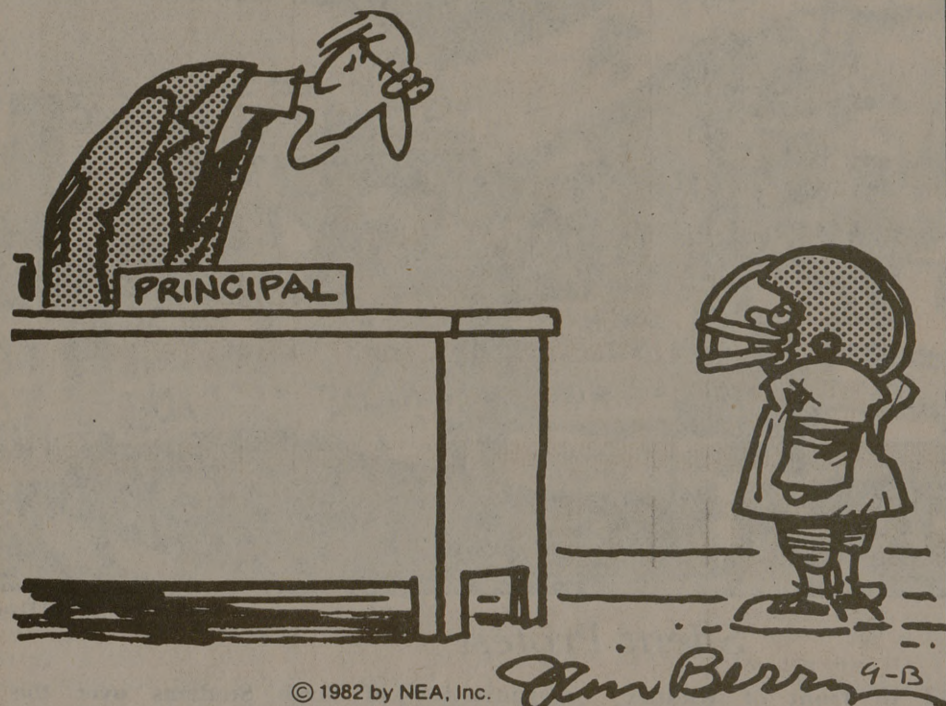


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Lists of the Real real woman

by Marilyn Richardson

It cuts the ground right out from under you when you've been schlumping along all these years thinking you're pretty much okay, and then find out you're not "real." I've seen a couple of lists lately that purport to be characteristics of the "Real Woman" — and I'm not on the lists. I stomped around for a couple of days, muttering, "Sez who?" "Oh, yeah?" and other intelligent rebuttals. (I've had lots of practice with debate. My daughter argues with me all the time.) When I finished being mad, I moped around a bit, and then it hit me: "Sez who?" is a legitimate question. Just what are the qualifications of these so-called experts who question my reality? Without bothering to check their qualifications in any standard reference works, I decided that if they made such stupid lists, they were obviously unqualified. Shoot, I'm more qualified than they are — I've been a woman most of my life and I know I'm real. So I decided to compile my own list. Here, then, the results of several minutes' thought

- on the subject:
The Real Woman:
—Polishes her toenails if she happens to feel like doing so, or if she has time, or if her nail polish didn't tip over and weld her cosmetics into an indissoluble mass.
—Wears comfortable, practical clothing (usually no-iron shirts and slacks) unless she wants to wear something frilly and feminine, or unless she forgot to do the laundry.
—Does not own an iron, and wouldn't iron clothes if she did.
—Runs the dishwasher twice a semester (during the midterm and finals housecleaning frenzy, the purpose of which is to postpone studying, not to perpetuate a neatness neurosis) or when all the spoons are dirty.
—Vacuums the carpet twice a semester (see above) unless she plans to shave her legs.
—Shaves her legs whenever she has to wear a dress or someone compliments her furry socks.
—Doesn't stick her feet into panty hose until she locks the door, takes the phone off the hook and disconnects the smoke alarm (panty hose have been used successfully to

