on April 11!

Time all
Thanks
Barry Newcombe.

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Graduating students are wondering where their rings are, but students' union president Jim Murray told The Brunswickan they will be in eventually. The company is about three weeks behind but they are

Murray said Jostin's will pay shipping charges for rings arriving after graduation.

catching up, they said. They are coming into the bookstore on a day to day basis.