

'To bra or not to bra?': new fad sweeps nation

(Ed. note: Editorials, like brassieres, come in a variety of sizes and shapes to fit a variety of situations. La Voz feels it should share with De Anza readers this comment on a current news situation, as printed in the Yuba College 49er.)

"To Bra or Not to Bra?" the newspaper column was entitled, and it went on to discuss the pros and cons of the current anti-brassiere campaign, or "Freedom Movement," now being conducted by women across the nation.

The subject campaign is said to have spread rapidly, and was highlighted by two events: one when two women struck a blow for "freedom" by tossing their bras into the Mississippi River (and were promptly arrested by a pollution control agent), and the other when a California woman was fired from an \$18,000-a-year job for suggesting a "braless Friday" at the office where she worked.

THE GLEN ALDEN Corporation, parent firm of Playtex, and other members of the billion-dollar foundation garment industry have been watching the "movement" (no pun intended) with mounting concern. The anti-bra campaign could, financially speaking, leave them without their primary means of support.

Angie Davis to speak

Angela Davis, self-professed Communist and currently a philosophy instructor at UCLA, will deliver a speech at Roosevelt Junior High School in San Jose tonight at eight o'clock.

The subject of her speech will be her firing by the University of California Board of Regents.

Chancellor Charles Young is allowing Miss Davis, however, to teach philosophy at UCLA for no credit.

Miss Davis, who graduated from Brandeis University and did graduate work at the University of California at San Diego, believes that her membership in the Communist party does not commit her to "principle or position governing either my scholarship or my responsibilities as a teacher."

The Birmingham, Ala., native said, "I feel that my membership in the Communist party has widened my horizons and expanded my opportunities for

It has been reported that as many as one-half of the women students in the Bay Area have abandoned the bra. The 49er staff wondered if the current campaign had spread to the remoter regions (such as Yuba College), and eagerly sought first-hand (poor choice of words) information on the subject. Here are the results of their investigations:

1. Six slapped faces.
2. **WHILE A FEW** real "swing-ers" (if "swing" is the proper adjective) were observed on campus, they numbered so few that no real threat to the foundation garment industry is forecast.
3. At least half, if not a majority, of Yuba's women would be crazy to throw away their bras, as they need all the help they can get.
4. At least half, if not the majority of Yuba's men aren't able to tell if the women have joined the movement or not.
5. Campus Book Store sales have not been affected, as they don't sell undergarments.
6. **OFFICIALS OF THE** administration refused to comment on the subject.
7. Informed sources swear the whole "movement" is an A.W.S. plot to regain a seat on the Executive Council.
8. The Library has no books on the subject.

perceiving solutions and working for their adoption."

The soft-spoken Miss Davis, who had admitted, "... I am now a member of the Communist party," will now take her case to court. She believes that her membership in the Communist party is a right granted by the First Amendment.

Donald Kalish, chairman of the UCLA Department of Philosophy, believes that she will remain calm because "she has much dignity and sense."

There is a proper and honorable place in scholarship for the meticulous drudge, but when he is on top instead of on tap his dangerous envy of real intelligence drives all creative scholars from the field. — Alan Watts

Panel provokes tempers

A verbal fist fight climaxed the panel discussion on institutionalized racism presented to the Guidance 50 classes during last week's College Hours.

A student from the audience touched off tempers during the Tuesday discussion by accusing the panel of generalizing in its descriptions of institutionalized racism in the local high schools.

"I CAN BACK UP with fact and figure everything I say," retorted Chris Cross, minister of education for the Black Students Union.

Other members of the Tuesday panel were Reggie Acosta, a counselor-aide, and BSU co-chairmen Bob Snowden and Morris Graves.

English instructor Phil Stokes, David Sanchez, Mexican-American Students Confederation member; Ida Robinson, chairman of the Ethnic Studies Division, and Acosta made up the Thursday panel.

TUESDAY'S DISCUSSION emphasized examples of institutionalized racism prevalent in the Bay Area, while the Thursday session concentrated on efforts De Anza's Ethnic Studies Division has been making to bring about more awareness to the community.

Institutionalized racism was defined by Cross as "existing policies in the political state which affect the minority but not the majority."

Tuesday's phrase-flinging fracas began when Acosta told the audience how he was discriminated against in high school. He said the counselors constantly programmed him in "slow learner" classes and "snap" courses such as shop and study hall, which did nothing to prepare him for competing in the adult world.

"I NEVER EVEN got to look in the doors of the college prep courses," he declared.

Acosta also noted that the high schools did nothing to help him gain pride in his Mexican-American background. "I kept hearing about the Alamo," he said, with an ironic laugh, as he recalled the extent of the chicano contribution to American culture according to U.S. history courses.

"They told me to be the All-American boy but I couldn't dig it. I dropped out of high school three times. They aren't doing their job. They're just garbage factories — all of them!"

WHEN ACOSTA paused for questions from the audience, an Oriental student told the panel he thought Acosta had generalized. "Anyone can be president

of the United States if he really wants to," he exclaimed. "If you think you can do it, you can do it!"

"Do you think a black man can be president?" asked Graves.

"If he has the potential, he can make it," replied the student.

SNOWDEN INSINUATED that the young man had been brainwashed. The student retorted, "You've been brainwashed, too!"

"From my own experience the educational system is a cookie-cutter," said Snowden. "It turns individuals into average, middle-class white America."

It was then that Cross heatedly made it clear that he could back up his alleged "generalizations" with facts and figures. Amidst applause from the audience that drowned out the shouting of the Oriental student, Cross proceeded to cite specific instances of racism he had encountered in the schools.

"WHAT CAN YOU tell me about the black contribution to history?" he finished, dramatically.

While the student hedged the question directed to him, Cross continued, "You have been culturally deprived. You are the one who is generalizing."

A woman from the audience asked the same student, "Can you be president of the United States?"

"I DON'T HAVE the background."

"Would the U.S. public vote you into the presidency?" the woman persisted.

"Would they accept you, an Oriental?" Graves added.

THURSDAY'S PANEL indicated that De Anza is taking steps to insure that one day perhaps no one will need to ask that question.

Rich Rios, panel moderator, explained that the Ethnic Studies courses try to touch on all ethnic groups, not just the black and chicano. In response to a question about Jewish studies, Rios said that anti-Semitism is covered somewhat in Social Science 50, and that the class covers the plight of the American Indian, Oriental, and even discrimination against women, as well as the black and chicano situation.

"We try to cover all groups who have been suppressed or oppressed," he explained.

ADRIANNE CHANG, a student, said she is getting up a petition to have an Asian-American course and Oriental language classes taught at De Anza during the winter 1970 quarter.

All panelists agreed that the answer to institutionalized racism is to educate the public. Stokes remarked that the people must be made aware that all blacks do not have sexual prowess and that all chicano girls do not have knives hidden in their hair-dos.

"We should try to get to know each other," explained Mrs. Robinson. She said people should take their masks down and try to understand others as they really are.

"It would be unfair for us not to share ourselves with you."

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sons," Miss Jackson enjoys sailing and mountain climbing in the summer and ice skating in the winter. "I'd be glad to take up skiing," she adds, "if I ever get a rich enough boy friend."

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