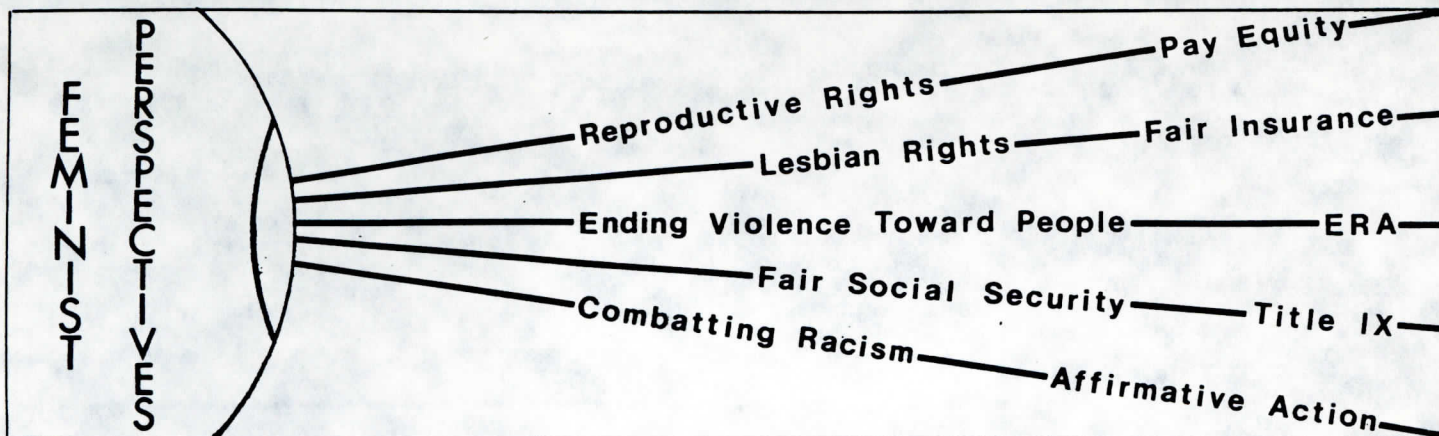




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Presidents' Columns

As you may know, Sarah Cosette Clarkson resigned as NOW at UH President on December 31st. At the December 2nd NOW at UH meeting I nominated myself as president until an official election can take place. According to our by-laws, the membership should be notified 4 weeks prior to an election in order for everyone to have an opportunity to nominate themselves. You are now notified and encouraged to nominate yourself at the January or February NOW/UH meetings. (see Calendar)

In the December column in this space, Jeanne Sommerfeld listed ways you can get involved in NOW. It is true that many members have not renewed and that the active members spend time on the chapter maintenance thus allowing less time for planning actions and programs. However, NOW actions and programs are crucial on campus. NOW is the only force for equality on campus.

We have ahead of us an exciting semester.

On January 22nd, NOW at UH will set up tables on campus to provide information on reproductive rights and raise money through your donations to help poor women who are denied the opportunity to exercise their fundamental constitutional right to choose when and whether to have a child. This event is an annual one and we are proud of it's past successes. Your 2-hour volunteer time staffing the tables is greatly needed. Call Jeanne at 667-4403 for further information.

On February 25th and 26th everyone should try to attend the Women's Legislative Days conference in Austin. This is an important conference for all women in the state who want to learn how to impact the Texas Legislature. See enclosed flyer for further information.

On March 9th, NOW at UH will have a FEMINIST PRIMER. It will consist of workshops on the following 9 feminist issues: Reproductive Rights, Lesbian Rights, Woman Battering, Pornography, Rape, Combatting Racism, Legal Remedies, How to Influence the Political Process, Feminism and Women and Men. People are needed to work on different tasks, for example, to contact speakers for workshops, to prepare literature on each topic to include in the package, to post flyers on campus, to help mail invitations, etc. This program will require lots of work but if many help out it will be easy on everyone. Please attend the January 6th and 20th meeting to plan this event.

On March 16th, NOW at UH will present MUSICA FEMINA, a guitar and flute duo. These two women are professional musicians who perform classical music composed by women. In addition to their performance they will offer a lecture on History of Women in Music. This event will be our celebration of Women's History Week and it promises to be an enjoyable and relaxing evening. If you would like to help put this event together call me at 227-9383.

Rossann Daumas, President
NOW at the University of Houston

The incredible year of 1984 has drawn to and 1985 looms ahead of us. I feel we have closed the final chapter of a book and now must open to volume II. I believe feminism to be a work in progress. It has been for me on a personal level.

This year starts my eighth as a Feminist. Spring Branch-Memorial NOW starts its fourth year. The women and men in this chapter have worked very hard. It is difficult to feel much success for our efforts after the devastation of the 1984 elections. So much of our very being went into the campaigns of Pro-feminist candidates and in working for a party that had a platform we could support.

The battles ahead in 1985 are many. January 19 will be a day of decision about employment rights of city employees. The ordinance enacted by city council protects them from discrimination based on sexual orientation. A vicious hate campaign based on lies and fears threatens a huge step backwards for the city of Houston and the civil liberties of us all. Many people will be afraid to "come out" in support of the ordinance for fear of being suspect. NOW has recognized civil rights for Lesbians and Gays as a priority issue. I all members to take an active stand in support of the council's vote.

When I first began my activism it was as a teenager who worked for the civil rights and anti-war movements. I guess it was there that the spark was ignited that lead me to work as a supporter of the ERA. The other issue that drew me to involvement in NOW was my belief that abortion should be a safe and legal choice. I came of age at a time when abortion was illegal. I saw what that did to women. We must never go back to that. The right of choice is under attack with clinic bombings, harassment of patients and in the Texas legislature.

Together, we can make 1985 a year of victories for our organization. I hope that members who have not been active will join with those who have, find out what work needs to be done and to take the responsibility to do at least a part of it. We each of us doing our part, it comes together as a whole.

There is a lot of excitement coming up. The Women's History week contest committee is already hard at work. There is a workshop on lobbying and a lobbying day planned in Austin on Feb. 25 & 26. SB-M NOW will be hosting the Texas NOW State Council in March. And in our neighboring state of Louisiana the 1985 National NOW Conference will be in New Orleans in July.

A personal note here. 1984 was a year of radical changes for me personally. The love and support of my friends, especially those in Spring Branch-Memorial NOW, is most appreciated. I'm so proud of our chapter, thankful for your work and to count you as my friends.

Deborah Moncrief Bell, President
Spring Branch/Memorial NOW

DECEMBER 2ND NOW at UH BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

Those present were Sarah Clarkson, Rossann Daumas, JoAnn Evansgardner, Cindy Funderburke, Laura Linn, Maria Longenecker,* Madeline Mauk, Mary Helen Merzbacher, Helen Ortiz, Jeanne Sommerfeld.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Cindy reported on her experiences as an Escort in the Coalition against Clinic Violence. Her report made everyone volunteer for duty. Contact her at 868-2486 for details. Laura Linn reported that Mary Calk, our Texas NOW Lobbyist is working with many feminist and women's groups on the Texas Women's Legislative Days in Austin to be held Feb 25-26 - see enclosed flyer for details. Helen reported that Texas NOW PARADE OF ISSUES will be in Houston April 25th. The issues workshops will be Pay Equity and Domestic Violence. Admission will be \$10 which includes lunch, reservations will be necessary.

MOTION: We will mail PARADE OF ISSUE flyers to chapter members and UH list (separately from Newsletter) to increase attendance. (passed with two abstentions.)

After discussion on why those two issue were chosen, (there were activists ready and willing to do the work) which JoAnn felt were "easy" ones, JoAnn moved:

MOTION: (to take to state board meeting) Whenever issues are being chosen for presentation, State Organization decision making group should pick at least one we are under attack on. (passed)

MOTION: Because of Parade of Issues on April 27th, we will move FEMINIST PRIMER WORKSHOP to Saturday, March 16th. (passed) (Note - at Dec 19th planning meeting, because of Spring break being March 11-16, it was finally decided to hold FEMINIST PRIMER on Saturday, March 9th.)

After discussion on the amount of work it meant we decided to see how much support there was and discussed and voted on MOTION: We should not hold Feminist Primer. (Failed)

MOTION: We will hold a FP planning meeting on December 19th.

Rossann reported that MUSICA FEMINA will happen Friday, March 15th, with the lecture from 7-8 and the performance at 8:15. It will be in the Kiva Room in the Education Building. Re progress on getting a new faculty adviser, the letter to perspective candidates will go out in January.

MOTION: To support ACORN fundraiser \$25 which will be two tickets to John Sales film, "Return of Secaucus" and reception. (passed) Rossann and Helen will be our representatives.

Re flyers on our events for dorm posting - we need 35 for the towers, 35 for quad.

Re "Gleanings" page, Laura can't do it anymore, Mary Helen will find new editor.

MOTION: We will fund TX NOW State Council Delegate(s) \$20, - Delegate(s) to be (s)elected at business meeting before council meeting and report to next business meeting in order to collect

MOTION: Board of Directors elect Rossann Daumas to fill vacancy in office of chapter president until February meeting. Nominations will be opened at January Meeting until formal election in February business meeting.

Laura Linn, TX State NOW Secretary announced that TX NOW has convened a State Task Force on Combatting Racism. She particularly noted that discussions in our chapter motivated her to support this idea and work on brochures and actions plans for chapters. Actions chapters can immediately get involved in are: 1) media watch for racism, 2) support for TX legislative bill (sponsored by United Farm Workers) to remove TX exemption from federal minimum wage. TX FARM WORKERS MINIMUM WAGE IS CURRENTLY \$1.40. JoAnn Evansgardner, Secretary

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Chapter # 0400 Chapter # 0445

(Please fill in blanks as appropriate for you)

1. I wish to join NOW (Specify either SBM or UH chapter by writing the chapter # in the blank)

(Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$15 to \$40. This amount is divided among your Chapter, Texas NOW, and the National. Please send an amount for your dues according to your circumstances.)

2. Enclosed are my dues in the amount of \$

If joining SB-M, make your check payable to them & send to: Spring Branch-Memorial NOW, P. O. Box 440422, Houston, TX 77244.

If joining NOW/UH, make your check payable to them and send to: NOW at UH, Box 509, UC, 4800 Calhoun, Houston TX 77004

3. I do not want to join NOW at this time, but I would like to subscribe to this Newsletter. Enclosed is \$5 for one year's subscription (next 11 issues.) (make check to NOW at UH and send to them.)

4. I would like to talk to someone to get more information about NOW.

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EDITORIAL: THE DUMB AND DANGEROUS REFERENDUM

On January 19th, the forces that promote homophobia will attempt to enforce their arrogant, bigoted, and essentially ignorant will on Houstonians in general and city employees in particular.

Last month we published information from the Citizens for a United Houston brochure which told why it is necessary that the City Council Ordinance include the words "sexual orientation" in the City's Affirmative Action Policy, and exactly what it means legally and practically. We urge you to re-read it if necessary so you can effectively argue for NOW's position in support of the ordinance in this referendum.

If there are any who read this newsletter who are planning to sit this one out, understand that our struggles to end sexism are impeded when we do not recognize that religiously motivated homophobia is a vital factor in the oppression of women. The early church fathers did not fulminate against lesbianism the

way they did against male homosexuality — it probably never occurred to them that women could love women. But because they were commanded to "people the earth", male sexuality had to be controlled. Outlawing any kind of male sexual satisfaction that did not result in procreation made homosexuality (and masturbation) "sinful." This hurt women's possibilities for full human personhood directly and indirectly.

So in addition to the fairness arguments, the arguments for civil rights for lesbians and gay men, the arguments that no one is secure from attack, especially uppity women even though married, there is one more — the enemies of this ordinance are the enemies of all women, but especially they are the enemies of women and men who work for economic, political and social equality between all women and men.

JoAnn Evansgardner

COMBATTING RACISM

NOW at UH members are working on combatting racism. The Texas NOW State Council has set up a task force on Combatting Racism. The following is abstracted from the brochure "Whites for a Racist-free World" produced by the Racism Task Force of the Movement for a New Society, and reproduced here to help ourselves and our readers in these efforts.

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISERS

"Whites actively or passively maintain racism because of the privileges that accompany their status and because most people learn not to question the system. This racist conditioning is perpetuated by the educational, societal, and political forces of our society and greatly reduces the choices all of us have as individuals.

