

McTeer impresses

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With conviction and articulation Maureen McTeer addressed the Progressive Conservative Women's Association Friday at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

McTeer's speech was one any feminist could relate to and agree with. She also brought up several points most New Brunswick residents could understand. In fact, Ms. McTeer analogized women and this province as both being have-not facets of the Canadian culture. She said the two face similar problems and challenges. The problems include an initial lack of opportunity when Canada was an infant nation, and a present lack of respect from the more powerful entities - Toronto and men. The challenge is to help initiate an identity of and respect for the differences among us, to become secure Canadians as a people who can rejoice in these differences, not fear them.

New Brunswick was not given much further mention as Ms. McTeer proceeded to concentrate on the topic more relevant to her circumstances, the status of women and the role of the Tory Party in improving this status.

In the past, women were treated as passive individuals with no valuable input to add to the vital components of society. Women filled a secondary supportive role in the political process, said McTeer. Yet society today is far from ideal. We confuse health



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with medicine, justice with the law. More female inputs is required to correct these erroneous assumptions. Women must play an active role. Ms. McTeer spoke for all women when she said that we must acknowledge our past without becoming trapped in it. Instead of defeatism, we must face the future with a bold spirit of activism.

By the 21 century, McTeer said she predicts men and women will be on an equal footing. However, equal does not mean identical. She stressed that we must be aware of and respect the differences between the sexes. Society requires a fair mixture of these

differences which McTeer said she feels is not in existence now. Women must fight to gain a stronger voice in Canadian politics among other outlets.

Ms. McTeer spoke in support of the PC Party. She said it was the only true national party in Canada, as it acknowledges and respects the many differences inherent in its mosaic culture. Regional, racial, sex, age, class differences. The Tory party, she said, is an expression of the essential nature of our country. It gave and continues to give more attention to women's movements and the discrimination against aggressive women.

McTeer identified a major problem of the Conservatives. That is the image they appear to portray to Canada's youth. Young people seem to identify the Tories as a party of the past, with a blind eye to the future and Canada's future generations. She attempted to discredit the view by using examples of PC projects such as the proposed mortgage tax cuts, and

research programs for a healthier tomorrow.

The Progressive Conservative Party and women face a similar challenge, McTeer concluded. Both

must eradicate these misconceptions of the past, and commit

themselves to working for an equitable Canadian future.

CUNSA to meet this weekend

Atlantic C.U.N.S.A. Conference will be held here at UNB this weekend. This evening, University Nursing students from Atlantic Canada will arrive on the university campus for their one day conference, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. All nursing students and faculty from UNB are welcome to attend and participate in the weekend events at McLaggan Hall, Room 102C ("pumpkin room") on the second floor.

0800 - Video film "Influence" about nurses and their movement in politics.

0945 - Break, coffee and donuts.
1000 - Shirley McLeod President

of ARCAUSN

1100 - Constitution

1200 - Lunch provided in Nursing Lounge.

1300 - General discussion on CUNSA

1330 - Bonnie Hoyt President NBARN

1430 - Break: Coffee and donuts

1500 - Dean Leckie, Faculty of Nursing

1600 - General discussion

1700 - Closing

Complimentary tickets to various clubs will be given out to our guests for Friday and Saturday evening entertainment.

See you at the conference!

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through tomorrow reeking of regrets? Alcohol is a relaxant. It frees us of inhibitions, removes the binding social norms that we obey so rigidly when sober. To desire such a release makes one wonder just how much intimidating pressure is pulling our strings of conformity. Are we that uncomfortable with the norms we have created and follow, trapped in a self-made hole? I sincerely hope we will not dig ourselves into an era of total decadence and fear of individuality. It is said history repeats itself. Have you heard about the fall of the Roman Empire?

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