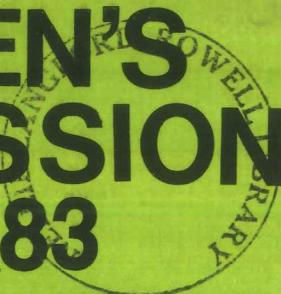


WOMEN'S COMMISSION 1982-83

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The Women's Commission is the newest of the seven commissions of the Students' Administrative Council established in 1974-1975. The Women's Commission has a mandate to:

- 1) recommend policy concerning women's affairs within the University community and community at large;*
- 2) disseminate information on issues that concern women at the University of Toronto;*
- 3) conduct research into areas that are identified as potentially affecting the status of women at the University of Toronto;*
- 4) influence decisions made in the community and/or on campus regarding women's issues;*
- 5) encourage women to participate actively in student and university governments.*

The Commission is made up of the Women's Commissioner, Gilaine Funnell, and members of the University of Toronto community. We meet on a regular basis to examine issues from a feminist perspective.

Whether you're just interested in learning about the issues or are planning to become actively involved in our group, give us a call at 978-4911.



THIS YEAR'S PROJECTS

1) FALL AND SPRING CAMPAIGNS

Once again this year, the Women's Commission will be presenting two major campaigns. For the Fall Campaign we have slated a number of events dealing with a variety of women's issues: streaming in education, the image of women in the media, sexual harassment, women in politics, and a workshop on women in the workforce, as well as a one woman show starring Vinie Burrows.

Plans are in the works for a Spring Campaign; our focus is women's culture, feminist, lesbian, ethnic etc. We welcome all suggestions.

2) SELF-DEFENSE

The Commission is offering women's self-defense courses this year. Two classes are being held in the fall term and (demand permitting) two classes in the spring. These classes are subsidized by the Commission.

The Commission would recommend these classes as they are a step in the prevention of sexual attacks. The classes help to build your confidence as well as teach you various techniques that could be employed to deal with a would-be attacker.

3) RADIO

The Women's Commission is initiating a half hour weekly radio show about women to be aired by (CJUT) U of T radio. Anyone interested in researching or helping to plan shows, which will include music, poetry, interviews with women in various fields and discussions of women's issues, can contact SAC or leave an application at CJUT.

4) NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

The Women's Commission is soliciting articles from the campus population to be submitted to the Varsity. We encourage anyone interested in writing on any issue or event of special concern to women to contact us.

ONGOING PROJECTS

1) SEXUAL HARASSMENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The Women's Commission has been involved in researching the problem of sexual harassment on campus and is committed to the establishment of an effective grievance procedure. Towards this end a coalition has been established and is composed of students, staff and faculty.

2) WOMEN'S CENTRE PROJECT

An ongoing concern that the Commission will be working towards again this year is that of establishing a women's centre on campus. This centre would house and bring together the many women's groups on campus with the possibility of including other faculties, ie. daycare.

3) DAYCARE

The Women's Commission continues to participate in the Ontario Coalition for Daycare, and efforts to lobby the government to increase daycare facilities. The administration will also be pressed to establish daycare facilities on campus.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, the Women's Commission will be sponsoring a number of events on other issues. Along with this, we are hoping to sponsor women's social events.

We encourage interested members of the University of Toronto community to join in to establish greater communication and awareness of women's concerns.

SERVICES

- 1) *University Health Services*
256 Huron Street
Women's Division 978-2456

- 2) *Sexual Education Centre*
- on Devonshire, small hut between Admission's Office
and Daycare Centre
978-3977

Scarborough
1265 Military Trail, Room S-2-12-C.
284-3160

Erindale
828-5261

- 3) *Women's Studies - New College*
978-5404

- 4) *New College Library - Classics Ave.*
- collection of women's studies literature

- 5) *Daycare Centers*
Campus Community Co-op - 315 Bloor W. 979-2133
- 12 Sussex Ave. 598-3169
- Devonshire Place
Margaret Fletcher - Devonshire Place

- 6) *Legal Aid Centre*
44 St. George St.
978-6447

- 7) *Women's Newsmagazine*
44 St. George St.
978-4911

- 8) *University of Toronto Women's Coalition*
978-4903

- 9) *Gays and Lesbians of U. of T.*
Alexandra Henriques 924-6474

- 10) *University of Toronto SAC Women's Commission*
12 Hart House Circle 978-4911