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CUSTOM, NOT MAN, IS KING

OBSERVATIONS ON WEST TEXAS: BUSH, HANCE, SHORT, ROBBINS

Political decisions are always difficult for groups holding minority opinions in a community, and in West Texas feminism is definitely a minority opinion. In most of the country, implementation of women's equality is still a goal and not a reality, but in West Texas mere advocacy of women's equality is still a goal and not a reality. Here more than almost any other place in the nation, the concept of freedom of choice for all adults is successfully buried under an avalanche, an avalanche of rhetoric primarily motivated by fear of change.

Here Custom reigns, and you will find him lurking wherever reason becomes uncomfortable. In simpler guise he argues:

"If God had meant for us to fly he would have given us wings."

Banquet! Banquet!

The annual NOW Banquet is still scheduled for Friday, September 8, at the Pelican's Restaurant, 7202 Indiana; but more information has become available since our last issue.

Festivities will begin at 6:30 (not 7:00) with \$1 drinks available until 7:30. Dinner will begin

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or:

"There have always been poor people."

But he is a protean fellow and may also assume the more sophisticated shape of History, and when Custom plays History he argues from "facts," such as these:

"Giving the vote to people who don't own property will cause chaos. As Aristotle argued, they have no stake in an orderly society."

Or he banters, as he did in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, thusly:

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"Polish" Joke Mars Victory

On August 15, as everyone knows, the House of Representatives passed 239-189, a resolution extending the ratification deadline for the ERA by thirty-nine months. The crucial test came when an amendment that would have allowed rescision by the states was defeated 227-196. It is doubtful that states can be granted the power to rescind ratification, but the amendment would have complicated matters.

The extension resolution now faces the threat of a filibuster when it reaches the floor of the Senate. One of the weapons that foes of the ERA and equality will doubtless use is the result of a poll

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"Polish" Joke

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conducted by manifestly incompetent pollsters employed by the Associated Press and NBC.

The AP-NBC poll, reported on August 16, claimed to show that while the public favors ratification of the ERA by a margin of 54 to 29 percent, with the remainder undecided or ignorant, the same public opposes extension for seven years in nearly the opposite proportion: 55 to 35 percent.

This result is utterly incredible in view of an earlier Harris poll which found a decisive margin of 57 to 40 percent in favor of extension. The ambiguity of the AP-NBC question explains the drastic difference: "The deadline for states to ratify the ERA is next March. Do you think the deadline should be extended another seven years or don't you think so?" Respondents might easily have thought they were being asked whether ratification should be delayed. In the Harris poll, in contrast, the matter at issue was carefully explained.

The Equal Rights Amendment

Section 1.

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3.

This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

A Campaign
Letter From

KRUEGER of TEXAS

CANDIDATE STANDS FIRM ON EQUALITY

Unlike the Democratic and Republican candidates for the State Senate and the House of Representatives in our district, Bob Krueger, who is running against John Tower for the U.S. Senate Seat, openly and avidly supports women's issues. In a campaign letter written to Jane Twyman, Krueger states:

"During the next three months, one of the most intense and costly campaigns for the U.S. Senate will be waged in Texas. My opponent is prepared to spend \$5 million in an attempt to rob Texans of real leadership in Washington. The outcome will greatly affect you.

Tower's Texas Gone

My opponent, John Tower, has consistently voted against practically every major piece of civil rights and equal rights legislation. Yet he proudly proclaims that he stands for Texas.

John Tower's Texas passed away quietly and with little sadness decades ago, and has been replaced by a growing, dynamic state where women play vital roles in government, business, education, etc.

Today's Texas was one of the first states to ratify the ERA and has carried a provision in the state constitution guaranteeing equal rights since 1972.

John Tower does not stand for the Texas of Today. He opposed the ERA extension "on constitutional grounds." John Tower did not stand for Texas women when he recently voted against pregnancy disability.

Proud Record

I am proud of my record on equal rights. I strongly support laws guaranteeing equal pay for equal work, appropriate access to financial credit in stores and banks, and

employment opportunities based on individual merit.

I've worked to protect tax exemptions for at-home day care centers; voted to require military academies to accept women; and opposed the Hyde Amendment.

