

Sexism pervasive

The Status of Women Committee for 1975-76 concluded in its final report that women are second-class citizens when it comes to promotions at the University. This news is disturbing, but not surprising.

The report identified institutional barriers maintained by the University that prevent women from advancing to administrative and tenured positions. These barriers are probably not the result of deliberate discrimination; more likely they arise from the unconscious sexism to which all members of society are conditioned from birth.

But that doesn't make the problem any less serious. Equality of the sexes can be legislated, institutionalized and enforced, but until all men and women learn the extent and affects of sexism it will continue to exist.

Boycott Gallo wine

On page seven of today's Emerald appears an advertisement for Gallo wine. We hope readers will see the ad as a reminder of the farmworker's fight for the right to choose a union rather than as an inducement to buy Gallo products.

Any wine that says "Modesto, California" on the label is a Gallo wine. Gallo is the only wine company with headquarters in Modesto.

Among Gallo's many wines are such brand names as Paisano, Boone's Farm, Madria Madria Sangria, Carlo Rossi, Spanada, Ripple, Red Mountain, Thunderbird and Andre. All of these products are under boycott by the United Farmworker's Union. We urge Emerald readers to buy other brands until the boycott is lifted.

opinion

Fly the friendly skies?

The airlines, in their own inimitable way, manage to stick it to you like no one else. They have, in fact, become a law unto themselves, new totalitarians in a totalitarian age.

Consider that somewhere out of the Constitution (who knows where) the airlines have pirated the right to search your person. They try very hard and nearly succeed in poisoning travelers. They break stereos, destroy guitars and eat luggage with impunity. And worst of all, they kidnap passengers and hold them indefinitely in terrible islands like Pendleton.

I wish to add personal testimony to the mountainous evidence already in existence. Stand accused, United Airlines.

On Jan. 1, when any sane person is in bed too wasted to pry loose those damn fool-proof aspirin caps, United was taking me on a journey, perhaps as part of their demented vision of an airline passenger's way of knowledge. Instead of the New York-Salt Lake City-Portland-Eugene horror show I was treated to the New York-Denver-Salt Lake City-Boise - Pendleton - Portland - Eugene 14-hour nightmare. When I muttered something about feeling like a piece of hamburger to one of the United "flight attendants" she replied, "Well what did you expect with the Bicentennial Fare." Precisely.

At last I arrived in Eugene, touched down with my own two feet and decided that whatever they did to me up there would be undone by Eugene's homecoming rain. That is, until I looked around for my stereo speakers. Walk to the ticket counter, file a claim, wait and wait and wait... it's only bureaucracy peppering you to death with minutes and hours and days.

The next day my speakers came. United had found them —

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but a casual inspection revealed a chipped casing. I hooked up the speakers, and guess what? The speakers didn't work. They had worked, however, at the stereo store three days earlier. 689-1611. That's the baggage number at United. I dialed and explained the problem and a male voice there replied,

"Bring the speakers down and we'll proceed from there."

What proceed? Where's my money you bums.

"I said bring them down and we'll proceed."

I did some more explaining and he kept proceeding, so I next proceeded to verbally translate the Bronx cheer to the voice on the other end of the wire.

It's a nice drive to the airport. Past second-hand stores full of broken down appliances, wrecking yards chock full of junked autos and taverns housing wasted humans. I looked over to the sick speakers in the front seat beside me. The box was ripped along one side. It was delivered that way. I had marked handle with care in half a dozen places in magic marker. Bold letters announced STEREO SPEAKERS.

Couldn't the apes read?

A man at the airport named Fred Merten was very helpful.

"A stereo is not a piece of luggage," he announced.

And hot dogs ain't kosher, so what? What's that got to do with anything?

"There's nothing we can do," he said indicating that because you couldn't wear a stereo the airlines wouldn't take responsibility for wreaking destruction on my speakers.

Things suddenly got quiet at the airport. Two of Merten's apes moved to his side obviously bracing for the barrage of invective that was about to hit seven on the Richter scale.

Calmly I pointed out, quite

Why the ASUO supports the UFW

During Fall term, there was a great deal of controversy over the issue of Gallo ads appearing in the Oregon Daily Emerald. Recently, the ODE Board of Directors narrowly defeated a motion calling for the publication of a disclaimer above each Gallo ad. The disclaimer would have stated that all Gallo products are presently under boycott by the United Farmworkers Union.

