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Stress

Life in Nevada is more stressful than in any other state, according to an article reported in the April 28 edition of the Portland Oregonian.

The authors of the listing evaluated stress through 15 factors, including unemployment, personal bankruptcy, divorce and business failures.

After Nevada, the rest of the top 10 were Alaska, Georgia, Washington, Oregon, Alabama, California, Mississippi, Arizona and Tennessee.

Sex Life

The sex life of the American female is raising Cain with international relations, according to an United Press article reported in the Emerald on Feb. 10, 1948.

And much of that can be attributed to "sweater girls and indoor plumbing," British anthropologist E.J. Dingwall says.

"The acute American interest in a well-filled cardigan and shiny bathroom fixtures has helped build up a matriarchy in the United States that threatens to upset the balance in power in the world," the article states.

The Emerald ran an accompanying editorial the same day blasting Dingwall. "We'll take our American girl every time" instead of her European sisters, the editorial states.

Hazing

Hazing has been formally outlawed by every national fraternity for more than 50 years now. Yet in the last 10 years, at least 39 students have died and many others injured in fraternity hazing incidents.

One organization has set out to curb the problem. Alpha Tau Omega has produced a courtroom drama to show a fictitious prosecution of a fraternity president on manslaughter charges

after a pledge he's ordered to get drunk ends up choking to death.

The national fraternity is presently circulating 120 copies of the show nationwide to create a greater awareness of the seriousness of hazing.

Equality

A nationwide survey has proved college women are achieving equality with men — as problem drinkers.

According to a continuing nationwide survey conducted at Indiana University, the following figures have come forth:

•Eighty percent of college women drink compared with 87 percent of college men.

•Between 1977 and 1985, the number of college women who drank six or more drinks at one setting at least once a week rose from 4 to 14 percent. For men, 33 percent consume six or more drinks at one setting once a week.

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sion after 20 years.

Her relations with her fellow cadets, 70 percent of which are men, are comfortable.

"We're such a cohesive unit; the guys really respect the ladies and are uplifting and supportive," she says.

The training, however, is sometimes influenced by the male orientation of the program. At a recent Marauders meeting, for instance, the instructor discussed various materials that the students could use to improvise in survival situations. "Fishing line is great. You can tie up your boots or even tie up your girlfriend with it," he said. A deep rumble of laughter followed.

Although she is opposed to the ROTC being based at the University, women studies Director Barbara Pope says the program may appeal to many University women.

"For some women the military is a source of upward mobility and an opportunity to get out of sex roles," Pope says.

Pope also strikes down the stereotype that women are gentle, compassionate and not interested in warfare. "There's nothing inherent in woman's nature, nothing hormonal, that makes women more peaceful than men."

Women involved in the military can, however, offer a fresh perspective because traditionally they have been excluded from the power structure, Pope says. "Women in the military can cut through the rhetoric because they have been marginalized," she says.

"Maybe grenade throwing is exactly what some women want to do. It does give them the opportunity to do something dangerous and adventurous."

Powell is uncomfortable with the anticipation of combat. While she cannot fight in a war (because she is a woman), she participates in all of the ROTC combat training activities. "It's not just a game — it could happen some day," she says.

She enjoys the combat field activities, however, because "it's a challenge. You are pretending to be face to face with the enemy so you have to be quick on your feet and quick thinking."

Her father, resentful of being drafted in 1957, was originally sceptical of her desire to make a career out of the Army. But through her involvement with the ROTC, he realizes it is what she wants to do and now supports her, he says.

"My friends always talk about their girls getting ready to get married and I tell them that my daughter wants to drive a tank," he quips.

The 100 women and men in the University ROTC this year have as many individual reasons for joining the program as the diversity in uniform sizes they wear. Some cite patriotism, others the scholarship money that allows them to attend the University, and still others because it serves as a natural extension of the military environment they were raised in.

While criticism flies like bullets at the University ROTC buildings, the cadets seem impervious to the attacks. A Marauders class is coming to a close and talk turns from mines and booby traps to choosing a local bar to visit.

As they pour out of the classroom, laughter pierces the night air; a laughter reserved for people with a common language, a common lifestyle, common goals.