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The Women/ Ladies/Girls/ Spoiled Brats of Mills

When President Mary Metz and the administration of upper class women-only Mills College made the mournful announcement that this venerable Oakland, California, institution would have to admit males, the reaction of the Mills undergraduates was re-

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corded by TV for all posterity. Suffice it to say that they did not act like the responsible Women Leaders of tomorrow. On the contrary: they sobbed, cried, yelled, and set up such a geschrei that one would have thought that a third of their number had just been mowed down by assassins' bullets.

The Mills ladies then proceeded to unleash a rather genteel strike and campus takeover, which cunningly got them past final exams, and was treated with obvious sympathy by the Metz Administration, which only pointed out plaintively that the unwanted admission of males was mandated by stern financial necessity. But then, with blare of trumpets, the

alumnae (cavalry) saved the day, rallying around with enough financial pledges and plans to stave off the dreaded day of male admissions for at least three years.

A few of the more astute observers thought they saw a double standard at work. In fact, there were at least two sets of double standards. The most obvious is the fact that after a decade of feminist battering at the alleged evils of all-male colleges ("sexism," segregation, discrimination, refusal to prepare females for adult careers, etc.) suddenly femi-

nists have shifted gears to defend the glory, the importance, and the superior life-preparing education of single-sex female colleges.

When gently asked about this clear contradiction by Forrest Sawyer on Nightline, a Mills strike advocate could only answer with evasive gobbledegook. But

there is another anomaly, too. For the partisans of an all-female Mills claim that women need the "nurturing, caring" environment that only an all-female atmosphere can give, free of the competition and aggressiveness of males. The problem here, clearly, is this: does feminism preach, as it has for decades, that there is no

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THE EAR

An Austro-Kochian economist's ravings are finally explained by the revelation that he's a long-term, heavy-duty LSD user. "Hey, man, the walls are pulsating, the colors are dripping, the order is spontaneous!"

Ear hears: "I am not a member of the LP for the very reasons stated in the RRR. The Texas LP is a microcosm of the national LP, stacked with the very same unproductive, jobless, shoeless, tieless, and-might I add-phoneless band of antireligious, anti-business, anti-middleclass bigots that the RRR exposes. The male-dominated. glassy-eyed central committee in Austin spends its time protecting pimps, prostitutes, and child pornographers, and pontificating on local talk radio about the glories of the libertine cult, instead of nurturing the growing middleclass discontent with the state."

Ear also hears from Paul Grant of Colorado, ex-national chairman of the Libertarian Party: "I quit the LP six years ago as a result of the embarrassing fiasco of the Bergland campaign. It was unprofessional and unethical. The market has spoken, the LP is dead, so move on."

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Another ex-national chairman of the LP, Jim Turney-who recently served two terms—is getting more and more disgusted with the LP leadership, which he calls "Larry, Moe, and Curlette." Ear hears he will challenge Dave Walter in Chicago.

A top Kochtopus enforcer is rumored to be very worried about his immune system.

A wealthy member of the Reason Foundation board—a pioneering giant of the freedom movement—is quitting because "they're just too atheistical for me."

The FEC has the same reporting requirements for a presidential nominating convention as for a political party, even if the convention is run by an outside group. But no reports were filed on the Seattle LP convention. That means big fines.

The next—and last—LP convention, to be held in Chicago in 1991, claims this doesn't apply to them because they're going to form a tax-exempt foundation. Fellas, a 501(c)3 has to be non-political; it can't host a political convention!

Walter Williams says he won't run on the LP ticket because the party isn't "large enough or serious enough to support the kind of campaign I would be interested in running."

—S.B.

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difference whatever (except the famed le petit difference) between the two sexes, that their capacities, traits, etc. are all equal, the same, or are they saying, as feminists have recently taken to arguing, that women are very different, that they are nurturing, caring, etc., and therefore superior to men? And how can they say both at the same time, or have it both ways?

These are cogent questions, but they have not penetrated to the heart of the feminist agenda. Here is how these seemingly embarrassing contradictions and double standards can be resolved: men are the evil, victimizer sex; women are the good, victimized sex. The two genders are ineluctable enemies. Therefore, all tactics and strategies are permissible

and valuable if they result in the victory of women over the Male Enemy. Hence, attack onesex colleges if they are male, proclaim their greatness if they are female. If you are talking about qualities such as career advance-

ment, intelligence, success, proclaim women as exactly man's equal and denounce as "sexist" any intimation to the contrary; but if you are taking about such good things as nurturing, peace, etc., proclaim women's innate superiority. Don't worry about such "objective" qualities as fairness, logic, truth, or non-contradiction; remember, all's fair in...hate and war.

Epilogue: When President Metz proudly announced that the alumnae had come through (to the tune of happy shrieks, sobs and cries), she proclaimed that this passionate devotion to women's education had "made history." But the Mills Leaders of Tomorrow promptly "corrected" her, shouting back, "herstory." This is expensive, elite education in today's America? Hey, President Metz, do you believe that the Greek word historia means "his story"?

---M.N.R.

Guilt Sanctified

Earlier in this century, Left-Liberalism came to Americans preaching the alluring gospel of Liberation from Guilt. Americans, they boldly proclaimed, are repressed, inhibited, guilt-ridden for

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natural desires and impulses. We come to preach you a joyous removal of guilt, hammered into you by repressed and We

lowing your desires, and to put it in a common rebarbative phrase of the 1960s Sexual Revolution: "if it moves, fondle it." Sex, furthermore, is "only a drink of water," natural and harmless.

The era of guiltlessness under our Left-Liberal culture lasted, as I remember, about six months. Now, the entire culture is characterized by massive collective guilt, and if anyone fails to give due public lipservice to a long list of solemnly avowed quilts, he is literally driven from public life.