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tic and racist basis.

Secondly, it's offensive.

Because I seek a better and more equitable world, I am placed in the same category as Hitler and Mussolini. I really don't think we stand for any of the same things.

Instead, I prefer to place myself in much better company, among people who stand instead for equality.

Last year was filled with people who made strides in the way the world looks not only at women, but at humanity as a whole. The people who have impressed or influenced me the most, especially in contemporary society, are women who have tackled these issues.

First on my list this year is America's new first lady, Hillary Clinton. She has been accused of being many different things — a bitch, a hard-hitting political wife, an unfeminine, unmotherly viper, and a prime example of the deterioration of family values.

That's a bunch of bunk. Clinton is a career-oriented woman whose family is easily as important to her as her career, or her husband's career. She is a staunch supporter of women's rights and an advocate

of children's issues. Her first steps as first lady will be ones to watch, and undoubtedly, will be focused in the right direction.

Another woman who made headlines this year in the political arena is Anita Hill, the law professor who took Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to task on charges of sexual harassment.

Although Hill did not convince the cartoonish Senate committee, she did convince thousands of women nationwide to sit up and take notice, and no longer tolerate oppressive behavior from male co-workers. Hill stands out like a hero and an example of what women will no longer stand for — ever.

The same holds true for Navy pilot Paula Coughlin. Coughlin came forward after the horrific incident at the navy's Tailhook convention — after male officers assaulted their female counterparts. The assailants, as well as the superior officers that tried to brush off the episode, received a barrage of negative publicity, and hopefully, their just due.

Diane English, Candice Bergen and TV's "Murphy Brown" took one giant step for single parenthood this year with their triumphant, highly publicized argument with former Vice President Dan Quayle over "traditional family values."

They took another step in making single parenthood an accepted and viable option in today's society of overdoses on conservative condescension.

Another woman in the entertainment industry used her power to make a difference for humanity as a whole — Elizabeth Taylor. She again hit the road, the airwaves, the fundraisers and the interviews to trump up more money for AIDS research and relief. Her appearance on the cover of Vanity Fair holding a condom made a bold statement, and her split from AmFAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research, in order to create a less bureaucratic fund-raising entity, made headlines and dollars. She continues to champion AIDS awareness.

These women, and many more like them, will gain more power, more notoriety and make even greater strides in this new year, and the years to follow.

Hopefully because of this, that fellow DN writer's narrow view of feminism will change and the term "femi-Nazi" will become obsolete. Otherwise, he and Rush will have a lot to stomach in the months to come.

Happy eating, fellas.

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# Equal

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"bona fide occupational qualification" (BFOQ), an employer may discriminate. Examples of permissible discrimination are the hiring of prison guards, or other occupations where strength is a factor.

Under the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, an employer cannot treat pregnancy differently than any other medical condition. This, too, is open to varying interpretations by the Supreme Court. In a 1990 decision, the justices held that a company policy that forbids women from working in a highly toxic environment if they were of

child-bearing age was illegal.

In recent years, though, pregnancy has become involved with another societal problem — drug use. Over the last seven years, over a hundred women have been charged with drug use during pregnancy, causing harm to their unborn child. To date, no conviction has stood on appeal. Other women have had their children removed from their custody, and found guilty of child neglect and abuse. Two dozen states have passed laws which make drug use in pregnancy child abuse.

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# Ernest

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said that we must sacrifice some of our rights for the benefit of all, and I believe he was a member of yours."

"He was, but he didn't mean that."

"Maybe not, but your mother, sister and daughter deserve the right to use their talents in places other than someone's kitchen or bed, if they choose."

"Now that's enough," I.M. shouted.

"Sorry, that was out of line, but true. Women can, and should, be allowed to make decisions about their own future. It's about simple, basic freedom. It's the American way."

"No, son," I.M. said, standing to leave. "It's about power and dominance — That's the American way."

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## Male issue too

Tony Lindquist relaxes at the Women's Center. Lindquist is an intern at the Center. Lindquist said he would like to help women by educating himself and other men on feminist issues. He said he plans to encourage male involvement in the center.

# Women

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of literary criticism and economic theory. Students doing research about women in any area should make sure to check out the Resource Library's vertical files, which contain articles on hundreds of topics. I am the resource coordina-

tor, and I can answer questions and recommend sources or just light reading. By the end of the semester, the Resource Library will be cataloged on a new computer system designed by Kim Firestone, a computer science intern.

Women in computer science should look for the first of a series of new programs designed by Alicia Guerra, project coordinator. The Academic Networking for Women

series will be an occasion for women in underrepresented fields of study to meet and discuss their experiences and career opportunities.

Although the Women's Center has moved and undergone a face lift and structure shift, it remains a place on campus for everyone to meet, study, ask questions and get involved in improving the academic and social experience of women everywhere.

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