"Patterns of exploitation and oppression are rationalized by ascribing inferior hereditary characteristics to groups of people who are designated a "race". People are taught to feel inferior or superior to one another, and are therefore divided into hostile groups, losing the power that comes from unity.

"Even in the face of deeply entrenched patterns, change is possible. When we are committed as individuals to changing our beliefs and our behavior, we will find ways to make our commitment felt in the world around us.

"How people can resist racism as individuals:

- o Interrupt racist remarks and jokes.
- o Do business with institutions and shops run by people of color. Check affirmative actions programs of white-run businesses you patronize.
- o Celebrate other cultures as well as your own.
- o Buy publications, listen to radio, and watch TV programs that are owned or produced by people of color.
- o Report to citizens rights and public interest groups when you are aware of incidents in which the rights of people of color have been denied.
- o Point out the racist implications of assumptions* that come up in everyday conversations with people.
- o Join and encourage others to join with groups struggling for the liberation of people of color.
- o Give children toys that reflect other cultures, and books by and about people of color. Have information in your home to counteract the racist omissions and stereotypes of school textbooks.
- o Read histories and biographies of people of color.

*If someone uses the generalized term, "they" in reporting something in a disapproving tone, you can feel confident that person is making the assumption that all the persons in the reference group share some quality that the speaker is prejudiced against.

THE WAY TO SOMEWHERE BETTER?

With all its falling, stumbling, and detouring, America has always been a society on the way to somewhere better. According to the polls, most Americans seem to believe that America under President Reagan has been and is on the way to somewhere better.

... FALLING BEHIND: A REPORT ON HOW BLACKS HAVE FARED UNDER THE REAGAN POLICIES, a new study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, is based on new data from the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, The Congressional Budget Office, The Urban Institute and other non-partisan sources. According to the report, the new data show that "the status of black Americans today is bleaker than has commonly been believed," and that "the principal factor responsible for the black economic decline since 1980 — and for the widening of the economic gap between blacks and whites — has been the budget and tax policies proposed by the Administration and enacted by Congress since 1980."

The average black family at every income level — from the poor to the affluent — had suffered a decline in its standard of living since 1980. According to the Census Bureau, from 1980 to 1983, the income of the median-income black family fell 5.3% after inflation — \$818 lower in 1983 than in 1980. This is a larger decline than for any other population group.

Between 1980 and 1983, 1.3 million more blacks became poor. Nearly 36% of all blacks lived in poverty in 1983. This is the highest black poverty rate the Census Bureau has recorded since it began collecting data on black poverty in 1966. The proportion of the black poor added to the poverty ranks during the Reagan Administration is almost double the proportion of the white population that fell into poverty during this period.

Unemployment among blacks has risen during the Reagan administration, from 14.4% in 1980 to 16% in August 1984, while white unemployment has declined from 6.7% in 1980 to 6.4%. The gap in unemployment between blacks and whites has widened during the economic recovery. ...

The programs cut most deeply in 1981 were precisely the programs in which the largest percentages of participants were black — job and training programs, food stamps, AFDC, child nutrition, compensatory education, financial aid for needy students, subsidized housing, and legal services. The 1980 cuts cost the average black family 3 times as much in lost income and benefits as the average white family.

Federal income and payroll taxes are now far higher for low wage earners than they were a few years ago. (A family of four at the poverty line paid \$269 in federal taxes in 1978, \$460 in 1980, and pays \$1076 today. Most blacks fall into precisely those income levels that have had their taxes raised. The sharpest increases have fallen on the poorest 20% of U.S. families. 40% of black families are in this category.

While many Americans are on their way to somewhere better, black families are on their way to where they've already been. Behind.

Marian Wright Edelman, President
Children's Defense Fund.

(excerpted from The Informer of 11/17/84.)

'Sexism' surprises Kirkpatrick

Houston Chronicle News Services

NEW YORK — Jeane Kirkpatrick said she was surprised by how much sexual discrimination she has encountered — including a considerable amount from such Cabinet members as former Secretary of State Alexander Haig — in her four years as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

She said Wednesday that she was taken aback when, as the only woman with a Cabinet-level post in the first 2½ years of the Reagan administration, she was treated with "general male surprise and disapproval at the presence of a woman in the arena."

"I think sexism is alive in the United Nations, in the secretariat, and among my colleagues at the U.N., alive in the United States government, alive in American politics," she told a breakfast meeting of the Women's Forum, an

organization of women executives in New York.

"What do you mean by sexism?" she was asked. "Prejudice," said Kirkpatrick, who has told President Reagan she does not want to continue in her post for 1985.

"I mean prejudice. It is not ultimately disabling, but it is always a handicap. It attributes negative expectation to some member of a group."

Kirkpatrick said the high politics lifestyle — 80- or 90-hour weeks — is one reason that many women who get in eventually decide to withdraw.

She said high politics in the United States and in particular the upper levels of foreign policy, diplomacy, defense are male bastions.

The ambassador said sexism ultimately makes it more difficult for a woman in her position to do a job but that the job can be done by hanging in

and avoiding rages. "I'm sure that Alexander Haig thought he was going to wipe me out during the first nine months, and he didn't," she said.

Kirkpatrick said she has developed a more cordial working relationship with Haig's successor, George Shultz.

Kirkpatrick had expected to suffer discrimination at the U.N. as the first female chief delegate from a major country, because many counterparts came from places with little sexual equality.

The only difference between men and women in high politics is "the difference in attitudes about the use of force," Kirkpatrick said. "I have never advocated use of force as a solution to a foreign policy situation in my life." But she does not know if that is that is peculiar to women.

Kirkpatrick plans to leave the U.N. post in January.



Adrienne Rich

**Adrienne Rich
to speak at UH**

Playboy guide draws varied student views

BOSTON (AP) — Playboy magazine has released a guide to all-women colleges, sparking protest and pride at some schools it describes.

More than 300 students at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley marched in a candlelight vigil Thursday to protest "Where the Girls are Today," the guide in January's Playboy that suggests "pickup tips" and opening lines to use on campus.

"We feel it's insulting and degrading," said Nancy Kirshner, 21, president of the school's student government organization.

"It's not that we don't want men here," she added. "But we're concerned that if men read this article they might think it's easy to come to Mount Holyoke and find women to have sex with."

But students interviewed at Pine Manor College in Newton said they were pleased and amused by the guide.

The article, taken from a book by two Princeton University graduates, rates 24 colleges in 13 categories, including "friendliness," "accommodations," and "party scene."

Coeds treated unfairly: study

Houston
Post
12/7/84

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women are second-class citizens on many college campuses, victims of discrimination that can be as blatant as a wet T-shirt contest or as subtle as an adviser's discouraging word, a feminists' study says.

"Women students are often treated differently than men ... even when they attend the same institutions, share the same classrooms, work with the same advisers, live in the same residence halls and use the same student services," according to the report by Bernice R. Sandler and Roberta M. Hall of the Project on the Status and Education of Women.

The authors, in a 1982 report, said professors tend to interrupt women more often than men, give more encouragement to men and

engage in other behaviors that erode women's confidence.

The situation outside the classroom may be even worse, the new report concludes.

"Outside of class — in conferences, lab work, campus employment, extracurricular activities and a host of other settings — women are even more likely to be singled out, avoided or otherwise treated as if they're interlopers on 'male turf,'" said Sandler, executive director of the project, which is sponsored by the Association of American Colleges.

The report — "Out of the Classroom: A Chilly Campus Climate for Women?" — was drawn from college studies and from responses to a call the authors issued for examples of sexism on campuses.

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Man gets 20 years for torching abortion clinics

Los Angeles Times

SEATTLE — Abortion opponent Curtis A. Beseda was sentenced to 20 years in prison Thursday for setting four fires at abortion clinics.

U.S. District Court Judge John C. Coughenour also ordered Beseda, 29, to pay \$298,000 to compensate the operators of two abortion clinics for damages and lost income because of the arson fires.

The judge rejected Beseda's plea that he begin serving his sentence after the Christmas holidays, ordering him sent to prison immediately. The judge also ordered that Beseda be placed on

five years' probation after he serves his sentence.

Beseda was convicted Nov. 9 of setting three fires at the Feminist Women's Health Center in Everett and another fire at the Bellingham Family Practice. Operators of the Everett center say they hope to reopen in August. The Bellingham center was reopened soon after the fire. The fires all took place between Dec. 3, 1983 and last April 19.

The sentence came after Coughenour said that Beseda had risked the lives of innocent people by setting the fires, including a Bellingham police officer who was almost trapped in that blaze.

"Such conduct cannot and will not be

tolerated in a civilized society," Coughenour said.

Although Beseda's attorney compared Beseda's motives to those of Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi, Coughenour said "reason does not permit" comparison of Beseda with men who advocated non-violence.

Mike Undseth, a contractor who led an attempt to remove public funding of abortions for poor women, said he was shocked by the severity of Coughenour's sentence.

Beseda supporters said they were going to a Seattle abortion clinic to picket.

"That sends a signal to the merchants of death that we are not going to

roll over and die," Undseth said, adding that the anti-abortion community intends to escalate non-violent activities against clinics.

"I don't think (the sentence) hurt our cause. It hurt Curt."

Pat Hite, incoming president of the Everett chapter of National Organization for Women, said the long term was justified to protect the public.

"I think obviously he felt justified in doing what he did and would do it again," Hite said of Beseda. She said the sentence sent a message across the country that "those who bomb clinics won't be dealt with lightly in the courts."



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAYS

February 25 and 26, 1985

DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
THOMPSON CONFERENCE CENTER
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WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAYS

"Women's Legislative Days" is a conference for all women in the state of Texas who want to learn how to impact the Texas Legislature. Workshops deal with the legislative process, the mechanics of the appropriations process in the Texas House and Senate, and other information on how to be an effective lobbyist for issues.

Monday, February 25, consists of workshops and seminars on pending legislation in the Texas Legislature, designed to present information from an objective perspective by the speakers. Tuesday, February 26, is to be utilized by the participants to go to the Capitol and visit with their legislators on issues or pending legislation. This conference should be useful to those new to the legislative arena, as well as those experienced observers of the Texas Legislature.

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PROGRAM

Monday, February 25, 1985

6:30 - 9:30 a.m.

City of Austin busses for conference participants use will be shuttling between the airport, the Villa Capri Hotel, and the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center. Buses will be marked "Women's Legislative Days," and the cost is included in the registration fee.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration: Auditorium lobby of the LBJ Library

9:30

Welcome and Keynote: Auditorium, LBJ Library
Ann Richards, State Treasurer (Tentative)

9:45 - 10:45

General Session on Government Process (Select a, b, or c)

- a. Sunset
Carol Barger, Ken Kramer
- b. Appropriations
Jim Oliver, Peggy Romberg
- c. How to Pass or Kill a Bill
Bettie Naylor, Buck Wood, Bill Clayton

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Workshop Sessions I** (Select one from workshop list)

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Box Luncheon (Villa Capri Hotel).

Special Guests will be Women Legislators: Myra McDaniel, Secretary of State, State of Texas. Address: "How to Get There From Here."

2:15 - 3:15

Workshop Sessions II (select one from workshop list)

3:30 - 4:30

Workshop Sessions III (select one from workshop list)

Note: The General Session and Workshop Sessions will be held at the Thompson Conference Center. All workshop sessions, in their respective time slots, are held simultaneously.

Monday Evening
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Optional Activity
Legislative Reception (details available at registration)
Texas Women's Political Caucus' Roast of Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby

Tuesday, February 26, 1985

10:00 a.m.

Legislative Visits to the Capitol.
Contact your legislator IN ADVANCE and make an appointment with him or her.

