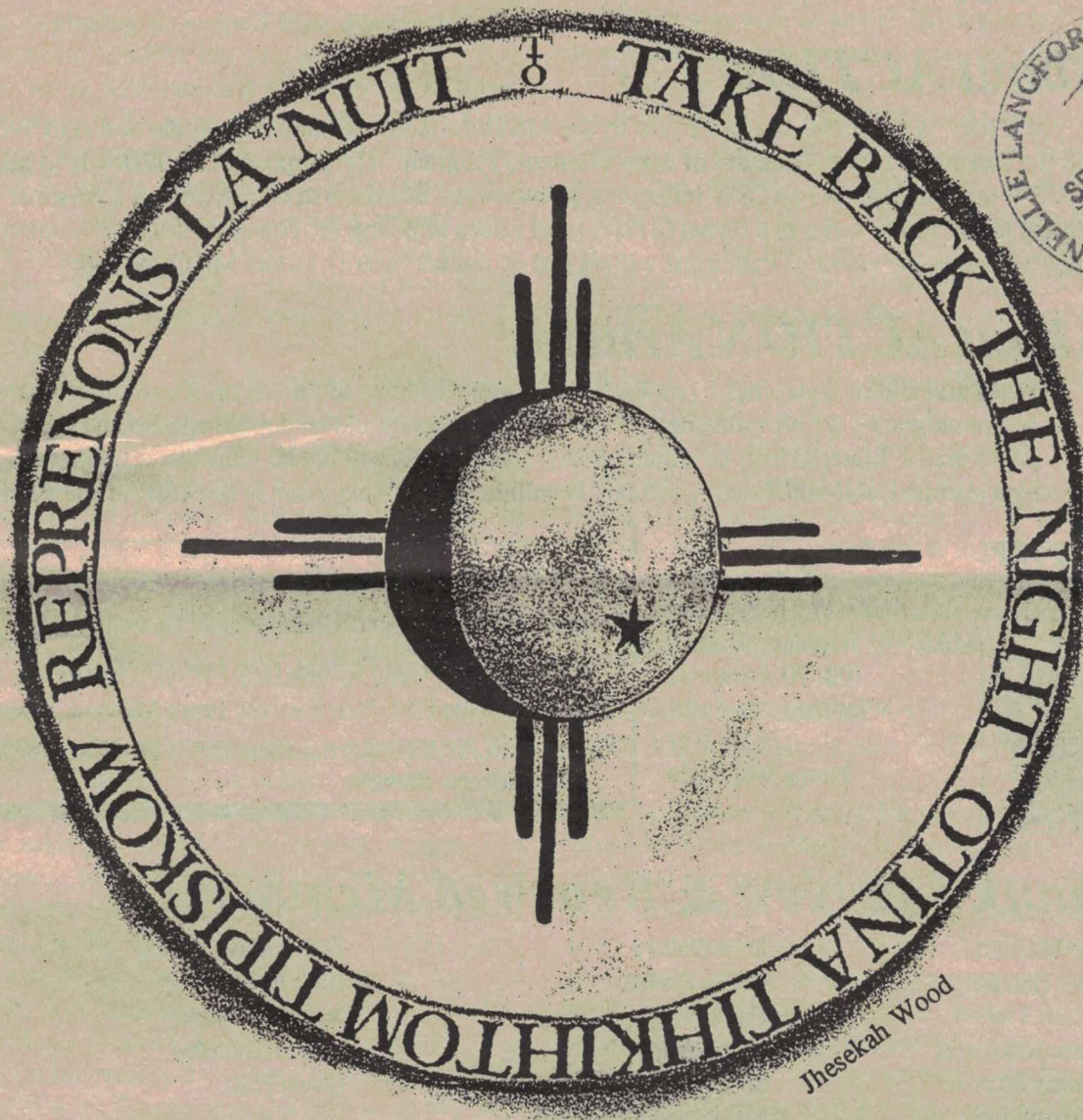


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## About MACSW

The Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women is a volunteer-based, non-profit feminist organization working through political action, public education and personal growth in order to improve attitudes, raise issues and remove inequalities affecting women today.

MACSW was formed in 1971 by a group of women who presented a brief to the federal Royal Commission on the Status of Women in 1967. MACSW has branches in Brandon, Dauphin, Thompson and Winnipeg.

## About ACTION

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## About ACTION Articles

News and feature-style articles, profiles, reviews, essays, letters to the editor, illustrations, cartoons and photographs are all welcome! Written submissions should be double-spaced and typed (2 pages max.) Material may be edited. Sorry, submissions will not be returned unless accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. **Deadline for the next issue is the 15th of the month.**



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## **Brandon Branch Report**

Jennifer Howard, Administrative Coordinator

Ten million dollars and two years later, we now know that violence against women is a definite problem.

Oh and by the way, the justice system is gender-biased.

I'm beginning to suspect that women may not have achieved equality just yet, after all.

But, we do have our first female Prime Minister. So what if she's the same woman who cut the Court Challenges Program; tried to recriminalize abortion; spent \$5.8 billion on military helicopters while promising to cut funding to advocacy groups (she's not sure which ones); and enshrined "family values" in the Charter? She is in possession of that double X chromosome so I guess we can all pack up and go on vacation.

Ah, Summer 1993--Summer of Sarcasm. Sometimes, real life is more bizarre than any bad dream and you just have to cackle. But cackling isn't enough. So this is what we've been up to:

The City of Brandon has committed itself to Employment Equity and is in the process of reviewing policies and procedures. MACSW is involved in this process through the Consultative Committee and the Police Service Working Group. So far it has been a challenging and hopeful experience.

Women for Equality (WE), formerly the Westman Coalition on Equality Rights in the Canadian Constitution, in conjunction with MACSW, is undertaking a Rural Tour during August and September. We will be presenting a workshop on political participation and empowerment with special emphasis on the upcoming election. We're going everywhere from Rosburn to Dauphin, so look for us at a kitchen table near you.

We have secured funding from the Manitoba Council on International Cooperation (MCIC) to hold a conference on Gender and Development, March 4 and 5. This is an exciting project on a valuable theory so if you want to get involved in any facet of the organization, call the office (725-2955).

Nancy McLennan provided a wonderful setting for the somewhat annual, non-structured, anarchist-feminist, solstice retreat. Those of us that made it spent an amazing weekend nestled in the beautiful

Duck Mountains on the shores of Wellman Lake. Waking up to the sounds of the loons singing along to Nancy's flute, icy morning dips in the lake, and the best food anywhere, made for a restful and invigorating holiday.

Also this summer, we set up a display at the Brandon Folk Music and Art Festival. This year's theme was "Ode to Kim." Using various bits of information as well as actual "Kim quotes," we tried to paint an accurate picture of our first woman P.M.

Planning is underway for the Take Back the Night March and Rally. With the \$10 million report fresh in our minds, it's more important than ever to make our presence known. So we'll see you September 17, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mingling Area, Knowles-Douglas Students' Union Bldg., Brandon Univ. For info /volunteering call 725-2955.

SHEILA UPDATE--The last we heard Sheila Kingham (Doig) was exploring the world of film-making in Victoria, BC and sniffing out the local feminist organizations.

