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By BARBARA UNDERWOOD

When a divorced father gets custody of his children, does their mother have to pay child support?

Should a person date while a divorce is in progress?

What would you do if your 14-year-old daughter is raped?

If a woman with a college degree who has worked for a company for five years is passed over for promotion in favor of a much younger man with less experience but more education, what can she do?

These and other questions pertaining to the legal rights of women will be discussed at a seminar for women March 12 at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

Persons interested in registering for the seminar may contact the Commu-

nity House. The \$15 fee includes lunch.

Topics for discussion are: Women and the law (historical perspective), names and name changes, women and real estate, women and the credit law, estate planning for women, ante-nuptial agreements and marriage contracts, family law, child abuse and wife abuse, Social Security and ADC benefits, employment discrimination, discrimination in public accommodations, rape, women's medical problems and women courts and attorneys.

Mary Ann Zito, vice-president of the women's bar association, is chairwoman of the seminar and will open the program.

Evelyn Forrest of Forrest and Young in Troy, will give the historical perspective.

"AS WOMEN, we feel it is our obligation to other women to present these facts," Ms. Forrest said last week. "It is our obligation as attorneys to educate people on the law."

The seminar is titled, "And Jane Doe, his Wife" is for all women

Jane Doe, his wife." Women should know their own legal identities, Ms. Forrest said.

"Many women assume a man will take care of them, but a lot of times he doesn't because of death or divorce," she added. And some men stereotype their wives, and the women live up to the image, Ms. Forrest believes.

"That is not necessarily bad, but it might guarantee some problems," she said.

THE SEMINAR is geared to women of all ages and not just to those who are widowed or divorced. Ms. Forrest said she would like to see high school and college girls who are not married

yet attend because, "They might make better decisions."

Women are their own worst enemies, she said. "Because they don't want to know these things. They think if they don't know it won't happen, but it's going to happen."

Women are more naive than ignorant, she explained. "But they tend to let their husbands and fathers take care of them. When they are thrust into an independent position, they don't know what to do."

However, this happens with less frequency than it did five years ago, she said, adding, "I don't think the legal community has done a very good job of telling women what their rights are."

OUES elects Ms. Macon

By CHRIS NEELY

The age old saying "there's a first time for everything" proved true once again when Judy Macon was elected president of the Oakland University Engineering Society (OUES). Ms. Macon is the first freshman student to be appointed president of the society.

But no one seemed to be surprised Ms. Macon was elected. "I don't think anyone expected it, but it really wasn't a surprise. I think she can do the job as well as anyone else," said Paul Sherman, former president.

OUES functions as a social and educational organization, providing a reference office and study room where its more than 30 members can meet. "Engineering students are together in the same classes for four years. This society gives them the opportunity to share their learning experiences outside of the classroom," Ms. Macon said. "It's nice to be able to do things together."

VALEDICTORIAN OF Andover High School's 1976 graduating class, Ms. Macon completed the four-year program in three years to get an early start on her career. "I'd rather be working than going to school," Ms. Macon said. "I just decided to get an early start."

Ms. Macon is planning to receive a BS in engineering with a concentration in electronics from Oakland University and a masters degree in bio-engineering from a west coast university. "I was born in California and lived there for nine years. I'd like to move back there and do my graduate work," Ms. Macon said.

Ms. Macon's decision to pursue a career in engineering was influenced by her father and a general interest in the field. "My dad was an engineer and he used to take the family to open houses where he worked. I think he hoped I would get interested in it and I did," she said.

After her first semester at Oakland University, Ms. Macon was offered a student life scholarship for her outstanding academic involvement and high grade point average. She had to move from her family's Bloomfield Township home and into Oakland University's dorms, but Ms. Macon didn't mind. "It put me closer to my work," she said.

OUES ELECTS a new president every semester. During her term as president, Ms. Macon said she wants to do as much, if not more than what has been done in the past. "I'd like to get more engineers involved in the society and make the whole experience of being a member more valuable," she said.

English teachers to meet

The Michigan Council of Teachers of English will hold its 25th annual convention at the Northfield Hilton in Troy on March 11-12. Registration begins at 3 p.m. March 11 with special interest groups meeting at 4 p.m.

The keynote address on "Forward to the Basics" will be given by professor Hans P. Guth of San Jose State University in California at 8:30 p.m. March 11. Guth has authored two books, "English for a New Gen-

eration" and "English: Today and Tomorrow." Sixty-two workshops and presentations are slated on March 12 covering all aspects of English education. On Saturday evening, the film "Islands in the Stream," based on the Ernest Hemingway book, will be shown. It features Claire Bloom and George C. Scott.

A breakfast meeting March 13 concludes the session devoted to writing, language, literature and English curriculum.

Speakers include Henry Maloney of the University of Detroit and Steve Dunning of the University of Michigan, who will discuss "The English Teacher as Short Maker." The Rev. Tom Porter of the University of Detroit will talk about "The Virgin and the Garbage Can."

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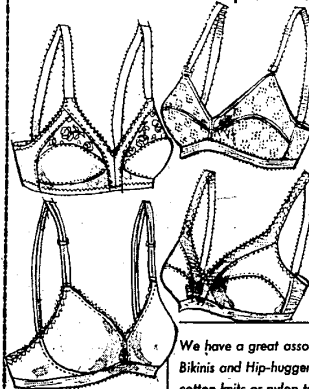


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