

WOMEN NOW

Mam'selles schedule fall tryouts

The Host and Fashion Committee of the MSC Directorate is starting to move. The Mam'selles, a group of women interested in fashion and modeling, will have tryouts Oct. 21 between 7 and 9 p.m. in Room 2A of the MSC. All coeds are urged to tryout, and between 20 and 30 will be chosen. These women will then model in shows and work on other Host and

Fashion projects. The first show to feature the Mam'selles will be Oct. 25. They will be modeling designer fashions at the Texas State Fair at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 a.m. in the Food and Fiber Pavillion. They will do their own staging, sets, lights and music. The host and hostess division of the committee consists of both men and women. This group as-

sists in hosting all campus-oriented activities. In the past they have worked with the Singing Cadets Annual Concert, the Houston Ballet, MSC Council and the Directorate Awards Banquet. They also conduct tours for students and visitors. For those interested in this function of the committee, applications are available in the Student Programs Office in the MSC.

Female political status declines

Though job discrimination is one of the biggest problems facing women, the declining status of women in politics and government is another area of concern.

"Women are slowly advancing to positions of leadership and greater responsibility in almost every business and profession with the tragic exception of our

managerial positions. American women are 53 percent of the voters, but there are fewer women involved in politics than 10 years ago, says the Republican National Committee. In 1959 there were 19 women in Congress. Now there are only 10 congresswomen and one female senator and there has been no woman in the Cabinet since 1955. Women in county elective positions are fewer, too—down from 18,000 in 1959 to 3,862 today.

There are those who insist that women themselves are to be blamed for not getting more of their sex into politics.

"Women who organize in groups should lobby for more women in top offices," says Virginia Knauer, President Nixon's assistant for consumer affairs. "But I suggest that each woman ask herself when she last voted for a female candidate?"

But women everywhere seem to agree that this could be the year—the 50th anniversary of woman's suffrage—for real advancement in woman's status.

"One of the biggest gains for women has been in the enormous, exploding consciousness that women now have of their power to change things," says Betty Friedan, a leading spokeswoman for women's rights.

"One day, what we now call 'the man's world' will be a human world. After 50 years, women are really on the march for equality again."

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COEDS SHOW SUMMER styles at Mamselle fashion show last spring. Tryouts for this year's modeling group will be held Oct. 21 in the MSC.

Household do's, don't's can aid pollution plight

NEW YORK (AP)—It took a lot of little things to make the huge pollution problem this country is facing, but, by the same token, the solution is composed of a lot of little things each person can do to change the situation.

To make householders more aware of individual pollution and to help them offset it, the Rex Resource Bureau, a non-profit advisory service of Milwaukee, has prepared a list of a few dos and don'ts.

- DON'T:**
Burn garbage
Let gas and oil engines idle
Buy cars with more than the necessary horsepower
Wash car with a running hose
Use colored tissue, colored paper or colored napkins
Buy products with merely decorative unnecessary packaging

- DO:**
Turn off water while brushing teeth
Fill dishwasher before using
Repair all leaky faucets
Use the air conditioner only when needed
Keep foreign material out of lakes and rivers
Use kitchen disposer wisely
Soak laundry before washing
Reduce fertilizing where possible
Reduce any earth erosion on property
Prepare only the food needed
Use fewer disposable utensils
Conserve heat in winter
Use bio-degradable soaps
Plant adequate vegetation
Keep furnace properly maintained.

Awareness needed for black adoption

It isn't true that the black girl is any more inclined to keep her baby than the white girl. It's just that she hasn't had any other way out. She's been forced to keep it herself or to give it to a relative or a friend. Speaking is Diana Lipscomb, a young black who works with unmarried mothers. Miss Lipscomb belongs to a recently formed group of young volunteers called the Committee on Black Adoptions in Cincinnati. The committee consists of Black Adoptive Parents who are trying to pair couple wanting children with children needing parents. "There are many black women who don't understand that they could adopt the child they want," explains Mrs. Ann Huffman, a case work supervisor at the Children's Home, an orphanage working with the committee. "Also there are girls who would be

willing to give up their babies if the two groups could be brought together." This misunderstanding, the committee members believe, leads to a shortage of both adoptive parents and adoptive children, which, in fact, both are plentiful. The committee strives to break down the barriers which have resulted in the neglect of children with physical or mental handicaps, those of mixed races, and older ones whom no one wants. They hope to accomplish their goal by using the news media, social and business groups and individuals to spread the word. "All we want is to bring about awareness," said one group member. "We want people to know that they can love a child just as much without bearing it themselves; that the child becomes their own. We want them to

know that there is only one real requirement for adoption—love." The group is trying to overcome misconceptions about adoptions. "It's so flexible," says Mrs. Huffman, "yet people seem to think there are so many rigid rules to keep them from adopting a baby." First of all, she explains, it is not necessary to own a certain type of home or to have a high income. Rather the prospective parents must be able to provide suitable living quarters for the family size and must show that they can manage adequately on the amount of money they earn. Both parents may be allowed to work if child care can be provided. "Material things are not important," said one committee member. "We're most concerned that every child is loved."

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