GREAT BOOKS--This summer I read Starhawk's first novel, The Fifth Sacred Thing, a futuristic utopia set in San Francisco. If you need an inspirational boost or just want to know where all the demonstrations, endless meetings and frustration lead to, you must read this. It's only in hardcover, so far, but you might find it at a local library.

## **Thompson Branch Report**

Debra McVittie, Administrative Coordinator

The Women's History Committee, preparing for Women's History Month in October, received great news that our grant application has been accepted by Secretary of State. All tentative arrangements have been confirmed and all the fine details can now be worked out. The Committee has been approached by other women's groups which makes this year's second annual Women's History Month definitely bigger and better. We will be following the national theme of "Herstory of Work: Recognizing Women's Contributions," and will offer the public free video viewing over a span of four days. We will present displays on women in the paid and unpaid workforces, their accomplishments and historic value. We also look forward to the Nellie McClung Theatre who will close the last day of our celebration. Special thanks to the Women's History



Committee for all their ideas and hard work!

TACSW was invited to a forum on an expanded role for Manitoba in immigration. Doris Oulton spoke on the benefits of immigration to Canada, how immigrants enter Canada, top ten source countries of immigration into Manitoba, and the three main cities that are promoted abroad: Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. Discussion followed with emphasis on gathering ideas on promoting Manitoba abroad. The Immigrant Women's Association (Thompson Chapter) had many great ideas to offer in this area. In all, the forum was a real eye-opener and well received.

A placement meeting took place between TACSW, Darlene Merasty (School of Social Work student) and her supervisor, Verna Stecy-Hildebrant. Darlene was given an overview of MACSW to acquaint her with the structure. She would like to collaborate with the YWCA's placement student during her six months with us and offer workshops to the residents of the building. She will also be involved in special projects, referral and follow up (if applicable), providing information and will attend at least one Provincial Coordinating Committee meeting. Darlene will start in September. We wish her well and look forward to working with her.

During our last working meeting, which many members attended, discussion centred on what we would like to do during the upcoming year. A few of the ideas members came up with include: educating youth on sexual harrasment, date rape and health issues, activating the Northern Women's Development Network, introducing a co-op for women, providing a literacy course and working with community-based models focussing on gender and racial relationships. We expect to meet this fall to discuss these topics in more detail.

Thanks to the Hiring Committee for all the time they spent to advertise the Administrative Coordinator position, plan a new format of work related duties and other wonderful things that must be considered. After days and days of conversation and reading, the Hiring Committee finally found their woman--congratulations to Hari Dimitrakopoulou who starts as Administrative Coordinator for TACSW on September 7.

We ended for the summer on a positive note and met in Hari's home for an evening of work-free fun. Thanks to Hari for providing us with the space and that Leonard Cohen tape we played over and over.

## **Parkland Branch Report**

Heather Dootoff, Administrative Coordinator

The summer got off to a great start with a trip to Saskatoon for the NAC conference. Liz Sarin, Meera Sarin, Suzanne Pellarin, Esther Fyk, Tena Alguire and I made up the Parkland contingent. There was lots to learn and lots of fun mixed in with the business. On Friday, members of our group attended workshops on New Reproductive Technologies, Violence Against Women, and Election Strategies. Friday night conference attenders roasted and toasted Judy Rebick in a fond farewell. Saturday was the start of the Annual General Meeting, with lots of resolutions put forward for our consideration. Regional Caucuses were held on Saturday. Plans were started for a fall conference in Manitoba. Special sessions were set up to continue working on the issue of racism in the women's movement. Sunday started with special interest group meetings. Some of the groups attended were: women's centres, young women, rural women, and older women. Unfortunately, we had to hit the road before it was over but we enjoyed all that we managed to fit in.

On June 10 we had our final meeting of the summer and our first meeting in our new location--good turnout and good discussion. Everyone admired the new location.

Meetings have started in preparation for the Dauphin General Hospital AGM which is scheduled for September 16. Call the office if you are available to help prepare for that meeting.

A vigil was held for Teena Franks, who was identified as the young woman whose remains were found by Richer, MB in mid-July.

We didn't have any response to our Bed and Breakfast offer for Countryfest or the Ukrainian Festival, however, we did get on as one of the volunteer groups involved at Countryfest. We had a great time and made a nice sum of money for MACSW to boot.

With fall coming we look forward to some special events and special guests. AMAC (Adults Molested as Children) will come up from Brandon and participate in our Take Back the Night March and educational evening. Also, Women for Equality, a Westman organization, will be coming up to talk about the upcoming election.

Parkland Status of Women will be hosting the fall meeting of the Provincial Coordinating Committee, Sept. 25 & 26. See you there.

Hope everyone had lots of rest over the summer because there is lots of work to be done!

Our new office is just south of Old Market Square. It's cheaper and bigger and right above Ragpickers and the Underground Cafe BUT it's not wheelchair accessible so we are forming a committee to write grant proposals to purchase a hydraulic lift for the front stairwell. If you are interested in helping with this **Wheelchair Rolling in Money Committee** please phone Rosemary at 946-5049.

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### Winnipeg Branch Report

Susan Banks, Administrative Coordinator

Well, things certainly didn't slow down during the summer months around the Winnipeg office. Our August branch meeting must have set an all-time record with 25 people in attendance! We have decided to make child care a regular part of our meetings; just call the office a couple of days before to let us know that you require child care.

Three new sub-committees have recently started, including Pornography, Media Monitoring and Workplace/Emotional Abuse. If you would like to join or would like info phone the Winnipeg office.

Until the end of December, we have three people working on Section 25/Unemployment Insurance positions. The Public Education Coordinator, Rosemary Miguez, is planning a number of workshops including ones on the federal election, NAFTA and feminism. A resource guide on women's groups in Manitoba is being developed by the Network Coordinator, Betty Penner, and the Volunteer Coordinator, Charlene Ball, has increased the participation of volunteers dramatically.

In August, we hired a fundraiser for MACSW for a 6-month term. The purpose of this provincial position is to research other funding sources so that we will not have to rely solely on our already diminishing Secretary of State funding. Contact Carol at the Winnipeg Branch with your fundraising ideas!

In response to the increase in staff and growing demands on MACSW, a long-term planning potluck meeting for the Winnipeg Branch will be held on September 13 at 6 p.m. to set priorities and goals. This will be held at our **new office space: 702-70 Arthur St.** at McDermot Ave. Hope to see you there! Our **new phone numbers are: 946-5049, 946-5051 & 946-5053.** Thanks to everyone who helped us pack in preparation for moving--it was much appreciated!

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### Winnipeg Public Education Coordinator

Rosemary Miguez

The following workshop series have been planned for the fall:

- 1) The NAC (National Action Committee on the Status of Women) Voters' Guide--going through the book to prepare for the federal election.
- 2) NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)--How does trade affect us?, Understanding NAFTA, What NAFTA means to women.
- 3) Women's Writing--teaching women to express themselves, overcome patriarchal methods of suppression. Workshops will reinforce the power of women's experience through writing exercises, group discussion and step-by-step information. Open to beginners and professionals.
- 4) What is Feminism?--exploring different types of feminism.

