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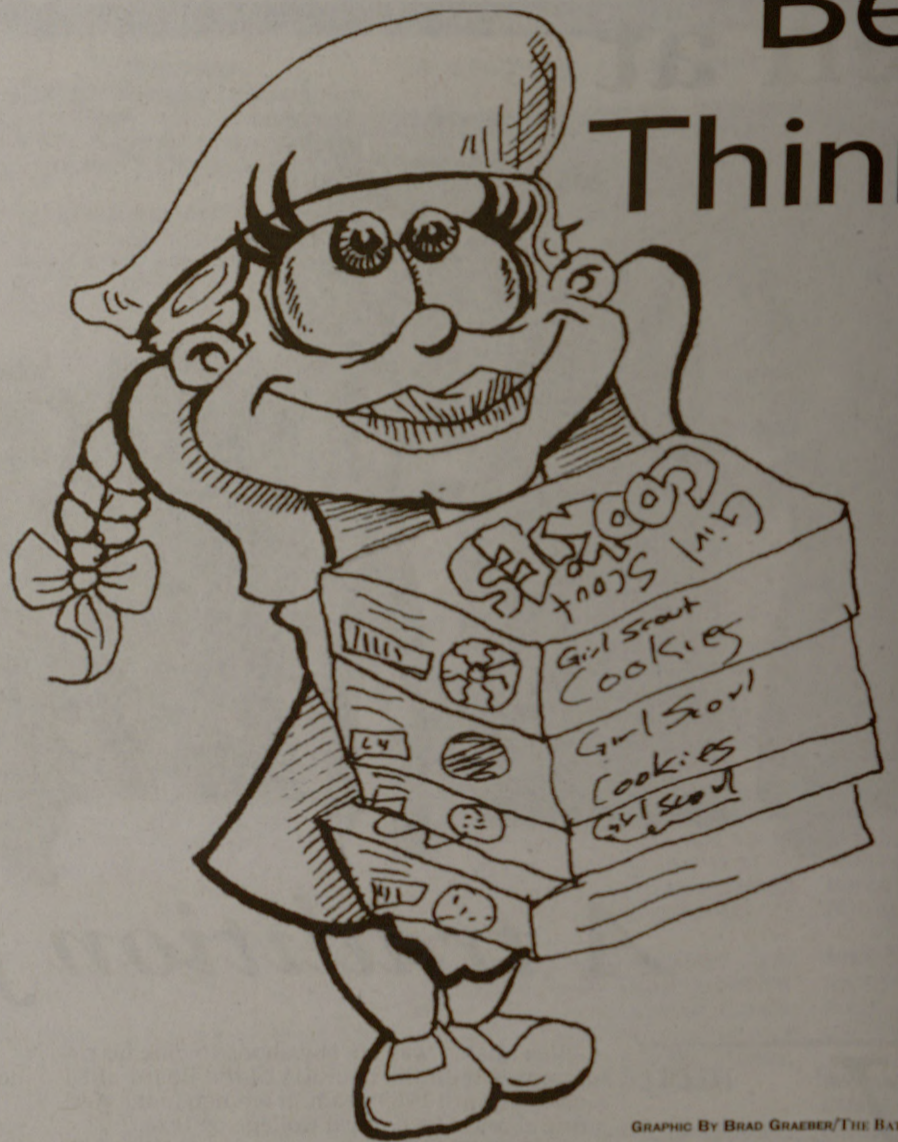
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Research on evolution of women's roles in society focuses on Girl Scouts

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The Battalion

The Spice Girls, MTV, Barbie, computers and unlimited career opportunities for women; As the end of the twentieth century nears, adolescent culture will likely be defined by these ideas, entertainers and opportunities.

The beginning of the 20th century, however, offered a different culture and outlook for women compared to the culture and opportunities of today.

How girls' culture was defined at the beginning of the twentieth century, using Girl Scouts of the United States of America as a primary example, is the focus of a study by Laureen Tedesco, a doctoral student of English at Texas A&M University.

Tedesco said she formed this idea for her study by looking through old Girl Scout manuals.

"I was looking through the manuals between 1913, when Girl Scouts published their first manual, to about the 1933 manual," Tedesco said. "The manuals were all written very technically and were written for a specific audience, which would be the Girl Scouts of that time period."

Tedesco said she found in these Girl Scout manuals and in other research that girls were taught health care, housekeeping and cooking skills, along with some outdoor activities similar to the Boy Scouts of America.

"This curriculum was based on society's view of women and the new directions women were beginning to take in the 1910s and 1920s," she said. "This is what they were teaching the Girl Scouts of the time; this new-formed identity."

"Girl Scout manuals in the 1920s provided portraits of women with careers and gave girls opportunities to earn badges in career exploration, but a heavy emphasis was placed on a woman's responsibility to maintain the home and foster the health of her family," she said.

The basic principles taught by the Girl Scouts helped contribute to the view that a career was okay

until marriage and then a woman still defined as the home in this

Tedesco said fiction and advice

also presented this idea as natural

vote, indicated that women's power was like a housekeeping duty, and she was to research what public policy was healthy for society and use their sway to get laws enacted and things as cleaner cities and better facilities."

Today, women are not expected to be "healthy for society" and not in the home.

Dr. Barbara Finlay, director of the Center for Women's Studies at Texas A&M University said today reflects the diversity of our culture of today," Finlay said.

"There is a lot of diversity in our culture of today," Finlay said. "I see what is cool, while others are by the pop culture."

"All female organizations, like Girl Scouts, are focusing on contemporary issues, keeping with the times, they incorporate to the issues that are focused on esteem and self confidence."

Valerie Balaster, publicist for the Girl Scouts of the United States of America Council, agrees with Finlay and says she is focusing on contemporary issues that Girl Scouts did in the '20s.

"Today, girls can earn badges in mathematics, science, math and reading," Balaster said. "We are keeping with the times and of the girls."

"Leaders still also focus on the environment but stress not disturbing the environment," Balaster said. "One of the strongest emphases is on the environment."

Tedesco has not completed her study, but she said it will show the evolution of women's roles in society and how much the Girl Scouts organization has grown.

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