

Steinem calls sex bias 'politics'

by Gail Bronson
Staff Writer

The audience, stuffed into Graham Memorial Thursday night, waited for the emasculator, liberator, bra-burner and prophet. Surprisingly, almost half the crowd was male.

Co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus and of Ms. magazine, Gloria Steinem spoke during the Women's Festival, sponsored by the Association of Women Students and the Carolina Forum.

Speaking slowly and softly, she sprinkled her talk with laughter.

She emphasized that she was on campus to stir up enthusiasm for local women's movement organizations.

"If we come today, and there's no trouble tomorrow, we haven't done our job," she said.

Steinem called for an anthropological revolution to end the caste system based on visible differences in people. She said sex and race discrimination go hand in hand.

"Yes, class is important too, but one can conceivably get out of a class, but one cannot change his physical traits that force him to the bottom of the system," she said.

"Generalized differences of the sexes are

only functional at relatively few times, such as during childbirth. Individual differences are far greater," she said.

She listed myths that affect sex and race groups.

"We hear that women and blacks are child-like, irresponsible, have small brains and are always late. Oh yes, and rhythm. For women, it's the kind of lunar rhythm that affects their cycles, and for blacks, it's musical rhythm," Steinem said.

She said politics should be redefined as "any power relationship in our lives."

If one kind of person owns the fields, and

another kind of person is working them, then that is politics, she said.

She listed the disproportionate number of males on the UNC faculty and the Morehead Scholarship's discrimination against females as politics.

She blasted forced sterilization, legal in 22 states, saying it affects black women more than anyone else.

She said the women's movement is not against love.

"There cannot be love where there is no equality and mutual respect. People say the women's movement is against love. It seems to me it will make it possible for the first time," she said.

If a woman doesn't have a ring on her finger or a date on Saturday night, she is said to be incomplete, Steinem said. "We've been men junkies too long. It's time we become self-identified," she said.

She said the women's movement is viewed as anti-male because of fear. "Men are asking themselves, 'Suppose they do to us what we've been doing to them all these years? But we don't want to imitate the male pattern.'"

The caste system has forced men into a role, too, she said.

Steinem announced the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) had just passed in Ohio, leaving only five more states to ratify it before enactment.

"So much of the argument against the ERA rests on bathrooms," "Everybody thinks they will have to go to the bathroom together."

"It's a small and visible part of the humiliating caste system."

She said the bread and butter issues are the most important issues for women.

"We're obligated to put on such unbearable pressure that the economy can't afford to discriminate," she said.

Revolutionary feminism is the only path to humanism, she said.

Fonda urges end to 'new war'

by Bill Welch
News Editor

The feminist movement in this country must work in solidarity with the women of South Vietnam, or see its own demise, Jane Fonda said Friday afternoon.

Urging women to "use the new power we have," the actress and outspoken antiwar activist called for national pressure to end what she termed "the new war in Indochina."

"A lot of people ask why we are still involved with antiwar organizations," she said, "but in the last few months it has been pretty well acknowledged that the war is continuing; there is no peace."

"But what has not been documented is the American responsibility for the continuation of the Vietnam war," she said.

The new war, Fonda said, is being

waged by a South Vietnamese police state supplied and funded by the United States. She said South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu is holding 200,000 political prisoners, and said more than half of them women.

Fonda spoke to a near capacity audience at Memorial Hall as part of the Women's Festival sponsored by the Association of Women Students.

She described accounts of systematic torture and rape of women by South Vietnamese government forces, and said the war had created a situation where 400,000 women have been forced into prostitution to live.

The Thieu government in South Vietnam, Fonda said, has less popular support than any other dictatorship in the world, and would not exist without United States tax dollars.

Fonda urged students to write their congressman to lobby for passage of the

Indochina Peace Package, legislation now pending that would stop U.S. aid for the maintenance of South Vietnamese police and prisons.

She said the letters can change the opinions of legislators. "If I can change from Barbarella, if Daniel Ellsberg can change, anybody can change," she said.

Fonda admitted she never visited South Vietnam, but said she gained her insights into Vietnamese life when she visited Hanoi in 1972.

Reacting to the widespread criticism of her plea to American pilots over Hanoi radio to stop the bombing, she said, "I do the only responsible thing in my life, and I come back and am called a traitor. I didn't break any laws."

Drawing a thunderous ovation, Fonda told what students should do, besides writing their Congressmen.

"Carry a spray paint can around, and when you see a nice big, empty wall, write 'Stop the New War.'"



Gloria Steinem during the speech Thursday night. Gloria Steinem spoke at Memorial Hall Thursday night, as part of the Women's Festival, which will continue through Friday. She called for more active participation in local feminist groups. (Staff photo by Gary Lobraico)

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Police seize heroin; arrest 6 in local raid

More than \$50,000 in heroin was seized by members of the Chapel Hill and Durham police vice squads late Thursday night in what has been called the largest drug raid in the history of Chapel Hill. The raid resulted in the arrest of six persons on charges of possession of heroin, manufacture of heroin and conspiracy to manufacture and sell heroin. Police seized one pound and 11 ounces of heroin at 613 Northampton Plaza apartments.

persons had been arrested by the narcotics squad: Norman James Harris, 22, 1512 Wabash Ave., Durham; Ben Richardson, 30, 1316 Wabash Ave., Durham; Eugene Young, 34, 1015 Fayetteville St., Durham; Carl Harris, 22, 613 Northampton Plaza; Carolyn Wade, 25, 613 Northampton Plaza and Beatrice Harris, 24, 1009 Juniper Ave., Durham. Also arrested were Clearthur Harris on a charge of conspiracy to manufacture and sell heroin and Rose Ragland on a charge of simple possession of marijuana. Both were arrested at Ragland's apartment off N.C. 54 in Chapel Hill.

Compromise found for Craige

Undergraduate and graduate residents of Craige dormitory have reached a compromise on the issue of equal representation on the Craige executive council. Lloyd Scher, Council representative, said.

president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF) by 12 noon Tuesday. "The University caused the confrontation by putting the undergraduates in Craige," Scher said. "A directive will be given to the housing department that an entirely graduate student dorm is needed at UNC." Scher will also request that the housing department extend the deadline allowed graduate students for application for residence in Craige to Aug. 15 of each year.

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