

# Women must often play by 'court' rules

by Shannon Ceresola

Standing ground and demanding to play by universal rules on a regulation court sounds more like basketball advice than a suggestion for the advancement of a women's studies program.

The advice came from Jane Marcus, a Virginia Woolf scholar with a Ph.D from Northwestern University, during a speech given at Beam Hall on Thursday afternoon called "Women's Studies—Are They Politi-

cally Correct?"

Marcus, the daughter of a basketball coach, uses this analogy because she said she feels most women "grow up knowing how to play by two sets of rules. One is the street (boy's) rules and the other is the court (girl's) rules. It is only when we're lucky do we get to play by the universal rules."

Marcus was the director of the Women's Study Program at the University of Texas in Austin. She operated her program on a \$300 a year budget, one part-time secretary,

a broom closet for an office and a dean advisor who is a published scholar on the inadequacy of women in the math and science fields.

"When we asked the university for a women's center, the dean replied, 'If you open a women's studies program or center, you would be performing abortions,'" Marcus said.

Her rebuttal to him was, "I don't have a medical degree!"

"The office was in a small corner of the

campus and not very visible," Marcus said. "To have a successful program it must be very visible and accessible."

"We were also told to make due and we did," she said. "We should have demanded to be treated like professionals. Don't donate your work time; men won't do the job unless they're paid for it."

"The information from our mistakes can hopefully make your program better. Try to be aggressive and demanding. Don't let them belittle you," she said.

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home to millions of people who constantly interacted with the environment without any substantial or long term adverse affects. The wilderness idea itself is somewhat muddled, the general consensus has been that there can be either man's habitat or there can be wilderness, but they cannot be intermixed.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines wilderness as "...in contrast to the areas where man works and lives and dominates the landscape, a community of life untrampled by the works of man, where man is a visitor and does not remain."

"Society has got to realize that change in nature occurs regardless of whether or not it is induced by man. Nature is not a separate entity to man. We are part of nature, not separate of it. In fact, following in the Darwinian theory, we are nothing more than big smart monkeys," Callicott said.

In reaction to the lecture, James Deacon distinguished professor of biological sciences at UNLV said, "I thought that Baird gave an excellent and thought provoking lecture, and I was especially intrigued by his 'Modest Proposal.'"

Callicott's "Modest Proposal" revolves around the fact that of all the public land which is leased for grazing in the west (80 percent of Nevada land is public land) that beef accounts for only 5 percent of the market. Callicott suggested abolishing the government issued grazing permits, which he called "cowboy welfare," and the allowance of a natural recovery of the range to occur, replacing beef with herds of natural native animals such as big-horn sheep, elk, bison and deer.

"There is the potential to increase the economic value and health of the western rangelands," he said.

As you might expect, Callicott is opposed to nuclear power, citing the end product (nuclear waste) as something we can not safely handle. Declaring himself a "desperate optimist" he said, "the key to future will be to establish a post-modern technology that will allow a mutually beneficial relationship with man and nature."

He said he hopes to contribute to a fundamental change in the direction of American culture.

"Major shifts of consciousness are necessary for society to recognize the interdependency of ourselves individually and culture generally on the natural world," Callicott said. "Are we happy with this materialistic ride which we've had? Is it the difference making us happy?"

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