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## Mary Rowe on Sexism

obstacles of sexism that confront women in universities such as MIT was the subject for a re the Special Assistant to the the Special Assistant to the President and Chancellor for Women in Work. She began by tiny grains of sand which col tiny grains of sand which col turn and of the trivial aspects of sexism that taken together act as barriers to equality be tween men and women. Various problems, sexist in nature, work differentially in creating unique difficulties for women in educational institutions. The case study, the experiences of an imaginary Margaret McIntyre, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Worcestershire University, is an illustration of the frequent demeaning occurences involving a female administrator. The incidents of the account, however, are all real, taken from the lives of women in educational institutions in New England in 1973.
SATURN'S RINGS
In my job I find a problem which does not lend itself to leal redress or even to improve ment in time of economic pro mise, and which occurs with humane of institutions. The minutiae of sexism appear to me a major problem for women in ducational institutions. The problem is formidable not least because of the pettiness of the individual events involved, and
formidable because there are no
ndividual solutions, Saturn' ings, if one lived inside them, would appear as random en counters with dust and ice. erhaps the dust and ice would always to deserve defense lways to deserve defense eye which observes from a dis tance will see that many grains of sand taken together obscure he planet, and create formida ble barriers .

Women must themselves learn to recognize and analyze the tilted atmosphere - and cope with it. Since denial is often easier, this requirement is not lightly made. The requirement is also in some cosmic way unust; to require the victim to be in redress of grievance itself constitutes "unequal opportunity But I think there is no choice. osphere means many things means learning to discriminate between behavior from others which is supportive and ber which is not It means making isible the invisible refusing accept conscious slights, findin medical help for people who need medical help for people who nee mong men and women for each mong men and women for each done by communicating and fostering those areas where men and women stand to gain by get ting rid of sexism

And for women to do these things is particularly important. The experience of standing up for oneself and of taking responsibi ity for oneself is critical for women, many of whom have bee dependent for too long.

SAND AND ICE: A CASE STUDY Margaret McIntyre came early into the office to call a would-be transfer student she'd been trying hard to get long-distance. "This is Dr Margaret McIntyre" she said to the operator, "person" Margaret McIntyre with a call for Dr. Snow," said the operator to the student's room mate. As she waited, she thumbed through through the day's mail.
Dr. M. P. McIntyre
Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences
Worcestershire University..
Dear Sir:
We believe that a man in your distinguished position.. She dropped the form letter ino her waste basket. Another etter inviting "graduate stu dents and their wives" to a picnic. Alas - what of all the graduate students and their
husbands? A note from the Women's Association that Nomen's Association that budget could not handle locker needed for the newly-former women's crew. Women would have to dress in their rooms, have one-half mile to the ra pidly chilling rivèrbank, work out, and then run back to change before classes. O else use the men's lockersbut that just isn't thinkable. "Those poor kids," she thought. "Already they can't use the pool in prime hours, play mixed squash, get to the trainer's quarters through the men's locker room. And

Lettuce Boycott Drive on Camp

This spring and summer will prove to be very critica to the U.F.W. Therefore a stepped up campaign is being implemented to remove non-UFW lettuce from MIT dining halls. Since among high and wages are lowment is present strikes are difficult maintain and probably cannot last past this summer last past this summer. The consumer boycott of non-UFW

If the growers should succeed at breaking the UFW strikes accept "labor farmworkers to accept "abor contractor systracts signed fy the in contracts signed by the Team-
sters and allows the growers sters and allows the grower to punish those who try to organize farmworkers by refusing to hire them. Th laborers, who earn an of only \$1500 a year and have a life expectancy of only 49
ears, would be po
This week, leaflets will be passed out at Walker and passed out at Walker and
Lobdell explaining the UFW cause and urging people not to buy non-UFW lettuce.

