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'It was time to make a choice'

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By DIANNE RINEHART

Founder, organizer and director of Sheridan College's Women's Centre, Shelagh Wilkinson, has resigned her post, effective Feb. 1.

Ms. Wilkinson says she is leaving to return to an earlier position as a lecturer at York University and to finish her PhD. in 18th century literature.

The director says she will be teaching a summer course on Canadian women writers.

Ms. Wilkinson says she feels she has "fulfilled her mandate."

The centre acts as a resource centre to meet the scholarship needs of women in the college and the community, she said.

In addition to her original goals for the women's centre, Ms. Wilkinson went out and established a liaison with schools in the area.

If women are going to be able to come to this school and choose their courses

without being influenced by traditional role pressures then we must make "fundamental changes in the elementary schools," she explained.

Ms. Wilkinson has been guest speaker at schools and has organized student trips to Sheridan, for this purpose.

The women's centre acts as "a catalyst for change," she said.

"We need a lot more help." The centre hasn't been able to set up any programs for immigrant women or any special program for women on welfare, although it has encouraged them to try and upgrade themselves through courses at Sheridan and has received grants for this purpose, she explained.

"There's just so much one person can do," Ms. Wilkinson said.

The school is currently advertising for a replacement for Ms. Wilkinson, but President Jack Porter says it will take "several weeks" to fill the vacancy.