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Activism & law students

By Steve Bailey

Students in U. S. law schools are working to make the composition of schools' student bodies reflect the racial and economic composition of the areas they represent and to make the schools more responsive to the legal needs of the poor and members of racial minorities.

One of the forces in this movement at Ole Miss is the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council, a national organization often referred to as the Law Students Council. The organization has two main programs: the recruitment of minority students for law schools and a program of internships through which law students spend summers working in law offices involved in poverty or civil rights litigation. Ole Miss students are active in both of these areas.

Thirteen accredited four year colleges in Mississippi (not counting Ole Miss) were visited last year by law students from Ole Miss in an attempt to recruit graduates of these schools for the law school. With the exception of the trip to Mississippi State College for Women, these recruiting expeditions were funded by the Law Students Council. MSCW president Charles Hogarth withdrew permission last March for law

students to recruit at the "W" since the students did not form an "official delegation" with the "approval of the University of Mississippi administration or the University School of Law." So the students interested in minority groups were invited to recruit at MSCW by a law school faculty member and went as an "official" recruiting team, and the University picked up the tab.

John Ratcliff, a second-year law student from Laurel who worked with the recruitment program last year, says two trips to each campus in the state are planned for this year: "One during the first of the academic year to start minority students thinking about law school and another later in the year to distribute application blanks and information about the school."

Members of the Student Recruitment Committee last year were Julie Epps, Freida Gunn, James Minor, Johnny Walls and Foley Ranson. Other than the "W", schools visited were Mississippi State, Delta State, Mississippi Valley State, Alcorn A&M, Tougaloo, Millsaps, Belhaven, Jackson State, Mississippi College, University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey and Rust College.

The results of last year's recruitment

appear modest - about 20 blacks have entered law school here since recruitment - but the students involved were pleased. "Our goal was 25 and we came close," said Ratcliff.

Several Ole Miss law students have participated in the Law Students Council's internship program. Wilhelm Joseph, a third-year student, worked during the summer of 1970 with the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee in Jackson. He investigated the facts of the arrest in February of 1970 of 800 students at Mississippi Valley State College and the suspension of some of these students. Joseph also worked with a youth group in Leland and a group of black parents in Marks involved with school desegregation.

John Donald was another Ole Miss student who participated in the intership program that summer. He worked with North Mississippi Rural Legal Services providing general counselling and assistance over a wide range of problem areas to NMRLS's mainly poor, black clients. This past summer Ratcliff worked with Legal Services in Oxford, and Ron Welch, a first-year student last year, worked in Jackson.

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The ambulance down in the valley

Reprinted from the
Newsletter of the N.S.C., 1957 (author
unknown)

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely
confessed,
Though to walk near its crest was so
pleasant;
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
a Duke, and full many a peasant.
The people said something should have to
be done,
But their projects did not at all tally
Some said, "Put a fence 'round the edge of
the cliff":
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

The lament of the crowd was profound and
was loud,
as their hearts overflowed with their pity;
But the cry for the ambulance carried the
day
as it spread through the neighboring city.
A collection was made to accumulate aid,
and the dwellers in highway and alley
Gave dollars or cents - not to furnish a fence
But an ambulance down in the valley.

"For the cliff is all right if you're careful,
they said!
"And if folks ever slip and are dropping
It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much
As the shock down below when they're
stopping.
So for years (we have heard), as these
mishaps occurred
Quick forth would the rescuers sally,
To pick up the victims who fell from the
cliff,
With the ambulance down in the valley.

Said one, to his plea, "It's a marvel to me
That you'd give so much greater attention
To repairing results than in curing the
cause;
You had much better aim at prevention.
For the mischief, of course, should be
stopped at its source,
Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally.
It is far better sense to rely on a fence
Than an ambulance down in the valley."

"He is wrong in his head," the majority
said;
"He would end all our earnest endeavor.
He's a man who would shirk this responsible
work,
But we will support it forever.
Aren't we picking up all, just as fast as they
fall,
And giving them care liberally?
A superfluous fence is of no consequence,
If the ambulance works in the valley."

The story looks queer as we've written it
here,
But things oft occur that are stranger.
More humane, we assert, than to succor the
hurt,
Is the plan of removing the danger.
The best possible course is to safeguard the
source;
Attend to things rationally.
Yes, build up the fence and let us dispense
With the ambulance down in the valley.