As a co-signer of the ERA extension, I am committed to ratifying the ERA. As the ERA proponents have said so well, there can be no time limit on equality.

Appeal for Help

I am asking for your help because you are a woman. Because I believe that American women should and want to take a more active role in the determination of our national leaders.

For too long, women have done the real work in political campaigns, as in so many areas, without the recognition you deserve. As the next U.S. Senator from Texas, I assure you my door and mind will always be open to you.

I need and want your active participation in my campaign and in the leadership I want to offer Texas and the nation in the U.S. Senate....I need your help and your dollars NOW. I am counting on you." (note that subheadings are editorial additions.)

Krueger's campaign address is:

KRUEGER OF TEXAS

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KRUEGER FUNDRAISER

Bob Krueger will be in town this Sunday, August 27, for a fundraising spaghetti dinner at the Koko Palace from 7:00 to 9:30. A reception will be followed by dinner at 8:00 and a brief speech by the candidate.

Tickets are \$10 a person, at the door, or call 792-6645.

One Out Of Two Women Suffers Home Assault

Recent hearings conducted by Senator Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) on domestic violence disclosed that in California one out of two women will be assaulted by her husband or son at some time in her life. Other statistics brought to the Senate hearing:

*One fourth of all women who are beaten are pregnant.

*Some 25% of murders in the nation occur within the family; half are husband-wife killings.

*In California, one third of female murder victims are killed by their husbands.

*The number of women battered by their husbands each year reaches into the millions.

Domestic disturbances are such volatile situations that policemen called to stop marital fights also run risks: 28% of those assaulted and 29% of those killed in the line of duty were responding to calls of domestic disturbances.

Low Self-esteem

Battered wives have low self-esteem and take it for granted that their husbands have the right to beat them, witnesses asserted at the hearings. "Many women are simply not aware that their husbands don't have a right to beat them," declared Betty Stephens, chairperson of the California Commission on the Status of Women.

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Banquet! Banquet!

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at 7:00; the cost will be \$5.95 (\$7.00 each including gratuity). The four item menu includes: king crab, or beef kabob & Hawaiian chicken, or rib eye steak, all with sundry accoutrements.

The program will, again, include the installation of our new officers, and a talk on the ERA extension by Professor Rod Schoen of the Texas Tech Law School. Those who cannot attend the dinner are welcome to join us for the program about 8:00.

Please note that the Banquet replaces the regular September program meeting, and further, that no September Action meeting has as yet been scheduled.

Remember that you will soon be called for your reservation for the banquet. If you are hard to reach, please call the NOW number and leave your reservation.

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ERA: FICTIONS; FACTS

(continued from our July issue)

The extension to the Equal Rights Amendment has now passed the full House and is pending in the Senate. In the next few weeks you will be confronted with a barrage of misinformation about the Amendment and the extension, so here are some more facts concerning the ERA and reasons behind the extension effort you will want to be thoroughly aware of.

Opponents Claim:

Criminal laws such as rape laws will be destroyed.

The Facts Are:

Absolutely not! Not a single law in any state in the Union applied to all members of either sex. Criminal laws are designed to prohibit certain ACTS which are detrimental to society. Rape laws do not apply to ALL men, they merely penalize any person who performs the act of rape. Incidentally, women as well as men may be convicted of rape--there have been three such convictions of women in Dallas County in the last eight years.

Opponents Claim:

The ERA will destroy the Texas Homestead right or at least deprive wives of the homestead right.

The Facts Are:

Article XVI Section 50 of the Texas Constitution gives husbands and wives exactly the same homestead rights--this is equality and cannot and would not be changed by the ERA. The courts have held, however, that the husband alone can declare a homestead and he alone can abandon it, even over the objection of his wife. These court decisions would be abrogated by the Amendment and

declaration and abandonment of the homestead would require the consent of both husband and wife.

Opponents Claim:

Men and women will be forced to share sleeping quarters and restrooms under the ERA.

The Facts Are:

The ERA will not interfere with the constitutional right to privacy. The right to privacy, as defined in

The New Woman, 4/78



"By golly, you guessed right, Mr. Blabbermouth! Like many women, I do spend much of my day 'yakking' on the telephone. I find I couldn't possibly manage my corporation without doing that."

the Supreme Court case, Griswold v. Connecticut, is the result of a combination of the specific rights guaranteed by the First, third, Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth Amendments. The right to privacy covers sexual relations, and the ERA will not require coeducational restrooms or sleeping quarters.

