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3 RING CIRCUS, OR, THE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION...

Those who attended the open hearings conducted by the Michigan State Senate and those who observed from the House gallery were fascinated by what passes for the legislative process in the State of Michigan.

The Representatives and Senators who were to debate (and hopefully vote on) the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution apparently had done little or no homework on the issue. Senator Cooper's main concern was the impact the Amendment would have on girls' interscholastic sports; members of the House were concerned about "resolutions" against the amendment submitted by their secretaries. (These resolutions by the secretaries dealt with issues like, 'Whereas, We would rather pound a typewriter than pound a rivet, and are desirous that bulging biceps remain physical attributes of the male;....')

Women who are interested in seeing the Equal Rights Amendment ratified should apply some pressure where it will do some good - phone your representatives in the House and Senate. Urge ratification of the ERA now. The boys downtown don't think women are serious or that they should be taken seriously...give'em a call so they know otherwise.

MORE HEARINGS TODAY BEGINNING AT 10.00 A.M....CALL NOW.

on the resolutions from the house secretaries...

The MSU Woman was not aware, as the house secretaries apparently are, that "equality under the law" means that women will cease to be secretaries and start to be riveters. Somehow, having read the full text of their resolutions, we do not come to the same conclusions; equality means something different to us than it means to the house secretaries. Poor house secretaries!

MEANWHILE, BACK ON CAMPUS...

The plight of women's intercollegiate athletics at MSU received some well-deserved attention last week in the Detroit Free Press. Areas identified included many noted by the MSU Woman earlier in the year - lack of funding, lack of facilities, lack of concern on the part of the University. One question which occurred to us (again) as we read the article is, why can't the University cough up the \$1500 to pay for the volleyball team's trip to the national tournament?

Mr. Mikles, don't worry. It's just ol' women's lib hassling you again!

MCP OF THE WEEK

Senator Daniel S. Cooper

HEROINE OF THE WEEK

Senator William S. Ballenger

OVERHEARD ON CAMPUS...

...Someone describing MSU as a "...futile, feuding, feudal fiefdom...." Try and repeat that three times. In fact, just try and read it once!

BOOK REVIEWS (BY POPULAR DEMAND)...

...It Was A Dark and Stormy Night - A struggling young writer discovers that the road to success is not always smooth. The author, unfortunately, is a dog.

...The Word by Irving Wallace - Two Words: Don't Bother.

...The Snow Goose by Paul Gallico - A long short story well written. At least the first section is well-written; we always burst into tears at that point and are unable to continue reading.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON HYSTERICAL FEMALES...

...yes, Virginia, women do have a history; they have even played significant roles in history... for instance:

...in the 19th Century two women ran for the Presidency. Victoria Woodhull of New York was a nominee of the People's Party in 1872 and Belva Lockwood of Washington, D.C. was nominated by the Equal Rights Party in both 1884 and 1888.

...In 1896, the Territory of Wyoming granted women the right to vote and hold office. Women were elected to the legislature and one was elected governor. When Wyoming applied for statehood, the status of women was an issue because no other state or territory had extended similar rights to its women.

GRAFFITI!

"...i believe that it should be boldly declared that the best and safest club for a woman to patronize is her home."

...Grover Cleveland, 1905

...we have a whole new category of educated, intelligent people who find immensely sophisticated reasons for non-commitment....

...John Gardner

...I've been rich and I've been poor; rich is better.

... Sophie Tucker

...BECOMING EQUAL IS DIFFERENT FROM BECOMING IDENTICAL...

...John Hersey

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

...Women's rap session: Case Hall 2nd floor lounge on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

...For those interested in working on the McGovern campaign: phone 482-1333 or 482-1334. Offices located at 1420 E. Grand River. Volunteers are needed.