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Photo by Clay Eals

One of 30 women demonstrators picks up a crumpled sign Monday morning on the steps of Johnson Hall after a man ripped the sign, which read "Sisterhood Is Powerful," down off the building's pillars. The man interrupted the women while they were singing, by shouting at them: "You can't be liberated and be for abortion at the same time! You can do nothing worse than commit an abortion!" He then pointed his finger at some of the women, who had started laughing and singing louder, asking, "Have you committed an abortion?"

As the women sang louder and louder, he ran up the Johnson Hall steps and ripped down on the the signs placed there earlier by the women. Then, he

came down the steps, arguing with several women, and shaking and pushing one other woman. "You just don't want to talk," he shouted at them. "When somebody comes to talk with you, you don't want to talk!" He left the demonstration, saying, "I'll be back here tomorrow at the same time!"

The women had placed signs on the Johnson Hall pillars and balloons on the building's railings as part of their demonstration in favor of having the University provide free day care and a women's studies program for its students. The bulk of the demonstration was the enacting of a play, called "The Independent Female or A Man Has His Pride."



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An unidentified man lunges toward one of the feminist posters which decorated the exterior of Johnson Hall during the Monday demonstration.

Feminists present demands

Eugene-area feminists occupied the steps of Johnson Hall during a day-long demonstration Monday. They presented University President Robert Clark with a list of six "Day Care and Women's Studies Demands."

The women taped large posters to the front of the building to dramatize their demands to the passers-by. During the five-hour demonstration the women passed out copies of their demands and performed "The Independent Female, or A Man Has His Pride," a humorous and satirical playlet illustrating the plight of women.

Approximately 30-40 women participated in the demonstration, which was peaceful except for a brief incident involving a male observer who shouted obscenities and tore down one of the posters.

Jeanette Silveira, a Psychology Research Associate who participated in the demonstration, said the women countered this harassment by singing and ignoring the man.

Another participant told the Emerald that the list of demands "are for community women as well as University demands. We're asking for action on these demands. These things can easily be put into effect by fall quarter."

The list of demands begins: "We are fed up. The University treats women as if we didn't exist. We will no longer tolerate this

'benign neglect.' Women are half the people and we want half the University. Women are here. Our needs are real. We've talked, negotiated, suggested — but now the days of sugar and spice are over. The University had better get off its ass!"

The women demanded:

1. That the University provide day care facilities for all University families that need them (staff, students, and faculty).

2. The immediate hiring of a full-time Acting Coordinator of Women's Studies to be recruited by the Ad Hoc Committee on Women's Education.

3. That money be set aside from "contingency funds" to hire faculty to teach Introduction to Women's Studies and 15 other courses.

4. "Free access to all classes for all women. Free access necessitates: 1) Free or sliding scale tuition, and the abolition of the absurd \$20 per credit charged by the Division of Continuing Education. 2) Night classes and other arrangements for women who cannot attend class on a regular basis. 3) The right of all women to attend and receive credit for all University courses without being a regularly enrolled student or a degree candidate."

5. A campus women's center.

6. A women's clinic to be held at the student health service one day per week "open to all women in the Eugene community."