

sexuals that people began to talk. Isn't it sad that we have only come to this realization now when we have long known about teenage/unwanted pregnancies, gonorrhea, syphilis and birth control etc. Isn't it sad that so many had to suffer just to get people to begin to talk about sex. Hopefully, future generations will be prepared to carry out this enormous task.

Greg Shone

A platform for sexual frustrations

To the Editor:

This letter is in reference to an article I noticed recently put out by the International Women's Day march.

Hurray, Hurray, it's International Women's Day.

We are marching, we are marching
For freedom, for freedom
Come join us, come join us
United together. (sung to the tune of Fire's Burning)

No more violence, no more rape
Women must control their fate.

Up from the kitchens
Up from the bedrooms
Up from under
Women unite.

Women unite, stand up and fight
In our unity is our might.

Not the church, not the state
Women must control their fate.

Equal pay, pay, pay
For equal work, work, work.

Women unite, women unite
Support the PWA workers in their fight.

2, 4, 6, 8 gay is just as good as straight
3, 5, 7, 9, lesbians are mighty fine.

Women unite, stand up and fight
Safe abortion is our right.

One day two, next day four
Soon there'll be a thousand more
Angry women in the street.

Stop violence against women.
Stop sexual harassment now.
Porn tells lies about women.

What do we want? - FREEDOM
When do we want it? - NOW.

I feel this article does little to help the women's movement. This article takes the basic and noble search for women's equality and turns it into a platform for the expression of sexual frustrations. In my view women's equality is not a "sexual" issue. What females do in their own "Bedrooms" of their own choosing is of no concern to women's inequality. Women's equality is one based upon the basic equality of all human beings. While the issues of abortion, sexual harassment, pornography, and sexual orientation are important they deserve their own platform. The lady working in a clerical job in need of childcare has little concern about the ideologies of pornography.

The search for women's equality is a struggle between classes based upon historical roots. Sexuality is a small portion of the problem. Sexual harassment, abortion, and lesbianism is not holding women down it is the institutions which maintain power within our society. To work in a kitchen and to sleep in one's bedroom is an individual choice. However, to obtain a position in higher levels of government, and obtaining high paying jobs is a problem with the structure of our society. The majority of the issues brought up in this article are merely a product of larger institutions which place women in lower status, they are not a product of these issues.

In conclusion, I feel the organizers of this march have misused the platform of women's rights. I believe they lack the courage to deal with their concerns directly and have "white-washed" their issues by interspersing them within the context on women's inequality. While the struggle for equality does involve a fight against men, it is against the institutions of power which repress women in every day life. As men fight to control these institutions so must women. Deal with your own internal anger and direct this anger into positive action which will help all women, not just those who have been the victims of sexual harassment.

Garrett R. Hall

"Beckies are bimbos"

To The Editor:

I am furious.

In the last issue of *The Gateway* five Home Economics students wrote to defend the opinions of a dying breed — that of the BECKY.

What is a Becky? Beckies "are Home Ec students" according to those five females. They are wrong. Beckies are husband-hunters. Beckies do not attend the U of A to be educated. Rather, they join clubs like the Faculty of Home Ec Students' Association (FHESA).

The monthly FHESA newsletter came under heavy criticism in February for editorials signed "Hugs and Kisses," and for generally being unprofessional. March saw a repeat performance when one of the V.P. Socials wrote that joining FHESA's executive is a good way to meet "MEN!" (her emphasis).

"In defense of Home Ec" explains home economics with grade school logic: "people eat every day... wear clothes every day; thus we have the dept.'s of Foods and of Clothing."

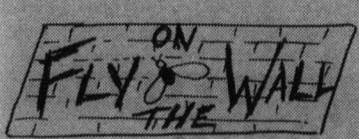
Home Economics is concerned with five main areas: human development and family relationships; food and nutrition; clothing and textiles; housing; consumer education and family resource management.

The image that these 'Beckies' perpetuate does not encourage integration amongst these departments. Rather, Beckydome reinforces the tendency to specialize as each department tries to disassociate itself with the Becky-Home-Ecky image which the faculty has.

The five authors of the letter are all executives of FHESA. I see them breaking down every constructive step that home economists take. I must express my disappointment with the poor representation they have given this university and the Home Economics faculty.

May I suggest we start a faculty of Bimbology for those who seek an MRS degree in husband-hunting, so 'Beckies' can leave home economics students to their academic pursuits.

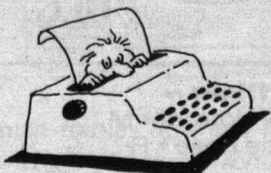
J. Ryckborst
Home Ec IV



The line in front of the Royal Bank's Instabank Machine is rather long right now. I am sitting on the bench closest to the machine and the line has just curved around the bench and is now headed toward Java Jive's end of Hub Mall. The student at the front of the line must be depositing money because he has a Royal Bank envelope that is used for deposits in his hand. The girl standing behind him looks like she is asleep. Her head bobs and sways and her body rocks back and forth; once she had to step backwards to prevent herself from falling. At the end of the line are two young lovers who seem to be determined to let everyone who passes them know that they are two young lovers. They are hugging and giggling and occasionally they peck each other on the cheek. They seem to be oblivious to the impatience that appears to be mounting among the other people in the line.

The machine has started to whirr and click and plunk and make whatever other noises it makes when it is about to re-open. The student at the front of the line just checked the amount of money he has in the envelope, I guess to save time when the machine finally opens. The rest of the people in line sigh in relief or mutter "about time" to themselves. That is, the rest of the people in line in front of the two young lovers. They did not seem to mind the long wait. I doubt if they even noticed it. In fact, I doubt if they even remember what they're waiting for.

J. Dylan



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