

Coeds Attend AAUW Convention

Two A&M coeds attended the American Association of University Women Biennial Convention in San Antonio last weekend. The coeds, Debbie Fisher and Sandy Eichorn, were part of the Bryan-College Station Branch that sent 11 members to the convention. The coeds helped prepare an exhibit that presented the opportunities and activities of women at A&M. Also working on the preparation of the exhibit was Linda Cone. TWU and Southwest Texas State also had exhibits.

"We really had a great time as the guest of the Bryan-College Station Branch of AAUW. One of the most interesting points of the entire convention was simply talking and exchanging views with women from all over the state. I think that I learned a great deal by listening to them talk about their experiences," Eichorn said. Eichorn continued, "This is not exactly a women's liberation movement. It is more like all views are expressed ranging from far right to far left."

The purpose of the convention was to give focus to the constructive influence of the college educated woman in society, to develop an action program that will promote full participation of women in social, economic and political life, and to present action group topics for the upcoming biennium.

According to Dr. Meta Brown, professor of Soil and Crop Sciences, who attended the convention with the A&M coeds, the

local branch of AAUW is made up of many very dedicated and active members.

"AAUW gives over 125 fellowships every year. Some of these are given to foreign students who return to their native country and share their knowledge. Most of the fellowships given to American women are for doctoral candidates and some for post doctoral research.

"It is our hope that these fellowships will enable members to assume a more responsible role in meeting societal needs, to continue their intellectual growth, and to secure broader opportunities for women," Dr. Brown said. Eichorn, who is a candidate for May graduation, believes that AAUW would be a beneficial organization for women to become

active in.

"I would encourage any graduate to find a branch of AAUW that they could affiliate themselves with for several reasons. They participate in many community activities and perform a great deal of civic good. Also, you can keep in touch with other educated women that share similar experience that you are going through," concluded Eichorn.

Any woman interested in seeking membership into AAUW can obtain information through the Dean of Women's office in the Academic Building. Evening meetings are held at the Faith United Church of Christ, 2402 So. College Ave. The only requisite for membership is a baccalaureate degree from a recognized college or university.

Abortion Bill Dropped

'Without Consent' Clause Conceded

Sarah Weddington, D-Austin, said Tuesday she has given up her fight to give women 16 and older the right to have abortions without getting anybody else's consent.

"I feel at this time that the temperament of the House is such that my bill could not be passed. In view of that, I asked the sub-

committee not to consider it," she said.

A subcommittee of the House Human Resources Committee was scheduled to consider the bill Wednesday, along with a substitute by Rep. Tim Von Dohlen, D-Goliad, a foe of abortion.

Ms. Weddington was an attorney for a young Dallas woman

whose lawsuit resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down Texas' law prohibiting abortion.

Her bill would have clarified legal questions surrounding the power of a woman to consent to an abortion. Current law requires parental consent for a woman under 21 to receive virtually any medical treatment, except for drug abuse and venereal disease.

"If the full legal rights bill for 18-year-olds passes, that will help some," Ms. Weddington said in an interview.

Most hospitals and physicians reacted hesitantly to the Supreme Court decision, saying they were uncertain how much freedom they had to perform abortions.

"I think itself is beginning to resolve itself as more hospitals set up their own guidelines and a few small abortion clinics have opened," Ms. Weddington said.

She also said a few physicians now perform abortions in their offices "on a very limited basis."

The subcommittee has approved Ms. Weddington's bill allowing 16-year-olds to receive contraceptive information and advice without parental consent. But the full committee met Tuesday morning without taking up the subcommittee report.

Farmers Fight To Alter Price Image

(P)—The farmer isn't taking the meat boycott lying down. He's waging his own war to convince consumers that food is still a good buy.

"Many farmers are talking to their neighbors, talking to people at the supermarket," said Bill Swank, head of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

Swank said "things look like they're getting back to normal. People are buying again. If the boycott had any affect at all, it was short-lived."

The farm spokesman said that people didn't save any money by not buying meat. "Just look," he said, "macaroni and cheese went up."

The Southern California Beef Association announced the start of an ad campaign to show people that cattlemen allegedly have absorbed cost increases for 20 years without corresponding raises in cattle prices.

Several consumer group leaders were invited to visit farms during and after the boycott to get a firsthand look at the problems of raising livestock.

Among them were Marilyn Beddo and Rosalie Whiting of Salt Lake City who visited farmers in Dodge City, Kan., at the invitation and expense of the city Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Beddo, one of the leaders of HELP—Housewives Expect Lower Prices, said Tuesday that her two-day trip "woke me up . . . and I saw the other side of it. I can see that they, the farmers, have had a bad winter. I guess they've really been hurting for years."

She said that HELP feels "the boycott is not the solution, but if there is a shortage of red meat as they tell us, we suggest that people cut down on their buying . . . until the supply builds up and the price comes down."

Mrs. Whiting—who belongs to SOS, an acronym for Save Our Sanity—said, "We've never been

boycotting the farmer. We need the farmer and I think the cattlemen, the farmers and the consumers are getting the rotten end of the deal."

The Midcontinent Farmers Organization has passed a resolution calling for an alliance of farmers and consumers to work for laws to stabilize the market.

During the boycott itself, farm wives in some areas picketed stores or bought up meat to demonstrate what a good value it is.

A group of women from Minnesota bought more than \$4,000 worth of meat in two Rochester stores.

Missouri farmers and stockmen bought over 1,000 pounds of beef, lamb and pork at a Kansas City supermarket and gave the meat away.

The meat boycott supporters were planning future strategy themselves. A meeting of boycott leaders was set in Washington for Wednesday and U.S. Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.Y., said traveling expenses for some of the consumers were being paid by District Council 37 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

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