Last year, efforts on behal of the UFW led to the posting of the UFW led to the posting lettuce was being served of lettuce was being served. Last to maintain the signs, and many people got the impres many people got the impress-
ion only UFW lettuce was bein on ony Fettuce was be perved. To help clarify the were posted the first week of the term.
The problem remains, though, that MIT continues to sell non-UFW lettuce. By doing so, MIT is making it easier for grwers to outlast the UFW strikes, and thereby is responsible for helping to decrease the chances for im provement in the lives of farmworkers. Other colleges, including Harvard, Boston University, and U. Mass. have recognized there social responsibility in this area and refuse to sell non-UFW lettuc
Eugene Brammer, head of Food Services at MIT, has stat stated that he will only be influenced by a drop in sales on days when non-UFW lettuce is being sold. While those organizing here feel that most members of the MIT commun

## EAMUI <br> 45 TEMUTER SIPPMis



Mary Rowe, Special Assistant for Women in Work somehow we need to find money to keep up. An ad leapt out at the men have them.
Margaret leafed through a new issue of her professional journal wishing she had time
her: a full-page nude with a caption "Product X doesn't lie down under pressure. Another caught her eye--a picture Viking helmet and holding a shield over her torso with the shield over her torso with the
caption "Protection for vital caption "Protection for vital parts." A familiar ripple of with anger. Time spent writ with anger. Time spent writ ing protests was time awa academic duties. Yet someone needed to point out that science and engineering jour nals would be improved by pictures of professional women rather than. . . well, what would be the word?..."prostituted women, she whispered softly to herself.
Everett Snow's roommate seemed to have forgotten the call. After ten minutes Margaret hung up. Nearly nine o'clock. If she was to get to her first meeting on time she'd have to hurry the several minutes it took to get to the nearest women's room in this formerly male institution. Funny She'd just accepted this small annoyance. Until that group of students in physics complained of five-hour exams on the third floor of Stotter Hall, where the onlights and flights and two 't permitted to and they wern per e the nearby men's rooms. Margaret pulle her stockings up smooth. This morning had been windy and the ofice were at 62, she wished she dared thear But the meeting with the everyone. No use setting the everyone. No use setting the
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farmworkers, organizing a selective boycott such as Brammer demands is a formit able task. It means making it clear to people that they shoulc not boycott all lettuce at the dining halls, just non-UFW let tuce, since, boy cotting all lettuce will not affect the relative amounts of UFW and non-UF
lettuce being sold. It also means that activities to rem means that activities to remin days when non-UFW lettuce being sold have to be letuce is on a days notic to organize ganizing a boycott is so diffi cult, tenative plans are to cir cult, tenative plans are to cition at the dining halls demanding th at MIT stop selling non-UFW lettuce. Last year, Brammer rejected a petition with 2,000 signatures on the grounds that many who signed did not patronize the dining halls. It is hoped that by collecting the signatures at the dining halls, Brammer will be satisfied that his costomers do

Currently there is a group of students working in support of the farmworkers' struggle at MIT. Anyone interested in par ticipating should come to a meeting Tues. at 9:00 PM in room 400 of the Student Center. We will discuss having a Forum here with a member of the Boston boycott committee as speaker, and will set up teams to leaflet for the Forum outside the din-
ing halls. ing halls.

The-Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh was shelled Monday by insurgent for-
ces in what was described as an act of terror directed against civilians but designed to weaken the already strained gov
ernment. Casualties exceeded even those from the "accidental" bombing of Neak Luong by an American B-52 last August. Official counts show over
150 dead and 500 wounded, 150 dead and 500 wounded,
with perhaps 5000 homeless. A town of 1000 wooden houses was completely flattened, and the area was filled with charred
bodies.

A British banker's offer of $\$ 5,5$ million,
intended to temporarily intended to temporarily
end the coal strike, has been rejected by union leaders. Acceptance of the offer, which amounts to a one-time gift of $\$ 22.50$ per miner, would
have pulled the rug out have pulled the rug out
from under the electoral plans of conservative
Prime Minister Heath, who has called a national election for Feb. 28 to break the impasse, At the
same time, however, it might have weakened the miners' bargaining po-
sition, since stocks of coal are rapidly shrinking in the cold weather and a special Pay Board
inquiry is due to begin inqui
soon.

