

Are you a libber?

Yes

No

Maybe

Women's Liberation...and the ordinary woman. What does she really think? The Daily Nebraskan sent reporter Dave Brink out to quiz some of the female populace on the subject. And here is what he encountered.

"Let's get it straight, I'm not a women's libber, I'm a Kate Millett!"

Senior Madonna Skinner explained that she had been very favorably impressed by Millett's appearance on the Dick Cavett show and wanted to hear more.

Responses like Madonna's were fairly typical of the female comments around campus garnered by a random poll on women's liberation and Kate Millett. That was discouraging because this reporter (an admitted male chauvinist) deliberately rigged the poll in an attempt to find only the sweet old-fashioned girls (who like to keep house and fetch their husband's slippers) in the University, but...

But I kept finding people like Chris Borgens, who exclaimed, "It's about time somebody took a stand." Millett has good arguments, the pretty sophomore added, and I'm glad she "spearheaded" the movement.

Pat Love and Marialice Hayes, who have already caught their ma-(oops) that is, have already married, were less emphatic in their support for the movement but still commended Millett for giving leadership and direction to women's liberation.

Freshman Linda Mack provided some momentary hope when she said liberation was a "new thing for her that she wasn't 'really sure' about. This was before hearing Millett's speech so by now she's probably studying karate.

Women's lib probably has some bad parts, senior Trish Cockle observed, but women "should be able to do what they want to do."

"They do what they want to do anyway," her boyfriend interrupted.

"That's telling her, brother." I thought.

"Show 'em who's boss!" We exchanged looks of solidarity as she pulled him away by the ears.

By this time Millett's speech was almost over and, in desperation, I started interviewing men.

Unfortunately, the guys didn't cooperate. Apparently Millett's tendency toward rational, soft-spoken argument and an absence of flaming nostrils, fiery rhetoric or smouldering bras, left the audience greatly admiring her.

Roger Kadavy and Jim Cleavenger both used adjectives like interesting, intelligent, and well-spoken to describe Millett. Jim admitted he didn't entirely support women's lib even though he believes it is a "very legitimate" cause.

Roger supports the movement but predicted it's demise because, in his opinion, women actually enjoy their present role.

Even Dennis Sporven, who was holding a boldly lettered "MEN'S LIBERATION" sign, failed me. According to Dennis, his group doesn't oppose women's lib. Rather, the one girl and five guys merely want to remind women that men are being oppressed by rigid role expectations just as women are.

I escaped to the dormitories and Greek houses hoping to find some "chicks" who hadn't heard Millett's presentation. The best I could do was one coed in the chow line of Women's Residence who said, "Woman isn't as oppressed as she thinks she is." But, she continued, women do need equal job opportunity.

Finally accepting bitter defeat, head held low, I walked back to the Union. A little coed walked up beside me and I asked whether she was a Kate Millett fan.

"Hell no," she shouted, "she ain't for me." Could this be the subservient little helpmate-type I'd been seeking?

Before I could ask she nailed me with a snowball.

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Friday, March 5, 5:30 p.m. NEBRASKAN: GENERAL ALFRED GRUENTHER.

Monday, March 8, 9 p.m. IMAGE OF NEBRASKA.

Tuesday, March 9, 6 p.m. NEIHARDT: POET OF THE WEST.

Friday, March 12, 6 p.m. LAND OF THEIR OWN-THE FACE OF COURAGE

Tuesday, March 16, 6 p.m. NEIHARDT: POET OF THE WEST.

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