Opponents Claim:

The ERA is not needed--discriminatory laws can be repealed one by one.

The Facts Are:

They can, but it is a constant struggle to get them repealed and discriminatory laws can be re-enacted and new ones passed, unless there is a constitutional guarantee of full legal equality for men and women. Sex discrimination is

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flagrant. Short of an amendment to the Constitution, progress will follow the pattern of the past, a pattern that's extremely slow and that unfairly puts on individuals the burden of establishing the rights of half the human race.

We Need the ERA Because:

*In 1977, the United States Supreme Court denied a young woman the right to attend a public high school in Philadelphia because this academically superior technical school was reserved for boys only.

*For every dollar a man earns, a woman earns only 57¢. A female head-of-household earns less than 2/3 of what a male head-of-household earns.

*A title-by-title review of the U.S. Code in April, 1977, revealed over 800 sex-biased laws, the cumulative effect of which is to assign women, solely on the basis of their sex, to a subordinate role.

*Not only is there a quota set for the number of women who may serve in the military, but women are also required to have a higher educational level than men in order to be admitted.

*Men in college receive more financial aid and higher grants than women. Women receive only 5% of the most prestigious fellowships.

*Non-discriminatory laws of one state cannot carry over to other states. Therefore, even if a woman lives in a state with a state ERA, she may lose her rights when she moves to another state.

*Without the ERA, what little non-discriminatory legislation there is can be reversed, modified, or even eliminated.

*Women represent 2% of the total secondary school principals, although they comprise 63% of the public school teachers.

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*Women college professors earn, on an average, \$3,000 per year less than men college professors.

*Although Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended) is designed to prohibit sex discrimination in employment, the nation's largest employer, the Federal Government, has been included in a less meaningful way.

*Although a man would be entitled to receive full Social Security benefits upon retirement, his surviving widow would be eligible for only 82% of his benefits.

Even Incarcerated

*Women frequently receive longer jail sentences than men for the same crime, and receive significantly less education and job training while incarcerated.

*Failure to pass the ERA will mean that this nation has gone on record as opposed to full equality for all its citizens.

*All reputable polls indicate that the vast majority of Americans, including those in the unratified states, want the ERA.

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Anthony May Be On New Dollar Coinage



Washington (AP) -- Women's rights crusader Susan B. Anthony would be heads and a symbol of the first men on the moon would be tails on a new \$1 coin approved Tuesday by the Senate Banking Committee.

By a unanimous vote the committee authorized the coin that the Treasury Department says will be much cheaper to produce--and much more likely to be circulated--than the Eisenhower "silver" dollar.

The front of the coin would carry a profile of Ms. Anthony, a turn-of-the-century suffragist and the first American woman to ever appear on a coin.

IT'S TIME

"It's time we ended the custom of honoring only men on our coins," said Sen. William Proxmire, a Wisconsin Democrat and chairman of the committee. He noted that women's groups such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Organization for Women had endorsed the selection of Ms. Anthony....

Although a House Banking subcommittee has endorsed Ms. Anthony for the front of the dollar and the nebulous soaring eagle for the reverse, the battle is not over.

The full House Banking Committee has yet to act. Before the legislation makes its way through the House and Senate, there may be an effort to drop Ms. Anthony in favor of "Ms. Liberty," a make-believe patriotic character with whom many women apparently don't identify. Avalanche-Journal, July, 1978.

TEXANS IN CONGRESS JUDGED MEDIOCRE

The Texas congressional delegation is a mediocre bunch by the lights of the National Women's Political Caucus, though it does harbor a handful of bright flashes. The bipartisan women's group ranked the House members by 16 of their votes on issues of concern to feminists, and reports that Texans turned out for women a measly 49 percent of the time. (Only 12 states came in under Texas, and individual representatives averaged 59 percent nationally.)

First the good news: Barbara Jordan's near-perfect score of 94 percent--she missed one vote on a bill which passed 320-1--was matched by Jack Brooks. And second-place honors were shared by Jim Mattox, Bob Eckhardt, Charlie Willson and Jim Wright, each of whom scored 75.