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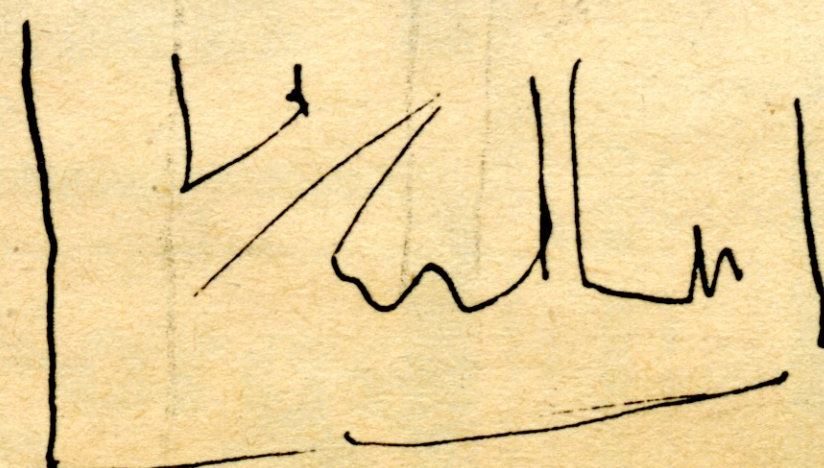
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Woman's Work

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It's too bad such
a beautiful thing
was worked to death!



By JULIE EPPS
Contributing Writer

Although women comprise 35 percent of
the total work force in this country, they are
nevertheless constant victims of
discrimination.

Their median salary is only 60 per cent
that of men. (All figures not explicitly
designated as coming from another source
are from the U.S. Labor Department of
Equal Employment Opportunity Council
reports.) The unemployment rate among
women is higher and the number of women
in responsible positions within almost any
given profession is considerably lower than
the number of men. The only professional
field where women dominate is nursing.

Everyone is well aware of the ways in
which racial discrimination has severely
deprived and oppressed a large segment of
our population, but few are aware or even
care that 51 per cent of our population have
been oppressed and deprived in a similar
fashion. For example, according to
Department of Labor statistics the median
wage of white women is lower than that of
black men. Needless to say, black women's
salaries are lower still - despite the fact
that the median education of both black and
white women is higher than that of their
male counterparts.

Women comprise only one per cent of the
nation's engineers, only three per cent of all
lawyers, seven per cent of all doctors, and
only 12.6 per cent of all Ph.D.'s. In 1969 of all
Americans who earned more than \$10,000,

only two per cent were women. One might
well ask why salaries are so low and why
women occupy so few positions if those
professions which we traditionally think of
as prestigious and which require education
beyond the undergraduate level. Certainly
not because women do not have the requisite
undergraduate credentials to go to
professional schools.

Perhaps one reason for this scarcity of
trained professional women is the lack of
scholarships available to women who desire
to further their educations. Few people

'51 per cent of our population have been oppressed and deprived'

would dispute the fact that women have
been discriminated against in the awarding
of scholarships, even those awarded on the
basis of need. Yet we have already seen
that women's earning capacity is
significantly below that of men. The im-
plications of such a situation are obvious.
There are very few jobs available which
enable women to earn enough to save
money to use for their educations.

Although men are able to secure con-
struction jobs or factory jobs where
working overtime they can during a sum-
mer vacation earn sufficient money to pay
for some of their school expenses, state laws
which limit overtime hours severely hinder
a woman who attempts to do otherwise.

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law students

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The internships and the recruitment programs are funded by the Law Students Council though there is only a minimum of organization on the part of the students who use the funds. "The LSCRRC is highly organized on the national level," said Ratcliff, "but its advisors and directors realize the need for informal and localized operations across the country for its goals to take effect." Among the advisors of the organization are Ramsey Clark, Jacob Javits and William Kunstler. Joseph served a tenure on the all-student-member board of directors.

Many of the students involved with the Law Students Council are also members of the Student Awareness Committee which was recognized as a student organization by the Lyceum last December and is listed as such in the '71-72 M Book. Using the right of the recognized SAC to sponsor speakers on campus, the students hope to host a number of liberal speakers. "We invite 'liberal' speakers," said Ratcliff, "because these are the people with whom we have contacts. Other groups will have other types of speakers."

