Value of Teaching

The vital role of teaching in the development of students is underscored by Professor Barker with an Honorary Doctor of Literature. "It's hard to believe that the emphasis on research and development has shifted," he said in reference to Western's move to focus more on teaching. Barker, one of the university's most beloved professors, delivered a lecture on the importance of teaching in higher education. The occasion was a splendid event, attended by many faculty and students who listened intently to Barker's words of wisdom.
WHILE women may have picked the petals of
academic achievement, her daughters were
increasingly included. "We've come a long
way in learning to value and appreciate
women's contributions," said Professor
Barbara Feinblatt, the head of the Department
of English at the University of California,
Los Angeles. "We're seeing a real change in
how we view and value women's work."

For Professor Feinblatt, the change is
particularly evident in the field of
women's studies. "Our students are
embracing the idea that the experiences of
girls and women are just as important as
those of men," she said. "We're no longer
viewing women's contributions as
secondary or peripheral."

Feinblatt's department has seen a
dramatic increase in enrollment in the
last few years, with many students
choosing to major in women's studies.
"We're seeing a real interest in the
scholarship of women's history," she said.
"People are really discovering how
much women have contributed to the
world, both in the past and in the present."

Feinblatt believes that the rise in
interest in women's studies is part of a
broader trend towards more
gender-sensitive education. "We're
seeing a real push to make sure that
women's voices are heard in the
classroom," she said. "It's not just about
giving them a space to speak, but about
valuing what they have to say.

Professor Feinblatt's own research
focuses on the role of women in history,
with a particular interest in the
contribution of women to science and
technology. "We're learning so much
about how women have contributed
to these fields," she said. "It's really
exciting to see how much we can learn
from women's stories."