

# editor's note

The sweat crept up the entire sleeve of Andrew Paige's tight white shirt as the woman testified about the night two years ago when Paige allegedly tried to rape her.

Sometimes speaking softly, sometimes indignantly at cross-examination questions, the 20-year-old woman should have been the one to sweat. She — not Paige — was the one on trial.

"Don't fool yourself," prosecuting attorney Darryl Larson cautioned the jury. "The victim is always on trial on in sex case. But what can she hope to gain by dragging herself through the mud again? Notoriety? Huh, some notoriety."

The "alleged victim," a former University student, had little to gain from the trial. Her parents sat through her testimony. Although the media identified her only as "the woman," her name was mentioned constantly in the courtroom filled with spectators and journalists.

And the man who she said terrified her July 21, 1979, watched her testify. And sweated.

Co-defense attorney Milton Grimes, a family friend of Paige's from Orange County, Calif., apologized constantly to the jury during his closing remarks: Sorry about waving my hands. Sorry about saying "I think . . ." Sorry about taking up too much of your time.

But Grimes did not apologize for his cool and well-worded attempt to smear the character of the woman.

"I'm not old-fashioned," said Grimes, who was wearing large tinted glasses and a tight-fitting, three-piece suit, "but I think that it's a little forward for a young woman who meets a young man at a party, to go into his bedroom . . . and smoke a joint with him. I think it's hard to believe she didn't want more."

"She did nothing but encourage this young man."

Grimes, who often called the victim a "young lady" and a "little girl," said the entire case was the woman's imagination. "This lady is looking for

sympathy."

He went on: The woman was trying to get a former boyfriend's attention. The woman was high on cocaine — known in some circles as an aphrodisiac. The woman lied. The woman was willing.

And the woman was playing hard to get when she suggested the couple leave the bedroom and go dance, Grimes said.

"Every red-blooded male knows that's a proper interpretation of her actions."

"Are we talking about some sleazy woman who is trying to have sex with Andrew Paige, quarterback?" Larson asked the jury. "Can you believe that?"

As the closing arguments were phoned into the Portland United Press International office, the male UPI staff member asked the Eugene correspondent, "Can you believe this bullshit?"

It took jury members less than 90 minutes to deliberate. No sweat. They believed it.

## YOURS

### Artesian folk

Congratulations! Developed by "Artesian-consciousness journalism," those "legendary inhabitants of the Olympia Brewery in Tumwater, Wash.," will become American folk heroes and benign symbols synonymous with one of America's great diseases. Go for it!

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### Perchance?

It is evident that the reason for lack of response to my two previous "sexist" letters is that women's liberation people lack basic language communication skill.

This is evidenced in their attempt to exchange the suffix *man* for *person* on words they consider sexist. Their first problem is that they seem to have missed the most sexist of all this genre — *woman*. This word is blatantly sexist, not only in itself, by even by its etymology. In the world's most popular book, (Genesis 2:23) "Adam said . . . she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

To reflect her newfound status of existing for herself, she should no longer be called Woman. She should be called Wo-wo. (A wo-wo is a yo-yo that didn't quite make it. She just dangles and spins.)

The second problem is that *person* itself carries a male bias in that it ends in *son*. To remedy this, I suggest that we use some neutral ending to reflect the fact that one's gender is determined by random chance. The ideal word would be *per-chance*.

Then instead of using sexist words like *mailman*, *congressman*, *mailperson*, *congressperson*, we would say such things as "Has the mail-per-chance come yet?" Or "Did our congress-per-chance do any good today?"

If I receive no response to this third "sexist" letter of mine, I will revise my statement about the "women's liberation movement" being in left field. I would then say it has struck out. How about it Casey?

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### Iranian repeat

If it were my intention to respond to every point and allegation made in your collection of trash which appeared in the Emerald last Thursday, I would have had to write a voluminous article. Therefore, I shall confine myself to making some general, but legitimate, remarks on what you pretend to depict about the growing opposition to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It is, of course, not at all surprising that you and your predecessors have been systematically glorifying a re-



pressive regime which came to power under false pretenses and promises of bringing democracy and freedom to Iran after 30 dark years of the shah's dictatorship. Today, after only 2 1/2 years of Islamic Republic rulership, the world has witnessed the existence of the same Kangaroo Courts which, in the shah's era, sent thousands of freedom fighters to the firing squads, the same prisons filled with savagely tortured political prisoners and a severe censorship of the media coupled with the publication of distorted facts and poisonous lies, similar to what you have presented to the readers of the Emerald.

The dimensions of these

atrocities has grown to such an extent that even Bani Sadr (president-elect by 75 percent popular vote) has had to confess to the existence of torture and suppression in Iran and, as a consequence, himself falling a victim to the repression of the Islamic parties. More offensive and frightening than all this is that these brutalities have been committed under the guise of Islam and thus justified as religious duties.

