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Campus Police should include women

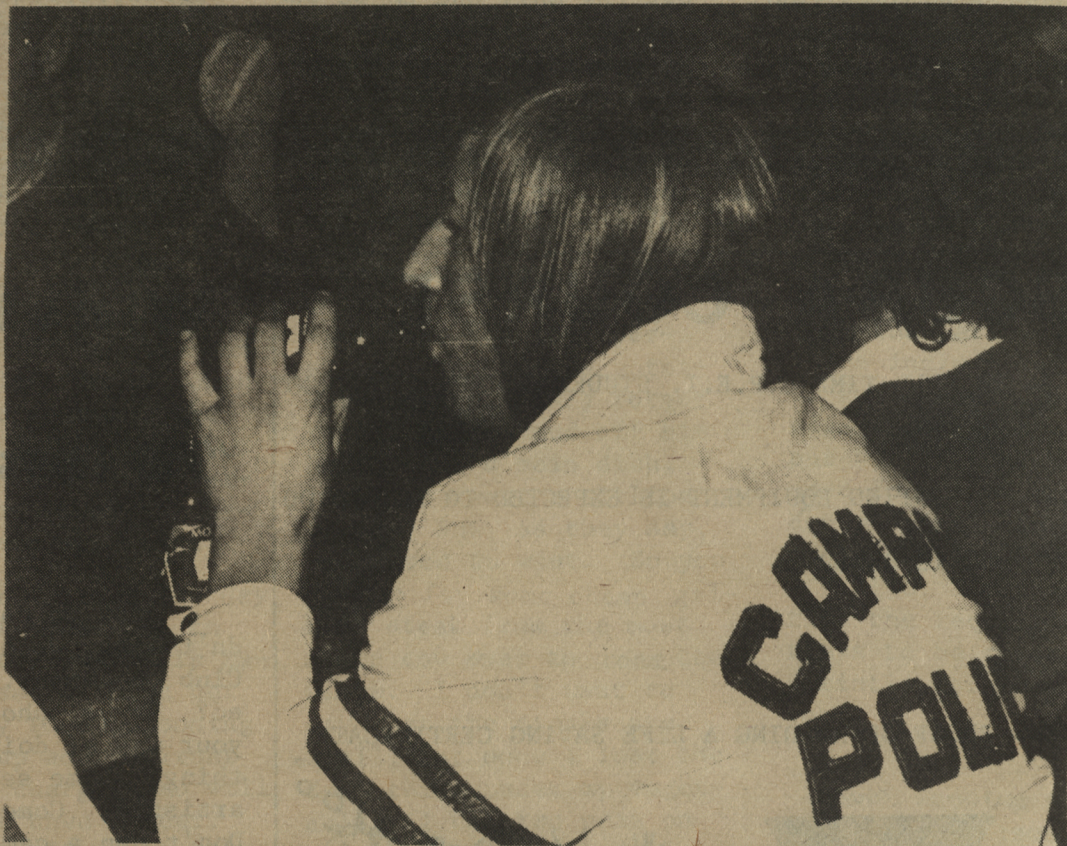
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Why doesn't UPEI have women campus police? This year campus police have been approached by females asking about women's roles on the campus police force and were literally laughed at. Actually it isn't a funny matter, other campuses across Canada including the Maritimes have women in this position. Dal. for instance employs women if only a few, who have the same powers as the men.

This is not a matter of women's liberation but of equal rights on campus. Women are capable of filling this role in a competent and mature manner which is more than you can say for some male campus police.

I had the chance to speak with people on campus including campus police members, Security director, SU members and our new Business Manager, Mr. Place. Reactions were varied but the overall views seemed favourable. Some asked "Why" well why not? Mr. McLeod Director of Security stated "Men are trained but do not have some of women's technique in the field."

It could prove embarrassing for a policeman and for that matter the girls involved, if a disturbance started in the ladies wash-room and authority was need-



ed. People seem to think in terms of men causing all the hassles, but this is not always the case.

Mr. McLeod mentioned that a lot of items are lost or taken at dances, particularly around crowded areas of the women's wash-rooms. Women campus police can be an asset to have on the force.

A comment made by one member of our campus police staff was that he could not accept women as substitutes for men but as addition to the force he could accept them. If six males are working at a Pig'an'Whistle

two more pair of female eyes watching over certain areas would be a great help.

Females have the capability of checking I.D.'s collecting beer bottles and standing authoritatively at a door or window. Even Security police in Canada have hired women who work on the same shift basis as the men.

We realize it would take some getting used to, but give us a chance. As Mr. McLeod put it " Student Union should have a valuable look at it and uniform them."

- Kathy Roach