Call Rosemary if you would like to participate or volunteer at 946-5049.

### Winnipeg Volunteer Coordinator

Charlene Ball

We have an ongoing need for volunteers to do office/clerical support work such as:

- answering phones,
- opening and sorting mail,
- clipping and organizing newspaper articles,
- organizing archives.

We are also seeking artists for the ACTION newsletter to do graphics and a woman with legal expertise on workplace issues.

- Volunteers are also needed for small projects :
- selling tickets and putting up posters for the Oct. 16 MACSW Fundraiser
  - computer cataloguing of library resources (training provided),
  - tabulation of membership surveys,
  - editing the Women's Resource Guide that the Network Coordinator is working on.
- Please phone Charlene at 946-5049 for info.



### **HIRING: NETWORK COORDINATOR**

**MACSW Winnipeg office**

30 hours/week, \$426/week

**Sept. 13 - Dec. 24, 1993**

- **Must be eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits during above time period.**

#### **Activities:**

- finish a 7-month contract to produce a comprehensive resource guide of women's organizations and service providers for distribution across Manitoba.
- create a networking system of women's groups throughout the province.

**Deadline for applications: Sept. 8, 1993. Please send applications to MACSW, 702-70 Arthur St., Winnipeg, MB, R3B 1G7. For more information phone 946-5049.**

### **Workplace Harassment/Abuse Sub-Committee: Winnipeg**

A group of approximately 14 women came together over the summer to form a sub-committee on workplace harassment/abuse issues. Initially this core group of women will meet for group building, education, and support through a sharing of their personal experiences of and expertise around these issues. In October, the sub-committee will continue and hopes to establish a separate support group. For the purpose of maintaining strict confidentiality and protecting identities of individuals and places of employment, anyone who wants further info is encouraged to leave their name with MACSW (946-5049) and a committee member will return your call as soon as possible.

### **Media Monitoring Sub-Committee: Winnipeg**

Jane Kitchen

Are you tired of seeing demeaning portrayals of women in advertising (billboards, TV, radio, magazines, newspapers)? Tired of superficial or degrading coverage of women's concerns in the news? Sick of one-dimensional characters in TV shows that are supposed to reflect how women really think and feel?

So are we! We are forming a Media Monitoring sub-committee to turn frustration over media sexism into change. Things you can do to help:

- 1) Monitor various media and keep track of degrading representations of women (note the publication and date when it appeared) Don't try and do it all! Pick one area, e.g. billboards.
- 2) Once you have a pile of stuff (and it should pile up very quickly) you could do one of three things:
  - a) bring all of your collected info to one of our meetings
  - b) if they're written materials, clip them out and mail to MACSW
  - c) leave a message at MACSW for Jane. Just say that it's about Media Monitoring and she'll get back to you for details.
- 3) Help us file incoming newspaper articles and letters (MACSW hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10-3).
- 4) Write letters as individuals to the offending party. Some national addresses will be available at our first meeting. Make sure you keep a copy for your records, and send a copy to MACSW. Indicate on your letter that you have sent us a copy, and then we should get a copy of their response.
- 5) Come out to a meeting. The first meeting was held on August 24. Phone the office for the next meeting and location (946-5049).

## *Income Tax Services*

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## **Straight Men in Denial**

Kelly Logan

Last winter, Winnipeg, specifically the University of Winnipeg, was introduced to a brave, if tame, little publication named Subculture. Though it was a student magazine, its initial funding came from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and the Canadian International Development Agency. One could assume consequently that the magazine was to deal with, partially at least, international and development issues. And that it did. Articles on Tienanmen Square and racism coincided with stories on Habitat for Humanity, Ad Busters and environmentalism.

But alas, this promising little 'zine has grown a bit too big for its britches. The Subculture that once called itself "the forum for student thought in Winnipeg" has recently reappeared on racks with the twisted claim of being "the only feminist magazine written by, for, and about men." Twisted, yet half-true. Subculture is the plaything of self-appointed editors Tod Mohamed and John Collison. (It must be nice to have the money to give oneself such important titles). In this summer issue, Messrs. Mohamed and Collison, along with the co-opted thoughts of Mr. Richard Noble, are here to tell us over and over and over again that pornography is challenging, educational, liberating, and may even raise one's consciousness. And hey girls, there's no conclusive evidence that we've heard of that links pornography and the exploitation of women and children with sexual assault and other forms of violence. So don't you go worrying your pretty little heads any, and don't even think of trying to censor any of those men's entertainment magazines.

Student thought? I hope not.

However, what spurred their defensive rants was a letter of support one group of students, the University of Winnipeg's Students' Association, made on behalf of another student's request to have Playboy removed from her place of study--the University of Manitoba's bookstore. A simple attempt by one woman to create a safer environment for herself and other women. But suddenly, Mohamed argues, these people were no longer students, but sex politicians "vying for control of your genitals" whose complaint was that "the only thing wrong with the power to control human

sexuality is that they don't have it." In other words, don't get any fancy notions about self-determination or changing the existing power structure.

But don't get the wrong idea. These men don't necessarily approve of or even use pornography. As Collison pointed out, pornography is "as embarrassing to men as it is demeaning to women." He further explained: "You don't have to like porn. I don't particularly care for much of it myself...But its not about what I like. Its (sic) about tolerance, the first casualty in the war on porn." Well, that's very manly of you, John, to "tolerate" all that embarrassment. While Collison denied any strong interest in porn, it apparently didn't stop him from trying his hand at it. Interspersed among these articles were rather pathetic photos, the end product of Collison's attempt at child pornography.

Obviously, Subculture is above these repressive obscenity laws and censorship. That is unless it involves a large corporation. In another article in the same issue, the editors used their discretion and chose not to name a grocery chain with questionable practices. There were literally little "CENSORED" signs throughout the article blotting out the corporation's name. Their rationale: "The name of the grocer in question has been censored to protect - for now - the guilty and cover our asses." So the message of Subculture is simply that it's okay to degrade women, trash the feminist movement and thumb one's nose at child pornography laws, but don't mess with the boys in the multinationals.

## **Pornography Sub-Committee: Winnipeg**

Kristine Barr

How exactly do feminists begin to define pornography? A MACSW sub-committee has been formed to find answers to this question. I find it frustrating that so many people enjoy pornographic material which exploits and degrades women. I also find it frustrating to have to defend my views against pornography while those who use it don't have to justify their actions since pornography has become so much a part of mainstream culture.

A small group of MACSW members has already met informally to question where each of us would personally draw our own lines which define pornography. We challenge the pornographic assumption that violence is a normal component of

sexuality. However, when we discussed objectification and degradation, there was some disagreement over what was pornographic. There does not seem to be one simple definition which is accepted by the vast diversity of feminists in our community, yet Subculture "the only feminist magazine written for, by, and about men" (Subculture Vol.1 Summer 1993:3) has defined the "feminist perspective" quite narrowly. The editors of Subculture (surprise, surprise!) just happen to be two men who have provided their views and have done so in a biased fashion. Three articles in this publication are dedicated to pornography, all written by middle class men, and all taking the same anti-censorship view. The editors must be threatened by alternative (feminist?) opinions as they are not presented.