WORKSHOPS: SESSIONS I, II, & III

(Select only one workshop per session)

- d. Education Reform Revisited
Robby Collins, Rebecca Canning, Betty Anderson
- e. Health Care for the Indigent
Bryan Sperry
- f. New Child Care Options in Texas
Sharon Lovick, Chris Ross Dukler, Kathleen McNemar
- g. Where can They Turn? The Tragedy of Child Abuse
Sherry Paine, Sally Scott
- h. ERA and Beyond
Hermine Tobolowsky, Barbara Aldave, Jane Macon
- i. Remedy for the Pink Collar Blues
Session I—Ray Marshall
Session II—Jim McCarty, Erica Grubb, Stephanie Young
Session III—Dick Jeaneret
- j. How the Job Training Partnership Act can help women in Texas
Robena Jackson, Clyde McQueen, Rosemary Stauber
- k. Hazardous Waste . . . Not in my Backyard!
Susan Hadden, Ellen Galloway, Dan Eden, Diane Sheridan
- l. Teenage Pregnancy: A Multi-faceted Problem
Mary Polk, Steve Schott, Peggy Smith
- m. Water Resources . . . Not a Drop to Drink!
Ted Willis, Rick Piltz, Murray Walton
- n. Can you Survive on \$1.40 an Hour? Farmworkers Can't!
Rebecca Flores Harrington, Juanita Valdez Cox, Mintala Rodriguez Flores, Josefa Garcia, Eduardo Garcia
- o. Who Will Choose . . . Reproductive Freedom and the Texas Legislature
Charlotte Taft, Pam Fridrich, Sheila Enid Cheaney
- p. So You Think You Know Something about Family Violence?
Virgie Junot, Debbie Tucker, Sam D. Millsap, Jr.
- q. Don't Wait til You're 60! Be an Activist Now!
Charlotte Flynn, Donna Loflin
- r. Family Planning . . . An Ounce of Prevention
Lewis Mondy, Judith Houchins
- s. Adequate and Affordable Insurance
Jeanne Saletan, Carole Keeton Rylander, Evelyn Ireland
- t. Special Problems of the Disabled and Mentally III
David Sloan
- u. AFDC: Charity and the Texas Legislature
J. Livingston Kosberg, Weston Ware, Pat McCarty
- v. The Power Path: Appointment and Election of Women
Dwayne Holman, Peggy Rosson, Sally Shipman, Meg Wilson
- w. Arts, Humanities and Public Responsibility
Susan Morehead, Jim Veninga, Ed Emmett
- x. Justice for All—Even the Victim: The Rights of Victims of Crime
Suzanne McDaniel Willms, Amy Hogins, Peggy Maisel
- y. Nuts and Bolts of Lobbying: The Do's and Don'ts of Effective Lobbying
Session I: Moderator—Dorthea Brown, Cathy Obriotti Green, John Hildreth, Pat Broline
Session II: Moderator—Delores Hillyer, Pat Brown, Mike Hudson, Evelyn Bonavita
Session III: Moderator—Andrea Bryant, Jan Albers, Claire Jordan, Maxine Lee
- z. Potpourri—Additional workshops may be added as "late breaking" legislative topics develop

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS: A full refund will be given if a program is filled, rescheduled, or cancelled. A refund, less a \$10.00 service charge, will be given if you register for a program but cannot attend, and a signed request is either postmarked or delivered to the Division of Continuing Education at least seven (7) days before the program starting date. You may send a substitute in your place to this program. Please notify the Division of Continuing Education of this substitution at least 24 hours before the start of the program. Address all correspondence to: The Division of Continuing Education, Thompson Conference Center, P. O. Box 7879, Austin, Texas 78713.

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ABORTION-A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT

There are some who call themselves "Right to Lifers" and preach that they are protecting and preserving mankind. What about womankind? What about those who might lose their life if they do not have an abortion? What about those who may be scared off from exercising their constitutional right by shouting, harassing anti-choice demonstrators. What about those persons who happen to be in a clinic when these "protectors" do not "take care to the best of their ability" to see that no one is inside before it is burned or blown up. These "Right to Lifers are not protecting or preserving anything, but are instead are trying to force their views onto others through acts of violence. They are invading the privacy of those women who exercise their constitutional right to have an abortion. These people do not only engage in physical and verbal abuse, but also destroy property by blowing up and burning abortion clinics. Recently, in Pensacola, Florida, bombs exploded within fifteen minutes of each other at three facilities where abortions were performed. These facilities were within fifteen minutes of each other, close enough for one criminal to have carried out all the bombings. No one claimed responsibility for the bombings which hit two doctor's offices and the Ladies Center. One doctor has been forced to stop performing abortions until his office is repaired. These bombings bring to 23 the total number of bombings and arson attacks at abortion facilities this year, as compared with 2 in 1983, and 3 in 1982. Some facilities are not even able to obtain insurance to stay open because of the number of blasts at their facilities.

With all this action against abortion facilities it is obvious that this is not a dead issue: since the Roe v. Wade decision as some would like to believe. The Roe v. Wade decision is the Supreme Court decision which guarantees women the constitutional right to choose abortion in certain instances. Conversely, the criminal action has increased. Our chapter recognized the obstacles that remain in choosing a safe, legal abortion. If you would like to participate in a chapter action on January 22, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, please contact one of our officers. We will be collecting donations at information tables on campus, to donate to Planned Parenthood. We hope with our donations indigent women may obtain safe and legal abortions. Currently, Medicaid excludes payments for only one medical procedure even when necessary to preserve a woman's health-abortion.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU MOVE, address changes should be sent to National NOW together with the information from your NNT address label. Address changes should also be called in to your chapter address-change-person. Almost all NOW news is sent bulk mail, which the P.O. usually does not forward.

IF IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO RENEW, (see date on label) send your dues to National NOW. If you have lost or mislaid your renewal form, use the form here. It is very helpful to them if you include your membership number from the top line of your NNT label. If you don't have that, you can get the number from Jeanne Sommerfeld, who can give it to you from the membership lists she receives from National. She can also tell you what your status is, if you don't know, or think we have made an error.

IF YOU ARE JOINING FOR THE FIRST TIME, send your form and dues money to the appropriate chapter, which will forward state and national dues. JoAnn Evansgardner, Secy

Marital Rape, Is It A Crime?

In 1736, Matthew Hale, an English jurist, wrote "...the husband cannot be guilty of a rape committed by himself upon his lawful wife for by their mutual matrimonial consent and contract the wife hath given up herself in this kine unto the husband which she cannot retract."

In 1979, a California state senator asked, "But is you can't rape your wife, who can you rape?"

Marital rape, rape of the wife by the husband, has been a historic part of marriage. The feminist movement has worked to change this. Prior to 1979, only five states had laws to prosecute husbands who raped their wives. However following the much publicized trial of John Rideout for raping Greta Rideout, many laws and attitudes which permitted marital rape were challenged. Marital rape is now a crime in 22 states and Washington, D.C. In 24 states, including Texas, marital rape is only a crime if the couple is living separately or has filed for separation or divorce. In 3 states, marital rape is legal until the day of the divorce. (Florida courts recently found a husband guilty of rape for raping his wife despite the fact that there is not a specific marital rape provision in Florida law.)

In the last Texas legislative session, Texas NOW worked for the passage of a comprehensive rape as assault bill. The bill passed but the part of the bill which would have outlawed marital rape was watered down to apply only to couples living apart or who had filed for divorce. Texas NOW will be working again this session to make marital rape a crime in all cases. Your help is needed to end the treatment of married women as the property of the man they married, unable to legally control their own bodies.

Many people still do not see marital rape as rape. Many believe that the husband has a right to force his wife to have sex any time he chooses simply because she is married to him. The underlying assumption is that the wife is the property of the husband. Some conservatives oppose criminalizing marital rape because it would increase governmental intrusion into "family life." Others oppose these laws because they believe that women would "cry rape" in order to get revenge upon their husbands. However, this fear has not been borne out by the cases reported in the states banning marital rape. Additionally, it is important to recognize that marital rape, like any other rape, is a violent crime. It is often worse for the married women because she continues to live with her attacker. It is often associated with battering.

If you would think marital rape should be a crime in Texas, please contact your legislator. You can learn how to effectively lobby for your beliefs as well as set up an appointment to talk to your representatives by attending the Women's Legislative Days in February. Not only will there be workshops to inform you on the issues and the upcoming bills but you will learn tips on effective lobbying. If you are unable to attend but would still like to help, please contact your chapter officers for information on organized lobbying efforts.

WOMEN MAKE GAINS in nontraditional jobs, a government report says.

More than 800,000 women worked in skilled-trades jobs such as construction and repair in 1981, more than double the number a decade before. So says a Labor Department women's bureau report, "Time of Change," that traces advances by women during the 1970s. The number of women carpenters leaped 300% to 21,000 in 1981; despite gains, women still hold fewer than one of five skilled jobs. Other advances were in accounting and pharmacy.

Overall, women accounted for two-thirds of labor-force growth during the 1970s. They equalled 43% of the civilian work force in 1982. But more than half still work in traditionally female clerical and service jobs where earnings are lower, the report says. Biggest gains by women included secretarial and cashier jobs.

No more pageants on BBC

LONDON — The British Broadcasting Corp. will stop televising beauty pageants because they are anachronistic and almost offensive, the state-owned network announced. Michael Grade, who is in charge of the BBC's Channel 1, said in a written statement: "I believe these contests no longer merit national air time. They are an anachronism in this day and age of equality and verging on the offensive."

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 Box 509, UC
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JANUARY CALENDAR OF FEMINIST EVENTS

DAY - DATE - TIME - EVENT - PLACE

TUE 1st 8pm & every Tuesday: Clara Kern - A Woman's Place
 KPFT, 90.1 fm

SUN 6th 10am - 1st Unitarian Women's Group

SUN 6th 2-4pm NOW at UH MEETING. (for planning re 1/22,
 Chapter Election & Feminist Primer Workshop in March)

WED 9th 7:30pm SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW BUSINESS
 MEETING - call 965-9943 for location.

FRI 11th 8:15am & every Friday, Cherry Wolf & Pokey
 Anderson BREAKTHROUGH, KPFT 90.1 fm

SUN 13th 10am - 1st Unitarian Women's Group, "A Visit with
 Mayor Whitmire" 5210 Fannin

SUN 13th 2-4pm - OWL mtg. YWCA, 3615 Willia. Support
 Group led by Ann Gerike at 4pm. Supper at Albritton's
 at 5pm.

MON 14th 6:30-9:00 WOMEN'S LOBBY ALLIANCE 4TH BIRTHDAY
 PARTY - HAWC, 4 Chelsea Pl. Call 521-0439 for details.

THUR 17th 7:30 "Women of Islam" Belle Finelle. AAUW at
 Cypress Creek Christian Comm. Ctr. 376-9319

SAT 19th ALL DAY - Vote on City Ordinance concerning
 non-discrimination in city employment due to sexual
 orientation.

SAT 19th 10am-4pm "Women: Body & Spirit Workshop" Kris
 Halstead, Women's Institute for Life Studies. \$45
 call 529-4752

SAT 19th 9am-4pm Women's Information and Referral Exchange
 SUN 20th 9am-4pm Service (WIRES) - phone training for
 volunteers at HAWC. Call 528-2121

SUN 20th 10am Unitarian Women's Grp, 5210 Fannin

SUN 20th 5pm NOW at UH MEETING at University Center -
 Final Planning for Roe v. Wade Information and
 Contribution tables. Come Help Guarantee Reproductive
 for ALL Women

THU 24th 6:30pm TARAL DINNER FOR CHOICE - 4 Chelsea Pl

THU 31st 8pm Poet ADRIENNE RICH will read. Bayou Bldg
 Auditorium, UH Clear Lake. preceded by a reception at
 7pm in Atrium I. Both events are free to the public.

In FEBRUARY mark your calendar for
 - RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM VOLUNTEER TRAINING on 3
 Saturdays, 9, 16, 23. HAWC. Call Linda 528-6798
 - WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAYS IN AUSTIN on 25th & 26th

In MARCH mark your calendar for
 - NOW at UH FEMINIST PRIMER on the 9th

In APRIL mark your calendar for
 - TEXAS NOW PARADE OF ISSUES on the 27th.

YOUR NOW at UH RENEWAL DATE: 6/85
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June 1985

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF FEMINIST EVENTS

DAY - DATE - TIME - EVENT - PLACE

SUN 2nd 10am - 1st Unitarian Women's Group

SUN 2nd 2-4pm NOW at UH BUSINESS MEETING - UC.
Room location will be posted.

TUE 4th 8pm & every Tuesday: Clara Kern - A Woman's Place
KPFT, 90.1 fm

WED 5th 7:30pm SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW BUSINESS MEETING
Home of Eileen Wenger - call D. Bell 641-3128

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Anderson BREAKTHROUGH, KPFT 90.1 fm

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led by Ann Gerike at 4pm. Supper at Albritton's at 5pm.

