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education forestry and water engineering.

Because poor women and their children are typically the most vulnerable members of society, they have become a major focus of UNICEF's activities throughout the world, Jespersen said.

Much of UNICEF's work is done in rural areas, where men often desert their families, or go off to work in urban areas or in mines, explained Jespersen. "During the 1980's economic decline in the poorer countries, women have suffered from a large time demand — extra work to maintain family income, extra time to process cheaper, lower quality food, and more time spent caring for sick children as health care is cut back."

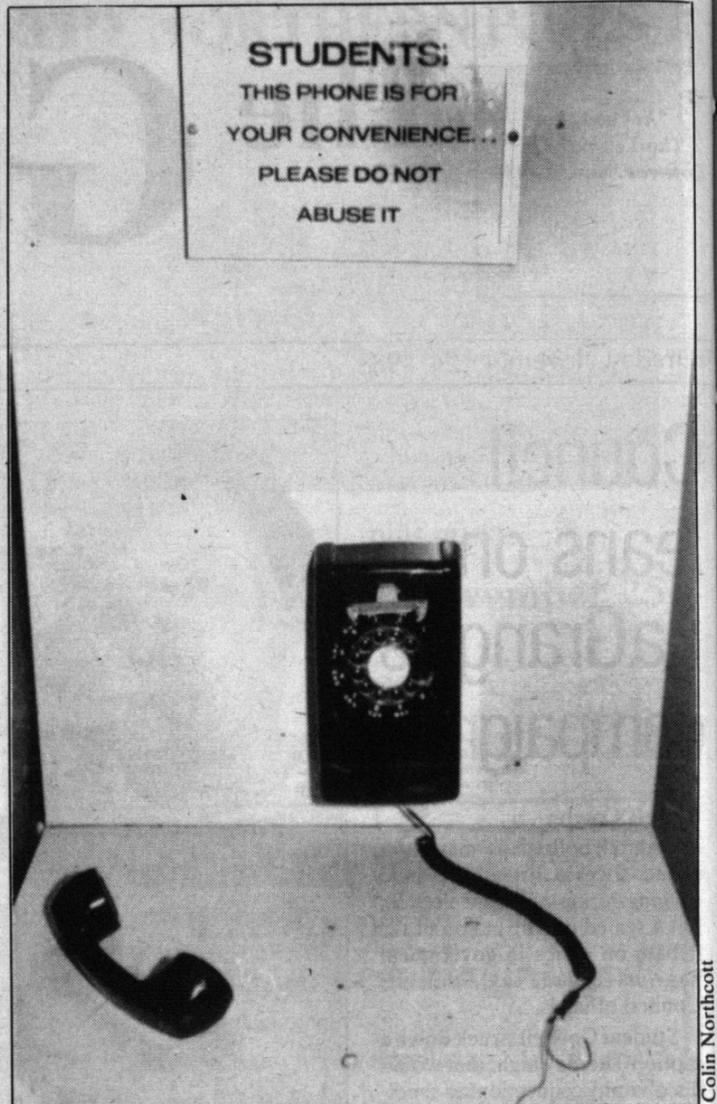
"In these developing countries where overpopulation and infant mortality are a problem, we urge women to space their children two years apart, for their own health, and we encourage breast feeding."

Jespersen said that "women in rural areas have very limited access to credit, which they need to obtain the right tools with which to make a living."

UNICEF's concern is not limited to the people in poorer countries however. "In the wealthy industrial countries like Canada, 10 to 15 percent of families are headed by single parents, mostly women. Their burden is a need for efficient, affordable child care. Another major issue in this group is drug addiction, which afflicts the children, too," said Jespersen.

She added that "we are currently studying children in poverty in the industrial countries, and we will hold a conference on this subject next year."

Canada's position on women's issues in the United Nations has been an important one. Jespersen said that Canada has a "strong position on the executive board



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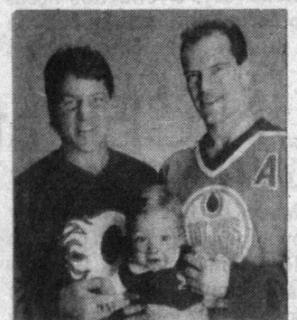
of UNICEF. CIDA [Canada's overseas development agency] has been very outspoken on women's issues, and they directly inspired the UNICEF strategy for women and development."

In closing, Jespersen outlined the challenges to UNICEF in the next decade. "Immunization. And education. The biggest challenge in the 1990's will be female literacy, the education of girls and women. Many countries' schools lack books, because they can't even afford to import paper."

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