This sub-committee wants to explore the diverse views represented in the feminist community to raise awareness about this issue in order to change community standards. Don't let our voices be distorted by men who don't understand feminism. More dialogue is needed between heterosexual and lesbian feminists to strengthen our struggles. Help us understand your beliefs by joining our committee and attending the next meeting on Thursday September 9, 1993 at 5:30 p.m. at the University of Winnipeg Women's Centre on the 4th floor. We will be watching films dealing with pornography and a discussion will follow. We hope this committee will provide a supportive forum to discuss our feelings, enhance public education, and initiate direct political action.

Call MACSW for more info or contact me at 786-9788. Any suggestions you may have for this sub-committee would be greatly appreciated.

To express your concern about Subculture's misleading portrayal of pornography and feminists, come into the MACSW Wpg. office, to read what they wrote, and write to the following:

- CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) Public Participation Program (Funding Agency), 200 Promenade du Portage, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0G4
- University of Winnipeg Students' Association, President, (Parent Organization), 515 Portage, Wpg.
- Marianne Cerilli, MLA (Advertiser/Sponsor), 549 Regent Ave. W., Wpg., MB.
- Mary Scorer Books, (Advertiser), 389 Graham

- Ave. or 103 Osborne St.S., Wpg., MB.
- Village Clinic, (Advertiser), 608 Corydon Ave., Wpg., MB.
- Bar Italia, (Advertiser), 508 Kirkfield St., Wpg.



The Original Women's Network at the 12th Annual Walk for Peace.

### Walk for Press Coverage??

MACSW and other women's groups helped organize the Walk for Peace with a new focus: Ending Violence in Our Community. The Walk attracted 2,000 people and about 30 groups with display tables. After the Walk there were excellent speeches, a great play for kids & adults by Loonisee Theatre and workshops on Wen-do, self-defense for Women; NAFTA-Economic Violence; and Ending Homophobic Violence. The media neglected to pick up on the focus on violence. In fact, they didn't print any story at all on the Walk. When apologizing, The Winnipeg Free Press offered to do a follow-up story. Ruth Teichroeb interviewed a MACSW rep. but the story never appeared. The Winnipeg Sun put a condescending caption on a front page photo of some Walkers described as "hippies on a nostalgia trip". There was no story and not even a phrase about the focus of the Walk or the organizing groups. All the news that's fit to print??



**M**ANITOBA **A**CTION **C**OMMITTEE ON THE **S**TATUS OF **W**OMEN

*invites you to a*

# FUNDRAISING DINNER

*"Celebrating Our Herstory"*

**Date** ..... *Saturday, October 16, 1993*

**Where** ..... *Merk's Restaurant  
2517 Portage Ave.  
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**Dinner** ..... *6 pm Deluxe Smorgasbord  
(50 item salad bar etc.)*

**Entertainment** ... *8 pm Featuring:  
Nellie McClung Theatre &  
Deborah Romeyn &  
Rachel Wall &  
Taped Music and Dancing*

**Cost** ..... *\$25 for Adults  
\$6 for Children under 12 years  
\$10 Entertainment Only (come at 8 p.m)*

**Tickets** ..... *MACSW 946-5049, Doreen 837-9613 or Linda 896-3770*

*This fabulous evening of fun will also include a Silent Auction with great prizes!  
Reconnect with old friends. Dance with new ones!  
Everyone Welcome!*

Please phone MACSW to donate prizes for the Silent Auction.





## **Kim Campbell: KC & The Sunshine Band**

Fiona Muldrew

Grey skies are gonna clear up, put on a happy face. KC and The Sunshine Band are coming soon to a voting booth near you to brighten up your day and chase those rainy day recession blues right out of your memory. Do you remember the Court Challenges Program? It seems we can't afford those "luxuries" anymore but there's still money for 50 helicopters. That's one helicopter for every 56,408 children with mothers in the workforce without childcare. Here's a little Tory Tune by KC & The Sunshine Band:

**Reproductive Choice:** As Minister of Justice, Kim brought in a bill that would have recriminalized abortion. It was defeated in the Senate.

**Lesbian & Gay Rights:** Kim promised to include sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination but she tabled legislation that limits spousal benefits to a partner of the opposite sex.

**Disabled people:** She repealed some rights disabled people had gained in the courts.

**Peace:** As Minister of Defence she was a strong supporter of the \$5.8 billion purchase of 50 military attack helicopters.

**Social Justice:** She cancelled the Court Challenges Program, which was used by women and disadvantaged groups with little money to advance their rights in the Court system.

**Inclusion:** Kim talks about a politics of inclusion but she has included only four women ministers in her cabinet; Mulroney had seven. Kim said she wanted gender equity in her cabinet but only 20% are women, including herself.

**Health care:** Kim said she might introduce user fees. Her plan to reduce the deficit to zero in five years is a direct threat to Medicare and social programs. Tory deficit-reduction means cutbacks rather than fair taxation or job creation.

**Taxes:** Between 1980 and 1987, untaxed profits of corporations rose from \$10 billion to \$27 billion. In 1950, personal taxes made up 23% of government revenue, corporate taxes made up 29%. In 1992, personal taxes made up 48% (25% more than in 1950) of government revenue and corporate taxes made up 7% (22% less). Kim's corporate agenda means you pay more taxes for fewer services unless you're rich or a large corporation.

**Kim's Sunshine Squad** (they're all in their places with bright shining faces):

**Mike "Squeaky Shoes" Wilson**, the father of the GST, said Kim would be the best to implement his fiscal policies.

**John "the Joker" Crosbie**. Kim sympathized with his "jokes" like "We can't have women representing themselves or the next thing you know we'll have to have the crippled and the coloreds." Did you know Kim does Stand-up comedy? Maybe the federal election is just a set-up for her next joke.

**Barbara "Blinkers" Greene**, a Conservative MP, who headed the Poverty Committee which decided that the poverty line was too high so with a magic stroke of a pen, there are now less poor people. If poverty hurts your eyes, just put on some sunglasses.

**Don "Sunburnt Redneck" Blenkarn**, member of the Conservative "Family Caucus" wants "family" to be defined as a male and female living together for the purposes of raising children. When the Tory promise for a national child care program was dropped Blenkarn was happy they didn't give in to "the day-care mob". (1) He recently said he wanted to turn his Mississauga riding into an Indian reservation so his constituents wouldn't have to pay taxes. First Nations people are still waiting for Kim to kick Don out of the party or hand back their land.

**Bobbie "Starve the Poor" Sparrow**, Kim's Natural Resources Minister, said NAC was getting "\$270,000 too much" and this was "questionable" federal spending. NAC actually gets \$250,000. Federal grants to corporations under the Defence Industry Productivity Program include: Pratt & Whitney-\$54,076,845; Spar Aerospace-\$13,485,987.

Does Kim think the following funding is questionable/fair? **Defence Industry Productivity Program** grants to private corporations for military hardware research, 1991-92: **\$160 million**.

**Secretary of State Women's Program** grants to end violence against women, promote equality, and advocate on behalf of women, 1991-92: **\$10 million**.

Kim Campbell may look like a bright star on the horizon but she doesn't have a good record (or CD for that matter), she can only dance with cameras around and her "band" is making quite a racket.