SUN 9th 4-7pm Winter Solstice Celebration. HCWPC at #4
Chelsea

FRI 14th TEXAS NOW OFFICE OPENS IN AUSTIN

SAT 15th 7-?PM SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW HOLIDAY GATHERING
At home of Audrey Crawford, 12218 Taylorcrest 468-5523
Creative choice potluck. Come help celebrate Mary
Helen's birthday. No presents PLEASE!

SUN 16th 10am Unitarian Women's Grp, 5210 Fannin

JANUARY

SUN 6th 2-4 NOW at UH Meeting. (for planning re 1/22,
Chapter Election & Feminist Primer Workshop in April)

WED 9th SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW BUSINESS MEETING - Note
that this meeting is one week later than usual.

SUN 20th 5-7pm NOW at UH Business Meeting - ELECTION OF
OFFICERS.

Army women battle for equality as they continue increasing ranks

FORT BLISS, Texas (AP) — It was Oct. 21, 1978, when the Army eliminated the Women's Army Corps, added the 56,800 members of the corps to the regular Army and began a concerted effort to recruit more women.

Since then, the number of women in the Army has increased to the point where women now make up almost 10 percent of the Army's 780,000 soldiers.

If the Army can continue attracting women, by 1992 that will reach about 11 percent, an Army spokesman said.

And if the Army continues to be successful in attracting women, 75 percent of the 12,000 soldiers it wants to add to its ranks over the next four years will be women.

Women tend to join the Army for the same reasons men do, Maj. Robert Mirelson said. Mirelson, an Army public affairs officer assigned to the Pentagon, said women particularly are interested in three things: a steady paycheck, training they might not get in civilian life and the Army's education program.

And one brigade commander at Fort Bliss said he's found the gender integration of the Army a complete success.

Col. Morgan Jellett, commander of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, leads 306 women. He's found that women can perform the jobs the Army gives them.

"The integration of women into air defense has been a success," Jellett said. "In general skills, they've proven very equal to the task."

To some women stationed at Fort

Bliss, the Army is a fair employer, although some think there should be more women in the traditionally masculine fields.

1st Lt. Rebecca Shadbolt's role is less traditional. Shadbolt, executive officer in a basic training company at Fort Bliss, can reel off the names in the basic training companies at the post.

"There probably should be more (women officers) but there's not that many (women) around," she said. "But look around in a few years and you'll see a lot more."

Fort Bliss specializes in air defense artillery — a field that wasn't open to women until the late 1970s. Congress, which can decide what fields are closed to women, now bars them only from combat units that can expect to fight on the front lines.

Because air defense artillery formerly wasn't open to women, the field has a shortage of high-ranking women officers, the highest-ranking woman being a major.

Although Maj. Susan Cheney soon will be promoted to lieutenant colonel, some of her peers stationed at Fort Bliss don't aim their hopes too high. Cheney was one of the first women to join the air defense artillery branch.

Most women are clustered in what Mirelson calls "the middle of the pyramid." Most enlisted women are either privates first class, specialists four (corporals in combat fields) or specialists five — sergeants in combat fields. Most women officers are first lieutenants or captains.

"Women just haven't been in long

enough to be at the top of the pyramid," Mirelson said.

One captain thinks the Army should be more interested in attracting qualified people and less interested in recruiting to meet quota numbers.

"I don't want to see the military become a sociological experiment," Capt. Margaret McLean said.

McLean, battery commander of the 1st Air Defense Artillery Training Brigade's 3rd Battalion, instead favors a more direct approach — mandatory service for all, regardless of sex.

Others set their sights high. Capt. Alma Schutt of the School Brigade's Staff and Faculty Battalion's C Battery said she expects to be a colonel before she retires.

"General to me is a maybe," she said.

The Army has only three women generals — all brigadier, or one-star. Jellett said women are getting promoted at the same rate as men.

Although 1st Lt. Norma Padian thinks she will get her promotions because air defense artillery has more officer positions than other Army branches, she sees promotions coming slowly to women.

So do enlisted women. Sgt. Shirley Lovett said she's noticed promotions are taking longer. "It's not coming as fast as I would like," she said.

But Lovett hopes that she can get into the Sergeant Major's Academy, the gateway to the highest enlisted rank.

"But you've got to have served some years in the Army," she said.

Spring classes of interest to feminists!

Anth 4394 7504 9-10 MWF
Sex & Culture Lang

Anth 4394 8821 11:30-1 TTH
Male/Female in Hisp. Soc.
Melville

Engl 3362 9748 11-12 MWF
Women in Lit. Zivley

Engl 3396 9694 7-10pm M
*Sel. Jewish Women Writers
Mazow

Engl 3396 9695 7:15-10:15 M
**Women: 20th Cent. Am Fiction

Engl 3396 9693 7:15-10:15 Th
*Autobiog Writing: Women
Mazow

Epsy 6397 9366 4:30-7:30Th
Counseling Women

Hdcs 4396 9893 7-10pm W
**Women in Professions Kay

Psyc 3331 7847 1-2:30 TTH
Psyc of Women Ewing

Soci 3390 8903 8:30-10 TTH
Socio of Sex Roles Chafetz

Soci 3315 7992 1-2:30 TTH
Sexuality & Society Simon

Soci 6371 9903 2-5 W
Sem. in the Family Blau

Soci 3397 7995 7-10pm M
**Passage: Adult Life Changes
Sheinberg

* Classes held at Jewish Community Center

** Classes held at West Houston Campus

CLEVELAND (AP) — Two people who telephoned a local radio station claimed responsibility for a bombing this week that destroyed an abortion clinic near Washington, D.C., and they threatened more attacks before the end of the year.

The two callers, claiming to be members of a group called the Army of God, made three calls Tuesday night to radio station WERE's evening talk show host Morton Downey Jr., the station said Wednesday. Only the third call was broadcast.

The callers claimed responsibility for two bombs that exploded 11 minutes apart Monday, destroying an abortion clinic and damaging a family planning center in suburban Washington, D.C.

Planned Parenthood and other groups have condemned the bombings as terrorist violence. No one was hurt in either explosion, which occurred in the Maryland suburbs of Wheaton and Rockville.

The callers, who the station said did not give their names, also claimed responsibility for earlier bombings of abortion clinics.

Barbara Radford, executive director of the National Abortion Federation, said after the bombings that 24 violent attacks on abortion clinics and family planning centers have occurred nationwide this year.

The callers said 25 other clinics are to be attacked before 1985. The callers did not name the facilities, but said one is in Cleveland and another in Cincinnati.

Callers say they set clinic bomb

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ENTERTAINMENT

Women's roles blossoming again but proving weak at box office

By MICHAEL JANUSONIS
Providence Journal

This fall may go down as the season of the woman in movies.

The films we see this autumn — such as *The Little Drummer Girl*, *Places in the Heart*, *Country*, *No Small Affair*, *American Dreamer*, *Thief of Hearts*, *Firstborn*, *All of Me* and even *The Terminator* — have women exhibiting a gutsiness that in the past decade they have been only rarely allowed.

It may be a manifestation of a national trend, one that is not only being expressed in a larger participation of women in politics, but in the film industry itself. Sherry Lansing, former president of 20th Century-Fox, was executive producer of *Firstborn*, which tells what happens to a family when a middle-class mother fails in love with a loser.

It would be nice to say that films that have women in leading roles are doing fabulous business at the box office, something that would move studio heads to continue making such films in the future. But so far only three of the previously mentioned films can be labeled unqualified hits — *All of Me* with nearly \$30 million in the till, *Places in the Heart* with \$17 million and still climbing, and *The Terminator* with more than \$4 million in its first weekend. But of those films, only *Places in the Heart*, in which Sally Field plays a young, Depression-era widow who is trying to keep her small farm off the auction block, can truly be said to revolve around a female figure.

All of Me owes more of its box office power to Steve Martin's bizarre playing of a man whose right side has been taken over by the soul of a dead woman than it does to Lily Tomlin, who disappears for long stretches of this otherworldly comedy.

Likewise, *The Terminator* is really drawing audiences on the strength of muscleman Arnold Schwarzenegger and the prospect of some bang-em-up mayhem. Linda Hamilton, who is extraordinary as the most ordinary of heroines, a young woman targeted for death by a robot that has come back from the future, remains a box-office unknown.

Of those three films, *All of Me* and *The Terminator* will no doubt wind up with more seats sold than the gentler and more matriarchal *Places in the Heart*.

Firstborn, which stars Oscar nominee Teri Garr, earned only \$1.6 million in its first weekend — the same weekend that *The Terminator* was cleaning up at the box office — and already has left first-run theaters.

Oddly, two films that have the fall's best and biggest roles for women, *The Little Drummer Girl* and *American Dreamer*, are doing most poorly at the box office, even though *The Little Drummer Girl* was based on John Le Carré's international best seller.

Whether it was the tepid reviews or the fact that audiences were asked to buy the sight of Diane Keaton as a gyrototing double agent who goes on maneuvers in the Lebanese desert, the fact remains that *The Little Drummer*

Girl is not attracting audiences in the numbers that the producers had hoped.

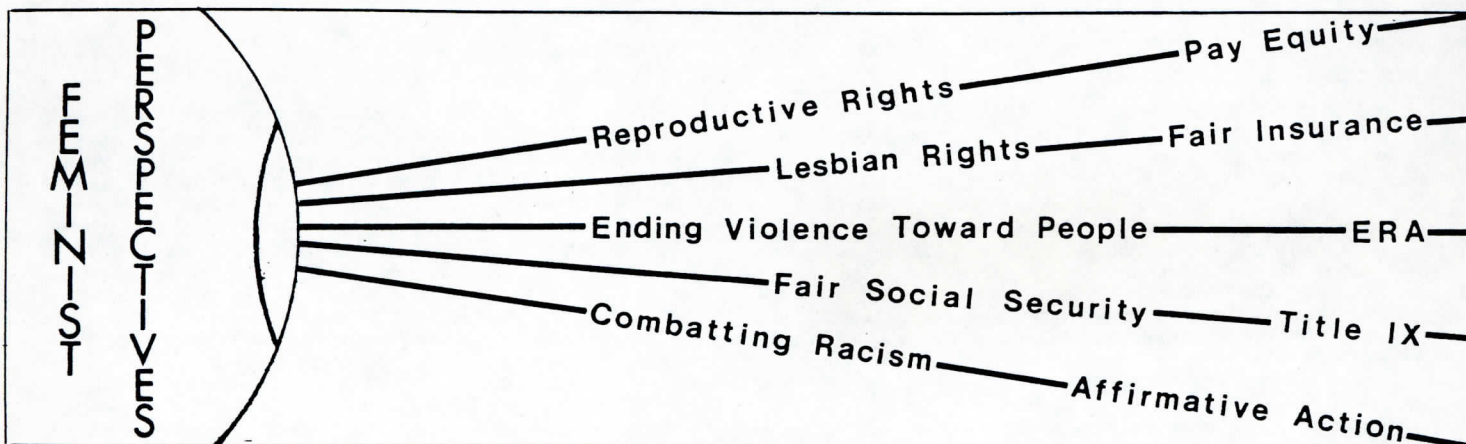
That's certainly also the case for *American Dreamer*, perhaps one of the most hyped films of the fall.

American Dreamer depended most of all on people talking it up as being sort of like last spring's *Romancing the Stone* (another strong woman's role), only not as good. The producers discovered that not many tickets are sold that way.

Much better, and certainly one of the best roles to come along for an actress this year, is Jessica Lange's portrait of the get-tough farm wife who tries to stop the government from foreclosing on her lowa farm in *Country*.

In some respects the story of farmers desperately trying to see themselves clear parallels the difficult situations the movie crew faced in shooting *Country* during last year's bitterly cold Midwestern winter and in trying to get the film into production. *Country* went through two directors and for a time seemed in danger of shutting down before it got off the ground. Lange, who did not give up hope and constantly pushed her film forward to completion, came out stronger for the ordeal and, perhaps, so did her character, Jewel Ivy.

Her gumption seems to have paid off because *Country*, which still is playing in a relatively small number of theaters, is doing steady business at the box office with nearly \$3 million in ticket sales after 31 days of release in only 259 theaters. Now that's a real-life, strong woman story.



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Presidents' Columns

I wanted to start this month's column with a line like "There is so much going on..." but you will notice that that's Deborah's line in her column. Make sure you read her column as well and TOGETHER we can fill you in on what's going on within NOW on campus and elsewhere.

