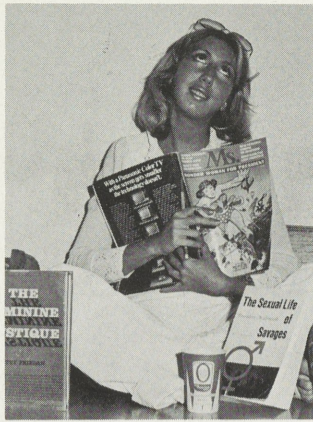


SOUNDING BOARD —

Does Women's Liberation Involve Bra-Burning and/or Jock Strap Envy? — That Is The Question

Eve Zion — This Week's Sounder Reporter.
(Photo by Andy Benedetto)



The answer to this ridiculous question is obviously that there is no such thing as "Women's Liberation" at all. There never was and there never will be as far as I'm concerned.

The extreme minority of bra-burning, man-hating lesbians who have pervasive phallic envy in their heads and publicity on their minds, ruined the entire extent and intent of the seriously-motivated individuals. Of the many serious persons involved in a women's movement, their main attempt was to change the minds of the women and men today, not their underwear.

As far as any liberation is concerned, it would undoubtedly entail a dual process, that of "Human Liberation," not in sole revision of the female role or attitude alone. Many realistic changes must take place in the minds of male and female right away before the problem gets too out of hand or not taken seriously. The specific revisions entail a bit of cleaning-up of the obscure belief that the woman is the Florence Nightingale in her household and outside environment. Why is it that the women must graciously accept the duties of washing dirty laundry, waxing filthy floors, cleaning sticky faces and preparing luxurious meals?

There are many particular jobs in the household that must and usually have to be accepted. Why can't a man and woman do these tasks either in joint relationship or merely on a turn basis? Has the entire male population created their own organization of "lazy-lib"? No one, but no one, in my estimation, could possibly get any aesthetic reward in seeing a closet full of clean towels and sheets except for their inanimate purpose.

I personally feel that the woman of the household should not only stop from smiling while accepting her KP duty, but outwardly and totally refuse any type of janitorial duties. The wife, mother, or girl-friend is a free-thinking individual not a maintenance director.

I feel as if this entire problem inevitably begins at a very early age. The only way you can actually change the minds of the male and female is when they are very young - when the young girl can incorporate, from upbringing, her own feelings of worth and independence.

This problem rests in the hands of the future parents. It depends on whether or not they will bring up their little girl with a rope around her neck and a net under her feet or will they let her walk free and easy on her own, letting her fall only to regain her stability and confidence on her own.

My only hope is that this step the woman must take is in the proper direction and connection to her needs and interests. She has come a long way baby only to find happiness in her final destination. The route is not too far or too hard to travel, but the going is rough. Every woman must map-out and plan her own route in life, accepting downfalls and detours, only to reach her own location. The only accessible map to follow is in your own mind and is begotten by no vehicle but yourself. Proceed with caution — but have a nice trip.

Meet Janet Alwang

by Mary Ann Senior

Janet Alwang, one of our part-time faculty members, is an instructor in the department of English. She teaches one section of English I and English 800, plus two sections of the newly formed writing clinic, a non-credit course for students who need help with writing skills.

A native of Connecticut, Ms. Alwang earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Connecticut. She is presently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Delaware, where she is preparing a dissertation on renaissance and Tudor poetry, which she hopes to make her teaching specialty. Her interests center mainly around her work and literature in general, but she also enjoys outdoor sports, particularly camping, hiking, and playing tennis.

Ms. Alwang feels that the English department at Delaware County is of fine quality, and well organized, and that the people are compatible. She looks forward to continuing her teaching career here at Penn State.



Janet Alwang

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Branch Campus Deans of Student Affairs. This is an advisory council for President of Student Affairs, Dr. Raymond Murphy. This board serves as a liaison body and assists in the planning development and evaluation of Student Affairs in the branch campuses.

The Arch Chapter of the Keystone Society is again sponsoring ALL-UNIVERSITY DAY. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 1973. Jammy, Buffet and Concert Tickets: As in past years, students and their guests will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets for the buffet dinner and the All-University Day Jammy (to be held Friday evening, October 26, 1973). Tickets for the buffet cost \$2.25 and \$5.50 for the Jammy. There will be an evening concert this year, with a well-known group. As of now the University Concert Committee hasn't completed contractual arrangements. A release will be forthcoming as soon as possible. However, the cost per ticket for the concert is \$3.00. To reiterate, the Jammy, Buffet and Concert Ticket deadline is October 11th!

Fall Term '73 enrollment of the Penn State University system was 44,269 students, an increase of 1,192 over last year. The enrollment at University Park was 28,382 while the Commonwealth campuses reported an enrollment of 14,292.

COUNCELLING

Offers Many Programs

by Denise Bushnell

Aristotle once stated, "The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil." Following in the same tradition, Eric White and Susan Friedman have used this principle in building the Counseling program at DE.

In speaking with Susan and Eric, I discovered a part of university life all too frequently overlooked by incoming freshmen and many unknowing sophomores as well. How many of us have wandered around, aimlessly looking for someone to answer our specific questions, and feeling more isolated each time we try?

Personal counseling offers a relieving solution, by allowing any student to walk in, sit down and talk. It's as simple as that. "The hardest part of counseling is getting the students to come in and see us. We don't go out into the halls telling kids they'd better come in. Once they've made up their minds that they need a solution, 75% of their problem is already solved." Informality and trust are the key factors involved; and no question or topic is ever ignored. Eric pointed out that "anything we discuss with a person remains strictly confidential from everyone, including faculty and parents."

Many students find themselves more comfortable sharing their thoughts with others in the same predicament. In this light, Eric and Susan also conduct group sessions. "We strive for honesty. In this way, we feel a student can rebuild his confidence; first in trusting the counselor and then in trusting his own abilities," remarked Susan.

The Career Development and Placement Center itself is for students who do not want to commit themselves to a specific college. The Center helps to

touch upon all aspects of a student's preferences in courses and majors. Therefore, an individual can remain in the Center, which serves as his particular college, up to three terms after his freshman year. Eventually he must choose a major he is hopefully going to enjoy.

The Center also works with individuals holding low averages in particular colleges, whether it be Liberal Arts, Engineering, etc., to help bring their averages back up to the acceptance level of the college they are truly interested in joining.

Tied together with the Career Development and Placement Center is a new phase of research for students who are in need of additional information concerning their choice of majors — the career info files, and, the most recent arrival, cassette tapes covering special majors. These recordings include job possibilities, interrelated fields of study, special training, courses to take as extra electives, and most importantly, the environment of the surrounding business world. Each tape is brief and to the point without omitting significant criteria — a far cry from PSU's catalogue. It certainly beats running from office to office, and then forgetting your question.

In retrospect, I have barely touched upon the myriad branch activities (Newsletter, job placement) involved with the Center, and counseling at DE in general. Such a program, using only two counselors to reach 1200 people may seem somewhat disproportionate, but the personal contact and informal atmosphere blend the necessary ingredients to make this service successful.

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