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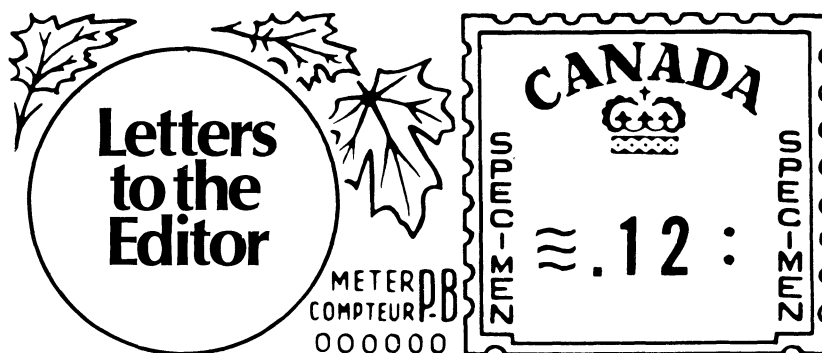
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This week Brampton Women's Centre, in its efforts to become registered as a charitable organization, signed a pledge to the effect that 'its endeavours will not include activities of a political nature'.

Brampton Women's Centre has operated a drop-in centre and an information and referral service and has offered courses and programs in Brampton since October 1975. It has been funded with a grant from the Secretary of State. This grant has now ended, and Brampton Women's Centre will soon be dependent on private donations.

Brampton Women's Centre had applied several months ago for recognition from the Department of National Revenue, Taxation, as a charitable organization in order to have the benefit of tax-deductible donations. Their application met with some difficulty because in their constitution they stated that one of the objects of Brampton Women's Centre was 'to act as an advocate for the rights of women'. The Department of National Revenue expressed concern that this was a political statement and would detract from the use of the resources of Brampton Women's Centre for charitable purposes. Under the regulations of the Department of National Revenue a charitable organization can have a secondary purpose that is political, but it cannot devote any of its resources to the achievement of that political purpose. However, a charitable organization is allowed to educate the public in areas of its expertise.

The members of Brampton Women's Centre recognize that none of its present activities would be curtailed by the terms of this pledge. It was decided that it is preferable to maintain the existence of Brampton Women's Centre in its present form rather than risk financial collapse in order to aspire to do things that it has not yet attempted.

In a month's time Brampton Women's Centre should be notified by the Department of National Revenue whether or not its application for charitable status has been successful.

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The Collective, Brampton Women's Centre

Women's Studies is slowly becoming an area of great importance to women teachers. However, students who are taking Women's Studies as their major in a degree program soon become aware that this major is not considered acceptable by the Qualifications Evaluation Council of Ontario.

An important social and educational change is occurring within the educational system, and Women's Studies courses are a vital part of this change. But this Council seems oblivious to this. This change of direction places its emphasis on people, not on things, and on ability, not on sex. Our young people should be given the opportunity to be accepted as individuals who will be able to move from the educational world into the workforce, without being slotted for positions that are predetermined by sex-role stereotyping.

If we are as concerned as we seem to indicate by the efforts being made at the elementary-school level to remove sex roles and stereotyping from the schools, let us also make efforts to remove it at the adult educational level, beginning in Ontario with the Qualifications Evaluation Council of Ontario. Obviously, in this Council, the outdated idea of 'women's role' is still firmly in place.

In addition to this, why is it that Women's Studies programs, instead of being encouraged and expanded by our Universities, are among the first programs to be considered for elimination when cutbacks occur.

Surely a program of study that is concerned with the daily fibre of our society should not be so readily eliminated. This, in turn, frees *both* women and men from rigid sex-role stereotypes. Women's Studies programs must be supported. We must insist on their acceptance as accredited degree majors by QECO which makes decisions daily that are of concern to the women teachers of Ontario and their progress in their chosen profession.

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I think this picture is worth a thousand words.

We may be teaching women's studies and trying to open up new horizons for young women but this is the reality — June, 1978 in Toronto. Woodbine Junior High is a school with many ethnic and racial groups — such a 'beauty parade' is racist as well as sexist!

I hope this new magazine can help to eradicate this type of activity in our schools.

Sincerely,

Jean Glazier, Toronto.

## Woodbine Beauty Parade

The Yearbook Staff had to look back and forth through so many photographs that to enliven the proceedings a beauty parade was organised by them, and here is part of the parade.

