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DEPARTMENT OF STATE APPOINTMENT...

Virginia R. Allan, a Michigan educator, businesswoman, and civic leader, was sworn in last Friday as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, making her the highest ranking woman in the State Department. In addition to her many other activities, Ms. Allan is a member of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents, a member of the Citizens' Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and chaired President Nixon's Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities.

ERA CLEARS COMMITTEE...

Last week, the proposed women's rights amendment to the Constitution cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee by a 15-1 vote. The amendment provides that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. A similar amendment was voted down by the Senate a year ago and this one will not pass easily (if at all).

For those who are politically minded, both of the Michigan Senators, Hart and Griffin, could use a little prodding...how about a letter to your Senator as a part of that newly acquired right to vote? Senate vote on the ERA should take place before Easter, so write now.

SORRY, GEORGE...

It has been necessary for the MSU Woman to rescind those birthday greetings offered to George Washington last month. Excerpts from the 39 volumes of his writings would indicate that old George was nothing but a sexist...example:

ORDERS (Winchester, August 7, 1756) It appearing by the returns, that there are many more women drawing provisions than what are necessary. It is hereby ordered, that only twelve be allowed provisions; and those to wash and cook for the men: or be struck out of the return, and no provisions be allowed them. (V. 1, p. 440)

...from HRW Newsletter,  
February, 1972.

MORE BOOK REVIEWS...

....Up Against the Wall, Mother (We liked both the title and the contents. Besides it's in paperback, so we can afford it.)

....Life Styles of Educated Women (Out in paperback now, too...Buy it, you'll like it.)

....That Quail, Robert (Don't Panic...Robert is a lady quail...read the book and this will make more sense than it does now.)

## AFROTC OPEN TO WOMEN...

Consider...a guaranteed job in a chosen career area; continued education with a \$100 stipend during the last two undergraduate years; new people, new ideas; service to the country and to people...AFROTC is an opportunity for women offered on an equal basis with men. NROTC is beginning to consider the same idea, as is the Army (wise of them). To check it out, contact Aerospace Studies, 355-2168.

## SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

According to the Women's Bureau, in 1970, women's median earnings (\$5,323) were 59.4% those of men (\$8,966). Twelve percent of the full-time, year-round women workers in 1970 earned less than \$3,000, as compared with only five percent of men workers, while only seven percent of the women as compared with 40 percent of the men earned \$10,000 or more. Copies of the report entitled "Fact Sheet on the Earnings Gap" are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for 10¢ each.

## CHANGE OF PACE...FOR ALL YOU TRIVIA FANS

The leisurely, ladylike gait of women has all but disappeared. Women are taking longer strides, much like men's. Studies made by Dr. F. Ray Finley, of the Temple University Medical School, show that the average woman's step is now 25 inches - only about 4 inches less than her husband's (ED. NOTE: The average woman is married, hence the comparison with her husband). She's going a lot faster too; her velocity is approximately 2.7 m.p.h., just slightly slower than a man's.

These great strides not only befit her bigger feet (average size 7 1/2P) but indicate a new freedom of movement and sense of purpose coinciding with her more active life. In fact, her pace today is so determined and brisk - 116 steps per minute - that it's close to the cadence of a military parade or a marching band.

...from Woman's Day (only slightly on the MCP side of the scale)

## GRAFFITI...

...Important changes involving shifts of power never come easily. To ask powerful men to give up some measure of the power by which they measure their masculinity...Will undoubtedly bring hostility.

...Ann Scott, U. of Buffalo

...They say that diamonds are a girl's best friend, and a dog is man's best friend. Now you know which sex has more sense!

...It's convenient to pick me out as the symbol of opposition to female liberation. But anyone who thinks I'm a male chauvinist pig is looney.

...Norman Mailer

(That's ok Norman, we probably are looney)

HEROINE OF THE WEEK:  
VIRGINIA ALLAN

MCP OF THE WEEK:  
senator sam j. ervin of  
north carolina