Sovist dissident author Alexander Solzhenitsyn who was arrested Tuesday after rejecting two sum-
monses from the state monses from the state ported and stripped of his citizenship, and is currently staying at the country retreat of west German authot Heinrich Bohl. His family is still
in the Sovist Union, but authorities say that they will be allowed to join
him in exile him in exile.

A bill that would proof major-party candidates in federal election campaigns was approved last
week by the Senate Rules Committes. The measure, which is a combination
of proposals by Sens. of proposals by Sens.
Scott, Kennedy, and P would forbid such can-
didatas from receivino didatas from receiving
private funds. A similar prill passed the similar bill passed the Senate last year but
with the help
White House.

Randolph Hearst, the newspaper executive fath
er of kidnaped Patricia er orst, said yesterday that it would be impossi ble to meet the demands of the Symbionese Liberation Army, but that a counteroffer was being planned. The kidnapers
told him. Tuesday that could ransom his daughter by supplying free food to poor people throughout the state, and suggested a distribution system.
The plan would cost more than $\$ 100$ million, and provide $\$ 70$ of food per person.

The move for Senate ratification of the U.N. failed last week. The convention, adopted by
the U.N., $55-0$, was sent to Congress by pres. Tru man in 1949 . Opponents icans for genocide in
Vietnam and Korea, or
domestic racial policies

Saturn's Rings: Grains of Sand and Bits of Ice
(continued from page one) old Chairman to wondering seemed so relieved that she was married and had children when he interviewed her. There and then she'd instruct ed herself to stay in skirts. Let's see, drop by Vice Pres dent Browne's office to see his assistant Merrillee Werth for the meeting's agenda. As she came in, Dean Jones poked his head in. "Hello, "Wow!" He stope!" and then, at Merrillee's legs, "I have' Merrillee's legs. I haven he faltered, he faltered, continuing to tare as he backed out, hall ing The door closed Mer ing. The door closed. Mer Margaret "T' ve asked him over and. r to call me by my awn name, " said Merril my "and dammit, Merr skirts alot, I just haven't done s for several weeks since the weather turned cold. And what business is it of his? Margaret knew the young woman's feminism and shook her head in sympathy. She ticed a new name plate on Merrillee's desk -Mrs. Werth Merrillee?--Not Ms. Werth?" Merrillee shook her head. "Mr. Browne had it made for me. I blocked out the ' $r$ ' but he got very angry. Hey, here's the agenda. I'll be to the meeting in a moment.
Margaret hastened to the meeting room, already full of trustees, many of them
new. She felt a twinge of an ger that the new trustees wer all men but to whom could
one complain? They'd graciously thanked her for all her recomendations... She: glanced around, curious to meet Nobel Laureate Platz who had just been named, and surely that was his famous face right by the door? Platz turned to her as she came in. 'Oh good" he said, "Now we'l] get some coffee." She paused and took a breath, ignore it? get some coffee? Just then Tobert Browne came in with Merrillee Werth and began introductions. "Dr. Plaid, "Dean Smythe, he said, "Dean Smythe,
Professor Cabot, Dr. Lyman, Professor Cabot, Dr. Lyma
Dr. Margaret McIntyre. " "Oh and Merrillee. You know all the others." Mar garet just looked at Merrillee She wondered how she could bring up the matter of names. It was especially difficult because she liked and admired Robert Browne and knew that he was making huge efforts to support equal opportunity for women and minorities. The meeting progressed. After an hour on academic policy, Platz turned to Mar garet. "Before we finish, Dr. McIntyre, do you want to add the woman's point of