(1) Above information on Kim Campbell and supporters taken from Dawn Black's Women's Report, Spring/Summer, 1993.

NAC's Tune by "The Singing Treasurer & the Accountable Accountants", Treasurer's Report from the NAC AGM, Saskatoon, June 4-6, 1993 (sung to the tune of "Side by Side")

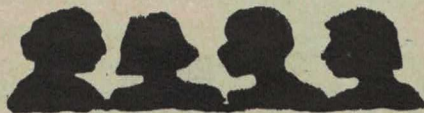
*Chorus:* Oh, we ain't got a barrel of money,  
'Cos we've been cut by Mulronev,  
But we're marching along,  
Singing NAC's song, side by side.

In this next election  
We make sure the Tories will fall.  
And we know we can rely on  
Everyone in this hall.

*Chorus:* Oh, we've got a balanced budget  
We didn't lie or fudge it.  
If "Maz" wants to know how,  
We'll show him right now, line by line.

When it comes to priorities  
We know where it's at.  
It's not a helicopter,  
It's a child care pact.

*Chorus:* Oh, governments spend zillions,  
But NAC can change the world with millions.  
Against the vampire right,  
Stand up and fight, side by side.



### Women for Equality: A Short History

Jennifer Howard & Paula Mallea

In 1987, a group of women met for coffee in Crystal City, MB, to talk about the potential impact of the Meech Lake Accord on women's equality rights. From this seed grew the Westman Coalition for Equality Rights in the Meech Lake Accord, a coalition of women from all walks of life and political persuasions, but with one objective in common--that women's equality rights should not be eroded by constitutional change.

The three year battle over the Meech Lake Accord resulted in its defeat in the Legislatures of Newfoundland and Manitoba. Those three years also saw the forging of a powerful network of like-

minded women from coast to coast. For Brandon and rural Manitoba, it meant a new commitment to the promotion of women's equality rights and the defense of our very limited gains under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Meech Lake Accord was no sooner dead than the government resurrected its constitutional agenda in the Charlottetown Accord. A swift change of name (to the Westman Coalition for Equality Rights in the Canadian Constitution), and the Westman Coalition was off and running again. As before, the Coalition continued to disseminate information on the new constitutional proposals, and to educate the people of Greater Manitoba (outside Winnipeg) as to the ramifications of the changes. As before, the Coalition lobbied every available politician from Brian Mulronev to Joe Clark to the local representatives. As before, the Charlottetown Accord was soundly defeated.

By 1993, these women have become a closely knit group of lobbyists with skills and knowledge far beyond anything expected in 1987. More than that, the members of the group rely upon one another for support and encouragement in pursuing equality rights on a day-to-day basis. The group continues to meet regularly and to target new ideas for political lobbying.

Today, we are "Women for Equality" (WE). In preparation for the federal election, WE have already set our sights on issues which are critical for women. Chief among these is the issue of poverty and the feminization of poverty. Central to the overriding issue of poverty are the following concerns:

1. Cutbacks in areas that affect women and children, including education and training, shelters, housing, UIC assistance and health;
2. The absence of a National Child Care Program;
3. The failure of pay equity programs;
4. The effect of the Free Trade Agreement and NAFTA.

Because our members represent the whole political spectrum, WE do not target any particular political party for our lobbying efforts. Rather WE try to impress upon all politicians the importance of women's issues to the national agenda and to the well-being of our country. WE hope women of Greater Manitoba will continue to join us in this effort.

For more information contact Paula Mallea, 725-1452 or Jennifer Howard, 725-2955 in Brandon.

## New Stalking Legislation--Weak Consultation makes Weak Laws

Fiona Muldrew

Well, I hope it cost less than \$10 million but we're still not satisfied. Why didn't the government consult with women's groups, victims of stalking, front-line workers and feminist lawyers before they drafted Bill C-126? When the Justice Department held a brief information exchange with selected women's groups, all 25 unanimously said the proposed bill was flawed and required broader consultation. NAC's Brief on the Criminal Harassment (Stalking) legislation states that the bill is weak and may not help women who are harassed. They fear the government pushed the bill through with little consultation in order to make it appear that the government is doing something about violence before the federal election. NAC states that the main problem with criminal harassment and other forms of violence against women is the lack of enforcement, lack of co-ordination of agencies dealing with the issue and the under-funding of women's agencies. In the same week the government passed Bill C-126 on Criminal Harassment, Mazankowski cut funding by 20% to women's groups that are improving the status of women, "which ultimately is the solution to violence against women".(1) Enforcement and co-ordination of agencies depend on mandatory and accountable education on violence against women for the police, judges and lawyers, but, these recommendations were made long before the \$10 million panel, and the government has failed to act.

Some specific complaints about the new Criminal Harassment legislation are:

- 1) there should be a preamble to explain that the majority of victims are women, and the bill is intended to address violence against women. The bill is presently gender neutral and the legislation could be used against picketers in legitimate labour disputes. A preamble could also prevent the bill being used against women who make repeat calls to ex-husbands for child support.
- 2) the word "reasonable" should be removed from the bill since it could put the woman on trial for having to prove she has "reasonable fear" for her safety. The court case could focus on her character and try to prove that she is unreasonable.
- 3) the wording "knowing that the other person is

harassed" should be removed because it puts unnecessary emphasis on proving that the stalker knows the woman is harassed. He can easily plead ignorance or say he didn't intend to harass.

4) there should be stricter penalties for violations of court orders (restraining orders, probation, bail conditions). Repeat offenders should also be given heavier sentences.

(1) "Too Little Too Fast", NAC's Brief on Bill C-126, Criminal Harassment (Stalking)--available at the MACSW-Wpg. office.



graphic: Christie Harris

## Too Little, Too Late: The Report on Gender Equality in the Justice (sic) System Kelly Logan

*"The roots of today's legal system are male roots. Developed at a time when women could not vote, hold office, practise law or sit on juries, the law was designed to protect the interests defined as important by men and to fit the realities of men's lives. To the extent that the law took women into account at all, it did so from a male perspective." Lynn Smith, "Legal Perspectives," Vol.15, No.2, Dec., 1990.*  
*"I think that a distinctly male perspective is clearly discernible and has resulted in legal principles that are not fundamentally sound and should be revisited as and when the opportunity presents itself." Justice Bertha Wilson.*

For years now, women and feminist organizations across Canada have been naming and battling the discrimination so seemingly entrenched in our judicial system. We have fought against the prejudices and stereotypes women face in courtrooms, challenged the biased interests of the laws themselves, and demanded better services for all women, whether plaintiff or accused.

Finally, our voices were heard. In 1990, the Provincial and Territorial Attorneys General, along with then Federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell, formed a working group to confront this issue. Their report, entitled "Gender Equality in the Canadian Justice System" was released in early July.

However, while the intent of the report is promising, many aspects of it remain dubious and deserving of criticism. For starters, the report was actually completed in April of 1992, but its release was delayed for over a year (and noticeably after Campbell's leadership campaign).