In short, the crimes that have been committed by this regime are equal to none other than those committed by the shah — yes the shah — if not worse.

A point of interest to many of us is that, during the shah's reign of terror, it was customary to conceal one's identity by assuming an alias in order to protect one's family from the shah's vengefulness. What if I may ask, is your excuse for doing that, Mr. "Ali Shariati?"

I challenge you, Mr. Whatever-your-name-is, to a public debate in order to expose to the people what is really going on in your "young and innocent Islamic Republic."

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### Martyr stand

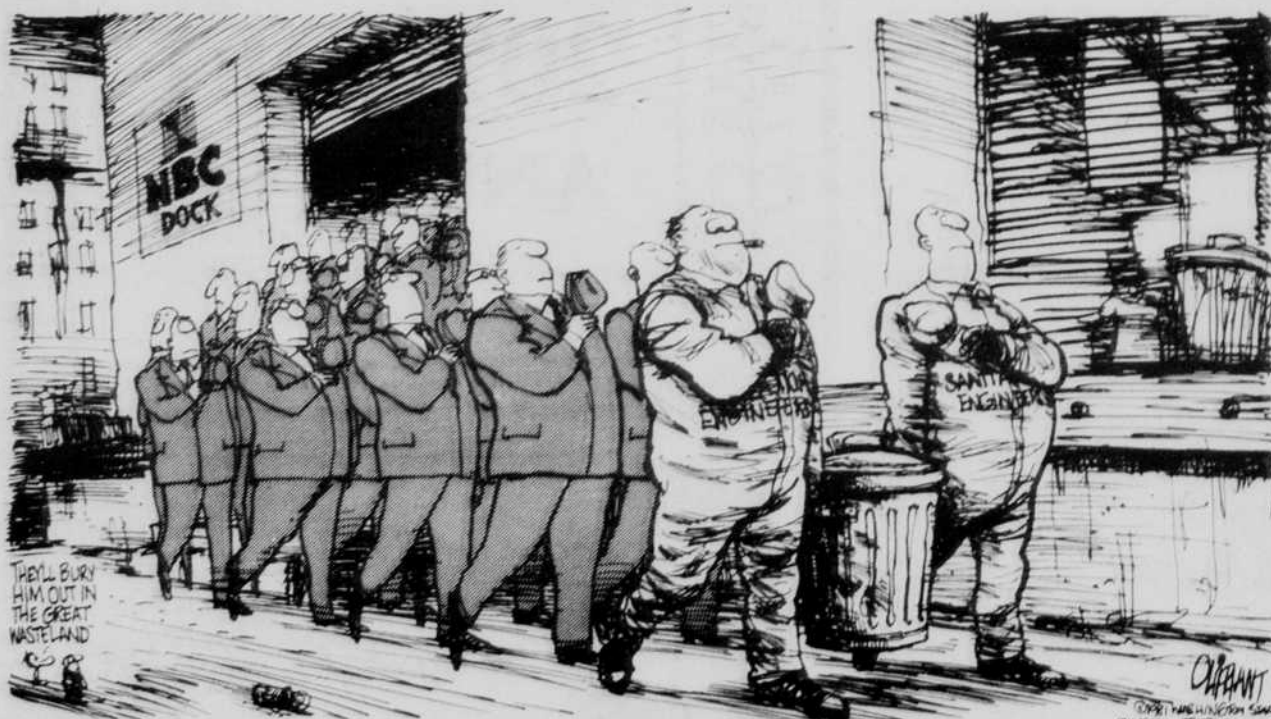
The martyrdom of the 74 Muslim leaders in Iran on June 28 shocked and grieved not only the Muslim nation in Iran, but the entire Muslim Ummah of 1 billion Muslims all over the world. We, the Muslim Students' Association at the University,

join our brothers and sisters all over the world in congratulating the martyrs and their families for the blessing and victory of gaining martyrdom, in condemning the coward terrorist hypocrites and their imperialist and Zionist masters responsible for the murderous act, and in reaffirming our total and uncompromising stand behind the international Islamic revolution under the leadership of Imam Khomeini.

The coward act is nothing but another step in the long vicious cycle of conspiracies against Islam and the Islamic revolution. This cycle, which started long before the victory of the Islamic revolution in Iran and included the assassination of Muslim scholars, espionage against the Islamic movements, the creation of regional and tribal descent, the orchestration of sectarianism and nationalism, and the undertaking of direct military attacks, will not end by this murderous act but will continue as long as there are enemies of humanity on this earth.

However, in this critical period of the history of our struggle against Western and Eastern imperialism, Zionism and all forms of tyranny and exploitation, we assure mankind, both friends and foes, that the determination of the Islamic revolution will never be weakened no matter how vicious the atrocities of the enemies are, nor how big our sacrifice is.

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THE PASSING OF FRED SILVERMAN