

FEMININE REVOLUTION ARRIVES

A Feminine Revolution has occurred in American Society. Women have crashed the barriers of subserviency and obtained social equality with men.

Women's old world of complete dependence on men has vanished as the results of changes in social and domestic trends. Ironically, man boosted the advancement of women by his scientific studies and new inventions which enabled women to invade the so-called male domain.

In view of things that have happened in the past, this revolution didn't just happen. It has been in the making for a long time, spurred on by many complex developments. One has only to enumerate a few in order to prove this point.

In colonial days a strong patriarchal authority was protected by isolated rural living and the old tradition that the man should wear the pants. However, these bonds began to disintegrate and the women, more and more, began to voice their opinion as to how those pants should be worn.

The Civil War had a tremendous effect upon the status of women. While husbands were away fighting, their wives were faced with problems of running the home. And, of course, single women, too, had to fill the vacancies caused by the war. The economic and education fields were flooded with the unorthodox presence of women.

Electricity, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and dishwashers, all part of the Industrial Revolution, made housework easier and faster.

The 19th amendment gave women a "legal" voice in the government.

If we were to compare 19th century women with those of today, we would have to focus our attention on the fantastic gains in freedom. What are these freedoms? Well, when compared to the long voluminous skirts prior to the 1900's, today's mini skirt breaks all previous restrictions. Today's women can look like yesterday's Jezebel without causing noses to turn up in disapproval. There has been a general leveling off of behavior as well.

Yet, in spite of her achievements and new freedoms, today's woman has had to forfeit that which she still cherishes. She can no longer pretend helplessness and at the same time possess the power to map out her own destiny.

Men are finding it increasingly difficult to play a chivalrous Sir Lancelot to someone who is successfully competing with him in the same kind of endeavors. So today's woman has given up many gallant and traditional courtesies for that which used to be a masculine career. However, her nature being what it is, she sometimes demands both, the sometimes impossible.

There is only one conclusion to be drawn from all of this, and that is, man is in trouble. If he is not careful he will become America's "silent sex." But he will have only himself to blame if he gives up his so-called Man's World for a matriarchal society.

-M. P. Bowman

A CALL FOR MALE ACTORS

Young men, the Drama Guild needs you! Your support will inspire many new ideas for the drama on campus. You don't need any acting experience or training. All that's needed is an interest in drama and a good foundation in the English language.

The reluctance of the male population to join the Drama Guild is attributed to many factors. Many young men are engaged in sport activities; several are doing practice teaching; some are day students and find it difficult to attend evening play practices; others are married and have part time jobs; and some are under the assumption that a student must be in a drama or speech class to participate in a play.

Not only is the Guild interested in young men who like to

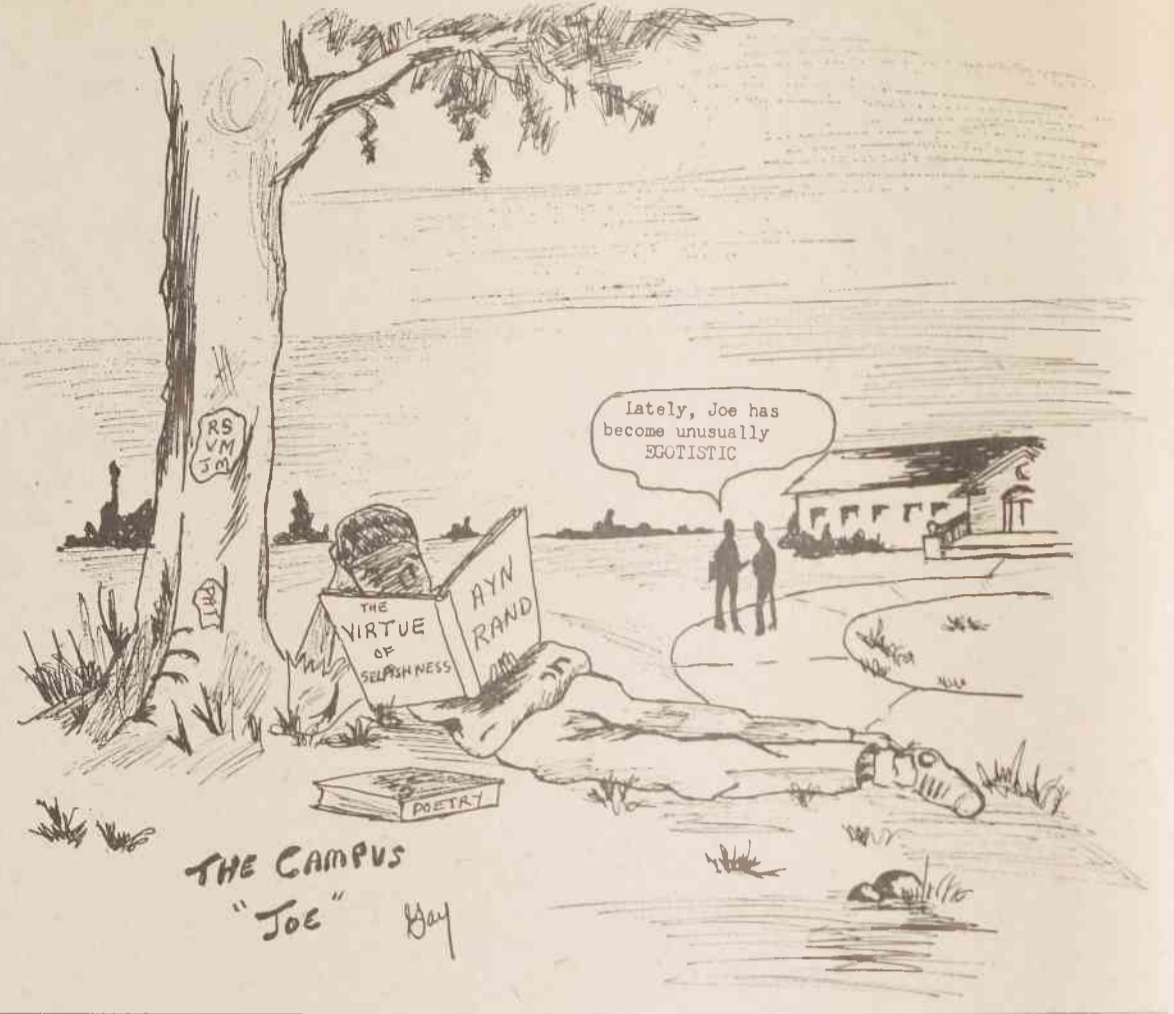
act, but also those interested in stage crew work, production and management.

