

EDITORIAL

Woman seeks partnership

Since four of our six editors and all but one of our 10 other staffers are women, we at **The Blue Banner** have a lively interest in the status of women. We definitely believe there is a place for Woman; and we believe that place is in the office, in the home, in the classroom, in the factory, in the field, in the air, in the boardroom or wherever else she wants to be. In addition, we believe that as long as she is doing the job she deserves the same recognition and the same pay an equally good man would get in the same position.

Unfortunately, Woman still has some struggling to do to get on equal footing with Man. She lost ground when the industrial revolution confined her to the home and made her Man's dependent. On the farm she was an equal partner. Each depended on the other for survival as they worked side by side to produce food, clothing, the necessities. In the city, where neither produced the necessities, and where Man alone earned the money to buy them, Woman lost status and respect.

The average Modern Man and Woman still don't produce their own necessities. However, Modern Woman is rebelling against depending on Modern Man to buy them for her. She wants once again to be an equal partner. Whether working in or out of the home, she wants her work to be recognized for what it is — vital. And she wants appropriate compensation.

If all the women in the world went on strike there would be total chaos. Of course, if all the men in the world went on strike there would also be total chaos. So there really is a partnership between the sexes, one that neither can safely disregard.

Correction

The quotes attributed to Charles Carreno, director of UNCA's department of security and services, in last week's article, "Firebug strikes", were actually those of Victor Fulp, UNCA security guard.

We apologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment this mix-up may have caused either party.

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IN YOUR OPINION

Privacy sought in SGA voting

By Margaret A. Johnson

Question: Why does the voting procedure go as follows?

1. You step up to the voting table; sign your name on some sort of roster; then the number on your ballot is written beside your name...

WAIT A MINUTE.

I thought all votes were taken on a secret ballot. To me, and to some others, writing down the number of my ballot next to my signature is anything but private. Furthermore, it's anything but democratic.

I happen to disagree with this procedure, and it may be one reason why people do not exercise their rights as students to vote. Face it, this is sloppy, not confidential, plus it brings an unprofessional aura to student government elections.

Understandably, there must be some way for those running the elections to prevent people from voting more than

once, or to prevent anyone from voting who is not eligible.

For instance, why would it not be possible to have a student roster run off from a computer, which people can either sign or be marked out before receiving a ballot?

I noticed that identification cards were not checked either. This is a small campus, but granted, one person cannot recognize every other student. Check ID cards; give the students some responsibility. We can handle it. In fact, we need it.

Personally, I believe there is a solution which is simple to this problem. We all demand our rights to privacy in many situations. Surely something can be done in correcting voting procedures here on campus. For myself, I would have more respect for the Student Government Association, and campus procedures in general, if they were operated with a little more finesse and professionalism.

Club supports hunger relief bills

Dear Editor:

Our club wants to commend the many people on campus who are becoming involved in efforts to solve the problem of hunger around the world.

Much attention has recently, of course, been devoted to the famine in Ethiopia.

There are two bills currently in Congress - HR 3611/12 and S2420 - that would establish an effective food assistance policy for the United States and would help ease the suffering in Ethiopia.

We encourage everyone to write his or her Congressional representatives to help get the bills passed.

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For further information, contact Mrs. Stevens in the Rhoades Science Building. She is coordinating awareness efforts.

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