This month is a good month to get involved and participate in NOW and other feminist events. In March it's Women's History Week and there are a number of distinguished feminist speakers scheduled on campus including Althea Simmons as keynote speaker for the FEMINIST PRIMER. Most of these lectures are free of charge.

Our next NOW at UH meeting is March 3 at 2pm in the UC on the second floor. Look up the UC meeting schedule for the room. Everyone is invited to the meeting. We schedule this newsletter so you will receive it just a few days before each meeting, so by the time you read this newsletter it may be only two days or so before our next meeting. The meetings are harmless and you may be glad you came. So come out!

On March 9 NOW at UH is presenting FEMINIST PRIMER (ei basic feminism) This is a variety of workshops on feminist issues with excellent speakers. The keynote speaker will be Althea Simmons from the National Bureau of NAACP and she will speak on The Intersection of Racism and Sexism. We are honored to have her here in Houston and hope you will take advantage of her visit. See enclosed flyer in this newsletter and post wherever you can. If you would like to post more flyers the week before the event let me know so I can give you some extra ones.

On March 8 tune on to KPFT 90.1fm and celebrate International Women's Day. There will be an all-day women's programming. It's guaranteed to lift your spirit!

On March 22 NOW at UH will present MUSICA FEMINA in concert at 8pm. At noon on that day there will be a lecture on Women in Music History. I met Musica Femina a year ago and was amazed by their knowledge and admiration of women composers. They have done extensive research to discover and rediscover women composers throughout history. I'm sure you will find the lecture very valuable. They are professional musicians and their performance is superb. See enclosed flyer and help post.

Inside this newsletter we briefly mention two feminist speakers sponsored by the Program Board at UH. NOW at UH was asked by Program Board to co-sponsor Ms. Brady's lecture and of course we agreed. I would like to thank Program Board for their excellent choice of speakers—Ms. Stimpson and Ms. Brady and encourage all to attend those lectures.

We need your help in getting the word out and encouraging friends to attend. Also, whatever time you have (whether one or four hours) please give to help prepare for the programs. Call me at 227-9383 or come to our next meeting.

—Rossann Daumas
President, NOW at UH

There is so much going on this month, it is hard to know where to start. I always feel that I am writing a personal letter to our membership with my President's column and that I have a special responsibility to reach each and everyone of you with an understanding of what we are all about as well as what activities the chapter is involved with.

That is why I am very excited about working with the UH chapter on the FEMINIST PRIMER that will be on March 9. I will be the speaker for the Lesbian Rights workshop. Here is an opportunity for NOW members and their guests to find out the basics of our organization. Volunteers are needed to assist in some areas so let us know if you can help.

There are two other things this month that will be taking place that I hope our chapter members will take part in. One is the Women's History Week Essay Award program on March 6. We are very proud to be sponsoring this contest for the third year. It is great to have the students read their stories about women with their families and teachers in attendance. Special invitations are being sent to our members asking for their support of this effort and to invite them to attend.

The other program is the Texas NOW State Council meeting on the weekend of March 23-24. This is a time to meet the other NOW members from all over the state to network on our issues to help give direction to the activities we do as a state organization and to make new friends. Please attend all or part of the council meeting, take advantage of the fact that it is here in Houston. Our chapter will be hosting lunch as a fundraising activity. Mary Helen Merzbacher is coordinating that effort and I'm sure she would appreciate your participation in the preparation, serving and clean-up. Call me at 965-9943 and I will let her know you volunteered. Details for the state council will be the main topic of our March 13 business meeting, so plan to attend. We are also having a pot luck gathering on Saturday evening March 23 at the home of Audrey Crawford and need members to prepare a dish to bring for that (call Mary Thompson at 464-8821 to find out what we need). Also if you have space in your home to offer our out-of-town guests please let me know if you can host one or two folks.

A word here about the need for your participation in our chapter. I for one (as well as most of the other chapter officers and committee chairs) am overwhelmed with projects right now and really having to work on not getting burned out. Burnout is caused by too few doing too much with too little. Every load is made a little easier the more hands that are there to help with the carrying. Your NOW chapter needs you now.

Imagine my surprise when I found out that Ronald Reagan and I have something in common! We both want to "Change America forever". The difference is we want different changes. He wants to so ingrain his policies that future administrations can not change them. I of course want that to be avoided. If you feel the same way I do then please attend the next meeting to see what we can do together.

—Deborah Moncrief Bell
President, Spring Branch-Memorial NOW

NOW AT UH NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 3rd - Those present were Rossann Dumas, Deborah Bell, Jo Ann Evansgardner, Cindy Funderburke, Maria Longenecker, Mary Helen Merzbacher, Cindy Miller.

After announcements, discussion of plans for Feminist Primer began. Rossann moved that we drop from our list of workshops those for which we have not yet secured speakers. JoAnn moved that we consider dropping workshops serially. After discussion, both were withdrawn with approval of seconders. We have presently arranged for: Reproductive Rights - Colleen Ellmore; Lesbian Rights - Deborah Bell; Woman Battering - Jeff Basen; Pornography - Cindy Miller; Rape - Karen Holmes; Combatting Racism - NAACP still to be confirmed; Feminism, Women & Men - JoAnn.

Motion: Drop Legal Remedies and (if Jeanne has not gotten speaker) - How to Influence Political Process. passed. Each leader is to prepare 1-2 page piece, bio, and brief reading list for packet - manuscript by 2/24, camera ready copy by 3/1.

Re publicity - Rossann will prepare flyer for inclusion in newsletter and posting at UH and at TSU (JoAnn), UH-CL (Cindy M), UH-Downtown (Helen.) Ellen Isaly will help prepare PR list.

Motion: hold Feminist Primer at Law School. passed. We will need a food coordinator.

Motion: since flyers will be prepared in time for newsletter, do not send postcard invitations. passed.

MUSICA FEMINA HAS BEEN MOVED TO FEBRUARY 22, and will probably be held in Social Work Bldg Rm 101 or 102. After discussion, it was agreed that a map on the back of the ticket was essential. Rossann is coordinating this event. Hazelwitch will work with us on sending flyer to their list - meeting to get mailing out is tentatively March 1. We will defer decisions about refreshment and information tables to March 3rd.

Newsletter items: Motion: List National Assoc. Women Business Owners' conference in newsletter calendar - offer to include their flyer for fee of \$25. passed. JoAnn will call Emily Pavlovic.

Announcement of need for 20 pints of blood for Katie Merzbacher and how to do it. Approved.

Catharine Stimson will be on campus for major feminist speech on March 7th. Cindy Miller will call her and tell her about/invite her to Feminist Primer.

Motion: reconsider dropping workshops: passed. Jeanne & JoAnn will coordinate efforts & get back to Rossann by Wed/6th.

Motion: Ratify election of Rossann Dumas as president. Passed by acclamation!

Notes taken by JoAnn Evansgardner, Secretary, NOW at UH

SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW MINUTES OF 2/6/85

The meeting was called to order by President, Deborah Bell. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Carrol Gury reported that we have about \$409 in our treasury. Mary Thompson reported that she is updating our membership list. Deborah reported on the current happenings in the Texas Legislature and the plans for Lobbying on Feb. 25 & 26. Audrey reported on the Women's History Week Essay Contest and presented buttons for sale. The final decision on the winning essays will be made Feb. 23. Mary, Eileen & Deborah agreed to read and made selections for the final judging. Deborah will MC the program and Eileen and Betty will present awards. Eileen will handle further arrangements while Audrey is out of town. Deborah Bell asked that a pledge she made on behalf of the chapter to KPFT for \$35 be confirmed. This was approved. NOW has a program on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. March 8 will be an entire day of Women's programming. KPFT might have the winning essays read on the air sometime.

There was no old business to discuss. New business - The chapter is hosting the next state council meeting on March 23/24. Deborah will secure location. We will need to make arrangements for childcare, Texas NOW provides a minimum of \$25 to cover costs. Betty Milano agreed to bring the coffee & donuts for Saturday morning. Lunch arrangements were discussed with Mary Helen agreeing to be in charge of those arrangements with Betty's help. Eileen Wenger & Louise Bateman agreed to prepare desserts. Dinner will be an effort to raise money for the NOW issues program. Audrey Crawford offered her home and suggested we do it as a pot luck.

A motion was made, seconded and approved that our chapter

endorse the pay equity statement from the Women's Lobby Alliance. The newsletter was discussed and the need to have our chapter members provide items, do some of the typing and the collating. Plans are to have the collating done on the 4th Sunday of every month. Eileen offered the use of her home computer and her children to help put our chapter list on labels for future mailouts. Deborah brought up the possibility of SB-M NOW and UHNOW sponsoring GAYLE MARIE concert as a fundraiser on May 16. We can get a room for the performance at the University free through the NOW chapter there if we make sure we do the clean-up. Our efforts would be in getting out press releases, doing a mailout, selling tickets and trying to get Gayle on some local media. This is a promo tour for Gayle's second album Double Talk. Deborah said Gayle is a nice person and a good performer with a wide range. Eileen suggested a dinner with Gayle as the guest of honor. The motion was seconded and approved.

Announcements were made: Mary Helen thanked the chapter for the plant we sent to her mom, Katie during her recent illness. The Feminist Primer at UH was announced. Other announcements had to do with the upcoming performances of Kate Clinton, Musica Femina, Lily Tomlin, and Meg Christian and the appearance of Katherine Stinson (editor of SIGNS) at UH. Pat Nichols reminded us to let congress know what we think of the budget. Deborah reported on the letter she received from Senator John Whitmire saying to let him know if we needed anything. Deborah also reminded everyone that the next meeting would include a letter writing session about upcoming bills in the Texas legislature to our state officials. The meeting was adjourned.

—Minutes taken by Betty Milano, Secretary.

"IF ABORTION IS MURDER THEN WHY ISN'T INTERCOURSE A FELONY?"

—Kate Clinton

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION FORM for SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL & NOW AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON Chapter # 0400 Chapter # 0445

(Please fill in blanks as appropriate for you)

1. I wish to join NOW (Specify either SBM or UH chapter by writing the chapter # in the blank)

(Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$15 to \$40. This amount is divided among your Chapter, Texas NOW, and the National. Please send an amount for your dues according to your circumstances.)

2. Enclosed are my dues in the amount of \$

If joining SB-M, make your check payable to them & send to: Spring Branch-Memorial NOW, P. O. Box 440422, Houston, TX 77244.

If joining NOW/UH, make your check payable to them and send to: NOW at UH, Box 509, UC, 4800 Calhoun, Houston TX 77004

3. I do not want to join NOW at this time, but I would like to subscribe to this Newsletter. Enclosed is \$5 for one year's subscription (next 11 issues.) (make check to NOW at UH and send to them.)

4. I would like to talk to someone to get more information about NOW.

NAME (phone)

ADDRESS

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GOLDSMITH:

Woman must have the right to an abortion

In recent months, the wave of terrorist attacks against women seeking to exercise their constitutional right to choose abortion has catapulted the anti-abortion movement onto the front pages of the nation's newspapers.

Having failed to persuade Americans that abortion should once again be a crime, the anti-abortionists are trying to coerce individual women to carry pregnancies to term through a campaign of emotional manipulation, willful deception, vicious harassment, threats, and outright terrorism.

Their exclusive focus on the fetus can only be grounded in an utter disdain for women, their moral character, and their choices about their lives.

It is not surprising that the irresponsible, inflammatory rhetoric of anti-abortion leaders has prompted the use of uglier and uglier tactics.

Most anti-abortion literature pictures the fetus as a child who thinks, speaks, anticipates life, or regrets that its mother has murdered it.

The fetus cannot think because it has no words with which to formulate thoughts. It cannot speak. It cannot anticipate an existence after birth. It doesn't know what birth is.

The fetus feels no particular need to be born. It simply exists. It cannot fear, hope, regret, or love.

On the other hand, a woman can. *Silent Screams*, a 30-minute propaganda film, is produced, directed, written and narrated by and for men. It is based on the contention that women have never before understood what is inside their bodies. That is both absurd and insulting.

It was only 15 years ago that a woman who had to terminate a pregnancy risked fear, pain, injury



Judy Goldsmith

and even death. Was it merely a desire for convenience that motivated these women?

Today we have a situation almost as dangerous. Women who seek abortions have to brave gauntlets of anti-abortion picketers who call them murderers and Nazis. Sometimes they snap their pictures, take down their license plate numbers, and follow them when they leave.

