

Cigar Is a Smoke, But Women Found Better

Special to The New York Times

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 12 —Rudyard Kipling was the loser tonight and women the winners as Yale and Princeton clashed in their annual humorous debate.

Taking the stand to support Kipling's statement that "a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke," Mark Dwyer, a Princeton senior, puffed on a stogie and said: "We're not comparing women to men. We're just saying that when women are compared to cigars, they don't come out on top."

But the judges agreed with the Yale, not the male, chauvinists. The Yale team, which included one female, won the debate and perhaps a few women admirers by arguing that women were, all things considered, better than cigars.

The usually ribald debate has been held each year since 1948 on the eve of the annual Yale-Princeton football game. This year's quotation is from Kipling's poem, "The Betrothed."

The New York Times

Published: November 13, 1971

Copyright © The New York Times