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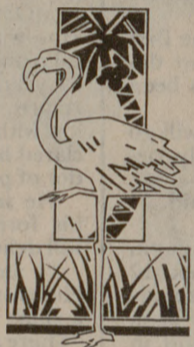
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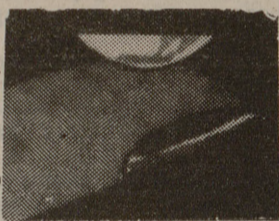
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Feminist influence changes English

By Dora Vite
Reporter

The feminist influence on the English language is causing drastic changes to occur at an unprecedented rate and providing a whole new set of sex-neutral words, says a Texas A&M English and linguistics professor.

Dr. Garland Cannon has been monitoring recent changes in the English language and has found that feminist influence plays a major role in neutralizing sexist language.

"One of the chief areas of sexism is in the language," Cannon said. "Much of it is unintended, as when men use terms like 'man' and 'he' to refer to human beings."

Cannon, who received his doctorate degree in English linguistics from the University of Texas in 1954, said research has shown that many women interpret the use of these words as excluding females.

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Sex neutral words are therefore being added to our language at a rapid pace, he said.

Not only are sex-neutral words being created, Cannon said, but they also are being recognized as legitimate. Some publishers who are including them in their latest editions and supplements of dictionaries, he says.

Cannon said word entries in dictionaries depend on how many times a word appears in print or in periodicals. Dictionary editors identify

new words and old words used in new ways. They also look for different spellings and new ways to divide old words.

Cannon noted many of the new entries were changed to "person" or to a different word to avoid reference to sex.

Some examples are mailcarrier for mailman, chairperson for chairman and flight attendant for stewardess.

"These words are flowing into the language at a speed unparalleled in the history of the English language," he said. "They're also now being used by the general public."

"These sex-neutral words that feminists have created are not destroying the language, they are just providing an alternative."

Cannon also noted new words that foster a negative image for women. New entries included "alimony drone," a woman who marries and then divorces soon just to receive alimony. And "pit lizard," a female fan or groupie of automobile racing drivers.

Cannon said he will be publishing a book analyzing the changes of the English language. The book, *Historical Change and English Word Formation*, is the first of its kind and will be published in December.

GOP candidates for governor blast White in debate

HOUSTON (AP) — They criticized Texas Gov. Mark White, talked of decreased spending and shunned tax increases, and when it was over all claimed to be the victor of Monday night's Republican gubernatorial debate.

But Bill Clements, Tom Loeffler and Kent Hance all took a few political shots at each other in each candidate's attempt to win support for the upcoming GOP primary.

The hour-long debate was sponsored by the Texas League of Women Voters and KHOU-TV in Houston and was telecast on many Texas stations. Candidates were asked questions by a panel of three journalists.

Loeffler, 39, opened the debate asking Hance and Clements to stop "quibbling" with each other because their remarks only served to make White smile.

"And it's Mark White's smile we want to take away," the Hunt congressman said.

All three candidates talked about Texas' financial woes triggered by ailing oil prices, and they agreed on the need to diversify the economy.

"This is the most important gubernatorial race since World War II," said Clements, who added that Texans "quality of life is at stake."

Hance, who switched parties in 1985, emphasized the need to create more jobs, outlining economic development proposals for Texas.

When questioned how he would raise the price of crude oil, Loeffler's suggestions included an oil import fee and abolishment of the windfall profits tax.

Hance, 43, of Lubbock, also came out in support of those two proposals, and he also advocated setting aside the severance tax for the first three years of oil drilling.

Clements, 69, of Dallas, said he would reinstate a resource advisory commission to help form national policy for the energy department. Clements lost to White in the last gubernatorial election.

All three candidates said they did not support a tax increase to help ease the state's financial problems. Hance said he would look at a tax increase, but only after close scrutiny of all other possible avenues.

"Let's wait until January and see what the price of oil is, and then we can go from there," Hance said.

Loeffler said there would never be a state income tax while he was governor, and would only consider some other type of tax increase as a last resort. Clements said the state's problem is with spending not revenues.

After the debate, each claimed to have won the contest.

