



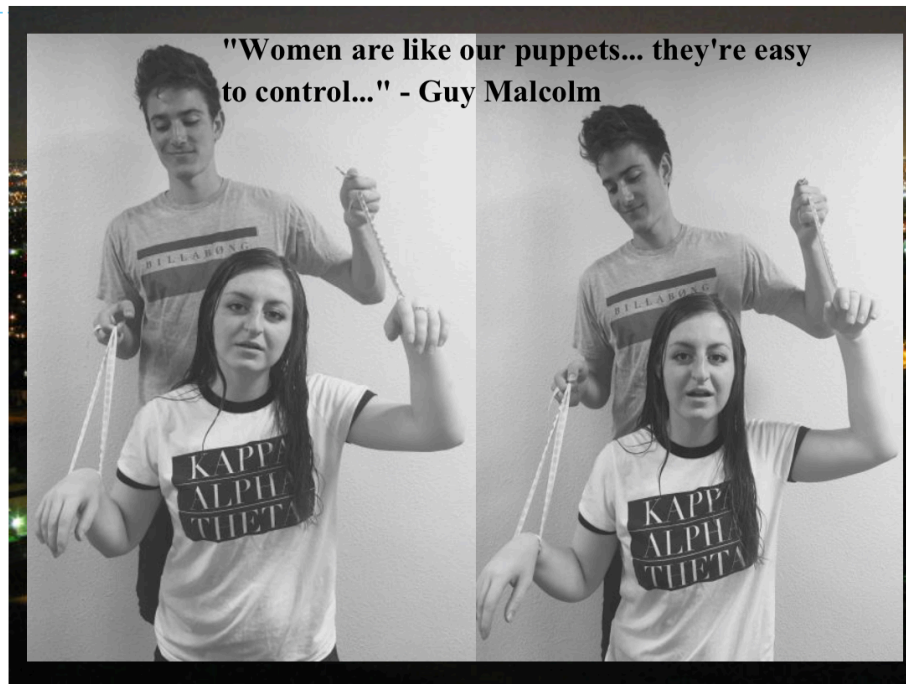
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The Man's Way is the ONLY Way



Tradition Shattered!

The tone of this front-page story came days after the announcement that the school would integrate with women. Nick Meyer wrote that his classmates "tend to think of it as a strictly masculine institution". However, college is not a "strictly masculine institution", but rather an institution for higher learning in which anyone can attend to learn and better themselves. Instead of reaching out to women who were potential applicants to SCU, the male students decided to simply brand them in a bad light as those who have come to ruin "everything". With this article, women were being slandered before they even stepped foot on campus.

Sex Discrimination

Vic Merolla wrote an article empowering women through explaining the disparity between the female and male athletic facilities. He realized that this was sexist and pushed for better female facilities. This article showed definite progress because it talked about women's issues, however, it still constituted of a man speaking *for* women about *their* problems. Although Merolla was standing up for women on campus and their rights, he did so without consulting any women. Merolla was trying to be helpful, but he was continuing to perpetuate the idea that men know how to best solve women's problems and have authority over them.

Esskay

This satirical article written by S.E. Kerr describes a new "course" that was going to be offered when women started to attend SCU called, "'The Philosophy of the Kitchen', using such deep, scholarly tones as Betty Crocker's Cookbook". He also wrote about the "disastrous" effects of there being a female student body president and more. Through speaking on behalf of women, his readers might actually believe that women are only capable of taking these "Philosophy of the Kitchen" classes. These were among the sexist sentiments that women had to fight against in the early days of coeducation. When men spoke for women in a demeaning way, the woman's voice and everything that she was fighting for diminished.

When looking through articles addressing coeducation specifically on Santa Clara University's (SCU) campus, I found that men were speaking on behalf of women without giving them an opportunity to share their opinions about coming to a college filled with the opposite sex and plenty of testosterone. These articles were in the student-run newspaper, *The Santa Clara*, and most had demeaning tones. These writers had to have known that they were influencing the thoughts of those reading their articles, and the sexist jokes and comments that they made were perpetuating the student population's already negative outlook on coeducation. They depicted a one-sided campus culture and story where women were not represented at all. Obviously these articles affected women and made them feel a certain way, but we do not know how.

However, I am sure that, if asked, women who attended SCU would have had a great deal to say about important subjects such as the unequal recreation facilities, gender inequality in the classroom, and much more. The problem is however, that they were not asked. We do not know what they thought about these unequal recreation facilities, gender inequality in the classroom, and much more. The only thing that history has given us in these articles is what men have said. It is a shame that we are missing all of the commentary from women, because that would have really made the conversation of coeducation fascinating.

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