TRB’s Gawk As Women Convene

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As the unassuming TRB walked by the Grand Hall of the Memorial Center last Wednesday, he came to a sudden halt, blinked his eyes and dropped his jaws at the sight of hundreds of women searching for their role in the modern world. This was the Jones Symposium.

ABLY PUT together by Dr. Calvin Class, Betty Sue Hamner, and Marcella Gerchsheimer, the symposium chose for its theme, "The Role of the Educated Woman.”

Betty Sue attributed much of the symposium’s success to the world of Dr. Class.

"It came off very well ... I think most of the girls were impressed. For the Freshmen ... it was of great benefit,” Betty Sue pointed out.

"I FRANKLY thought it was a success,” Marcella stated. "I think that most of them (the girls) benefitted . . .”

Commenting on the unfortunate absence of Senator Nueberger, Marcella indicated that, although she had heard last Thursday that the woman senator might not be able to attend, final confirmation did not come until the Monday before the symposium.

TRG reaction to the symposium was as varied as the Math 100 grades on the final exam. Many indicated that they were happy at the insight into future possibilities presented to them.

"THERE WAS no friction—not enough argument. Seems like there could have been more discussion. The questions weren't very good. Somebody should have thought of better questions.”

But criticism ran little deeper than those mentioned.

One TRG professed to have "a personal dislike for large groups of women talking about themselves.” Others pleaded boredom.

The general reaction was that of interest.

The typical TRG reaction was little more than symbolic shrug of the shoulders or a meaningless grunt and a blank stare. Almost to a man, the male population of Rice did not attend.