Sunera Thobani, NAC President, questioned the federal government's commitment to ending this discrimination, as well as the exclusion of women's advocacy groups from the process. "As Justice Minister, Kim Campbell entertained the idea of a consultation with women's groups in order to address sexism within the Justice System. We have yet to see such a consultation materialize, and meanwhile this report has been allowed to sit on the shelf," said Thobani. She further added that the report, "only serves to reinforce the urgent need to act quickly to ensure fair treatment of women and minorities in the Justice System."

Nonetheless, the scope and aim of this paper deserves credit. Its proposals range from: the need for judges, lawyers, law students, police and correctional workers to have further education in gender issues; an acknowledgement of the link between pornography and the objectification of women in media and advertising and violence against women; to a review of the substantive laws that affect women, particularly in the areas of human rights and family law. However, while 55 of these proposals call for immediate action, the majority, 72 proposals, are only suggestions for further study.

It remains to be seen whether or not any of these proposals will be acted upon. The only commitment federal Justice Minister Pierre Blais and the other Attorneys General have made is an acceptance of the "spirit and principles of the report." **A summary of the report and NAC's comments are available at the MACSW-Wpg. office (946-5049).**

## The Never-Ending Panel of Abuse

Fiona Muldrew



They came, they heard the same old thing, they spent \$10 million. Ironically, the title of the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women report is "Changing the Landscape: Ending Violence--Achieving Equality." The only change in the landscape seems to be bigger walls around Parliament Hill so they don't hear what we're saying. The report, released in mid-July, has several good recommendations like ensuring government funding for crisis shelters, women's centres and other groups working for equality, however, the report has no teeth to implement these recommendations. Is there a never-ending echo in this country? It seems like we've heard it all before with stronger wording yet the government still cut back funding to women's centres by 20%. If the Secretary of State Women's Program received the money spent on the Panel on Violence we would have had twice the amount of federal funding to promote equality and end violence.

History repeats itself as the next federal election draws near. We hear nice phrases from the Minister for the Status of Women, Mary Collins, saying the government will "embrace the philosophy of zero tolerance." However, she refused to comment on government commitment to the report's recommendations that would actually work toward zero tolerance and equality, such as: secure funding for women's shelters, a national child care program to counter the feminization of poverty, a new federal ministry for the Status of Women to monitor government action, and reinstating the Court Challenges Program.

NAC has criticized the Panel on Violence for inadequate representation of women of colour and disabled women, the most abused in our country, on the panel. NAC also points out that spending millions on reports that say the same thing over and over again and then releasing hypocritical rhetoric before an election is government abuse and manipulation of the electorate. Get a copy of the NAC Voters' Guide (see p.15) to read about government action or non-action on violence issues and the positions of various political parties, plus good questions to ask politicians for the upcoming election.

## The Bear Clan Patrol

Interview by Doreen Wuckert with members Sharon Sky and Charlotte Daniels

### How did the Bear Clan Patrol form?

**Sharon:** It was formed in June, 1992 as a community response to personal safety issues. We surveyed residents in different areas to develop a citizens' group to deal with personal safety. The North End showed a great interest as well as the Point Douglas area.

### Whose idea was it?

**Charlotte:** The Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre decided to use the model used in Minneapolis called the AIM (American Indian Movement) Patrol or Peacemakers Patrol. Historically, Clan decision-making based on consensus was the judicial system of Aboriginal society. It is based on the need to assume responsibility for our Aboriginal community. The Bear Clan was traditionally responsible for security within a community.

### What are some of the services the Bear Clan Patrol offers?

**Sharon:** We want to be a positive community presence in the North End (Main St. to Arlington, CN tracks to Mountain Ave. & the Pt. Douglas area). We want to make our community safer and build trust by getting to know the people in the community. We patrol the streets in cars and walk the streets in groups to find out who is on the streets. By our presence we feel we have prevented a lot of violence and break-ins. We also stopped a rape in progress and supported the woman for the trial. We provide street news. We list and distribute descriptions of pedophiles trying to pick up young children and descriptions of "bad tricks" for prostitutes. We talk to kids on the street. We take them to their home or, if they don't have a place to stay, we take them to the Ma Mawi Centre. We help parents look for missing kids. Our patrol cars are all equipped with two-way radios and they report problems to our office. There has to be at least one woman in each car. Some women on the streets only trust other women. We will call 911 in an emergency, but we will not leave our cars if it's a life-threatening situation for Clan volunteers.

### How many members do you have?

**Sharon:** We now have over 70 volunteers with about 20 going out on most patrols.



Photo: Rosemary Miguez

### Who can become a volunteer of the Bear Clan Patrol?

**Charlotte:** Anyone. It's not only for Aboriginals. Anybody who is interested in community safety is welcome to be a volunteer, but she or he must follow our rules. Volunteers are screened by the Bear Clan Committee and are on probation for 30 days. Adolescents are also a part of the Bear Clan Patrol since there are problems with youth in this area, but they can never leave the car if on patrol. It's a positive way for youth to help out their community and feel like they belong.

### Are the police in favour of the Bear Clan Patrol idea?

**Sharon:** Yes. We help them. We are not vigilantes. They see us as a credible, well organized alternative. We work with the police but not too closely, because we also monitor the police regarding arrests and police brutality.

### Who makes the decisions for the Bear Clan?

**Charlotte:** There are 7 women and 5 men on the Committee. Historically, the Clan system has always been based on a matriarchy. Women come first because they are the givers of life. The women guide the men to bring peace, love and harmony to the community.

### Are you getting any funding?

**Charlotte:** Some funds come from the Ma Mawi Centre. For the rest we rely on donations.

### If people did want to send donations where would they send them?

**Sharon:** You could send donations to: Ernest Daniels, Bear Clan Representative, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, 220 Andrews St., Wpg., R2W 4X9.

**How can people find out more about the Bear Clan Patrol, or volunteer?**

**Charlotte:** They can call our office, Friday and Saturday evenings at 949-0471 or The Ma Mawi Centre during the week at 589-8301. The Bear Clan at present operates the patrol on Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. - 3 a.m., with a second shift from 3 - 5 a.m. Sometimes we have patrols that go out on weeknights when welfare, family allowance or GST cheques are released because there seems to be more violence then--fighting over control of the money. Our new office is at the new Aboriginal Centre in the CN Station, 181 Higgins at Main St.

**Update:** Recent headlines in the Winnipeg Sun have championed the cause of an anonymous source who said some Bear Clan members are working for pimps to protect prostitutes. Bear Clan leaders think that this anonymous source is probably an ex-Bear Clan member who was asked to leave the Patrol for inappropriate behaviour and is now seeking to destroy the Patrol's credibility in revenge. Women who are members of the Bear Clan would not tolerate some men with macho attitudes--some men wanted to carry weapons which is not allowed by the Bear Clan. Sharon Sky explained, "sometimes men start taking over and acting like cowboys and women have wanted a balance to keep the male egos in check." Several members have been asked to leave the Bear Clan in the last month after discussions with the Bear Clan and no improvement in their behaviour. The allegations against the Bear Clan in the media perpetuate the continual discrediting of people of colour with little or no proof. Do we see the same unsubstantiated publicity for white-collar crimes or government corruption? The Bear Clan met with the Chief of Police, Dale Henry, in mid-August and they are open to any investigations the police want to do around the allegations. Meanwhile, the positive work that the Bear Clan does and their openness to investigation gets NO coverage in the mainstream press. Sharon said, "The Winnipeg Sun has a reputation for being a sensational tabloid...the media can plant an idea in your head with little information but it's up to the public to make up their own mind."

