

WOMEN'S PRESS: a voice against sexual prejudice

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Of the Emerald

"Capitalize On The Most Powerful Sales Incentive Ever Devised By Man: Woman!"

Thus read the headlines of Volume 1, No. 1 of Women's Press, the first women's liberation newspaper to be published on the University campus and for that matter, in the entire Eugene-Springfield area.

The monthly publication speaks out against sexual prejudice, the second class economic status of women, male supremacy, the role of the housewife, and sexual freedom, all strong issues on the women's liberation front.

Women's Press is totally controlled by a female staff because, it claims, "the mass media are controlled by men, and only women can tell it like it is."

"Women's liberation groups all over this country and the world are trying to run their own organizations so that every woman leads and every woman grows. There's no doctrine, no right line of

thought, no membership dues, no initiation. If you've grown up learning how to be a proper female—frivolous, stupid, dependent, frightened, powerless, sexually exploited—you've already been initiated," states the publication.

Information on birth control and how and where it may be obtained is a feature of the paper. There is also a section on day-care centers and Aid to Dependent Children for the working mother.

The features include an editorial section, a welfare statistics column, a book review corner, general information page, cartoons, recipes, anecdotes, and celebrity of the month column. Last month's celebrity was the deceased singer Janis Joplin, a pioneer in the name of women's lib.

The publication tears down the Playboy image of woman as a mindless sexual object, the "chick" or "bird" connotation. It pokes fun at advertisements depicting woman as a creature whose sexual freedom begins with feminine hygiene products, Virginia Slims, and the conception men have that all women play the same role.

An article entitled "What Women Want for a Start" suggests that "women are not innately anything but human, and not psychologically or physically different enough from men to be considered separate and subservient subhumans." This theme is present in a majority of the articles.

Women's Press is avant-garde in tone, promoting the idea of a free thinking, free wheeling American woman of the 70's who is bored with the institutions of male supremacy, and wants to enjoy, but not be subject to, male companionship.

The editors of Women's Press invite readers from the Eugene-Springfield area to send letters, articles, photos, poems, drawings, comments, suggestions and criticisms to the publication office, third floor Gerlinger.

The second edition of Women's Press will be on sale Friday at the Student Union.

Clark okays Eachus as president

The University administration has temporarily recognized Ron Eachus as ASUO President.

University President Robert Clark announced Wednesday that a ruling terming Eachus ineligible for office for failure to meet academic requirements had been suspended until the

student president has had a chance to petition the decision.

Speaking at the general faculty meeting, Clark said he and EMU Director Dick Reynolds had reviewed the matter with the faculty Advisory Council, legal counsel and ASUO senate president Iain More before agreeing on the action.

The Advisory Council, Clark said, voted unanimously to recommend that Eachus remain in office because regulations concerning the matter are "so ambiguous."

Legal counsel, he added, had advised him that proper procedure for handling the case would be for Eachus to petition the ruling to the Student Administrative Board (SAB).

Eachus said following the meeting he had not yet filed a petition, but expected to do so at Thursday's SAB meeting. He said he would base such a petition on the fact that he had not violated any requirements for office holders as stated in the ASUO Constitution.

Eachus, though recognized as president by the ASUO Senate, was considered disqualified for the position earlier this term by Reynolds for failure to meet academic requirements as set down in faculty legislation.

The professors, at Clark's suggestion, voted Wednesday to set up an ad hoc faculty committee to examine the Ad-

ministrative Manual and Student Handbook to clear up any ambiguities in regulations for student office holders.

In addition, a proposal to reduce faculty academic requirements for office holders and another to eliminate them entirely were presented and will be considered at the next monthly faculty meeting.

More, who proposed eliminating faculty requirements, told the professors "the ASUO should have the right to set their own standards for leadership."

Calling the faculty requirements unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of the ASUO, he said students are in a better position to set requirements because "they have more at stake."

Clark, commenting on the administration's decision, said "I recognize that the conclusion at the moment, on the basis of appeal, is not consistent with faculty legislation." And, he continued, "the faculty unmistakably expects student officers to be making substantial progress toward an academic goal."

However, he added, "I think it's a strongly held opinion that the burdens of student officer holders are heavy and justify a light academic load for eligibility."



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