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Speaker: Women gaining ground in business world

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By Susan M. Dean Reporter

Some stereotypes of women in business may be valid, Charlotte Sutton said in Tuesday night's program, 'Changing Perceptions of Women Executives in the Last 20 Years."

"If we want people to take our career seriously, then we must take it seriously, too," she said.

Statistically, women remain with a company for 1.3 fewer years than men, Sutton said. Women tend to quit their jobs to raise children or to relocate when their husbands get transferred, she said.

However, she said women are chipping away at the inequities in the business world. In 1965 one million women were in executive or managerial positions, whereas in 1985, 4.5 million held these posi-

She added that in 1965 women held 14 percent of all executive positions, whereas in 1985, women held 33 percent of these positions.

Sutton's information on women executives comes from her master's thesis, which was published in the September-October 1985 issue of the Harvard Business Review.

She said in 1965, 50 percent of the men had unfavorable attitudes about women in executive positions. However, in 1985, less than 5 percent did. But women's attitudes have not changed as much, she said.

hard as men to earn respect, but we can't demand it," she said.

She explained that if women demand respect, people are put off and more ground is lost than gained.

Her suggestions for the short run included dressing like a professional, acting like a professional and controlling emotions while on the

She quoted one of her women respondents, "Women must keep knocking on the door.

She drew attention to the fact that her respondent said knocking, not

Sutton was the lone speaker, but the president of the local chapter of National Organization for Women, Wendy E. Stock, commented on some of Sutton's remarks. The program was sponsored by NOW and Texas A&M's Associa-

tion of Professional Women. Stock said she felt she must say some things with which Sutton would probably disagree. She said many women quit work to raise children, but that was the fault of the businesses since most do not supply in-house child care.

And Stock said women should be more vocal in what they feel.

Sutton said she advocates change from within. She agreed it would be slower change. However, she added that women can protect their positions if they work at equality quietly.

After the program, Sutton added that there is nothing wrong with trying to fit into a male-dominated sector. She said if enough women just fit in sooner or later, it will no longer be a male-dominated sector.

Sutton said there is enough room for both the quiet and the pushy perspective in the business world. She said she was asked to speak from "We may have to work twice as the business perspective, though, rd as men to earn respect, but we Sutton said job security is lost when the pushing begins.

Women should play the business game too - men have been playing it for years, she said.

Presently Sutton is working on her doctorate in A&M management. She received her master's degree, as well as her undergraduate degree, from Baylor University.

Top Texas Court abandons 1952 co-insurance decision

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Su- to the home, destroying it and all the preme Court on Wednesday abandoned a 1952 rule in holding that a woman could recover on a fire insurance policy, although it was her estranged husband who had burned their mobile home.

Both Betty and John Kulubis were named insureds in the policy with Texas Farm Bureau Underwriters Insurance Co.
In 1982, after Mrs. Kulubis filed

suit for divorce, her husband set fire

personal property inside, according to court records.

Mrs. Kulubis sued to recover on the policy but an Austin trial court ruled against her. The 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin affirmed that judgment, with one justice dissent-

ing.

The appellate decision was based on a 1952 case that held that an illegal act of one of the co-insureds prevents recovery by the other co-in-

-What's up-

Thursday

AMERICAN RED CROSS: is accepting donations for the Sausalito fire victims at 207 W. 29th St. in Bryan. For more information call 822-2157

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT: will sponsor the mini writing course, "From Naked to Nude: The Right Word," at 630 p.m. in 120 Blocker. The instructor will be Mark Bush. For more information call 845-3452 or stop by 22

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION will hear from Les Hodges of Texaco at 7:30 p.m. in 200 MSC. Business attire is requested.

SNEAD TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR/DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING: Stewart M. Scott of the Dala Area Rapid Transit will discuss "Transit and Light Ra Plans for the Dallas Area" at 2 p.m. in 503 Blocker.

STUDENT ART FILM SOCIETY: will show Frank Zappai "200 Motels" at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Soils and Crops. New York members welcome.

MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: will show George Orwells # 570 nimal Farm" at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in 701 Rudder. AGGIES IN RUSSIA: study abroad in Russia this summe

from May 19 to June 29. The deadline for applying i Tuesday. For more information call Hugh Hughes, 26

ATARI USER GROUP: will give a demonstration of the XM301 modem and XETerm software at 7:30 p.m. in 102

EASTERN LIFE PHILOSOPHY RESEARCH GROUP: discuss "Mutual Possession of the 10 Worlds in Human Life" at 7 p.m. in 604AB Rudder.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL: will meet at 6 p.m. in 50 C Rudder PHI LAMBDA UPSILON: will discuss officer elections at a

p.m. in 229 Chemistry STUDENT GOVERNMENT: will hold the student govern-

ment awards banquet at 7 p.m. at the Hilton.

Friday

MSC VARIETY SHOW: will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m.in Rudder Auditorium. Tickets are available now at Rudde

PARENTS' DAY AWARD CEREMONY: presentation of the 1986 Parents of the Year, Buck Weirus Spirit Awards and the Gathright Scholars will be made at 9 a.m. on Surday in Rudder Auditorium. All applicants for these awards should be in attendance.

OPEN HOUSE: at the Sterling C. Evans Library will bem Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 204B. For those parents who are interested in learning more about the library tours are scheduled at the reference desk for every half

MOTHERS' CLUB: the Federation of Texas A&M University sity Mothers' Clubs Boutique will be held Friday from l a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rudder Exhibit Hall. Mothers' clubs from Texas and low siana will be selling various crafts and homemadeitems. RHA CASINO: will be held from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the

second floor of the MSC GRADUATE STUDENT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: w meet at 8 a.m. in the meditation room in the All Faith

Chapel for Bible study on the Gospel of John. UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will hold a peanut butter fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at Rudder Fountain. A Fridayd night Bible study will be held in the A&M Presbyterian Res Church office at 6:15 p.m.

MSC AGGIE CINEMA: will show "The Jagged Edge" at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater and "Pee Wee's Big Adventure" at midnight at The Grove.

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