"I think I was a real gentleman tonight," said Hance, who added he thought his opponents sort of "picked" on him because they know he is gaining strength in his bid for the GOP's nomination.

Loeffler claimed he "always wins," and Monday night's debate was no exception.

In claiming his own victory, Clements added that he thought nothing was discussed during the debate that has not already been brought out in past discussions involving the three gubernatorial candidates.

In Advance
Soviet dissident to discuss repression of human rights

By Jeanne Isenberg
Staff Writer

A former Soviet dissident who spent nine years serving three separate terms in Soviet prisons and labor camps will discuss the repression of human rights in the Soviet Union **Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.**

Alexander Ginzburg, born in Moscow in 1936, has been arrested three separate times for his human rights activities in the Soviet Union, said program director Andy Dastur of MSC Great Issues.

After his first arrest, Ginzburg was forbidden to continue his education at Moscow University. After the second, he was forbidden to live in Moscow.

Ginzburg's third trial in 1977 was his most famous, Dastur said, and vigorous protests were launched by the Alexander Ginz-

burg Defense Committee, whose distinguished members included playwright Arthur Miller and author Kurt Vonnegut.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov also intervened on Ginzburg's behalf, Dastur said. But despite these attempts to help, Dastur said Ginzburg received the harshest possible sentence — eight years in the worst labor camp in the Soviet Union.

In 1979, Ginzburg was stripped of his Soviet citizenship and, along with four other men, traded to the West for two convicted Soviet spies.

He has spent six years lecturing around the world on the struggle for human rights in the Soviet Union and is currently a field representative in Europe for the human rights division of the AFL-CIO.

Admission to the program is \$1.

New student body president to head senate's 1st meeting

Newly-elected Student Body President Mike Sims will preside Wednesday over the first meeting of the new Student Senate.

No legislation is on the senate agenda, but Sims is expected to outline legislative goals and define the procedure for selecting the Senate speaker, speaker pro tempore and chairman of rules and regulations.

Laurie Johnson, 1985-86 Senate speaker, said the new officers will be chosen at the April 30 meeting.

At that meeting, she said, nomination speeches will be heard and candidates will address the Senate before the it makes the selections by secret ballot.

Miles Bradshaw served as speaker pro tempore this year and Clay Baker was chairman of the rules committee. Both were re-elected to the Senate in the April 2 elections. Johnson graduates in May.

The Senate will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington Classroom Building.

Women's studies minor to get new structure

By Amy Couvillon
Reporter

A new, more structured minor in women's studies soon may be available to students, says Dr. Harriette Andreadis, coordinator of the new Women's Studies Program Office.

A committee composed of faculty from women's studies and appointed by Dr. Daniel Fallon, dean of the liberal arts college, is planning to require students in the minor to take an organized curriculum of courses.

Students currently can minor in women's studies by taking four of any of the six women's studies courses now available: Hist. 461, The History of American Women; Hist 489, Modern American Women; Psvc. 300, Psychology of Women; Engl. 374, Women Writers; Soci. 424, Women

and Work in Society, and Soci. 489, Sex Roles in Society.

The proposed minor would require students to take a certain 12-hour core of courses in women's studies, rather than letting the student choose just any of the classes, Andreadis says.

She says the plan might eventually include a sophomore-level "Introduction to Women's Studies" course which would lead to more advanced courses.

Andreadis says the proposed curriculum is intended to show that although women's studies is a broad area that touches all fields, it's worth studying as a separate subject.

"Students need to understand that women's studies is a discipline in itself," she says. "It's got an integrity, but it feeds other studies."

A seventh women's studies course, Political

Science 317, Women in Politics, in the process of being approved. If approved, it will be offered in Spring 1987.

The course will include the historical role of women in politics, women's status in constitutional law and in domestic law, the history of the women's movement, the increasing role of women as political leaders and current policy issues of major concern to women.

Dr. Bonnie Browne, an assistant professor of political science, says, "This is a body of knowledge that is not covered by our present curriculum."

Browne made the application for the course to the Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee.

The course outline and application are on the agenda for the May meeting of the liberal arts committee, the first of many steps in the chain of approvals the course needs to become official.



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