

Sexism is 'worse' outside of classroom

(CPS) -- College women find "even worse" campus sexism outside the classroom than they do in classes, a major college group claims.

Discrimination against female college students by male faculty and administrators extends beyond the classroom and may be more career-damaging than in-class sex bias, the group's new report charges.

In fact, sex discrimination in financial aid offices, and in career counseling and employment centers can cause women to "lose confidence, lower their academic goals and limit their career choices," study authors Roberta M. Hall and Bernice R. Sandler claim.

The study, sponsored by the Association of American Colleges' Project on the Status and Education of Women, follows the same authors' earlier examination of college classroom sex bias.

It revealed "things are even worse outside the classroom," when class rules no longer apply, Hall says.

The earlier study charged male faculty favored male

students in classroom situations, Hall notes.

The new report found career and academic counselors also often unconsciously discourage women from taking certain male-dominated majors, and consider men more knowledgeable and career-minded.

Counselors and professors also spend less time with women students than men outside the classroom, and give less encouragement to women who seek leadership positions on campus, the study shows.

"Younger women may enter college expecting equal treatment," Hall explains, "and young women who have never been employed in the workforce are very apt not to be aware of the differential treatment. But they're more likely to be demoralized by it."

"Most 18-year-old girls don't know what happened with the women's movement in the sixties and seventies," agrees Florence Hall, educator and founder of New York's Feminist Press. "It's also true most 18-year-old males don't

know what's going on. The results of the survey didn't come as a surprise to me."

"But it's fascinating that in 1985 we're seeing a recurrence of some of the all-too-familiar attitudes that the women's movement faced in the sixties," she continues. "It's easy to slip back."

While older women students often are more sensitive to sexist behavior, and are consequently better able to survive it, study author Hall warns subtle discrimination can discourage them, too.

"Returning women students very often have a great deal of thought to their situation, like career plans and ways in which their sex has held them back," she explains. "But it cuts both ways."

If a severe problem persists, such as financial or counseling discrimination, students should use campus grievance procedures or administrative channels, Hall advises.

"It's important we remind ourselves that the effort to build coed education is not completed," she adds.

Club office dedicated

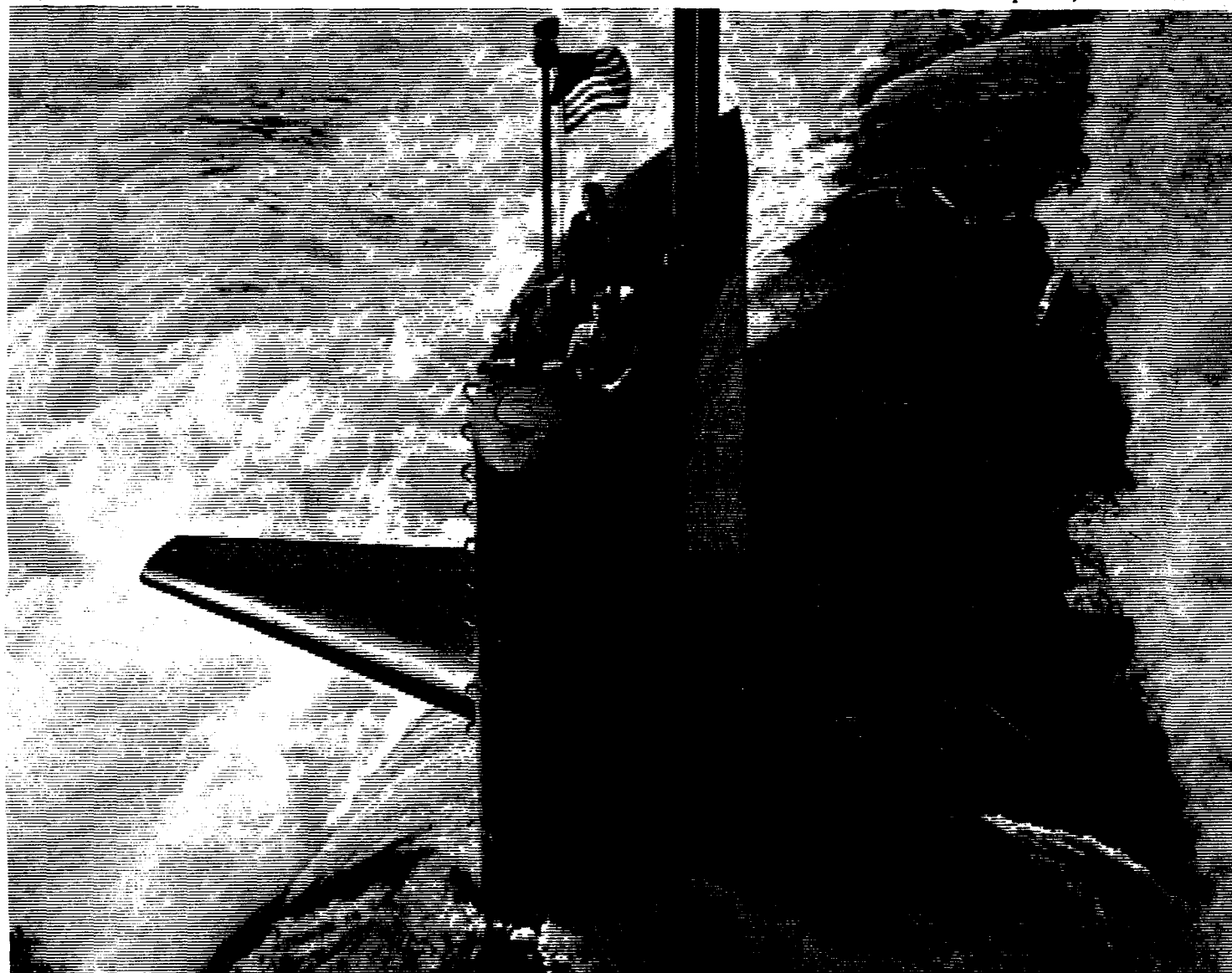
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In other Presidents' Council business, Bambi Grasser, of the *Capitolite*, announced that senior portraits will soon be taken. All clubs should arrange a time to have their members' pictures taken for the yearbook. This time should be scheduled within the next two meetings. If anyone needs more information, they can contact Grasser.

Engineering students plan to participate in a mini-Baha competition. This is an inter-collegiate event with competitors from major universities. Dennis Caldwell, of ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) and SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers), requested assistance from organizations to participate in a joint fund-raising event for the competing engineers from Capitol.

Plans have been made to replace the old furniture in room 216 with new office furniture and to install new dividers for the new club office complex. Student Government President Peter Mekosh said the purchase of this new furniture will be financed by the administration filing for a loan and a mini-grant request from SGA.

An open house for the new club office complex was scheduled for yesterday. Provost/Dean Ruth Leventhal was scheduled to officially dedicate Room 216 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



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