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view?" She shook her hea man's point of view." Be quiet, she told herself, be polite, the next issue was more important; she had present the need for a woman gynecologist. But
oops, what was that? Afte
all, she decided to speak oun all, she decided to speak out on the academic policy $p$
blem-there was a blem-t-there was a serio
budget implication the n men had not known of. There was a pause for speak, ... then the men acknowledging her Just as she wondered Browne summariz cussion and said cussion and said But gent
men we must in fact consid the vital budgetary implica tions that Cabot mentioned Margaret felt her familiar sense of the surreal as she sense of the surreal as she silently next to her. Did he notice that her budget point had been attributed to him? She was real, she reminded her was relf. Just now and then invisible.
She presented the need for a women OB-GyN specialist. Student complaints. the young woman with infection following an IUD perforation who was told she couldn't leave the infirmary for the evening "because she was not yet ready to go out and screw." The men looked
puzzled and concerned. "But if she had a VD infection, surely she was not ready to
have relations?" a sked Wright. Margaret drew breath. How to explain that the student had wanted to go to the library... and that there seemed to have been
too many IUD perforations
and that it was not VD and that the women just wanted a woman gynecologi
who, by the way, might who, by the way, might speak familiarity of the rough familiarity
man now there
At the end of the meeting the men hastened off to the Faculty Club grouping them sel ves into lunch companher office feeling both left out and glad to be alone She was not up to the flirting of Dean Smythe for one of Dean Smythe for one thing. Ever since had begun to collide a little she had remarked increasing tendancy for him to sexualize their rela tionship. Worse yet, she easily identified in herself a reciprocal tenden re-establish ordinary m female dominance patterns whenever she found herself in competitive situations with men. She knew she found it easy to flirt with Smythe and was annoyed with herself. This was after all a remarkably good institu-
tion for women profession

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als and she had an obligation ed - (oh?) - and would he mind if tried to be called Miss White and do it really well.


## by the facul Letter Two

The gist of his answer: no, don't mind, but I really think with this - we have so many cultures meeting here among the group, that some people may resist this. He agreed I have the to amend it, but he did not offer or agree to do anything about it himself.
ly had a zero, even ne the requenteffect, becaus, even negative very clearly calling me Mary ever since. My feeling is that and therefore somewhat angry will be penalized if further will be penalized if not eased And, as I think I mentioned, this is a very complex person who I don't think means to hurt. As she put the letters away, Mar garet realized that many women do try to change mat

What was she to do with the grains of sand? Painters propositioning students, employ tally" ignoring her requests for part-time heip, the alumni up in arms about the increase in numbers of women students. She winced thinking about the alumni - and the alumnae. The alumni office was upset at the thought of more women students because alumni give more money than alumnae. A problem worth considering all right. But she wasn't sure she yet knew the dimensions of the problem since she'd just learned that wive's gifts were always registered in their husband's names, and many of the women graduates had married men graduates.

She considered again her last week. A woman protesting that only men could participate in the diet experiments - once again the medical "norms would be male medical norms. Three students came in alleging that women were graded lower Divinity Sch arossor Divinity School. How would she sort out that one. Grading examinations identified by numbe would be hard to sell to the fafurther impersonalize the school. further impersonalize the schoo
Was she spending too much time thinking about all this? May be it was hopeless anyway. She remembered the professor with whom she spent two hours of her finest tact, who left after ora ciously discussing his recent behavior with women students saying, "But it is a man's world - they might as well get used to it." The nearby university president who said to her last night at dinner, '"But university finances are stretched beyond b lief and we can get faculty wives as assistant professors without having to pay them as much as we pay breadwinners. Should we just go with the market? You can't fight on everything she said to herself. As a young er woman she had thought she had just ignored all this. Competence will make its own way she had thought and we all have plenty of serious professiona work, without taking on petty things. I want to be a first-class Dean, not a first-class woman Dean, with the "woman's poin of view." If I'm not careful, soon I'll just be inventing slights
when none are meant. On the when none are meant. On the
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Joni Mitchell:

## Lyrical, Musical Schizophrenia

It used to be that listening Joni Mitchell music was for de pressed or very serious and heavy moods. This came to head on her Blue album, the all blue, with a lone picture. Then came For the Roses and now Court and Spark. The representative nature of the jackets continued. For the Roses showed a self portrait of ecstasy from sniffing roses and a nude photo of her on a rocky beach of the Pacific Ocean. Those reflected her new-found freedom, both lyrical and musi cal, of the album.

