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There Is Still Time For Change!

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There can be no doubt of the public's awareness of student demands for educational reform. This aspect of student life is debated extensively and is well publicized by students, faculty, and administration alike.

More important to many students, perhaps, but certainly not so well publicized, are the problems involved when the student with his brand-new degree attempts to secure a job. In this regard I am concerned neither with male graduates nor with graduates

from professional faculties such as law, medicine, or engineering. In either instance, an individual will encounter little difficulty in securing a position commensurate with his or her academic qualifications.

What is disturbing is the narrow choice of jobs available for female graduates, particularly those with liberal arts degrees. This is an area where the students' union is capable of and should be exercising a far greater degree of initiative than has previously been the case.

Certainly a female arts graduate can find a job - if she is prepared to accept a position as a waitress, clerk, or secretary, for these positions would account for at least 50 per cent of the jobs available

and taken by female arts graduates. One need only question the employment counsellors at Canada Manpower about opportunities available for women, even during the peak hiring season around December, to be convinced of the validity of such a figure.

The discrepancy between the availability of positions for males compared to females must be credited to a widespread discrimination against female manpower. It is interesting to note that discriminatory hiring practices occur not only in private industry but also in numerous government organizations.

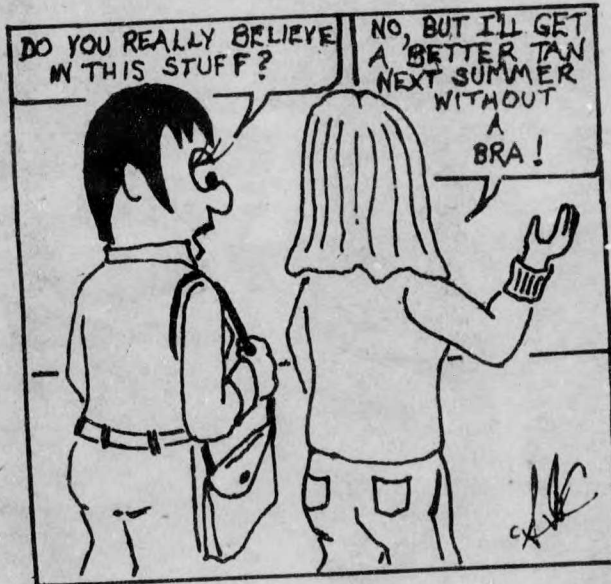
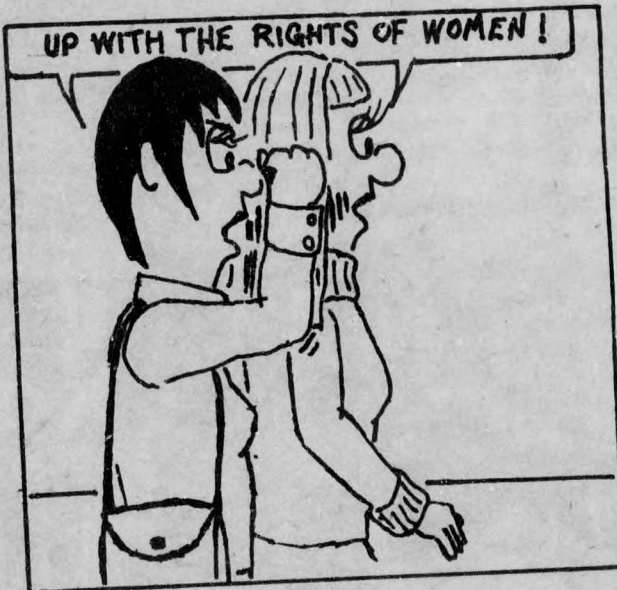
This being so, one would be rather optimistic to expect the government (Canada Manpower) to accept the

responsibility required in his case, for the responsibility entails a campaign directed towards all employers for the acceptance of qualified women on an equal level with qualified men. Hence, the need for initiative on the part of the students' union, which has professed its interest in the well-being of its members, and does, after all, represent all women students on campus. The students' union has already interested itself in various academic matters, in the administration of the university, in tuition fees, and may soon be providing housing for students. Its role as an established representative organization puts it in an excellent position to institute discussions with employers regarding their hiring practices.

Perhaps this campaign could be launched by establishing a permanent committee with a salaried director, to work in conjunction with Canada Manpower and other interested bodies, to begin discussions with those employers who now insist on discrimination in their hiring policies. Or a strictly volunteer committee could be organized to work along the same lines. There are, one can be assured, many individuals quite willing to devote a portion of their time to such a project.

By taking the first step, perhaps the students' union can insure that some break is finally made in the invisible circle which now serves to keep capable women out of jobs for which they are academically qualified.

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what would you do

if your girlfriend got pregnant?



john banford
bus. ad 1
"Try for a second."



fud steeves
bus. ad. 1
"Laugh a lot because I'd get screwed for getting screwed."



andy ritchie
arts 3
"It would already have been done by then."



doug johansen
phys. ed. 2
"I think I'd go nuts."



bill kingstone
phys. ed. 1
"I'd call him junior."



rob clark
eng. 2
"Oh wow!"



chris fisher
bus. ad. 1
"I'd start beating it."



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"I'd shoot the guy that got her pregnant."

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