Bomb threats disrupt medical procedures. Actual bombings make abortions less attainable. Health care providers are regularly threatened and harassed.

Those who would force women to carry every pregnancy to term, regardless of the circumstances, seriously underestimate women's determination to maintain control over their bodies and their lives, as is their right.

The 11-year old victim of incest needs that right. The woman whose physical or mental health will be impaired needs that right. The mother of several children whose resources — physical, emotional and financial — are strained to the breaking point needs that right. The woman who is a victim of rape needs that right.

The woman who knows that for a whole host of compelling reasons she cannot responsibly bear and raise a child, needs that right.

Rev. Falwell may think he is going to win. He is wrong because too many of us remember that women's screams were not silent.

FALWELL:

No one has right to kill a living soul

On Jan. 22, the 12th anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, President Reagan said among other things, "The momentum is with us." There's no question that momentum is with us.

The reason that *Newsweek* magazine three weeks ago showed 58 percent of all Americans now want at least some legislation at least curbing convenience abortions — and that is the first time we've been in the majority — is because, No. 1, of the prayerful perseverance of the reputable and responsible leaders of the pro-life movement. Of course, there are those lunatic fringe persons out there. That is not the issue.

Another reason is because we're reframing the issue. It is a civil rights issue.

Another reason is the growing pragmatism of the persons who are leading this movement in responsible ways. I have continually heard persons in the pro-abortion camp say that the 11-year-old girl who was a victim of incest or rape must never be disallowed the right to abort that pregnancy. I do not feel that rape and incest are moral grounds for abortion. I do not think that two wrongs make a right. I remember two cases of incest where the girls were 13. Their fathers, of course, were incarcerated as they should be. They had no home. We took them in at one of our Save-The-Baby centers, and obviously, we had to find homes not only for the unborn child but for the born child who was to give birth to that child. And we believe that down the long haul, there will be less scars and less trauma than if they had aborted.

We do not believe there will ever be an absolutist amendment. As a



Jerry Falwell

matter of fact, I would oppose that. I believe that when the life of the mother is threatened, as in every case of self-defense, a moral decision can be made. I believe that rape, incest, and life of the mother will be exceptions when in fact the law is changed — I don't think there's any question about it — with a pro-life court probably in place by 1988, appointed by the president, not myself. Since less than 1 percent of all 1.5 million abortions annually are a result of pregnancies caused by incest or rape, I am willing to put an end to 1.4 million abortions rather than say, "All or nothing."

And finally I believe that the momentum is in our corner because of the alternative offerings that are now being created by the pro-life movement. I have said we must have in place in this country a structure large enough so when the court rules against legalized abortion we can actually, without any financial cost to 1.5 million women, have homes, beds, doctors, nurses, counselors, and adoptive families for those who do not want or cannot afford to raise that child.

I feel the future of our country depends upon how we handle this biological holocaust. And I feel that if we turn our face from this commitment to the dignity of human life, I believe as a Christian that the judgment of God will be upon our society, and we will not deserve to survive.

Cancellation of Tolerance Day claimed due to lesbian speaker

AUGUSTA, Maine (UPI) — A school board's decision to cancel a planned high school Tolerance Day was made just to "kick out the homosexual," an attorney arguing for reversal of the board's decision told a judge.

"I think the testimony showed the court that a decision to cancel the event was made before any threats were made. They just wanted to kick out the homosexual," said Jed Davis, a cooperating attorney for the Maine chapter of the Civil Liberties Union.

At issue is whether the school board violated Dale McCormick's First Amendment rights to free speech in canceling the Tolerance Day program at Madison High School.

McCormick, a gay rights activist and admitted lesbian, was one of several

speakers representing groups subjected to prejudice and abuse in society invited to participate in a Tolerance Day program.

A letter to superintendent Robert Woodbury from local members of the Maine State Council of the Knights of Columbus said it is "intolerable" that a teacher would file a lawsuit against his district because the program was scrapped. It also stated that high school students' minds were too "fragile" to be exposed to lesbianism.

But Woodbury testified that he, along with board president Everett Dimmock, were the only people who saw the letter. And he said that the decision to cancel the program was based on "the safety, order and security" of the students and the building.

Why We Burn

One hundred women are not worth a single testicle.
Confucius (551-479 B.C.)

A proper wife should be as obedient as a slave.
Aristotle (384-332 B.C.)

How can he be clean that is born of woman?
Job

The souls of women are so small that some believe they've none at all.
Samuel Butler (1612-1680)

God created Adam lord of all living creatures, but Eve spoiled it all.
Martin Luther (1483-1546)

It is shameful for a woman to speak in church. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord.
New Testament

Let us set our women fold on the road to goodness by teaching them... to display... submissiveness, to observe silence. Every woman should be overwhelmed with shame at the thought that she IS a woman.
St. Clement of Alexandria, 96 A.D.

Compiled by Meg Bowman
From her booklet 'Why We Burn: Sexism Exorcised'

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The keynote speaker for the Feminist Primer on March 9 will be Althea T.L. Simmons. She is the Director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; a post she has held since 1979. Ms. Simmons has received a number of awards and recognitions professionally and in community service and is widely sought as a speaker. A former college teacher and newspaper woman, Ms. Simmons holds degrees in business and marketing as well as a law degree from Howard University. She came to the Bureau post after serving as the Associate Director of Branch and Field Services where she had the responsibility of supervising the NAACP's nationwide network of branches, field staff, membership and youth and college division. She brings to us her experience of over 23 years of employment with the NAACP.



ALTHEA T.L. SIMMONS

"Child Abuse, Incest and Rape Prevention" is the topic presented by Katherine Brady on March 27. Ms. Brady is an actual survivor of a childhood dominated by incest and rape. She had the courage to document this experience in her autobiographical book Father's Day. Brady explores the problem of child abuse with a rare combination of sensitivity and statistics. As a feminist activist she has established the Katherine Brady Foundation, a non-profit organization serving the needs of victims of incest and child abuse.



KATHERINE BRADY

"What Does It Mean to be a Feminist Today?" will be examined by Prof. Catharine Stimpson, Director of the Institute of Research on Women at Rutgers University on March 7. Prof. Stimpson is the founding editor of SIGNS, a journal of Women and culture in society.

WELCOME TO ELLEN ISALY

We in NOW at UH, particularly, are lucky to have Ellen Isaly, a NOW member since 1971, move to Houston. In Pittsburgh, she belonged to the same chapter I did, and put out the newsletter for years, did lots of public relations and worked on feministicizing the broadcast media, so I know whereof I speak. She has also worked on NOW agendas in the Hollywood (CA) chapter and most recently has spent two years in Saudi Arabia.

Since arriving here she has been working on the publicity for Feminist Primer. She has computerized a list, N=126, of media outlets and personalities, local and close-to-Houston NOW chapters and VIPs, and last but not least, UH-UP faculty and staff who are (or by virtue of their specific position ought to be) interested in feminist events. She is joining a chapter nearer her home north of Houston, but her contribution to NOW at UH will live on.

Barbara Entman, Operations Manager for KUHF radio, has been included in the recent 14th edition of Who's Who of American Women, 1985-86. A multi-talented woman, not only is she a radio announcer/producer/actress/manager/jazz aficionada, she also is an award-winning photographer, writer, and community activist as well. Her photographs have appeared in juried group and one-woman shows around the nation since 1970. She recently exhibited her artwork at the Whitney Cafe and will be displaying photos in April at the Goethe Institut. Ms. Entman has been a member of NOW since 1981.

CURRENT BILLS IN TEXAS LEGISLATURE ALERT! TAKE ACTION NOW

NOW SUPPORTS THE PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

HB 280 - This bill would do away with the marital exemption in sexual assault.

SB (?) - (Still in draft stage) This would establish a "select committee on pay equity", to conduct a comparative analysis of state job categories as they relate to patterns of employment by sex, levels of compensation and job skills requirements.

SB 40 - This bill relates to a program to furnish certain medical facilities, emergency transportation, educational and associated services to eligible low-income women and infants.

HB 140 - This relates to an increase in the state minimum wage.

HB 53 - Relates to the testimony of one spouse against the other in a criminal prosecution.

SB 61 - Same as above.

HB 281 - Relates to eligibility of certain victims of domestic violence to receive benefits under the crime victim compensation act.

SB 76 - Same as above.

HJR 9 - Proposing a constitutional amendment to recognize the right to privacy.

WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATOR TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THESE BILLS.

NOW OPPOSES THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB 129 - This 18-page bill is a comprehensive attack on the right to privacy and the right to choose abortion. It is designed to harass doctors, clinic personnel and their patients. NOW opposes SB 129. It is unnecessary, and will increase costs to the State of Texas and to consumers. SB 129 was referred to the Senate governmental Relations Committee on January 14th. The chair of that committee has said he will hold hearings on the bill soon and it will be passed out to be passed out of the committee to the full Senate.

HB 67 - This bill relates to the prohibition of abortion after viability of an unborn child.

PLEASE WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATOR - your Senator and your representative in Austin - IMMEDIATELY AND ASK THEM TO OPPOSE SB 129 AND HB 67.

For current status information on bills call toll-free the following number 1-800-252-9693.

"Listen, Women! The new word for strong is 'Woman-hearted!'"

—Joan Shaddox Isom

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Dear NOW at UH members:

On behalf of the Board, staff, and patients, of Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas thank you for the recent contribution to our Justice Fund. As you know, the money will be used in direct aid to low income women in need of abortion services.

I applaud the efforts and enthusiasm of NOW members in support of Planned Parenthood and freedom of choice. Given the hostile political environment in the delivery of reproductive health care services, it is very encouraging to see people with the courage to stand up for their constitutional rights. We wish you continued success in your efforts. Again thank you for your commitment and concern.

Peter J. Durkin
Executive Director

COMMITTEE TO COMBAT RACISM

GOALS: Include but are not limited to the following

1. Working with established civil rights and minority organizations, especially women's groups with the feminist efforts of such.
2. Consciousness raising efforts within NOW and with workshops or seminars such as the "Breaking All the Chains" and "Intersection of Racism and Sexism" program done by NOW at UH.
3. Developing a list of films, resources, materials and speakers. Having this material available to NOW units.
4. Active recruitment and involvement of Women of Color into this committee and all levels of the organization.
5. The effects of our issues on Women of Color.
6. Ethnic cultural exchange.
7. International Feminist networking.
8. Development of a brochure on the issue of Combatting Racism.
9. A Presentation to be presented at chapter meetings or in workshop form at conventions.

Current Members: Deborah Bell, Chair, Laura Linn, Helen Ortiz, Martha Espinosa.

To join or for further information call D. Bell at 965-9943.

"Our willingness to assume responsibility for the elimination of racism need not be engendered by feelings of guilt, moral responsibility, victimization or rage. It can spring from a heart felt desire for sisterhood and the personal intellectual realization that racism among women undermines the potential radicalism of feminism."

—Bell Hooks

HIS OWN WORST ENEMY

I've been thinking a lot about the Pope lately. He is surely an enemy of feminism and feminists. Indeed, feminists realize that he is an enemy of women and therefore of men, (even if far too many men do not yet understand that what hurts over half the population hurts them too.)

But looking at his actions especially vis a vis women, it seems to me that the Pope is his own worst enemy.

Calling someone their own worst enemy means that you accuse them of stupidly acting in such a way as to produce an outcome that their worst enemy would cunningly produce if they could. The Pope's worst enemy would try to diminish him, try to make him look foolish, ignorant, or unable to talk to God. I think he may accomplish one or all of these effects in the eyes of future historians, if not today.

No contraception in a world where millions are starving because populations in "under-developed" countries are growing so much faster than paying work can be found to help them adapt to a world-wide economic system.

No abortion in a world where even in so-called catholic countries abortions are now legal and medically safe. Attempting to enact prohibition laws which history has shown don't work.

No liberation theology in South and Central America where the best of his priests and Bishops have reversed the historic role of the Church in maintaining gross social injustices.

No "dialogue" on issues where even practicing Catholic Theologians dissent from hierarchical views.



I feel sure the Pope is aware and worried about the lack of religious vocations that are so noticeable in the US, and appear to be world-wide. I feel sure that he is aware of and worried about the numbers of US Catholics who simply flout Vatican pronouncements about birth control and abortion. And I feel sure that he faithfully believes that his is the only way, otherwise he wouldn't do what he is doing — forcing the women of his church, and some number of caring men, to vote with their feet, the only way they can.