Photo: Rosemary Miguez



Bear Clan members

### **From Sambo's to Winona's: Poetic Justice** Fiona Muldrew

Winona is a poet, an artist with a good sense of humour, and the inspiration for a new lesbian-owned cappuccino/gelati bar at the belly-button of the "Granola Belt"--761 Westminster Ave. at Chestnut. "Winona can be anything to anybody" explained Noreen Stevens, cartoonist, graphic artist and now co-restauranteur, with Sheila Spence and Margot Charlton at **Winona's Coffee and Ice**. The idea for Winona's began when Sambo's Pizza closed down in Jan., 1993. Noreen and Sheila talked about what the area needed--a Green Grocer or a cappuccino bar and the greater need won out. They were both in a Banff Centre for the Arts residency called "Community" with community-based artists from across Canada. Noreen describes Banff as "an insular place--the rest of the world recedes from you...When I got there I was looking for a solitary moment in a place full of people...after a while I enjoyed it. The prospect of living and working alone didn't feel good. I wanted to bring part of the Banff experience home and create a meeting place that was part of the community."

So they did. Since their opening in mid-July, Winona's has been bopping with people, of all walks and ages, meeting, mixing between tables, re-caffeinating and munching on delicious food and ice. "It isn't a place to quietly read a book" understates Noreen. The non-smoking atmosphere, caffeine,

desserts, good wholesome food and a lesbian/gay friendly space are all big draws in the Wolseley area, which is already community-focussed, secretly addicted to white sugar, and fondly known as the "lesbian ghetto." It's great to see babies, moms, youth and elders in the restaurant all at the same time. Noreen says "It has a kid-feel to the place--they like the colours." Noreen painted all the chairs and tables in bright original designs and the art on the walls is also big, bright and bold.

"I don't want to exclude anyone, but, I want lesbians and gays to feel safe here." says Noreen.

Photo: Clare Thomas



"If someone is making homophobic comments we won't take the customer's-always-right attitude."

Other co-conspirators at Winona's: **Sandra Conway**--veggies, edible flowers and soups; **Salwa Farid**--hummous, babaganough & lentil soup; **Susan Turner**--desserts; **Dale Kwamsoos**--soups; **Nucci's**--gelati (Italian ice-cream); **Tall Grass Prairie Bread Co.**--bread & cinnamon buns.

Winona's is open 11 a.m. - midnight, Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m. - midnight on Sat. & Sun. They're also open to feedback. A future goal is to have outdoor seating so more of the community can drop in. For more info phone Winona's at 775-2588.

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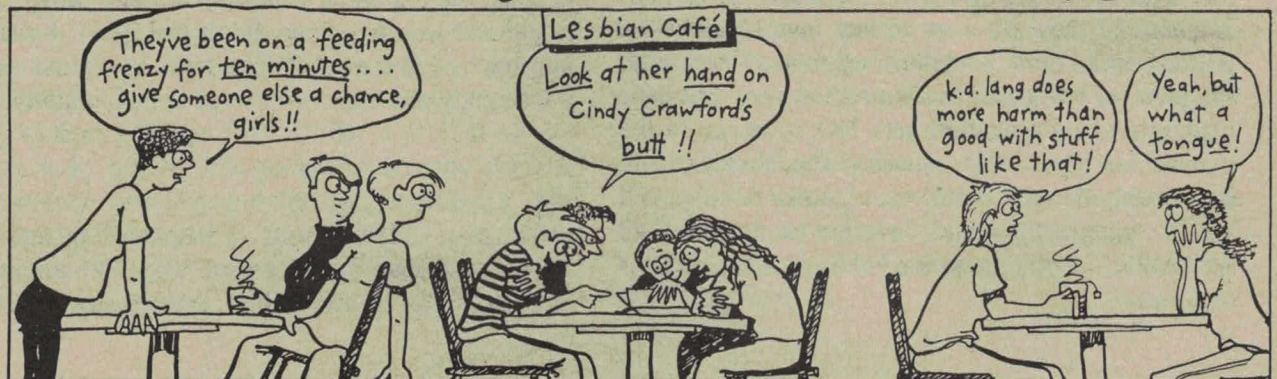
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## THE CH@SEN FAMILY

by Noreen Stevens



That which distinguishes a lesbian café...





## News

**NAC's new President, Sunera Thobani** is coming to Winnipeg, Sept. 30 for a MACSW event (stay tuned for details) & Oct. 1 & 2 for a conference on the Deficit Myth, entitled "Is the Sky Really Falling?", organized by CHOICES. They are asking for help to raise the \$1500 speaking fee (this is how the NAC President pays her salary). **Please donate** so we can hear Sunera's pre-election words of wisdom. Ms. Thobani is already scheduled to speak at the U of W on Oct. 1 and at the deficit conference Oct. 2. MACSW is arranging something with women's groups and Sunera on Thurs., Sept. 30. Pretty please, **make generous cheques out to MACSW re Sunera Thobani** as soon as possible and mail to our new place: 702-70 Arthur St., Winnipeg, MB, R3B 1G7. For more info ph. 453-3879.

"Is the Sky Really Falling?" conference on the deficit, FREE or low-cost, (tentative schedule):

Fri., Oct. 1, 7 p.m., Debate on the Debt/Deficit, Harold Chorney and William Mackness;

Sat., Oct. 2, 9 a.m., Keynote: Neil Brooks, "Tax Reform"

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., workshops including: Greg Selinger & Sunera Thobani, The Erosion of Social Programs; The Context of the Debt; Threats to Medicare; Trade Deals and Debt; and How to Construct Alternative Budgets.

12:30 - 1:30, Luncheon with Sunera Thobani, President of NAC, "NAC's Federal Election Strategy"

1:30-3:30, Leaders of the 5 Political Parties or their representatives discuss the debt

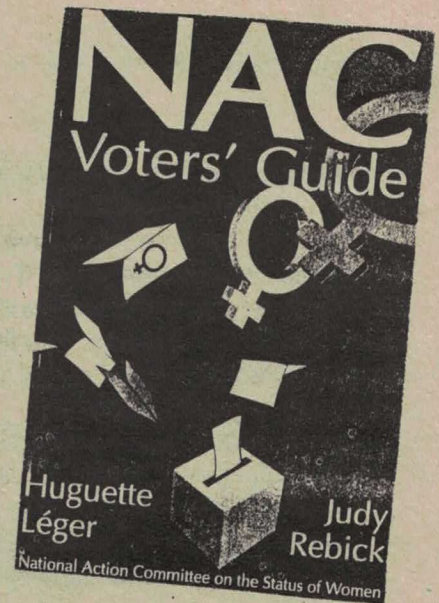
3:30-4:30, response from Sunera Thobani, NFU rep and Larry Brown: how to deal with debt mindset.

