

# OPINIONS

At the end of the 1980's women seemed to take it on the chin, quite often in legal and governmental issues. Between The battle over abortion and finding out if they dress a certain way it becomes their fault if they are raped.

So far, 1990 hasn't done much to increase their patriotism.

Within the past few weeks, with the situation in Panama, the issue of whether women should be allowed into front line combat has become a hot one.

The United States Military seems to take the position that Women on the front lines disrupt a units cohesiveness which leads to a break down in moral. The only problem with this logic is it fails to notice that women in other countries, such as Canada, where women do serve on combat units have not found any basis for this concern.

There have also been arguements made that because women are considered "the weaker sex" the military would have to lower there standards if combat units were opened to them. The people who believe this line probably just bought their little girls a tea set and plastic oven for Christmas, while their sons were playing with their new basketball.

The holiday season aside, this arguement is mute. I've never heard anyone suggest stocking our armed forces with women physically unable to meet the challenges they are required to make.

I'm sure there is at least someone out there with a pocketful of other sound reasons why women just can't make it in combat. But, in the end, our country is supposed to be based on the idea that everyone should have the opportunity to achieve whatever goals they set for themselves.

If we set limits on this opportunity, for anyone in our society, we kill any notion of the United States being a free country based on equality.

When I was younger; I can remember chanting every day in school, along with every other student the words "liberty and justice for all."

As I grew and became more familiar with our society those words were just something we were conditioned to say when we were young. But who knows, someday we might put value back into them.

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This is our first issue of the ninties and I believe we started off the year well. We have a solid staff and have set high goals for the continued growth of the newspaper.

But as in anything the more people you have toating the line, the easier it is to pull.

The *Capital Times* is open to any suggestion on how to improve the paper because we are here representing the students. Although, it is true that we like hearing new ideas. We would like to see people put in time in other ways, be it writing , advertizing, Photography, layout , word processing and copy editing.

All these positions are still open and, of course, no experience is necessary.

If you feel you are *Capital Times* timber and want to experience the elation of putting "all the news fit to print" to bed.

Believe me folks it's a mighty good feelin. But, it also happens to look good on a resume.

I thank you.