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Woman to chair University Senate

A woman faculty member has been elected chairer of the University Senate for the first time in the senate's 60-year history, but will it be a big breakthrough for women faculty? Not necessarily.

"It's kind of strange, really, that I'm the first woman to be elected chairer," says Catherine Jones, associate dean of the College of Business Administration. "My name was the only one nominated for the position this year. I think the nomination was a result of my being on the Senate and knowing a lot of people."

The 54-member faculty-student Senate is responsible for developing and reviewing legislation to be presented to the University Assembly, the school's general governing body. Currently 19 men and 12 women compose the University Assembly.

Jones explains that the business of the Senate depends upon the motions brought up by the faculty and student members. Some

of the controversial issues she believes will be brought to motion this year include changing of the grading system and publication of faculty course evaluations.

Jones says the changing of the grading system will be questioned because each school in the University has a different way of handling the D grade, and each school

thinks it's doing a good job.

"I feel that the penalty of the D grade is too great now to be really fair. We do need to consider a change," she says.

Jones says she won't voice an opinion on what kind of change is necessary until she hears what Senate members propose.

"I don't feel my opinion is criti-

cal," she adds. "As chairer of the Senate, I'm supposed to be neutral and keep the meeting going."

Because the chairer position is supposed to be neutral, Jones has no voting privileges. She says that the loss of her vote was a bit disappointing, but she's still pleased with her new position.



glen ozonewood

all my children

There ain't no rubber type and if a story's too long for its hole, it gets cut. Last week's column is a good example so you didn't get to hear about Eddie the talking sphincter. He's such a jerk his mudder had to tie a roast around his neck to get the dog to play with him.

Eddie is important to those con-

cerned with Pine Valley because he manages the career of Kelly Cole, Linc Tyler's sister-in-law. He's a leech, taking a large percentage of Kelly's salary and an arrangement has been worked out where Linc, a member of one of Pine Valley's prominent families, handles Kelly's finances.

Eddie is pissed about the new set-up; it's harder to get his slimy hands on Kelly's dough. For a while it was hard to understand why Kelly kept Eddie around; he caused nothin' but trouble. But last week we found out that Eddie's her connection. She's into pills and like the stereotyped drug addict, will eat a lot of shit to get 'em. She even rewards Eddie with her body.

There's a lot of pressure on Linc to clean up the situation, Kelly's the exact twin of Linc's dead wife

and Eddie's so sleazy he has to get his. But look out Linc, it's well-known that drugs can be trouble.

Kelly's crisis demonstrates the danger of drugs but it took sweet Devon Shepherd to show the dangers of sex. Must be the air in Pine Valley but women from there conceive easily. For Devon, it took only one time.

Too bad really. Fear of pregnancy is one of the big selling points of the Ann Landers brand of morality. Rather than show the easy and painless ways to prevent that rather negative occurrence, an approach like that taken by AMC reinforces embarrassment surrounding birth control.

Sorry about that. Got caught up in a lecture and forgot to tell you who the hell Devon is.

The Shepherds moved back to Pine Valley last spring. Seems they'd moved to St. Looney where Devon's parents lived the meaningless life common in that city. But divorce wormed into their life and Mr. Shepherd took off for Mexico with a young gold digger (hope AMC's reflection of female values isn't representative of the truth. Women in Pine Valley are either evil or dumb).

The divorce prompted Devon and her mother's (Ellen) return and because of the return, there will soon be two additions to the family, Ellen's husband and Devon's child. See, Ellen's engaged to a young (about two-thirds her age) prof at the local U and Devon's pregnant by a man she doesn't truly love.

But kids are the price one pays for filthy fun. Devon has no right to enjoy herself and punishment is due. As with most pregnancies in Pine Valley, abortion is an answer rejected out of hand: Adoption is out, leaving marriage.

"I'm not important. I must do what's right for the baby."

Mudder, give me stren'th.

Finnish taught as alternative language class

Students deep in the doldrums of required courses may choose to freshen their schedules by learning an exotic language: Finnish.

Lola Griffin teaches the two-to-three credit Search class on Tuesday evenings. She presents her class with a background of Finnish literature and culture and informs them of any recent developments in the country, as well as teaches them the fundamentals of the language.

Describing Finnish as a "poetic, beautiful" tongue, she encourages students to enroll in the small class, particularly those who might one day be traveling to Finland.

Finnis are "always friendlier if a person knows their language," Griffin says with a smile.

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