With more men in the Guild it would be possible to produce a play a semester and several experimental plays for a small group.

Remember, the Drama Guild at Winston-Salem State College is an educational theatre, not a professional one. This means that Mrs. Juanita Oubre is interested in training your voice and fitting your personality to a part in a play. You do not have to be a variable actor.

If anyone is interested in joining the Drama Guild, please attend the meetings in Eller Hall room 113 at 6:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday, or get in touch with Mrs. Oubre at her office in Eller Hall.

-Janet Beckett



American Involvement in Viet Nam Is Reality

By now much has been said about America's involvement in Vietnam. Some comment has been constructive, some destructive, some accurate, and some misleading. Although the volume and the variety have been great, I have chosen to add some of my own observations on Vietnam. This I do for three basic reasons:

First, no group of Americans has such a personal stake present and future, in Vietnam as those of the college generation. Therefore, no group has a more valid right to ask about America's involvement.

Second, no issue before this nation is more important, or more far reaching in both its national and international implications.

And third, no subject has had the pertinent so obscured by the irrelevant, the facts so confused with fancy.

Today, the United States alone has the residual wealth, strength, and spirit to take the initiative on behalf of the free nations of the world. However reluctantly, it moved to assume this leadership. The world's problems are now the problems of America. As one foreign observer commented, "The

United States has world-wide responsibilities without having imperial aspirations."

In assuming this burden, it soon became clear that the U. S. A. had entered into a continuing struggle. On the one side were those countries who wanted to create a decent world order in which nations could freely choose their own institutions and live in peace with each other. On the other side were those nations whose aim is a world of one political and economic system for all.

Long before Vietnam aggression, the free world had to confront the aggressive thrust of communism.

Vietnam is an extension of this struggle which has been imposed upon the free peoples for 20 years. Some find this difficult to comprehend or accept because of the underlying complexities in Vietnam.

In this crowded and more dangerous world, we are all, as John Donne said, "involved in mankind." And, if we are not involved for altruistic reasons, in this small world we cannot escape involvement. While fortune has made us the richest and the strongest of nations, no country can stand alone. For

reasons of self-interest as well as principle, then, we have allied ourselves with those nations which believe in individual freedom and national independence. As the leader of the community of free men, we have committed our word to the defense of freedom.

America might have been called upon to honor our commitment in any one of several places. The challenge came in Vietnam.

In sum, what I have said can be expressed in a paraphrase of Benjamin Franklin's words to his colleagues, on the occasion of Independence: "If the free nations of the world do not hang together in opposing aggression, then surely they will hang separately."

Yes, it is America's duty and responsibility to defend its commitment and accept the challenge of Vietnam.

-James Goodman

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:

At times a candid reminder is better than a harsh word of reproof. This is the spirit in which I would like this brief letter to be published.

The department of students at Winston-Salem State College at various programs and activities conducted in Fries Auditorium has not been what one would expect of college students. This mention should not be a judgment, but instead, a reminder that we, the students (Continued on Page Five)

Student Government Leader Criticizes Students

The President of the Student Government Association, Melvin Mayo, denounced WSSC's students for being "too complacent," "too timid," and "too silent" to correct what he described as a seriously deficient Student Government organization.

In an interview, Mayo challenged the students to become more militant.

"They've been doing nothing for so long," he said, "that now they are used to doing nothing. It is their fault that our organization has not been highly successful."

He made these criticisms of the students:

"Perhaps one of our troubles is the students do not articulate their problems to the right people, but rather complain among themselves — this is senseless."

"When I get a complaint (as a rule it's second-hand) it usually concerns only social activities. Never do they ask for an

extra-curricula academic activity."

"Swaggering uncouth students, who are invariably on academic probation possess some incomprehensible power over our better students . . . We must not tolerate this . . . we (the students) must begin to separate and weed out those who are not orderly."

"They want more social privileges, yet I see students sleeping in classes."

He said that students should strive for an active social life but they should, by the same token, strive for academic excellence. He blamed them for "not wanting to be taught, only amused."

Mayo accused the students of wrapping themselves up "in little bags of righteousness" so as to pretend the existing problems on this campus are the fault of the student leaders and the administration.

This is not so, he continued.

President Williams welcomes constructive changes and considers it the "first work" of his administration, he said. Many of the faculty members are almost overly eager to help, he said.

Mayo did single out for praise "the few" students who were actually trying to improve the campus.

It is practically impossible, he said, to get a student to talk openly about conditions on the campus. "Have the courage of your convictions," he exhorted. "If you have a problem, you must voice it."

Mayo was elected president of the student government last April.

Mayo said he wants to get students angry enough to do something. He suggested that the students "use their militancy to fight for better textbooks as well as for more dances . . . if they want better teachers, then it follows that they should be better students."

Born in Washington, D. C., Mayo is a graduating senior. Recently he was offered a teaching position in the public elementary schools of that city.

-T. Peter Davis

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