The worst news is Tiger Teague, who was at the bottom of the barrel with only one correct vote--though he had to hustle to beat out Jim Collins and Bill Archer, who voted with NWPC twice each. The Texas Observer, June 23, 1978.

Rotarians Routed By Male Rats

(On the other hand) the Rotary Club of Duarte (Calif.), which was thrown out of the all-male Rotary International for admitting three women to membership, filed suit June 20, 1978, to try to overturn its expulsion on the grounds that the decision to oust the club violates the state Unruh Civil Rights Act and further, that it violates a state constitutional provision that says a person "may not be disqualified from entering or pursuing a business, profession, vocation or employment because of sex, race, creed, color or national or ethnic origin."

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You May Hear That:

To extend the deadline would be to change the rules in the middle of the game. Since when does 50 years of procedure wipe out 150 years of precedent? Since when does an arbitrary deadline established by Congress override Article V of the Constitution? Since when is equal rights and opportunities for over one-half of the population a game? **SINCE WHEN!

Seven Long Enough

Seven years is long enough. Since when did we expect progressive social change to be accomplished within seven years? Since when did we decide that the rights of women are to be limited by an arbitrary congressionally established rule? Since when have we forgotten that the 14th, 15th, and 16th Amendments came only as the result of a Civil War? Since when did we decide than an oppressed segment of our society has but seven years to change the thinking and prejudices of over 200 years? **SINCE WHEN!
**If we have extension of time it would be only "fair" to allow rescission. Since when did the interpretation of "fairness" by a small minority of ERA obstructionists superecede the Constitution of the

United States? Since when has it been "fair" for state legislators to be elected on a pro-ERA platform, only to compromise that position for personal political gain? Since when is it "fair" that over 50% of our population is denied constitutional equality?

(Much of the information reproduced here can be found in a brochure printed by the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc., 6100 Camp Bowie Blvd., H-7, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.)

2 MILLION FOR ERA

Newsweek, June 26, 1978, reported that Robert Altman, at a benefit auction in Beverly Hills for the Equal Rights Amendment, pledged the first \$2 million in profits from his new film "A Wedding" to speed passage of the Amendment through three more states. Let's all make sure we see the film!!!

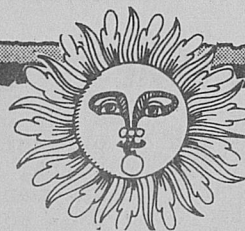
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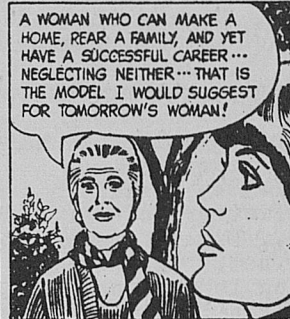
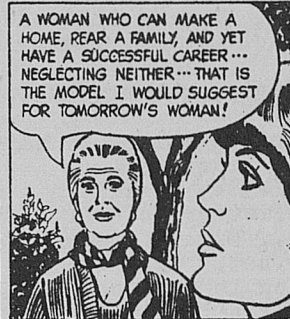
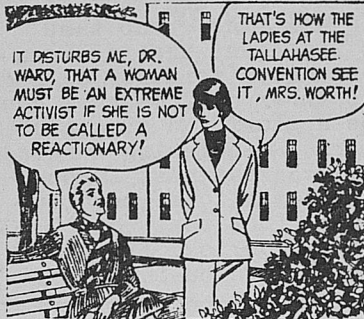
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MARY WORTH

By SAUNDERS & ERNST

From the Avalanche-Journal, July, 1978. Readers may recall that in an earlier column Saunders & Ernst were let off lightly. Submitted by BLT.



"...in our modern specialized economic system, women are frankly preferred for many positions in which their skills are superior to men, such as stenographers, telephone operators, airline hostesses, nurses, linguists, and certain factory inspection jobs."

Phyllis Schlatly, The Power of the Positive Woman, New Rochelle, NY, Arlington House, 1977. Submitted by Pam Brink.

