

Stewardesses uniting against sex in the media

NEW YORK (CUP) - Some 70 militant stewardesses, representing Stewardesses for Women's Rights and the Stewardesses Anti-Defamation Defence League, have pledged themselves to a drive designed to organize all stewardesses against sexist commercials, books, and movies.

JoAnne Chaplain, organizer of the Stewardesses Anti-Defamation Defence League, criticizes books such as "How to Make a Good Airline Stewardess", movies such as the X-rated "Swinging Stewardesses", and commercials with slogans such as "Fly me" or "She'll Serve You All The Way".

"It is all very annoying and degrading," Chaplain said. "Especially bad is that book which has an especially lewd and suggestive title."

Judi Lindsey, representative of Stewardesses for Women's Rights, suggested that such suggestive publicity often has a definite effect on some male passengers. "We are grabbed, pinched, felt, and even slapped," she said.

Lindsey also rapped the airlines' policy of forbidding stewardesses from objecting to offensive behavior on the part of passengers because the passenger may become angry and choose another airline next time.

"We are guilty until proven innocent," Lindsey said. "We are always wrong and the passenger is always right - no matter what."

The stewardesses also criticize the discriminatory practices of the airlines. The practice include physical requirements for stewardesses but not for pilots; requirements forcing stewardesses to share crew quarters while pilots are allowed private quarters; requirements that stewardesses remain single while pilots are allowed to marry; and requirements of underwear inspection for women crew members.

Some airlines compel stewardesses to wear slips and girdles. One airline official commented that if any slipless "husband-hunting" stewardesses saw a "handsome

male passenger" she could easily "find an excuse for climbing onto the arms of his chair and letting him see up her dress."

One stewardess said "We want to get across that we are dedicated, hardworking girls who resent being labeled as anything else by idiots who are making money by slandering us."

Cornelius Wohl, author of "How to Make a Good Airline Stewardess", recently cancelled an 11-city promotional tour after a verbal showdown with Chaplain on a New

York radio show.

"I have never in my life encountered such an arrogant humorless person," Wohl said. "She just goes to prove my thesis that airline stewardesses are a bunch of humorless broads."

Wohl defended his book, which is advertised as a guide to get stewardesses into bed, on the basis of its entertainment value. "If someone wants to take it seriously, he can," he said.

Chaplain described Wohl as a "sawed-off, over-the-hill leering

old man who couldn't win a stewardess in the world with the nonsense he talks about in his book...a heavy-breathing male chauvinist who misleads anyone who reads his book into thinking every stewardess is a brainless, whorish sexpot."

Wohl announced his decision to cancel speaking engagements after Chaplain threatened to have airline stewardesses in every city on the tour demand equal time to debate Wohl.

CHSR service worth \$1?

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a bit throughout the year at one time or another and if I was living in residence I would pay a dollar just for the times I did listen to CHSR even though I had a stereo. You can't go around to every door in residence and ask for a dollar if that person listens to CHSR. It's an all or nothing thing. If the majority of the students in a house listen to CHSR then the majority rules and that house should pay \$1.00/head for everyone in that residence.

These then are the main reasons that I have for the residences paying. I could go into the specifics about the new house presidents not knowing about the \$1.00/head because the old house

presidents failed to tell them etc., but I feel that I am beating this whole thing to death; its been hassled out so many times. In closing I just want to mention some of the problems that I have encountered by the whole hassle.

About a month ago we had a chance to bring in Neil Young. Seeing how I couldn't count in the revenue from the residences I had revamp not only CHSR's budget, but also the master budget to see exactly how much money we had left in our contingency. This took me nearly a week to do (I'm also taking 6 courses) and by that time Neil Young was lost. We were too late.

If the majority of the students in residence felt that they have

legitimate cause not to pay for CHSR then I would say fine, but this is not the case. Some residences wouldn't pay only because they already had their CHSR money budgeted for a social or something like that. I still feel that the majority of the students want CHSR. It's a good radio station and a hell of a lot of people work their butts off to improve it.

As far as I'm concerned I will never write about this topic again. I will not bore anyone in residence by going and speaking to them unless they definitely want me to. I'm going to send all residences bills for CHSR service and if they don't pay I will consider them a bad debt. I'm not going to explain here what that entails.

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