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...TO RATIFY OR NOT TO RATIFY, THAT IS THE QUESTION...

As you probably know by now, the Equal Rights Amendment is on the calendar of the Michigan House of Representatives for Tuesday, April 11, and will probably be voted upon. The Michigan Senate will hold hearings on the eleventh beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Seven Story Building, Lansing. It's important that women be present both in the House and at the Senate hearings; there is opposition to the passage of the ERA by women who fear certain protective labor laws will be lost. For those who have an interest in the legislative process, this should be an interesting day of hearings and discussions.

WHAT IS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION?

AFFIRMATIVE: positive; assert to be fact; confirm; ratify; declare; agree  
 ACTION: something done; an exertion of energy or force; state of being active

President Wharton's announcement of an "affirmative action" program to end discrimination against women within the University community is commendable as a too-long delayed response. There are, however, a few questions that came to mind as we read the SN article:

Is this a one-man affirmative action program or are others involved, aware, and concerned?

What women were consulted and involved in drawing up the plan?

What women will be involved in its implementation?

What ever happened to those proposed salary adjustments? Why are they not to be retroactive? Other schools which have made similar adjustments have gone the retroactive route.

At the risk of sounding both skeptical and cynical, we also observed that there had been continued resistance to any "affirmative action" for women until the late February Board of Trustees' hearing...was the President's statement released in early March by coincidence or intent? Sometimes affirmative action and politics look a lot alike!

PREPARING A JOB RESUME?

It is not necessary to include age, marital status, sex or number and ages of children on any resume...nor what size bathing suit you wear - unless it's a modeling job!

...from Do It NOW, National Organization  
 of Women Newsletter

## FROM OUR FANS...

....a suggestion for MCP of the Week: Salada Tea Company for their tea bag tag which says, "A ship is always referred to as SHE - perhaps because the upkeep is so high."

...and another MCP suggestion: Dr. David Verway, Assistant Professor in the MSU Bureau of Business and Economic Research, for his article entitled "Advance to the Rear for Women." Though the intent of the article is sincere, some of the statements are decidedly MCPish.

...from an RA in West Wilson Hall informing us that the Manager of the hall has hired a woman student janitor...following a bit of pressure?

## MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD...

In a recent issue of Women Today, we ran across an article indicating that Helen Delich Bentley, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, had been chosen "Man of the Year" by the New York Foreign Freight Forwarders and Brokers Association. It was the first time in the organization's 55 year history that a woman had been honored. What, we asked, did Ms. Bentley do to deserve this award? The answer appeared in the Liberated Woman's Appointment Calendar and Field Manual, 1972 (No kidding, that's the name of it.).

During a speech in 1971, Ms. Bentley said, "I don't endorse the activities of the women's liberation movement. They are rather unseemly and unladylike." Any questions about why Ms. Bentley is "Man of the Year?"

## A BOOK REVIEW...

Some people have implied that our book reviews leave something to be desired. Therefore, the following review is taken directly from the publisher's flyer:

I'm Running Away from Home But I'm Not Allowed to Cross the Street by Gabrielle Burton is "the Chronicle of a prince and princess who settled down to live desperately ever after - until the Women's Liberation entered their lives. "The Women's Movement is the greatest thing that ever happened to us," said the prince. "And I'd say that even if my wife weren't a fifth degree black belt."

Reactions to this new book included the following:

..."My solutions were better." (Lucrezia Borgia)

..."The first thing I've read about women that didn't burn me up." (Jeanne D'Arc)

..."Blatantly untrue. The author crosses the street twice a week on her way to the grocery store." (Roger V. Burton)

Perhaps in the future, you critics will have more appreciation for our reviews!

## MCP OF THE WEEK

Ms. Helen Bentley

## HEROINE OF THE WEEK

Bridget Denihan

...from a women's lib poster: DON'T COOK DINNER - STARVE A RAT TODAY!