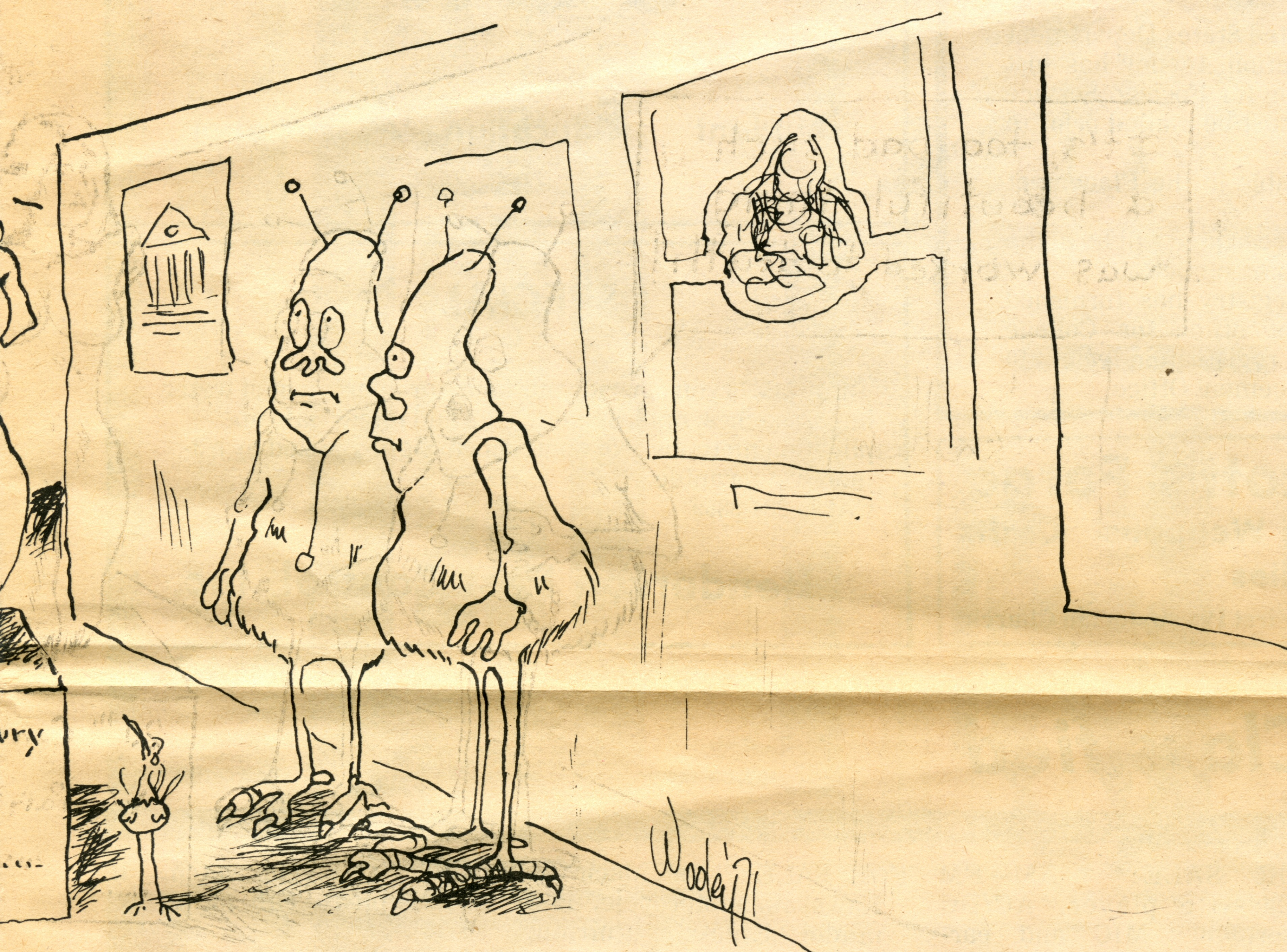
The speakers Ratcliff hopes to get are mostly concerned with political and civil rights and liberties. They include Victor Ravinowitz who was part of the defense counsel for the New York Times in the recent Pentagon Papers case; Mary Kaufman who was involved in the trial of Lt. Calley and was part of the counsel earlier at Nuremberg; Ben Smith, treasurer of the Southern Conference Educational Fund while plaintiff in a landmark anti-harassment case; and Haywood Burns, director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, a law professor at New York University and a graduate of Yale, Harvard and Cambridge, England.