Of course, no one really expects The Church to be democratic. But even rank and file Catholics know about the doctrine of probabilism and the Church's long established and honored history of responsible (i.e. male) dissent from hierarchically asserted positions. The doctrine of probabilism states that in matters of moral controversy, if even a minority of theologians hold a position, it may be followed in good conscience. Catholics for a Free Choice are on firm doctrinal ground when they make the point that Catholics are divided on abortion.

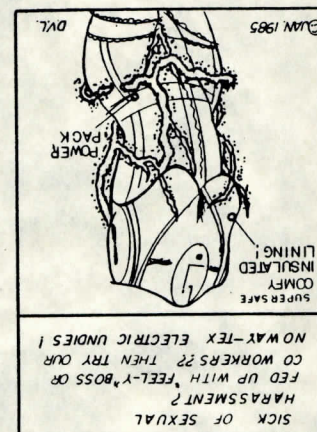
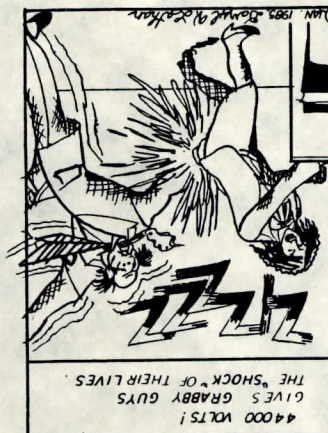
So the Pope has demanded that 24 sisters and 4 brothers, signers of the CFFC New York Times advertisement, recant or face expulsion from their orders — this pro-family pope is requiring that they take back their statement of fact, or be cast out of their true and chosen family. Whatever they decide, he can't win on this one.

I wonder if anyone who talks to the Pope has dared to tell him that his tactics may be ill-advised — that in short, he may be his own worst enemy. Does anyone know the name of the Pope in Galileo's time?

Jo Ann Evansgardner

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MARCH CALENDAR OF FEMINIST EVENTS

DAY - DATE - TIME - EVENT - PLACE

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| FRI 1st | 8:15am & every Friday, | Cherry Wolf & Pokey Anderson
BREAKTHROUGH, KPFT 90.1 fm | SAT 9th | 12noon-5pm - FEMINIST PRIMER - NOW at UH program
at Bates Law Building, see enclosed flyer. | |
| SUN 3rd | 10am - EVERY SUNDAY 1st Unitarian Women's Group
5210 Fannin at Southmore. For topic info call
Anita at 869-6510 (evenings). | WED 13th | 7:30pm SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW BUSINESS
MEETING - 8320 Merlin, call 468-3149 for
directions. | THR 21st | 1:30pm - University Center, 2nd floor. NOW at UH
cosponsors meeting for a Women's Studies Students
Association for UH students. For more info call
Dr. Cindy Miller at 488-9290 or 333-9115. |
| SUN 3rd | 11:30-2:00pm - Clinic Escort training at First
Unitarian Church Women's Group Room. Sandwiches
provided. | | | 1-3pm - AFTERNOON CLASSICS - KPFT 90.1fm -
features MUSICA FEMINA. | |
| | 2-4pm NOW at UH MEETING at UC - check UC daily
schedule on board for room. NOTE: ALL NOW at UH
MEETINGS WILL BE ON FIRST SUNDAY THROUGH MAY. | FRI 22 | 12 noon - "Women in Music History" lecture by
Musica Femina, Embassy Room, University Center. | | |
| TUE 5th | 8pm & every Tuesday: Clara Kern - A Woman's Place
KPFT, 90.1 fm | | 8:00pm - MUSICA FEMINA in concert - Social Work
Bldg. Auditorium (see enclosed flyer). | | |
| WED 6th | 7:00pm SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW PROGRAM
Women's History Week Essay Awards Presentation
Unitarian Fellowship, 1321 Wirt Rd. | SAT 23 | 9am-5pm - Texas NOW State Council meeting at
Houston Area Women's Center, #4 Chelsea Pl.
7:30pm - Pot Luck dinner at 12218 Taylorcrest. | | |
| THR 7th | 8:00pm - "What Does it Mean to be a Feminist
Today?" by Prof. Catharine Stimpson at the
UH/University Park. Call 749-1253 for location. | SUN 24 | 9am-1pm - State Council continues (see above) | | |
| FRI 8th | INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - tune in to KPFT
90.1fm for special day of women's programming. | WED 27 | 8pm - "Child Abuse, Incest and Rape Prevention",
Katherine Brady, Agnes Arnold Adm. I. | | |

In APRIL mark your calendar for
- TEXAS NOW ISSUES PROGRAM on the 27th.

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Kristan Aspen
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**A Concert/Informance of
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March 22, 1985 8 pm

University of Houston, School of Social Work Bldg. Auditorium

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Women in Music History

Lecture by Janna MacAuslan

March 22, 1985 12 - 1 pm

University Center, Embassy Room (2nd floor) Entrance No. 1

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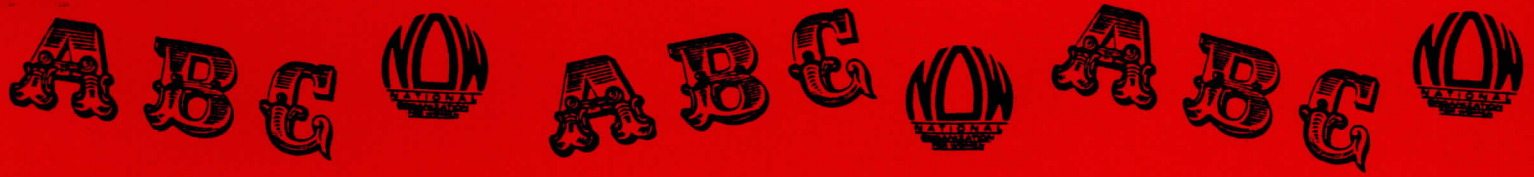
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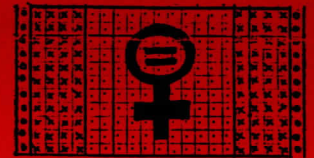
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University of Houston, Law Center Entrance 19, off of Calhoun



Keynote Speaker: Althea Simmons



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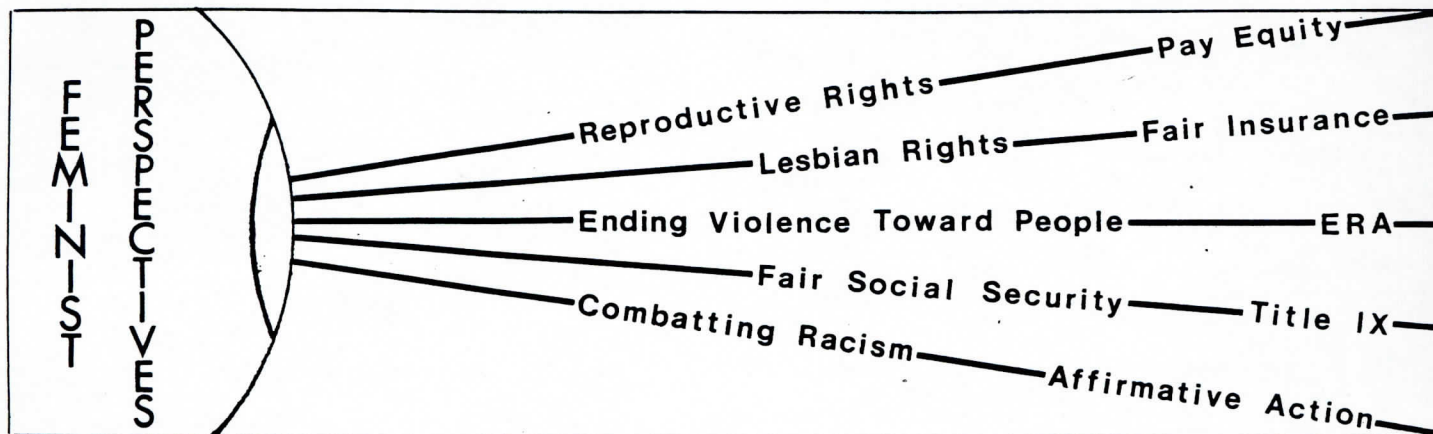
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Presidents' Columns

First the good news — We raised \$264.40 on January 22nd at our Roe v. Wade Celebration on campus, and got a matching donation. We will be presenting \$528.80 to Planned Parenthood at the Dinner for Choice on January 24th. That is more than double our previous collection. As important, we had a wonderful contribution of work from members and friends: Sofia Aguilar, Sarah C. Clarkson, Rossann Daumas, Gaynelle Dewan, Jennifer Ettling, Mary Ettling, Jo Ann Evansgardner, Darla Ferguson, Mary Ann Irwin, Mary Byrd Lloyd, Mary Helen Merzbacher, Helen Wilma Ortiz, Sandra Perdue, Mary Kay Phillips, Jean Quataert, Sandy Rogers. Those of us who afterwords collected up the materials and counted the money felt wonderful — tired but triumphant. We had experienced warm support in unexpected quarters, and apart from the 4 or 5 anti's who showed up to march in protest at our presence, we had gotten no negative remarks from anyone. Our pamphlets were eagerly picked up, and over 50 people signed up indicating their interest in more information about NOW at UH. We expect about \$40 more in pledges.

The bad news you all know — Houston City Council's ordinance making discrimination in City employment on the basis of sexual orientation illegal went down to defeat 4 to 1. It is another proof of what NOW members already know — single issue referenda are good for those of the right wing. Their access to conservative money and the passion they can stir up on issues that can be infused with religious fervor make such referenda a winning strategy for them.

Any insomniacs among us who listen to nighttime call-in talk shows are aware of another aspect of the bad news — that is the intensity of anger that is being directed at Kathy Whitmire. I have known some sore losers, but this is my first experience with "sore winners" — the venom in their voices when they talk of our mayor and her out of town appointments, has to be heard to be believed. But of course, who would have believed that Black Baptist Ministers would come out on the side of the Ku Klux Klan?

To end on a happier note, the Vigils were a success. No clinics were bombed. When NOW mobilizes its chapters in a national action, we get "their" attention, even when "they" seem determined to ignore the issue. We may even force Reagan to call out the FBI. Our chapter worked hard on the Vigil. Madeline Mauk and Jeanne Sommerfeld did all the scheduling for the greater Houston area. They estimate that they made more than 200 phone calls. NOW at UH members who vigiled were Cindy Miller, Rossann Daumas, JoAnn Evansgardner, Gerry Gardner, Jane Collins Harris, Helen Wilma Ortiz, Steve Ronsey, Jeanne Sommerfeld; each spent 4 or 8 hours. Laura Linn volunteered but was called away by a family emergency. It was cold, boring, and tiring, but speaking for myself, was worthwhile, not only to protect the clinics, but as a visible demonstration of our determination to protect every woman's right to control over her human life.

JoAnn Evansgardner, Guest Editor
NOW AT UH

We sat in hard metal chairs wrapped in layers of clothing & sleeping bags in the lobby of an office building in Northwest Houston. It was one of the coldest nights of the year. Cup after cup of strong coffee and the good company of a friend made staying up all night not too difficult. The reason for being in this building was that it contains a clinic where abortions are preformed & was one of the sites where NOW members and other supporters of choice were holding vigil. The vigil was to honor women as well as to take a stand in support of the right to a safe and legal abortion. It was also for me, a means of honoring my children, the fact that they were wanted and planned and are very much loved. The violence of the past year which includes harassment by anti-choice forces and the arson or bombing of over 30 clinics around the nation was one of the motivating causes for the vigil. None of the bombings have taken place while the buildings have been occupied. They usually occur in the early morning hours of weekends or holidays. We weren't there to protect property, most clinics have increased their security and law enforcement agencies are on the watch and actively investigating the incidences of violence that have occurred so far. We were there because we believe, as Colleen Ellmore has stated, "The right to bodily integrity is a prerequisite for equality".

Spring Branch-Memorial NOW members participated in a training session for Clinic Escorts. Escorts provide assistance to patients at clinics where anti-choice demonstrators are picketing. The picketers offer what they call "sidewalk counseling" and literature. Most often this takes the form of asking the woman not to "murder her baby". Escorts do not counter-picket, they are only there to offer support to the patients, to let them know that they do not have to talk to the picketers or take their literature. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming an escort. This will involve a few hours on a Saturday morning at one of several different locations in the city.

