



# Campus Women



By Ella Holt

This week on campus The first Brown Bag Luncheon to discuss research on Gender Issues was held in Dalton Hall Friday September 28, 1990.

A significant number of departments were represented including, Psychology, Philosophy, History, Sociology, Economics, and Religious Studies. It was decided a strong interest in gender issues does exist at this university among both students and faculty. The proposed format for biweekly luncheons is to discuss one previously selected topic and leave time for open discussion of other gender issues or current events. Students were encouraged to bring questions to the meetings for discussion. With the anticipation the group could provide a network of information on research issues. This is a unique opportunity for students and faculty to share information, offer support and discuss. Common concerns. Congratulations to the organizing committee. Good Luck in the Future.

The Home Economics department was pleased to present a lecture on Home Economics and Feminism by Patricia J. Thompson author of Home Economics and Feminism. Monday October 1, 1990.

Dr. Thompson indicated in an interview she is currently a full professor at Lehman College, City University, New York City, New York, teaching Home Economics and Education guidance. Her purpose in giving this seminar was to reintroduce her philosophical position of Home Economics. She stated Home Economics is radical because it stands outside patriarchal institutions. A central point within Home Economics is experience. We operate in two independent but socially connected systems of action. The HESTIAN which revolves around the family and the private domain and the HERMEAN which is the public patriarchal system. She puts forth the idea the Hestian is the primary system constructed to protect and preserve the species in its struggle for survival. Men and women currently

and historically operate in both systems of action. Traditional philosophy forces us to dis step women while feminist philosophies do not do not the Home Economics Hestian. Hermean model is outside traditional thought and as such offers a refreshing feminist perspective in Home Economics.

Our feature article this week comes from the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

## Calendar of Events

Gender Issues

Brown Bag Lunch October 13, 1990

12:30-1:30 Dalton Hall Dining Room

Topic: Violence against Women.

## Quote of the Week

Who helps women? Women help themselves!  
Author Unknown.

## *Plans For Island-Wide Information Campaign On New Reproductive Technology Underway*

The Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies has scheduled its hearings in Charlottetown for October 16th and the Advisory Council on the Status of Women wants to be sure that the Island voice is heard. To this end, the Advisory Council, as a member of the P.E.I. Ad Hoc Committee on New Reproductive Technologies and the UPEI Students' Union have plans underway that would provide Islanders the opportunity to hear the latest information available on the topic from experts representing provincial and national perspectives, as well as an opportunity to discuss their views on areas involving New Reproductive Technology (NRT).