"These speakers are needed here," said Ratcliff, "but we do not have the funds to sponsor all of them. We'd like to know of any other campus organizations which might want to jointly sponsor any of these speakers with us."

Other projects which this same group of students are involved in are a student-run corporation to raise money to help impoverished or minority group law students and a tutorial program to aid any students with poor undergraduate backgrounds with written legal communication.

"We already have the corporation chartered in the state as a non-profit corporation," said Ratcliff. "It's called Legal Education Grants to Assist Minorities and through it we have raised four thousand dollars already from the Merrill Foundation."

These programs promise immediate and long range changes in the school and with the exception of the tutorial program have been implemented with only the barest encouragement from the university administration.



for dropping out of school and working to save money to return, a viable option for a man, those jobs traditionally filled by women, i.e., teaching, clerical, health related or domestic work, pay very little. A woman would find it virtually impossible to save two or three thousand dollars with which to finance an education. Such a situation is disastrous for an unmarried woman who finds herself without any financial assistance from home.

For a married woman who oftentimes must work to support a husband in school, the situation is virtually impossible. Approximately 46 per cent of all women earn less than \$4,000 a year. 33 per cent earn less than \$1000.

Many women who are well qualified and who sincerely would like to go on to graduate or professional school find the difficulty in getting scholarships and the discrimination inherent in the loan system are prohibitive. Obviously, since a woman's salary after she finishes school will probably be lower than that of a man, repayment of a loan is more burdensome.

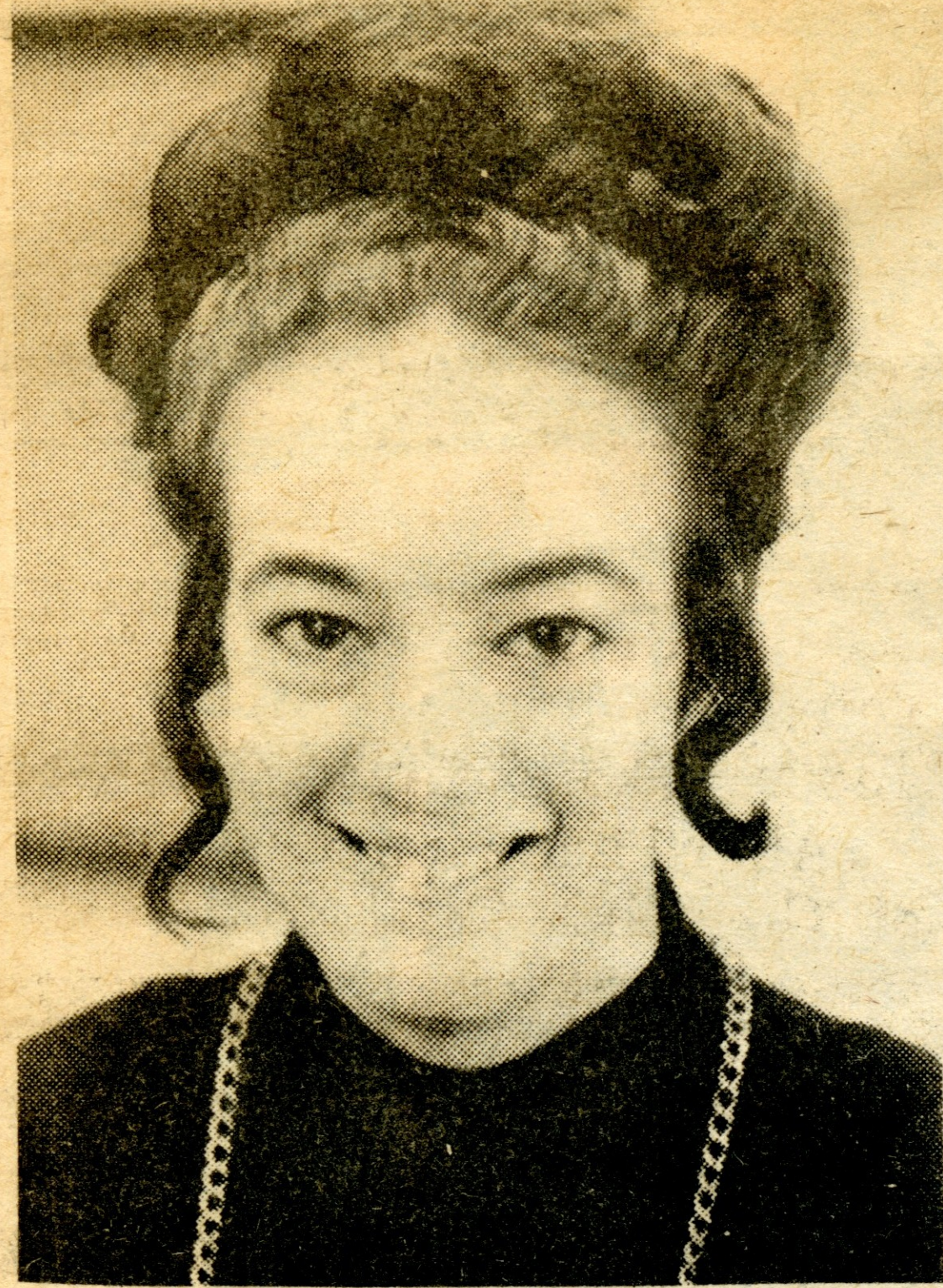
The reasons generally advanced to justify keeping women out of professional fields and hence higher paying jobs with greater responsibilities are no longer acceptable. Study after study has shown that the majority of women, married or not, who work do so as a result of economic necessity and not merely to add income for luxuries to the family budget. Tragically, although only 10 per cent of all families in this country are headed by women, 40 per cent