At a women's club meeting held to protest deceptive packaging and to push legislators for new and stricter fair packaging regulations the following information was compiled on the gals present:

- 15% tinted their hair
- 38% wore wigs (an estimate)
- 80% wore rouge
- 98% wore lipstick
- 25% wore eyeshadow
- 22% wore false eyelashes
- 93% wore nail polish

100% votes a resounding "aye" to a resolution condemning any kind of false packaging.

BBB Arizona Bulletin, vol. 40, #5, May 1978, submitted by Dee McGraw.

Send contributions to the Editor, Lubbock NOW Times, P.O. Box 83, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

An eight-year old's essay on Quakers, "Quakers are very meek quiet people who never fight or answer back. My father is a Quaker, but my mother is something else."

from The Optimist Magazine, August, 1978, submitted by Jane Twyman (continued on page 10)



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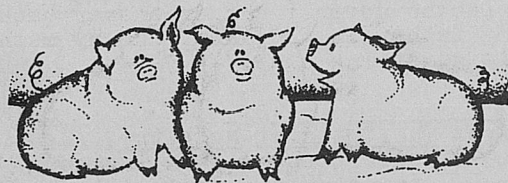
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The "Sound Off to the Editor" Question in the April issue of Nation's Business asked, "Should the deadline for ratification of ERA be extended?"

Overwhelmingly, readers responded no.

Following are samples of what businesswomen said:

Alberta Bailey, assistant to the president of Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Baker, Oregon, says, "Emphatically not. As a working woman, my feeling is that present laws should be enforced and that ERA is not needed. All ERA can do is cause confusion."



Kathy Bethel, vice-president of B and B Mobile Home Service, Inc., replies, "In asking for an exception on this, women are asking for the very thing they are supposed to be opposed to - unequal rights - for themselves."

Mrs. Clyde H. Dennis, president of Good News Publishers, Westchester, Illinois, charges, "The methods used by the pros have been despicable and the fact that the President has used tax money to propagate the ERA has antagonized many."

Finally these words of advice from businessman James Walley: "If we are really a nation that believes what we say, 'In God We Trust,' we had better believe what God says. He did not create women equal with men. He created women special. Let's make God happy and let well enough alone."

From Nation's Business, June, 1978, submitted by Cathie McWhorter

Jaycees Flop Again

The United States Jaycees have voted once again to exclude women (June 21, 1978) on the basis that "there's a time when men want to be with men." Thus, the group that purports to represent the American business community (formerly called the Junior Chamber of Commerce) continues to be a glorified stag club in six countries--including Bangladesh and Paraguay, whereas most European Jaycees admit women to membership--and reflect the fact that the 370,000 member organization is dominated by rural and small-town businessmen.

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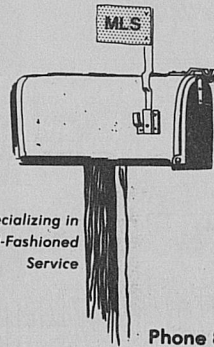
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Custom Rules in West Texas

Political Observations

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"It is in the nature of all societies to be ruled by one supreme authority. From time immemorial nations have been ruled by kings; therefore, separation of powers will bring havoc to society."

Today, of course, History must whisper this particular point when discussing nation states yet can still shout it when discussing the concept of the family. Custom is powerful masked as History sometimes wooing even the enlightened.

BAGGARLY ON AUTHORITY

Last week, Tulia's H. M. Baggarly concluded an editorial about the family, and particularly a woman who wants to share both domestic and monetary jobs with her husband, with these lines:

"Imagine the chaos that would result if all had equal authority....Perhaps the reason for so many unhappy and chaotic if not broken homes is the futile attempt to achieve something which can never exist--twin ultimate authorities!"

CUSTOM AND "NEVER"

Custom loves the words "never" and "chaos," and actually cannot really "imagine" anything at all. Only individual people can imagine, and what individual people imagine becomes fact always in spite of Custom.