- replace fan belts in vehicles—they also make excellent horse hobbles.
—Owns one dog and 0.5 cat (my 0.5 seems to have a second home).
—Has 2.5 children or plans to do so (she doesn't want kids at all but prefers a career spending someone else's money, or any combination of the above. (It's up to you to figure out how to have half a kid, but I think done, same as with the cat, by letting the spend half of his or her time with the neighbors — that's how my neighbors did it.)
—Has earned or plans to earn at least a college degree, although we give credit for attending the School of Hard Knocks or taking night classes in anything except "How to be a Total Woman."
—Believes in equal rights for all, even men.
—Can whip up a well-balanced, nourishing meal from two vending machines and a telephone call to the pizza parlour. (If you order broccoli and orange juice on your pizza, got to be nourishing.)
—Wears blue eyeshadow if she is wearing blue clothes or if she didn't remember to use some new cosmetics — or if she wants to

Has anyone seen vice president Bush?

by Art Buchwald

The season for guessing who the Democratic candidate for President in 1984 will be has started. But there has been little speculation as to the Republican candidate. The reason is that until he says otherwise, Ronald Reagan has the spot. This is very tough on George Bush, who wants to be Reagan's successor.

But Bush has a problem. He has been vice president of the United States for two years, so nobody knows who he is. In fact, people haven't heard from him in so long that many who supported him think he's dropped out of public life.

One of George's loyal supporters admits Bush has a recognition problem, and that it is impossible to keep his name in the public eye. "But," he told me, "he won't be the first vice president of the United States who will have to bring back from obscurity."

"Does George think Reagan will run again?" I asked.

"George doesn't know, and he would be the last person to ask the President."

"Has the President indicated if he didn't run, George could go for his job?"

"To my knowledge George and Ronnie have never discussed politics. After all, they're not that close."

"I would think it's only fair to George that Ronnie give some kind of hint whether he wanted another term, so George could get some exposure," I said.

"If Ronnie tells anyone he isn't going to run again, he'll be considered a lame duck President and no one will pay any attention to him. He has to have everyone believing he's going for a second term, whether he is or not."

"And George has to have everyone believe he isn't."

"George is a team player. I've never known him since he's been vice president to hint he'd ever do anything different if he was in the Oval Office."

"Maybe that's why no one ever hears from him," I said. "But that must put you in a spot. You can't very well get an organization together by 1984 without tipping George's hand that he has presidential ambitions."

The Bush man said: "It is a Catch-22 situation. If I try to raise the word that Reagan won't run again. But if I say George hasn't got the word, no one will give me any money."

"Why do you need money now?"

"To start getting Bush some name recognition. If he is going to run against a Teddy Kennedy or a John Glenn, people are going to have to know who he is. I'll tell you one thing. Being vice president of the United States doesn't do anything for a person's political image."

"Why doesn't Bush announce that he hopes Ronald Reagan runs for another term, because he feels he's the best President we've ever had. That way Bush won't look ambitious but he'll get his name in the papers."

"That's all well and good if we were sure Reagan would run again. But if he doesn't, the reason will be that things in the country are in terrible shape, and if they are, Bush doesn't want to be associated that closely with the President."

"So if Bush just remains vice president and doesn't say anything right now he's covered in case the country goes belly-up?"

"Every vice president who has run for President has been in trouble because he was too closely associated with his boss. We're like to avoid that with Bush if we could."

"I can see what you're up against. But surely George knew by becoming the vice president of the United States he was in a no-win situation."

"Yes, but at the time, if you remember, he called Reagan's plans for the country 'voodoo economics,' and the Reagan people don't forget easily."

"So they made him vice president?"

"Well they certainly weren't going to make him an ambassador after that."



I TOLD YOU NOT TO SEND THAT ASSASSIN AFTER THE POPE

Letters: Response to Tip O'Neill

Editor:

I have some questions for our United States House of Representatives Speaker, Thomas P. O'Neill. In a recent United Press International article, he states that he cannot "accept in good conscience the President's plea for patience" with regard to the national unemployment rate. O'Neill says "the American people need to see action before it's too late."