**For more info ph. CHOICES at 944-9408.**

**Take Back the Night: Winnipeg, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.,** meet in front of the Legislature, bring noisemakers! Social to follow at the West End Cultural Centre (now wheelchair accessible). Entertainment: The Welfare Starlets. Sign language available for rally and social. To volunteer or get more info ph. 774-1685. Register for Child Care before Sept. 10 at 946-5049.



**Sunera Thobani**



Buy your very own **NAC Voters' Guide** produced by the National Action Committee on the Status of Women to help you sort out where the major federal parties stand on important issues for the next federal election. The guide includes topics such as: child care, economic equality, Free Trade, poverty, violence against women, social programs, health, taxation, women in politics and questions for the candidates. Guides are \$4.95 and are available at your local Branch and better book stores near you.

NAC has also produced the **Great Debate postcard series** enclosed with your newsletter. Please send them in to the three major political party leaders to ask for a TV debate on issues important to women before the federal election. To order more postcards call NAC's toll-free number: 1-800-665-5124.

**Richard Carter**, the U of M Professor who was charged with sexually abusing his step-daughter, was fired from the U of M in late July. MACSW helped to publicize his sentencing in late April. He will probably be eligible for parole in October, 1993.

The Winnipeg Film Group presents **Re-Visions: Winnipeg Women's Film & Video Festival**, Oct.29-Nov.7, Cinematheque, Artspace, 100 Arthur St. The festival will celebrate and promote the participation of women in film by exhibiting Canada's most extraordinary work, conducting lectures & workshops, providing networking opportunities for the community and facilitating critical dialogue. Over 30 films & videos will be shown including many local works. For more information phone Laura at 942-6795.

## Announcements

Sept. 3, 5:30 p.m., **Save Clayoquot Sound Demonstration**, Winnipeg Train Station, Main & Broadway. Support the cross-Canada caravan to end clearcutting of old growth forests on Vancouver Island. Ph. Hendrick, Friends of Nopiming 261-3764

A **Poverty Advisory/Action Group** has just formed in Winnipeg to prepare for a Poverty Awareness Week in January of 1994. In anticipation of more draconian budget cuts, MACSW has joined this community coalition in hopes of doing public education, street theatre and other events to raise the real issues of poverty and government brain-poverty. More input is welcome! For more info phone Michelle at 986-5071 or MACSW at 453-3879.

"Not Vanishing", the only Aboriginal women's radio show in Canada, is in peril of vanishing from CKJS radio waves. It costs \$1,000 per month to buy airtime and they are out of funds. Please make a tax-deductible donation so they can keep producing great shows on issues important to Aboriginal women. "Not Vanishing" airs every Sunday, 9-10 p.m., 810 on the AM dial. Send cheques to The Original Women's Network, P.O.Box 232, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 0J8, ph. 942-2711.

**Outdoor Women's Network:** Sept. 4-6, Long weekend paddle in Nopiming Provincial Park, last chance to swim with the loons & say good-bye to summer, ph. Monique 284-2596; Sept. 19, **Hike the Hunt Lake Trail**--enjoy the rich fall colours (varied terrain in the Whiteshell). Ph. Laurie 772-3931.

**International Campaign for the Innu & the Earth--October 30**, various public events are planned across Canada to protest low-level military flights on Innu land in Labrador, ph. Peace Alliance 261-9006.

The **Coalition for the Education & Training of Women** addresses issues of women's equal access to education, training and employment such as the effects of cancelled student bursaries for women who are single parents, disabled, Aboriginal, a woman of colour or low-income. Their next meeting is Sept. 23, 1:30-4 p.m., Children's Home of Wpg., 4th fl., 777 Portage Ave., everyone welcome.

The **World Food Day (Oct. 16) Association of Canada (WFDAC)** is starting a community-based initiative called the "Food Security Watch", to involve Canadians in learning about food security issues & building food security in their own community. WFDAC includes over 200 groups concerned about food and hunger issues in Canada and the Developing World. WFDAC will provide tools to help participants assess the nature of food insecurity in their community, analyze the causes and take action. If interested contact Marny Fyfe, Provincial Coordinator, WFDAC, c/o 60 Maryland St., Wpg., MB, R3G 1K7, ph. 786-2106.

**Ms. Purdy's Women's Bar** has moved back to its original location at 226 Main St. with a very purple paint job and funky mirrors.

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## Calendar of Events - SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Community Coalition for Fair Trade**, mtgs. every second Thurs., 5:30-6:30 p.m., Rm. 2C16, U of Wpg. Join this action-oriented committee to defeat NAFTA, ph. Kristine Barr, 786-9788.
- 5 **Gay/Lesbian Resource Centre's 20th Anniversary Social**, 9 p.m., Union Station, Wpg., Tickets \$12 at the clubs, the Resource Centre & at the door. Complimentary buffet included.
- 9 **Parkland Status of Women welcome Women for Equality**, 6 p.m. Potluck, 7-10 p.m., What Women Want: A Political Empowerment Workshop, 115 1st St. SW, Dauphin, ph. 638-3599.
- 9 **Women & Words** writing group meets for the first time this season at 7:30 p.m., for info and location ph. Pat, 488-0988. New writers welcome.
- 9-10 **Workshop: Working with survivors of child sexual abuse**, 73 Arlington St., Wpg., 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$75. Call Sally Papso at 772-2504 for more info.
- 10,11 **Leisure Opportunities Weekend**, TACSW & Community Displays, Thompson City Centre Mall, 9-5 p.m.
- 11 **"Last Call at Maud's"**, documentary on the longest lasting lesbian bar in San Fran, 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., Planetarium Auditorium, Wpg., \$5/\$4, ph. Gay/Lesbian Res. Ctr. 284-5208.
- 13 **MACSW Winnipeg Potluck & Long Term Planning Meeting**, 6 p.m., at our NEW OFFICE, 702-70 Arthur St. at McDermot, ph. 453-3879.
- 16 **Community Coalition for Fair Trade Meeting**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 2C16, U of W, ph. 786-9788.
- 17 **Take Back the Night March - Brandon**, 7:30 p.m., Mingling Area, Knowles Douglas Students' Union Centre, Brandon Univ. Call 725-2955 for info, to volunteer, or to arrange childcare.
- 17 **Take Back the Night March - Thompson**, ph. TACSW, 778-8549 for details.
- 18 **Take Back the Night March & Presentation by AMAC (Adults Molested as Children)**, Dauphin, ph. Parkland Status of Women for info, 638-3599.
- 18 **Take Back the Night March - Winnipeg**, 7 p.m. in front of the Legislative Bldgs., see p.15 .
- 21 **Brandon Branch Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. at office (202-107 7th St.) Plans for the upcoming year.
- 23-25 **Realities, Challenges, Choices: conference on chemical abuse & family health**, ph. 944-6260.
- 25&26 **MACSW Provincial Coordinating Committee Meeting--Dauphin**, ph. your local Branch.
- 29-Oct.1 **Family Violence Workshop** - Call Sally Papso at 772-2504 for more info.
- 30 **Community Coalition for Fair Trade Mtg**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 2C16, UofW, ph. 786-9788.
- 30-Oct.2 **Sunera Thobani, NAC President in Winnipeg**, see p.15 for info.

