

ed 5-year plan may redefine rape

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government is proposing to eliminate the charge of rape and replace it with two new charges for sexual offences. The proposed changes were introduced in Parliament by justice minister Marc Lalonde on March 7 as part of the government's "five-year plan" promoting equality for women. One of the new charges would be sexual interference, defined as touching a person for a sexual purpose without the person's consent and would be punishable by up to five years in prison. The other would be sexual assault, which would be punishable by up to 10 years, for using or threatening to use

violence for the purpose of sexual interference.

Currently, rape is punishable by life imprisonment but rape convictions are hard to obtain in court because of the

detailed physical evidence required. According to justice department officials the new charges, which are much broader in scope, would eliminate this problem.

Ed students choose 2

Education students will be voting on March 23 to elect a new executive for the Education Students Association (ESA).

Two positions are being contested, with the remainder being won by acclamation. The positions are president and vice-president sales and services. The election is being fought for by Raynard and Darlene McKay, both former executive members.

The major campaign activity will be a candidates forum, to be held on March 21 at 2:00 pm. The poll will be located in the office of the ESA, and will be open from 8 to 4. An advance poll will be held from 4 to 8 pm on March 22.

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Two local charities will benefit from a faculty fracas involving the Education Students' Association and the 'Blovin' Aggies. The Boysdale Camp and the Alberta Crippled Children will each receive a \$100 cheque Saturday as part of a raffle between the two faculty organizations.

The problem began when, in the heat of Education Week, a group of Ed students "liberated" one of the Ag Club's prized chuckwagons. As part of a publicity prank to draw attention to Ed festivities the ESA requested that the Ag Club make a donation for them as the price of ensuring the wagon's safe return.

A picture of the missing wagon also appeared in the newspaper on March 6.

The Aggies weren't amused. An anonymous Ed student, whose guess we caught them by their nose—you know, who'd expect Ed students to steal a chuckwagon?"

Next day the Chuckwagon was stolen—from the Ed students. An unidentified group of "Four Muskateers" demanded \$100 ransom. With the Aggies enraged—and determined to revenge—the ESA stepped up.

Then the chuckwagon was returned again—by the ESA. A \$100. Negotiations will be completed tomorrow—the money collected and sent to the designated charities and the Ed students reunited with their wagon.

The Ed students, happy to have the adventure without the mishap will think twice about hitting on the Ag club next time because, "they took it easy."

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