

WOMEN'S LIB

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Hip women in cities like Lattimer and Hazleton now called odious men "male chauvinist pigs" rather than those "assholes." Men were on the defensive again and the more outspoken felt called upon to speak on subjects like "Obnoxious Croner in Print," "Feminism Causes Tooth Decay," "Women in Revolt or Just Revolting Women?," and "Women's Role in Society."

Speaking of Dr. David Smith, noted Highacres educator and spokesperson for the male chauvinist point of view, you missed an interesting lunch last Tuesday if you caught his talk on "Women's Role in Society." Dr. Smith presented a tightly reasoned case for marital fascism as part of Highacres Women's Week. Drawing from his extensive research in feminist literature, he maintained that the crux feminist theory holds that women also rate the fulfillment found in the search for knowledge and truth rather than slaving over steaming pots of Bon Vivant vichyssoise. Dr. Smith countered this contention with a blood curdling cry of "Garbage" and on to assert women's fundamental physical, biological, and behavioral inadequacies for real he-man type work like stock-broking and declaring war on obscure but resourceful countries.

Dr. Smith's most telling blow to "libbies" was developed from the startling fact more males take his chemistry courses than females. Using either the

"fallacy of composition" or "post hoc ergo propter hoc rhetorical strategy" (either I forgot or don't care), Dr. Smith firmly but gently put women in their rightful place...the two-story frame Americana, w/2 car garage and 30 year mortgage. You could almost hear the death rattle of feminism in Northeastern Pennsylvania when the true role of women was presented. (I sort of lost track of things here, because I understood that the "true role" was either changing diapers or doing dishes, or imparting the spiritual values of our culture to the next generation. Semantics! Take your pick.) Assuming Dr. Smith meant the two to be identical, he went on to maintain that it is in good old righteous housework that women will find the pot of gold--life fulfillmentwise. Citing a passage from either OCCUPATION HOUSEWIFE or THE SOYBEAN FUNERAL, Dr. Smith proved conclusively that women really have more fun doing the floors and taking kids to school (fulfilling women's work) than playing fast and loose with international exchange rates, regulating natural gas prices, or deciding who the next president of Chile will be. (fulfilling men's work). All of this, by the way, at an income differential what would make George Meany gum his dentures to the consistency of cream cheese. Like I said, you would have missed an interesting lunch.

Classroom Smoking

University Council, meeting at noon Thursday, continued discussion of the matter of smoking in the classroom.

The matter was first discussed at the last meeting, on Dec. 19, having been referred to the Council by Dr. John W. Oswald, president of the University, who suggested there may a need for University-wide regulations on smoking "to protect those individuals who don't smoke and who understandably object when in an environment which is polluted by smoke."

To study the problems, Dr. Russell E. Larson, Council chairman, appointed a subcommittee comprised of Dr. Walter H. Walters, Dr. Helen A. Guthrie, and Kevin N. Wright.

Mr. Wright is a graduate student, recently appointed to the Council to succeed Kenneth M. Novak. He attended his first meeting of the Council on Thursday.

Dr. Larson said he also would name an undergraduate student to the Committee, explaining that undergraduates to be considered for appointment had now been nominated and that the President of the University is expected to make the appointment in the near future.

Council members on Thursday expressed concern about reported faculty practices that are directly related to quality of instruction the student receives. They plan to discuss the matter at greater length at the next meeting, scheduled for February 20.

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