O'Neill proposed to act by spending more government funds on a new jobs program, funds which were "saved" from a previous congressional bill.

All right, O'Neill, let's assume first of all that everything in your press statements is correct. Then, let's answer some questions:

1. Who pays for government funding? Does the government in any way, shape or form create wealth, not money, wealth?

2. Since it does not, I answer your proposal with a question: "At whose expense?"

3. Why are businesses not able to invest in new production? Certainly a major factor in the answer is government expenditures.

"Redistribution" of wealth through taxation programs then spending programs amounts to sucking from the productive members of society so that the "new jobs" which are "created" by government are in fact imposed state dictates that tell individuals how their wealth should be spent. In the process, the job opportunities lost through uninvested but taxed wealth dwarf the feeble offering of a new spending program.

After years of this type of action, coupled with poor administrators who attempt to "hide" their spending sprees by printing more money, (thereby only buying time until in fact wealth is confiscated through inflation) is it any wonder that production (and therefore jobs) is down? ... And in answer to the situation, all you have to offer from your "conscience" is more government spending?

O'Neill, I suggest you fully evaluate your conscience and ask it why it lets you continue to keep offering quick-fixes in ignorance of reality.

Frank Knickerbocker  
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Fish Camp thanks

Editor:

This letter is not a gripe, but an expression of appreciation to some very special people.

Fish Camp happens only once each year, and I have been fortunate enough to be a part of it for the last five summers. One might think that it would get boring after a couple of years, but it's just the opposite; it gets more exciting. I've seen four classes go through Fish Camp, and each year I come back to school more in awe of Aggie spirit than ever. The "Spirit of Aggieland" may reside in the Twelfth Man, but it begins at Fish Camp.

I would like to thank a lot of people for what they've given me at Fish Camp. First, I would like to thank this year's Directors, assistant directors, and recreation coordinators for their year-round work on Camp. Thanks also to all the speakers who gave their time to share their knowledge and experiences. A very special thank-you to Dean Clifford Ransdell for his inspiring talks on individuality. Fish Camp wouldn't be the same without you Dean Ransdell - God bless you.

To the Fightin' Camp Halibout Cooties: Y'all made my last camp the best I've ever been to. Jackie and Brent, you two are the greatest, what more can I say? To my fellow counselors: you were awesome; I can't express what you mean to me - you're the best I've ever worked with. Last, and most importantly, thanks goes to the Class of '86, especially those in Camp Halibout. In four short days, you became the best group of Aggies I've ever seen at Camp. As someone once said before, thanks for the memories.

Walt Culpepper '82

What about NFL stike?

Editor:

How dare you give half of the editorial page to the Beirut issue, with no mention of the NFL strike! How dare the major

networks give almost as much airtime to the slaughter of women and children as they did to grinning Dorsett and his heartbreaking story of his financial ability to handle a long strike.

There are times, when I see screwed up priorities of the American people, I have to sit down and cry.

To all my fellow Aggies who have spent the last few weeks tormented by thoughts of no football season, the kids who won't take their hats off in Kyle Field, and how Reagan's policies are going to affect your post-A&M salaries, just have one thing to say - there's a special place waiting for you in your after life.

Nabil Al-Khowaiter, wise up. We don't need the Arabs or the Israelis. Give us our football, our "traditions", our money, cars, wardrobes and Big Macs and the rest of the world can go to hell.

Mark O'Connell

Must be an Aggie

Editor:

Last Friday night, my date and I were involved in an automobile accident in which my car was destroyed. Immediately we were being calmed by a man who had rushed to our aid. Since we were trapped, he kept talking to us and informed us as to what had happened. Nancy, my date, had strained her neck so that we had to go to the hospital in the ambulance. The man said that he would follow us in his truck. Then he said that he would get a friend to follow him so that he could "give me his truck". He said that he "didn't need it" that weekend. I shook his hand and said "John Freeman, you must be an Aggie!"

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