

# Lifestyles

## Engineering In The Fast Lane

By Gayle Greenwald

This article is for the benefit of all you severely unfortunate male engineers, especially now that you seniors are busy thinking about who you're going to get to write up your resume. I know you all feel you are getting a raw deal because you are not a woman and therefore are not eligible for the quota system and its assorted high salaries and executive positions. Just to boost your morale a little, I'm going to give you a peek at what life is like as a female in engineering.

My first taste of engineering came when I was talked into Civil Engineering curriculum by my advisor with the old carrot-on-a-stick, "you'll be the only girl in the class!" He was right, and I not only survived the first year, I kind of liked it. During that time, I took a part-time job with a consulting firm as a draftsman. My boss cheerfully greeted me on my first day with "I tried my damndest never to get

a woman in this office." When I wasn't busy answering the telephone and keeping the wives and girlfriends straight, I was given important (ha-ha) drafting assignments.

That summer I took a step up in the world and landed a responsible job with the state, even though the recruiter informed me I was ineligible because I could not share a motel room if I went out in the field (says who?). I even got out in the field (no one had to share a room) and made public presentations on alternative water supplies. Before I spoke at one of the meetings, I was pulled to the side by an engineer in attendance and given the wise advice, "Coffee - cream and sugar."

And what about my roommate, who when she attended an engineering conference with her class was directed to the activity program for the wives?

Here's another one: early in their term I sat in on one of Mr.

Brey's courses. In order to launch into one of his famous jokes, he introduced me to the class as his fiance. I have not had a date since.

And just to show you how bad things are on this campus, read on. Recently I attended a kegger where some dude from Church hall tried to pick me up with the line "Where are you from? I know you're not from here 'cause all the girls on this campus are dogs!" After that complimentary remark he suavely announced that he was in "engineering," which he said with such aplomb that at first I suspected him of being responsible for Hooke's Law.

Get the picture? By the way, I'd like to retract my statement in my last article (Nov. 9, 1978: Guide To Engineers) about the transportation students. Replace it with, "those students having the worst sense of humor."

Next term: Sample EIT Questions.

## Prof Ends Sabatical

By Susan Girolami

Dr. Maurice Payette, Adjunct Professor of Social Science at Capitol Campus will swear by the sign leading into the campus that says "Welcome to The Pennsylvania State University" because warmth and welcome are what he felt ever since he has gotten here in September.

Dr. Payette has been on sabbatical from Quebec's University of Sherbrooke, where he is chairman of the psychology department. His goal has been to familiarize himself with community psychology and introduce it to Sherbrooke when he returns December first.

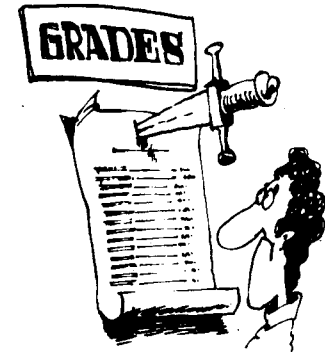
In a recent interview, Dr. Payette said he felt that the campus was very helpful to him in obtaining his goal. He describes the way in which the campus was helpful as "stimulating."

Dr. Payette was very satisfied with the educational environment, the practical concern of the people and especially the library facilities. He said, "The library had an extensive spectrum of publications in the field."

When asked what the major accomplishment he will take back to Sherbrooke with him Dr. Payette replied, "Structure of the train-

ing program and to introduce the community approach." He has found it a very rewarding experience both with the faculty he met, the courses he took and what he has observed.

The only regret Dr. Payette said that he had was that he would liked to have made more contacts with the professors and was sorry there wasn't enough time.



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