

Uric acid and gout equal Adam's rib

Male superiority still unproven

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What is the secret of man's superiority? Uric acid, of course.

This amazing fact was revealed Tuesday as the University of North Dakota debating team argued against U of A debaters that men are inherently superior to women.

Uric acid, a brain stimulator, the North Dakota team claimed, is found in greater quantities in the male than the female, so that man has the higher intellect. Women are more suited for scrubbing floors and washing dishes. This brought many boos from the females in the audience of the SUB theatre lobby.

They continued to debate that an excess of uric acid causes gout, a disease found mainly in men. Famous men, known for their intellect, almost always have gout, they said.

Our own U of A team carried the negative. Again, they were two males. They argued that Adam's rib was used to create Eve because women were intended to work "side by side" with men. Just because Adam was created first, doesn't prove a thing, they said. God creates in alphabetical order.

Physiologically, they argued, woman is geometrically better shaped, more pleasing to the eye. (North Dakota later refuted this

because women have to be well-proportioned to be "pleasing to the eye.") U of A argued the myth of male superiority is perpetuated by the female to retain her femininity.

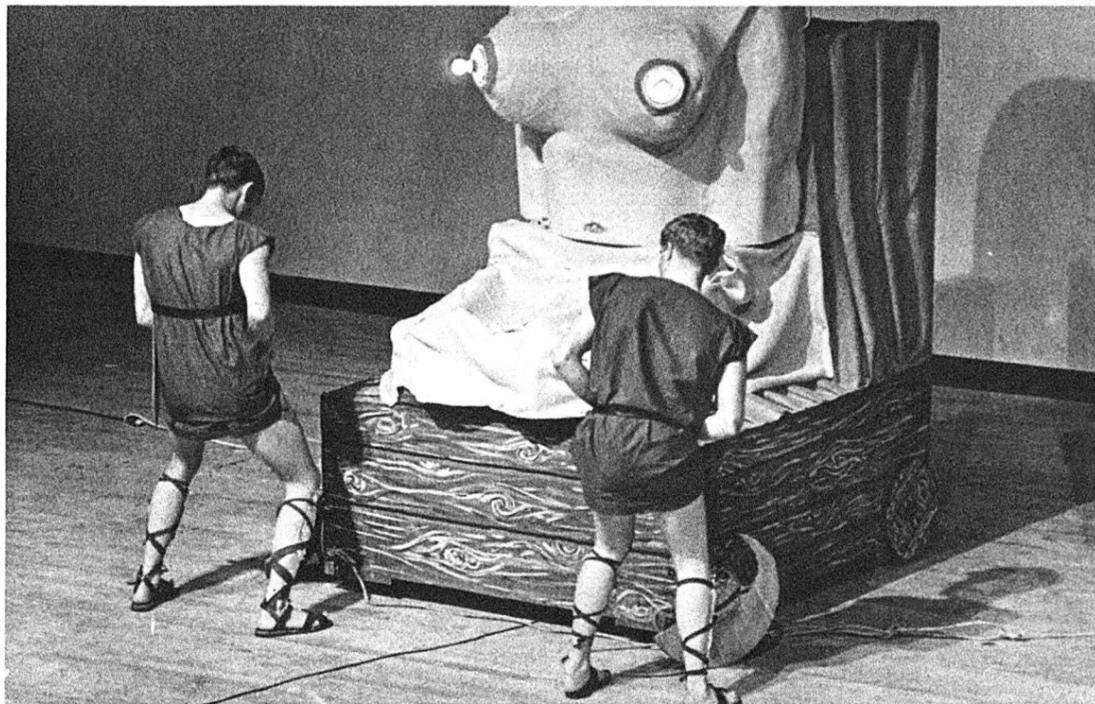
After all, woman has always been the one to inspire creativity, they said. She is the morale booster. The classic example of John Dixon was brought out. He didn't have a woman behind him. You probably have never heard of John Dixon, either.

Eve, on whom the downfall of man has often been blamed, was sexually dissatisfied by an inadequate Adam, the U of A team said. The only excitement she could get was making him eat the apple. (One debater from North Dakota pointed out that Eve would have been more interested in bananas if she had been frustrated.)

The U of A debaters concluded man has caused all the destruction in the world. Women should destroy all men, form a sperm bank and carry on the species. (Who would they then compete with?)

Harlan Fugleston and Charles LaGrave debated for the University of North Dakota. Conrad Boyce and Stan Fowler debated for U of A.

A tie was declared since most of the audience abstained from the voting.



—Theo Bruseker photo

IF HELEN OF TROY'S FACE—Her face isn't shown but the remaining part of her was revealed by the ingenuity of the medical students last week at the annual med show. At least two med students found release in her form.

Council to hear results of ARC student mental health study

The Academic Relations Committee hopes to present the results of a student mental health study to students' council Monday.

Dr. A. J. Hough, head of student counselling, has our notes and will do the final editing, said Jim Matkin, chairman of the committee.

When the notes are returned they will be duplicated and presented to council.

The idea of a mental health study arose at one of the committee's summer meetings.

"We considered the fact presented to us that a number of people were committing suicide," said

Matkin. "We wanted to verify the alleged suicides."

Committee members prepared some questions about student mental health and took them to Dr. Hough in December.

"We discussed the questions with Dr. Hough and at this time we took notes," said Matkin.

"Dr. Hough suggests one of the problems involves courses where professors give long reading lists more or less to scare the student," said Matkin.

"This has proved detrimental rather than advantageous," Matkin said Dr. Hough is also

aware some department heads admit November exams are marked very low to scare the student.