Nations founded on separation of powers exist in spite of Custom, unpropertied people cast responsible votes in spite of Custom, seeming paradoxes dissolve as families exist harmoniously under twin,

triple, even quadruple ultimate or equal authorities in spite of Custom, because Custom is only a guide not a leader. If he were a leader we would not live in a democratic republic, franchised simply because we are adult citizens. In fact, if he were leader we would not live in houses and probably would not yet even live in caves!.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

But Custom does reign in West Texas and our elected representatives must recognize his power here if they are to serve, so those of us who respect Custom for what he is, at most, no more than an honored secondary argument, must acknowledge our minority status and choose our representatives for subtler reasons than wholehearted support for our causes. We have none of that. Therefore, we must not only envision a future society receptive to human diversity but also envision representatives receptive to this dream.

CANDIDATES

Imagination must be the key to our politics as well as our policies because the Democrat and Republican candidates for the House of Representatives, Kent Hance and George Bush, and the two parties' candidates for State Senator, E. L. Short and Joe Robbins, do not support our goals outright. They hearken to custom and if, in this case, "we ask for the whole loaf," we get nothing.

Either by telephone or in person, we interviewed all four of these candidates and in all four cases we were pleased with their general sympathy and concern for our goals. Although none of the candidates overtly supports the Equal Rights Amendment, each of the four

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Custom and West Texas Candidates

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eagerly assures us that he is committed to full equality for men and women under the law.

We were very pleased with the texture of our discussions with both George Bush and Kent Hance. They were receptive to our ideas and willing to take time out from very busy schedules to debate the more subtle issues of women's rights with us. Both seemed to be thoughtful people, even exhibiting elements of self-irony, a personality trait notoriously missing in the realms of human power and influence. However, with all their similarities, there are definite differences between their approach to representation.

BUSH & STATES' RIGHTS

George Bush is dedicated to a states' rights platform in terms of economic policy and human rights as well. He indicates a genuine concern for equal opportunities for men and women in law and life, but he is not convinced that federal legislation is necessary to achieve these goals. Bush suspects that the Equal Rights Amendment is "redundant." He seems to be oblivious to many of the basic injustices that exist in areas of the country that do not have state ERA's, and he has an almost cherubic confidence in state courts to eradicate discrimination. Even when told about Louisiana's hidden master clause, although appalled, he still felt that individual states were the correct mechanism for solving such social inequities.

REVOLVING PRINCIPLES

Bush seems to be a principled man, but his principles revolve around a deep commitment to state autonomy, and he will no doubt be shy of any federal programming whether economic or social.

Hance's ideas about the relationship between federal and state government seem to be more flexible. While he is definitely not a solid women's rights advocate, he is aware of the complexity of dilemmas for women caused by divorce, child care, employment, and a basic lack of constitutional guarantees.

HANCE AND HOMEMAKERS

Hance reminded us that he backed the displaced homemakers bill in the state legislature in spite of strong and vocal opposition to such a measure. And at the time, those who were pleased said nothing, leaving him with the impression that he was supporting legislation that had very little backing in his district.

In fact, one of the important lessons we have learned from these (continued on page 15)



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interviews is that if we care, we must let our state and national representatives know it! We must praise, as well as blame, and remember that contemporary social legislation is complex. No one elected individual can muster up the white heat of concern for each and every desperately needed reform. We must fan the flames of sympathy, then cheer the courageous who respond.

CANDIDATES OPEN-MINDED

Kent Hance, like Bush, is an open-minded man, but his platform is more broadly defined than Bush's. He seems to believe that the state and federal government can work together to help human beings. He is conscious of the problems that occur for women when they are subjected to the whimsical legal traditions of individual states, and although he is not totally dedicated to our concerns, at least he is receptive to the possibility of alleviating social inequities through federal legislative action.

The State Senate race is more disparate in character. Like the candidates running for the House

seat, E.L. Short does not promise us the moon, indeed, he does not promise us anything, but the way in which he does not promise us anything is markedly different from the non-promises of any of the other would-be officials.

SHORT ON COMPLEXITY

Although he does not support women's issues as such, and even considers some of them to be extreme, he assumes that we are reasonable people who are capable of understanding the complexity of the legislative process.

When Short talks about complexity he does not mean the hard choices brought about by pressure from special interest groups. Rather, he discusses the hard choices brought about by money available and services needed, emphasizing over and over again, if indirectly, his responsibility to be knowledgeable about the issues at hand.

He seems to be prepared to weigh the facts on each issue and vote from conscience as an informed professional, whether it be for or against our concerns, or those of any other special interest group.

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