The intent of this motion was to provide for equal access to the media by both sides of a controversy. The ASUO Executive concurs most strongly with the intent of the motion, and supports the attempt to provide equity of access to the ODE by the United Farmworkers.

Furthermore, the ASUO Executive agrees most strongly with the ODE editorial of 11-22-76, which reiterated support for the UFW and the farmworkers movement.

In order to demonstrate our support for equal access, and in order to support the UFW, the ASUO has decided to purchase advertising space of the sort the ODE Board might have adopted.

We will stress that boycotting all Gallo products assists the farmworkers in obtaining the right to elections. Once this right is guaranteed, farmworkers can decide for themselves whether they wish to have a union represent them, and if so, then which union.

We have made this decision for a number of reasons. First, we believe that there are some moral issues which compel the taking of a stand. We believe that supporting the right of farmworkers to organize is one of these moral issues.

Because of the great sacrifices of earlier generations, Americans have won the right to organize themselves, and to protect their rights. Unfortunately, most American farmworkers are still denied this most basic of democratic freedoms.

Were this the only question at stake, we would feel impelled to act in their behalf. But we feel an even greater sense of obligation because of the long involvement of American racial minorities in farm labor. Since this country was founded, non-white workers have provided the backbone of the agricultural labor force. This is as true today as it has ever been.

Therefore, given our deep commitment to America's racial minorities in their struggle for basic democratic rights, we must take our place with those who defend the UFW and the farmworkers movement.

There has been some controversy over the question of equal access to the ODE by both Gallo and the UFW. We feel that this matter requires some clarification.

Regardless of one's sympathies in this matter, it is an objective fact that the UFW cannot afford to advertise as Gallo does. Given that this is the case, can it be said that both sides have equal access to the public eye and ear?

We believe most emphatically that both sides cannot have equal access when one side can buy ads and the other side cannot. To say that equity prevails because anyone can purchase space is like saying that both Nelson Rockefeller and any homeless American are prohibited from sleeping under bridges. True, the law does apply equally to the homeless and the rich in form. But this equity of form has absolutely no equity of substance.

We say unequivocally that equality in substance is the only measure of equality, regardless of the "equality" of form.

At present, the boycott is the only leverage the farmworkers have in their fight for the holding of bona fide elections. Therefore, all Gallo needs to do is continue with "business as usual" and the UFW loses. Conversely, the UFW is compelled to motivate people to extraordinary lengths to win. The UFW must persuade people to behave in a very conscious fashion. It must convince people not to conduct "business as usual" (to boycott) if it is to have any chance at all.

Therefore, given that the entire burden of change rests upon the UFW and its supporters, all inertia works objectively to aid those forces resisting change. For this reason, if for no other, every act which continues with "business as usual" is politically arrayed against the UFW. Concretely, running the Gallo ads constitutes assistance to those who oppose the farmworkers (again, regardless of intent).

Finally, we must return again to the issue of equity of access.

We believe that the readership of the ODE does have the right to decide their stand on the issue. But we reiterate that both sides do not have equal access to the public's ear.

We call attention to the recent defeat of Proposition 14 in California. The agribusiness organizations raised well in excess of \$1.6 million to defeat proposition 14, which would have guaranteed funding of The Agricultural Labor Relations Board. The supporters of the initiative were able to raise about \$300,000. The corporations outspent the UFW by a margin of at least 5 to 1 (final reports will imbalance the ratio even more).

We cite this example as evidence of the impact of unequal resources on both the airing of issues and decisions reached by the public on those issues.

In conclusion, we reaffirm our concern for equity and our support of the UFW. For the remainder of the academic year, we will respond to each Gallo ad with a disclaimer. We urge you to consider the matter carefully, and take your stand.

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rightly I think, that if the United baggage person in New York had accepted my stereo speakers which I had pointedly explained were in fact stereo speakers at the time, then surely United people in Eugene should accept that responsibility in Eugene. What is good for the goose is good for the

gander, whatever that means. They refused to acknowledge that logic and gave me some flak-catcher's name in Chicago.

So, now begins the next round of battling the airlines.

What gets me is that United is insured up to \$500 per passenger. Which just goes to show you how

un-American the airlines have actually become. Anyone not willing to soak the insurance companies, and in this case, rightfully so, is probably a Communist and maybe worse.

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