of all families in this country are headed by women budget. Tragically, although only 10 per cent of all families in this country are headed by women, 40 per cent of all families classified as being below poverty level have women as heads.

The argument that women are less productive workers than men because they spend too much time having babies is certainly dubious. U.S. Public Health Service figures show that women on the average lose fewer days on the job per year -- including pregnancy and childbirth leave -- than do men.

'Sex discrimination must be eliminated'

Professional schools can ill afford to reject 51 per cent of the population. We have all seen the effects discrimination has had on an entire race of people in terms of both economic and cultural deprivation. This same type of discrimination works invidiously against women. Just as racial discrimination must be stopped so must sex discrimination be eliminated. One of the important first steps could be a sincere and determined effort on the part of professional schools to counteract the effects of this discrimination by recruiting women and just as important by making funds available according to their need and ability.



Becky Nelson

Coed gets scholarship

Margaret Rebecca Nelson of Courtland has been selected to receive a 1971-72 Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers Scholarship to attend Ole Miss.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Alexander Nelson of Courtland, she will use the \$100 scholarship to study English at Ole Miss.

Miss Nelson attended Northwest Junior College and transferred to Ole Miss last year. Studying under a PTA scholarship, she was a member of the Student Education Association and active on a dormitory hospitality committee.

Chancellor Porter L. Fortune Jr. cited Becky's "exemplary conduct" and commendable academic record in recommending her for scholarship renewal.

Placement Office slates interviews

The Placement Office has released its schedule for job interviews for the week of October 11-15. Please come by and make appointments this week.

Oct. 11-12	Haskins & Sells
Oct. 11	The B.F. Goodrich Company
Oct. 12-13	The Buckeye Cellulose Company
Oct. 13	AMOCO Production Company
Oct. 14-15	Humble Oil & Refining Company
Oct. 14	Grad School of Business Administration
Oct. 14	Cities Service Company, Columbian Division

The foreign service of the United States Department of State and the U. S. Information Agency has just announced the 1971 Examination for Foreign Service Officer Careers. Applications must be mailed prior to Oct. 31, 1971.

Application blanks are available in the Placement Office, Room 303 of Lyceum.

The United States Air Force recruiter will be in the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 12.

The Cooperative College Registry has furnished applications to the Placement office for College Teaching positions. They have a registration fee of \$10 and may be picked up at the Placement Office.

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Professor heads two conferences

Dr. Jerry Robbins, chairman of the Department of Educational Administration at Ole Miss, has served as consultant and staff member on two programs supporting student council activities in public schools.

Dr. Robbins, who is author of the book, "Student Activities in the Innovative School," and who has contributed to the Encyclopedia of Education on the same subject, served as consultant to the Mississippi State Association of Student Councils annual workshop held at Belhaven College. In addition, Dr. Robbins served on the staff at the National Leadership Training Conference sponsored by the National Association of Student Councils which was held near Hot Springs, Ark.

The Belhaven workshop was designed to train junior and senior high school student council officers in leadership skills, group dynamics, and responsibilities of office.

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