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years
ago
this
week**

**MISSING MEMBERS
UNDERMINING COUNCIL**

Dalhousie Student Union president Dick Mathews complained that council meetings had become unproductive because of the low turn out of councillors. Mathews said because so few of the councillors came out, the council was often forced to leave important matters un-discussed. He further stated that these

councillors were a large reason why the DSU had such a tarnished reputation.

**TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE
STUDENT AID**

At an un-publicized meeting between Federal Secretary of State, David MacDonald, and the Provincial Council of Education Ministers, it was announced that a board would be established to examine student aid.

TOUGH CHOICE

Students geared up for a coffee-potluck held at the Dartmouth Regional Library. The film for the evening was entitled *MAGGIE KUHN — WRINKLED RADICAL*, and was about a grey panther activist for senior citizens' rights. Male students had to chose between watching this titillating drama and going to a men's liberation meeting.

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Universities attracting women

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traditionally male-dominated fields, adds Donaldson, may not receive the same warm welcome and encouragement as male students.

"We know the problem is the cold, chilly climate once they come to university," said Donaldson.

Gariepy says this lack of encouragement doesn't stop at the classroom level.

She says women are also under-represented in such areas as student government.

"There may be more of us in numbers, but what we're encouraged to get involved in is another story," said Gariepy of the lack of female representation on student councils.

And councils are not the only areas that lack female participation.

While there may be more female students in the classroom, there are less female professors, and even less women senior administrators, within universities.

According to AUCC figures, women professors represent a growing proportion of newly hired faculty, from 20 percent in the mid-1980s to almost 40 percent in the mid-1990s.

Susan Russell, executive director of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), says she worries the enrolment numbers for female students are deceptive.

She says female students entering university, and especially male-dominated fields, experience

snide remarks, comments and harassment more frequently than male students.

Donaldson, meanwhile, says she also worries about women's situations once they leave the classroom.

She says that while the number of women attending university may be increasing their return on their education is not as great as their male counterparts.

"Overall the amount of money that a woman invests in an education is less likely to pay off than it is for a man in economic terms," she said.

According to 1997 Statistics Canada figures, men earned on average \$33,185 while women earned \$21,167.

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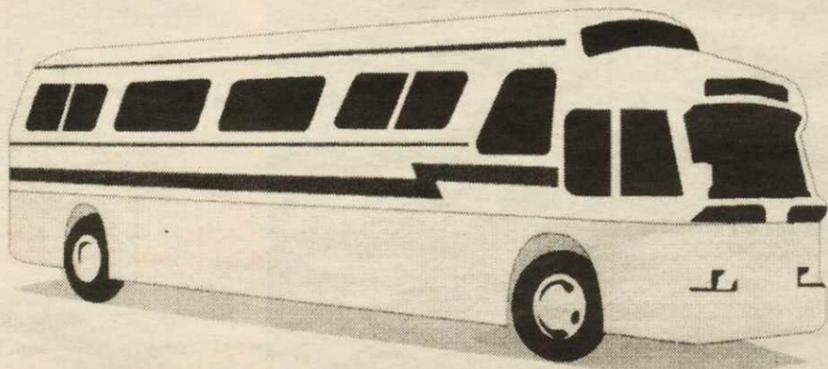


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