"David Leadbeater edited these notes and has returned them to Dr. Hough for a final edit."

One of the ideas to come out of the study deals with the possibility of a student help number—much like a suicide number.

"Primarily people would phone a number like that when they don't want to go to counselling," said Matkin.

The idea came subsequent to the meeting with Dr. Hough; the committee has not yet discussed it with him.

But Matkin said he had heard of students who would be interested in such a plan.

Now it is a matter of presenting the notes before council.

"We expect the notes to be duplicated by next week," said Leadbeater.

"We hope something can be done at this council meeting (Monday night). However, the agenda looks pretty stiff so it may not be this particular meeting," he said.

National anti-Vietnam action planned Feb. 9

A Canada-wide Feb. 9 action against the war in Vietnam will be observed here.

"We don't have any real complicity on this campus as we aren't doing any research for the Americans," said Mary Borsky, ed 4, of the U of A Vietnam Action Committee.

"Therefore our action will be educative, while McGill for example, will probably have demonstrations."

The action here will be a two-part teach-in consisting of a debate and a film presentation-panel discussion, she said.

Students' union president Al Anderson and Peter Boothroyd, grad studies, will debate student activism Feb. 8, 12:30 p.m. in the SUB theatre lounge.

"The student as an individual, if he has an opinion on Vietnam, should definitely do everything he can to support this opinion; but I am opposed to the students' union taking a stand on the Vietnam war," said Anderson.

"The Threatening Sky", an anti-war film will be shown in TL-B1, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 9. A film supporting the war may also be shown.

There is to be no admission charge but a silver collection will be taken.

VISTA director praises CYC's democratic structure, aims

OTTAWA (CUP)—"The CYC is a swingin' outfit. Canada should be proud of it," said the director of VISTA, the American counterpart of the Company of Young Canadians.

Bill Crook, Director of Volunteers In Service To America, was in Ottawa for discussions with the CYC on common problems.

Crook said he admired the democracy of the CYC's structure, which he felt provided feedback from the field to the office.

VISTA has over 4,200 full-time volunteers working on problems similar to those tackled by the 180 CYC volunteers.

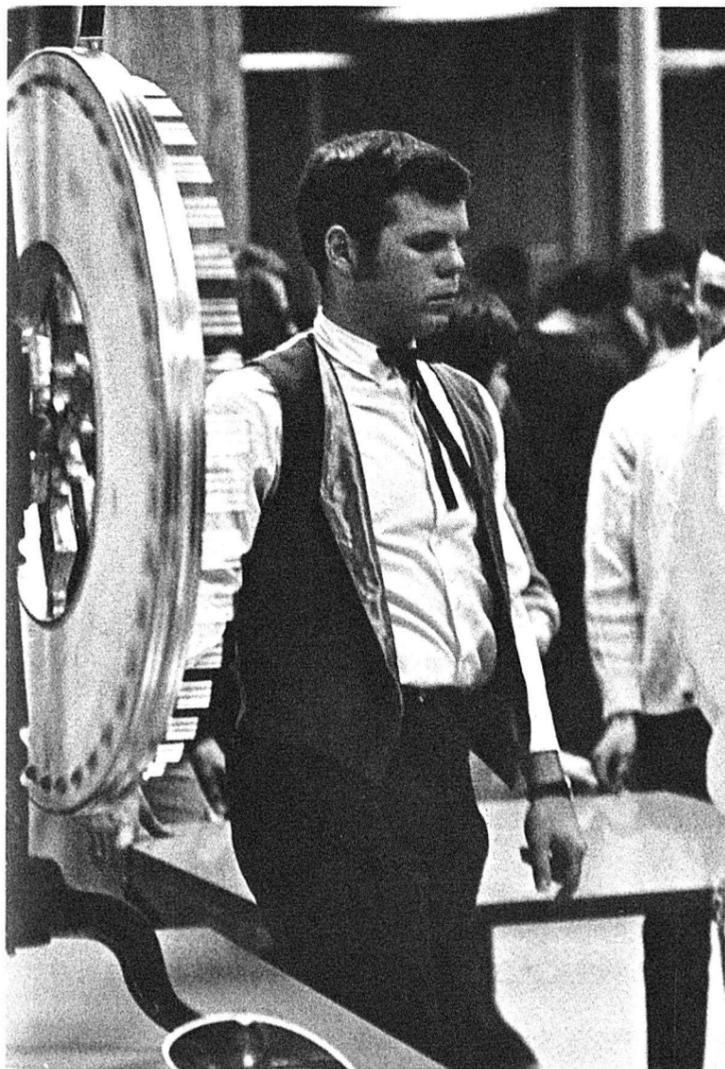
He said VISTA volunteers act as "brokers of social change," and in this role generate considerable controversy.

Mr. Crook said the legislation under which VISTA was created prohibits the volunteers from becoming involved in demonstrations, political campaigns, or union activities.

"Our main thrust is poverty," he said, explaining VISTA is a program under the War on Poverty campaign.

"The poor have no voice," he said, "and no vote in many cases. The volunteers must speak for the poor."

He said VISTA students are signed on for one-year terms, and about 35 per cent renew each year. They are eligible for the draft, but most boards give them deferments while they are working in the field.



—Hiroto Saka photo

NOW WHERE'S THE FOOT SWITCH?—At last Friday's Monte Carlo celebration, held in the SUB multi-purpose room, no one lost his shirt but someone must have raked in all the play money. It was sponsored by the Commerce Undergraduate Society.