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WOMEN'S CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS

To date the Women's Center has awarded 11 scholarships. While most have been modest grants, allowing the recipient to attend only one class, they have given support and encouragement to these women and some of them are now enrolled in other USU classes. The need for scholarship money is great -- especially for the returning, part-time woman student. The hope is to increase funding for scholarships to include fulltime women in degree programs, women graduate students, and post graduate research support for women.

NEW BOOKS AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER

New Books at the Women's Center include:

YOUR PERFECT RIGHT -- A
GUIDE TO ASSERTIVE BEHAVIOR

RE Alberti & ML Emmons

SEX ROLES: A RESEARCH BIB-
LIOGRAPHY

HS Astin, Al Parelman,
& A Fisher

JOURNAL OF AMERICAN FOLK-
LORE (Jan-Mar 1975) "Women
and Folklore" issue

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Books may be read in the
Center, UC 304, or may be
checked out.

TITLE IX AND THE LOCAL SCHOOLS

HEW is now doing Title IX compliance reviews of local Utah Schools. Parents who are concerned about unequal treatment between the sexes regarding dress codes, sports, single sex classes, and related areas in any Utah School contact Gilbert Roman, Director, Office for Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, Federal Office Bldg, Rm. 11037, Denver, Colorado 80202.



Drawing by Mesia Allen

RAMEY TAPE AVAILABLE IN THE MERRILL LIBRARY AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM

Dr. Estelle R. Ramey, Professor at the Georgetown University Medical School, gave the College of Science Distinguished Guest Lecture on October 31. She was sponsored by the College of Natural Resources, College of Science, ASUSU, and the Women's Center.

Dr. Ramey spoke earlier in the day in the UC Auditorium on "Why Bother

to Educate Women." A Tape of this talk, including the discussion period following, is in the Merrill Library and available for those interested.

So much interest was generated by Dr. Ramey's visit that the Women's Center will be playing this tape on Wednesday, December 3, at 12:00 in UC 313 (Conversations room). There will be a general discussion following.

WOMEN'S FACULTY FORUM FALL SUPPER PARTY

The Women's Faculty Forum held its first annual fall cocktail and supper party honoring new women professional staff members. The party, hosted by Judith M. Gappa and Anne C. Hatch and attended by more than 50 women, was held at Dr. Gappa's home Logan. Toward the end of the evening, several awards were made to women present. One of the awards is hanging in the Women's Center

Women Unlimited - U of U

Over 3,000 people gathered from all over the country at University of Utah's Women Unlimited Conference October 15-18. The Conference has already been reported (spottily) in the press but little of the general exhilaration among the people there has come through in these stories. Stemming perhaps from contact with so many admirable women -- a wellspring of role models for the young people there -- this "high" persisted during the entire conference and I'm sure will continue to aminate most of the conferees for a long time to come.

"BOY AMERICA"

The "Boy America" contest, so well covered by our vigilant Utah Press, was the only sour note to sound in an otherwise concordant conference and perhaps something ought to be said about it here. In the first place, the women were told to imagine themselves watching a television program of the contest at a local bar and react accordingly. The distressing part of the consequent reaction was not so much the hostility and crudity displayed but that the participating men who got it in the teeth were friends of the women's movement; they were, without exception, for the women there.

One of the contestants at a recent Conversations

meeting talked of a couple of dignified looking women in the front row watching the contest. Appearing above the whole affair in the beginning, they soon joined whole-heartedly in the general free-for-all.

What makes women change like that, women who would perhaps look askance at any kind of rowdy behavior? We'd have to begin by asking a whole string of questions: How many times around the age of puberty did they, singly, have to run the gamut of a crowd of teenage lethargics to get to the corner store? How many times did each one of them have to pass a pack of guys lounging around the high school lockers while these All Americans speculated aloud about her various and hidden dimensions? How many movies had these women seen of the rowdy drunks applauding and shouting at the dancer-stripper-victim up on the stage? How many gang rapes have they heard about? How many have been raped (gang or singly) themselves? How many molested as a child? I know one woman there had been gang-raped by four when she was seven years old; whether she participated in the melee, I don't know, but past experiences like this may have something to do with making the mythical gentlewoman turn pretty ugly.

One audience participant felt that the contest was a mistake. "We shouldn't

pass feelings of degradation on," she said. Warren Farrel, a psychologist and author who hosted the contest, mentioned that although men have peer pressure to go through the whistle-heckle routine, he hoped the contest would make them realize their effects. Unfortunately, the men at the conference didn't need that message; a lot of the ones who read the newspapers or watched TV did, but the picture they got was of a gang of women following right along in their menfolks' gentle footsteps. And for all they knew, our objective press being what it is, the "Boy America" contest was the only thing that happened at the conference.

MOOD: POSITIVE

It wasn't. There were excellent first hand reports and discussions on health and mental health, aging, women in sports and art, women and the law, divorce, rape, and the male mystique. The conferees were about 10% male and the mood among all conferees was, overall, positive -- about the conference, about themselves, and about each other.

The Conference was sponsored by the U's Women's Resource Center and was co-chaired by Cindy Broshard and JoAnn Freed. We're looking forward to next year's Women Unlimited Conference and another rewarding and enlivening experience.