

THE BATTALION

Three Qualities of Women Stressed

Sissy Farenthold Addresses Phi Delta Gamma

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"Women are not persons under the U.S. Constitution," said Frances Farenthold in her address Tuesday night.

She spoke before the first

meeting of Phi Delta Gamma, the newly formed graduate women's sorority. She stated that the three qualities a woman needs to succeed are awareness, assertiveness, and audacity.

While touring college campuses

across the nation, "Sissy" said that she found the most active faction in the university was the women.

"One of the greatest wasted resources is women," according to the Carnegie Commission Report on Higher Education. Mrs. Farenthold pointed out that women had been ignored too long and suggested that the first step toward change is an awareness of any situation.

In her own situation, Sissy said that she never realized the meaning behind the Constitution until she started dealing with the Equal Rights Amendment. "Under Common Law, a woman's identity is supposed to merge when she marries, but actually, it disappears." She also mentioned that women are not equally protected under the law.

Women also experience employment discrimination in the form of promotions and wages. "Women are in the job marketplace because they need to be as they become the head of the household in ever increasing numbers."

"They receive 54 per cent less pay on an average than men and have to have three years of college to earn as much as a man with a seventh or eighth grade education."

Sissy stated that awareness comes from looking around. "You may think that your situation is isolated, but when you refer to the statistics, you find it's a pattern."

Assertiveness is the second key to success, according to Sissy. In her first term in office, she took all her ideas to the committee chairmen and she was satisfied

that her ideas were being used. However, in her second term, whenever she had an idea she developed it herself and got credit for it. From this she received statewide notoriety as one of the "Dirty Thirty."

"Audacity means challenging the myth and breaking barriers."

person for the first time, to realize that she gave up her House seat to run for higher office, and had no way to be re-elected after her defeat," said Dr. Little of the Health and P.E. Department. "I enjoyed the speech. It was a shot in the arm. It takes a woman to give other women the

"Politicians live on mutual blackmail." She referred to the Sharpstown scandal and Watergate.

"If I were in Congress, I'd be actively leading an impeachment resolution."

"I don't have any political aspirations, because I don't have an issue to stand behind. You can support or oppose an issue, but you can't create one."

"I miss being in government, but I find my new position as president of the Women's Political Caucus keeping me busy."

"In this position I'm finding it hard to be bipartisan. My background in the Democratic party still steers my interest in that direction. I feel that any decisions made at the National Democratic Caucus, which will be called to order in the near future, will be vital, because they will be selecting their future candidates."

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Once myths are punctured, things will be easier, not necessarily for you, but for the next woman or even the next human being that comes along."

Sissy quoted from an article, "Women vs. Success," "All people are afraid of trying the unknown but the few people who put their fears behind them try for more than they think they can succeed, and are richly rewarded." In her own life, she pointed out she'd rather take her luck with the electorate, than pursue a profession in law here in Texas.

"We must turn to the gatekeepers in our professions. It is a two-way street, nothing is given to you." She suggested that reasoning with these gatekeepers is necessary, for most gates are generally still closed to women.

"There is a great ferment in this land and it's long overdue. Women have had the franchise for 52 years, and we have just now realized our potential."

At this point Frances Farenthold congratulated Phi Delta Gamma for its chapter formation and willingness to help further women's identity.

Cap and Gown, the senior women's honor society, hosted a reception immediately after her speech.

"A very good talk in which Ms. Farenthold urged women to find their own way in a man's world," said Robert Berg, professor of geology and director of university research.

"I found the speech informative about problems faced by women. She didn't go to any extremes. It's a shame, after seeing her in

encouragement to get out and meet the world," commented Grace Keefer, formerly of the Math Department.

Sissy Farenthold made the following remarks at the reception:

Water Standards Might Fail

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The regional director of the federal Environmental Protection Agency has told the Texas Water Quality Board that Washington probably will not approve the board's water quality standards.

"It doesn't look good," Art Busch of Dallas, said Tuesday. "The latest I hear is that they intend to stand tight, at least until a number of states get into compliance."

Texas will not lose any anti-pollution funds for failure to win the approval of the EPA's Washington office, Busch said.

The regional office in Dallas will revert back to a "working agreement" with the state board until the next session of the legislature is given a chance to correct what Washington says is the biggest stumbling block, he said.

Congress passed a law late last year calling for fines up to \$25,000 a day for violation of water quality standards. Texas' top fine is \$1,000 a day, and Washington says this is too low, Busch said.

Busch visited briefly with the board in a hotel room at noon. He stopped over en route to San Antonio.

He took part of the blame for

not pushing for legislative compliance with the federal act when the legislature was in session last spring. "It appeared curative action was not vital," he said.

Busch also told the board he is pushing for a \$3.5 million study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of water and subsidence problems in a 13-county area that includes Houston.

And he discussed the interrelatedness of air and water pollution. He told the board he expects Congress to approve a land use act that will be a major addition to the fight against pollution.

Hugh Yantis, executive director of the state board, told Busch the legislature rejected every land use proposal.

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MS. FARENTHOLD stressed a need for awareness, assertiveness and audacity to members of Phi Delta Gamma Tuesday night. Following her speech, Sissy was honored at a reception hosted by Cap and Gown. (by Roger Mallison)

'Doctor's Door' Column Open For Students with Questions

The Women's Page will introduce the 'Doctor's Door,' a question-answer column concerning health, on October 3.

The physicians at the University Health Center will answer any health questions students ask through this column. Students may bring their questions to Room 222 of the Reed-McDonald Building and place them in the box inside the door.

"We want to try to inform you about the most common health problems. Hopefully, this will help you remain healthy, since health is your greatest asset," said Dr. Powe, physician at the Health Center. "We are pleased to have this opportunity to present information of current interest," continued Dr. Powe.

For those students with problems that can't be answered through this column, the Health Center is open for out-patient

visits from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. There is a nurse on duty and a physician on call for emergencies 24 hours a day except during holidays.

"If you are not sure whether your problem is an emergency or not and it is other than the usual clinic hours as outlined above, don't hesitate to come on over anyway. The nurses are skilled in screening problems and if there is any problem, even non-emergency, you will be taken care of," said Dr. Powe.

According to Dr. Powe, the advantage of coming over during the 44 usual out-patient clinic hours is that a doctor will be there, while at other hours a student might have to wait for a doctor to come if the nurse on duty calls one.

Referring to visits to the

Health Center, Dr. Powe said, "We, the physicians and nurses, as well as the Reception Clerks, strive to attend to your needs in a professional, warm, and friendly atmosphere. We will treat your problems, with utmost confidentiality. Some students have expressed apprehension on the point, since as they sign in they are requested to write their 'Chief Complaint' on the roster at the Receptionist's desk. Obviously if you have a problem which you prefer to keep a matter of privacy, just write 'I want to see a doctor' rather than your complaint. No questions will be asked."

"We feel that good doctor-patient relationships depend on mutual respect and courtesy," finished Dr. Powe.

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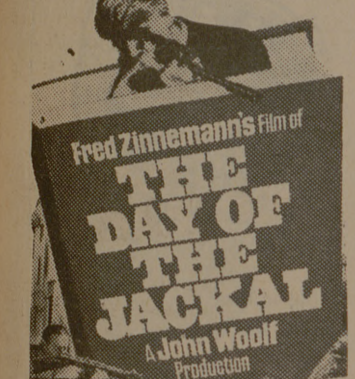
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