The only picture of Joni on the jacket of Court and Spark shows her with a kind of half smile closed eyes, yet the blown hair effect indicates the same exhilarated freedom of Roses. Her newest drawing is of a huge wave with mountains in the background, the form of the wave indicating the boldness of her freedom,
by her obligations
by her obligation
sentative of most fairly repre sentative of most aspects of the time Joni Mitchell enlists the time Joni Mitchell enlists the support of full bands behind he stumentation extends from instumentation extends from he to strings to Tom Scott's wood winds and Chuck Findley's winds and Chuck Findley's ists, including Robbie (the Band) Robertson and Larry Carlton.

The styles of her music also vary widely. She rocks out on a couple of cuts, especially "Raised on Robbery." She betters Bette Midler's newly renewed bop style on "Twisted, a song Ms. Midler also recorded. Then there's her more normal slow stuff, but even these seem to be up-tempoed a bit. Her "new freedom" gained on Roses gave her not only the boldness to try these new styles More than that, she is very ef fective in whatever style on the album she chooses, including the old
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The duality of the "old Joni Mitchell" and her present self (obligation vs. freedom) is the dominating theme of the lyrics of Court and Spark. It takes few songs, most noticeably the few songs, most noticeably th title cut and Help Me, keep free of the obligations of keep f
love:

And the more he talked to me The more he reached me But I couldn't let go of LA City of fallen angels


A second major theme appears in songs like "Free Man in Paris. It pits her inner de sires against her public's and or economic obligations: I was a free man in Paris I felt unfettered and alive Nobody was calling up for fa vors
No one's future to decide.

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The third theme is a much more personal one, concerning her own schizophrenia '(in'Trou ble Child"):
You can't live life and you can can't take it
Advice and religion you can't take it
. You really can't give love in this condition
Still you know how you need it
Ending the album with "Trou ble Child" and "Twisted" (whic treats the same subject matter more humorously) indicates tha Joni's personal crisis between freedom and obligation has not been resolved

## Jeff Kravin

## 'Serpico:' Honest Cop

Police flicks have always been popular American enter tainment. The current fascination with violence has made this movie theme even more profitable for the major movie production, hence the increase production of these films in recent years. Some decent The French bennection The French Connection and watching tough cops and hard ass criminals gets tiring Serpico is the true story o Frank Serpico, the policeman whose efforts resulted in the exposure of widespread corrup tion in the New York City Police Department, and this led to the formation of the now famous Knapp Commission. Unfortunately, at points Serpico is just another cop flick. There is the standard amount of brutality and sadism on the part of the police and on the part o the criminals; there's plenty scenes--though these chases are conducted on foot, rather than with a car as has been the case in so many cops and robbers flicks lately. Yet Serpico does rise above the ordinary police movie.

## Serpico describes in detail

 police corruption in New York City and thus has an important and frightening story to tell. Corruption is a serious evil in our society, whether it occurs in the White House or in a precinct building in New York. It is an issue that people prefe to ignore, yet corruption is crippling; Watergate and our nability to deal with crime in our cities are strong testaments to this fact. Serpico ters er how our society fos ters corruption. Leadership ceases to distinguish between institution is considered to important than working for the public interest, and the average guy is complacent in the verage of evil. There are answers for dealing with this problem. Even at the movie's close, when Serpico's ettorts have resulted in concrete action by the City government to combat corruption, you stil have the depressing feeling that it is almost a hopeless cause. Al Pacino puts in an excellent performance as Frank Serpico No superhero appears on the screen, who with one mighty blow will purge New YorkCity of corruption. Instead, Al Pacino's Serpico is a man who always wanted to be a cop and sees the falsehood of his dream of a truly helpful and vibrant police force. He exposes corruption, not because of his upright moral character and love for his fellow man, but because its existence tor tures his soul. Al Pacino is compelling in this role; he is numan being with the natura human failing of fear, yet he has a delightful sense of humor has a delightrul sense of humor which disarms both enemies Pacino even achieves the charm Pacin acfman the best.
Serpico has touches of excel lence, yet it is marred by its commercialism. Only superficial attention is paid to many important issues, and 'Serpico's important issues, and Serpi outlined. Serpico could have been something really special yet after all, violence and action sells movie tickets.
Serpico is now playing at he Cheri Theatre Complex in Boston.
-Frederic S. Mishkin

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