Those attending the January business meeting voted to spend chapter funds to purchase a answering machine for the chapter president (I guess they are sick of not being able to get in touch with me). I am very good about returning calls so please leave a message when you call and it answers instead of me. My number is 965-9943.

Our February program meeting will focus on what is happening in the legislature and preparing for Lobby Days February 25-26. There will be a bus leaving Houston in the early a.m. on the 26th and returning that evening for those who can not attend the workshops on the 25th. Car pools are being arranged for Monday, and some of us even plan to go up for the whole weekend. Come to the meeting to make your arrangements. In the meantime start getting your letters off to Austin on where you stand on the issues, particularizing on any bill that would limit or restrict a woman's Constitutional right to an abortion.

Deborah Moncrief Bell, President
Spring Branch/Memorial NOW

NOW AT UH NOTES FOR JANUARY MEETINGS ON 6TH & 20TH:

January 6th - Those present were Rossann Daumas, Jo Ann Evansgardner, Darla Ferguson, Cindy Funderburke, Laura Linn, Maria Longenecker, Helen Wilma Ortiz.

We decided to do three tables on January 22 - UC, Satellite UC, and Law School, and have 100 each item at each table. JoAnn to coordinate supplies.

MOTION: Ad in Cougar similar to last year, add announcement of solicitation/information tables and locations. (passed)

We decided to do an all member calling, divided up list and developed script to 1) get money for ad, 2) volunteers for tables, 3) voters for Saturday, 4) NOW Vigil, 5) corrections to membership list.

MOTION: Cougar ad should be full page if enough contributions. (passed)

MOTION: Hold chapter meetings on 1st Sunday thru May. (passed)

(This means changing Feminist Perspective schedule - see 1/20)

MOTION: Budget - for Feminist Primer - \$500 speaker, \$100 for printing, \$200 advertising. For Musica Femina - \$200 advertising/printing. (passed) Pre-sale tickets. \$5ea will cover fee.

Rossann discussed the film approved by UH SA program board, "A Boy & His Dog" - it encourages every form of woman annihilation. She volunteered to be part of film screening this year.

Re UH Health Ctr's booklet, Between Your Navel & Your Knees - members should review with special attention to p. 29, 36, 37.

Laura said that TXNOWVP Jo Leverette is looking for someone to work on Pay Equity Issue for TX NOW Issue Project.

January 20 - Those present included Rossann Daumas, Gaynelle Dewan, Jo Ann Evansgardner, Darla Ferguson, Cindy Funderburke, Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Valerie Wenck.

We planned for the tables and workers, passed out literature samples, reviewed the new chapter membership brochure, decided on deletions & improvements, and discussed how to get the newsletter out given the decision about chapter meetings moved to first Sundays.

MOTION: Camera-ready copy should be in Cindy's hands the Wednesday before the 4th Sunday with collating, etc. on the 4th Sunday. (passed)

For this month only, (2/February issue) we will have copy to Cindy by next Wednesday, 1/24. Rossann will coordinate collating because so many will be at state board meeting 1/25-26. We need a new production coordinator. SEE SCHEDULE BELOW.

We expect it will be ok with Spring Branch. Rossann will call Deborah and if not, set up meeting to plan future coordination.

Re Feminist Primer - Althea Simmons is coming as Keynote Speaker. Those contacting speakers for workshops are: Jeanne - Woman Battering, Political Process; Madeline - Reproductive Rts; Rossann - Pornography, Lesbian Rights; Mary Helen - Rape; JoAnn - Legal Remedies, Feminism & Women & Men. All must report back to February 3rd chapter meeting. Location: not at UC. Valerie will check out Continuing. Ed. and possibility of cash bar.

Re Musica Femina - Rossann will contact Tyna Bittick-PR. MOTION: Rossann will contact Hazelwitch for mailing. (passed) (motion authorizes budget for postage and printing for list)

Darla volunteered to find out about Gulf Coast Council Monthly Newsletter and if not over \$25, to pay for advertisement. PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO WORK ON PROGRAM BOOKLET - call Rossann.

Jo Ann and Darla will represent chapter at TX NOW Meeting.

We tabled "Between ..." til next meeting. Meeting Adjourned

Notes taken by Jo Ann Evansgardner, Secretary, NOW at UH

This, our first ever 4-page issue, is due to our changed meeting schedule + TX NOW's Meeting on our usual workdate.

KINDLING OUR COMMON SPIRIT

A Convocation for Unitarian Universalist Lesbians, Gay men, and friends will take place February 15-17, 1985 at the First Unitarian Church of Houston, 5210 Fannin. The Keynote speaker will be Lesbian/Feminist poet Judy Grahn, author of Another Mother Tongue: Gay Words, Gay Worlds and teacher of Lesbian and Gay studies. Ms. Grahn's speech is scheduled for 8:00pm on Saturday the 16th and is open to the public (for a small admission charge at the door). There is a minimum \$20 registration fee requested for those attending the full schedule of events. Events include: *Affirm and celebrate our Unitarian Universalism *Explore ways of bringing to the attention of the UUA and our individual churches and fellowships both our special needs and our special gifts *Provide opportunities to explore areas of individual interest, through workshops and other activities *Give the opportunity to make regional and continental connections and to make new friendships *Saturday night dance. Childcare will be provided with advance notice. Houstonians who can provide home hospitality are being sought. For more information please contact Susan Lankford at 524-7342.

SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW MINUTES - JANUARY 9, 1985

Audrey Crawford passed out the rules for the Women's History Week Contest. The envelopes for the schools were stuffed with the rules and the cover letters.

Chapter member Honey Lanham spoke about her candidacy for the SISD board. Basically, she said the incumbents were in favor of closing several schools and their opponents are running on only the issue of keeping those schools open. Ms. Lanham says the real issue as she sees it is in the amount of money spent rather than the consolidation issue. The district spends about \$4,000 per student compared to St. John's (a private school) where the cost is \$4,750 per student. The teacher pay for the district is low in comparison for the amount of money spent. She felt consolidation should be completed if it means significant savings because she really favors smaller schools (less students per class). She also wants no tax increases.

There was a discussion of the activities at the abortion clinics and the need for escorts. It was agreed that Escort Training would be given at the next program meeting on Jan. 16. It was noted that men are welcomed as escorts. The announcement about the NOW Clinic Vigil was made.

Carrol Gury reported a total of \$591.45 in our treasury. The NOW desk calendar which sells for \$8 was distributed to those who wanted them, with several members taking them and owing the chapter for them. We sold out.

Program suggestions for upcoming meetings were made:

Eileen Wenger - Women in the Theater at a time that can be arranged. February - Lobby Days and information about what is happening in the Legislature. March is of course the Essay Contest Award presentation. Pat Nichols and Mary Thompson both suggested a program on the Nuclear issue, such as "The Medical Consequences of a Nuclear Attack", in April. It was suggested that we ask for a speaker from Covenant House for May and have a program about Battered Women in June. Deborah Bell reminded everyone that we should have an action component to our program meetings and that we should have a program on the issue of combatting racism sometime this year.

The problem of having a regular meeting place was discussed. Audrey Crawford mentioned the YWCA. We decided to send out invitations to members to attend the Essay Award presentation and to sponsor it with a donation. Deborah Bell agreed to write the letter. We need to update our mailing list for the chapter. The chapter voted to purchase an answering machine for the chapter president which can be passed along to the next president. Announcements were made & the meeting was adjourned.

—Minutes taken by Betty Miano, Chapter Secretary.

FUTURE NEWSLETTER DATES

Issue#/Month	deadline: camera	collating date	location
	ready copy to CF	is	of collating
	Wednesday before	4th Sunday	
#3/March	February 20th	February 24th	Jo Ann's
#4/April	March 20th	March 24th	not decided
#5/May	April 24th	April 28th	not decided
#6/June	not decided	not decided	not decided

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at the University of Houston

Central Campus



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NOW was formed in 1966 and has grown into the largest women's rights organization in this country. NOW's goal is to "bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now." NOW at UH is an active and growing chapter. We work for equality between men and women in the economic, political and social sphere. Herizons is one crucial channel we have to educate on feminism and women's rights in order to create change.

The rates are as follows: a 3 inch by 2 inch (business card size) ad is \$5.00, a 3 inch by 4 inch ad is \$10.00, a 3 inch by 6 inch ad is \$15.00, and so on. Rates for larger ads are figured out according to their sizes from the above prices.

We hope to see Herizons continue and grow. By advertising in Herizons you can help us secure its existence and at the same time you can introduce your business to our 400 (and growing) readers.

Please call me Monday-Thursday from 6-10pm at (713) 749-4142 with any questions and/or to reserve a space in Herizons.

Sincerely yours,

Rossann Daumas
President, NOW at UH



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAYS

February 25 and 26, 1985

DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
THOMPSON CONFERENCE CENTER
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WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAYS

"Women's Legislative Days" is a conference for all women in the state of Texas who want to learn how to impact the Texas Legislature. Workshops deal with the legislative process, the mechanics of the appropriations process in the Texas House and Senate, and other information on how to be an effective lobbyist for issues.

Monday, February 25, consists of workshops and seminars on pending legislation in the Texas Legislature, designed to present information from an objective perspective by the speakers. Tuesday, February 26, is to be utilized by the participants to go to the Capitol and visit with their legislators on issues or pending legislation. This conference should be useful to those new to the legislative arena, as well as those experienced observers of the Texas Legislature.

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PROGRAM

Monday, February 25, 1985

6:30 - 9:30 a.m.

City of Austin busses for conference participants use will be shuttling between the airport, the Villa Capri Hotel, and the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center. Busses will be marked "Women's Legislative Days," and the cost is included in the registration fee.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration: Auditorium lobby of the LBJ Library

9:30

Welcome and Keynote: Auditorium, LBJ Library

Ann Richards, State Treasurer (Tentative)

9:45 - 10:45

General Session on Government Process (Select a, b, or c)

- a. Sunset
Carol Barger, Ken Kramer
- b. Appropriations
Jim Oliver, Peggy Romberg
- c. How to Pass or Kill a Bill
Bettie Naylor, Buck Wood, Bill Clayton

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Workshop Sessions I** (Select one from workshop list)

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

2:15 - 3:15

3:30 - 4:30

Monday Evening
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26, 1985

10:00 a.m.

Box Luncheon (Villa Capri Hotel).

Special Guests will be Women Legislators: Myra McDaniel, Secretary of State, State of Texas. Address: "How to Get There From Here."

Workshop Sessions II (select one from workshop list)

Workshop Sessions III (select one from workshop list)

Note: The General Session and Workshop Sessions will be held at the Thompson Conference Center. All workshop sessions, in their respective time slots, are held simultaneously.

Optional Activity

Legislative Reception (details available at registration)
Texas Women's Political Caucus' Roast of Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby

Legislative Visits to the Capitol.

Contact your legislator IN ADVANCE and make an appointment with him or her.

WORKSHOPS: SESSIONS I, II, & III

(Select only one workshop per session)

- d. Education Reform Revisited
Robby Collins, Rebecca Canning, Betty Anderson
- e. Health Care for the Indigent
Bryan Sperry
- f. New Child Care Options in Texas
Sharon Lovick, Chris Ross Dukler, Kathleen McNemar
- g. Where can They Turn? The Tragedy of Child Abuse
Sherry Paine, Sally Scott
- h. ERA and Beyond
Hermine Tobolowsky, Barbara Aldave, Jane Macon
- i. Remedy for the Pink Collar Blues
Session I—Ray Marshall
Session II—Jim McCarty, Erica Grubb, Stephanie Young
Session III—Dick Jeaneret
- j. How the Job Training Partnership Act can help women in Texas
Robena Jackson, Clyde McQueen, Rosemary Stauber
- k. Hazardous Waste . . . Not in my Backyard!
Susan Hadden, Ellen Galloway, Dan Eden, Diane Sheridan
- l. Teenage Pregnancy: A Multi-faceted Problem
Mary Polk, Steve Schott, Peggy Smith
- m. Water Resources . . . Not a Drop to Drink!
Ted Willis, Rick Piltz, Murray Walton
- n. Can you Survive on \$1.40 an Hour? Farmworkers Can't!
Rebecca Flores Harrington, Juanita Valdez Cox, Mintala Rodriguez Flores, Josefa Garcia, Eduardo Garcia
- o. Who Will Choose . . . Reproductive Freedom and the Texas Legislature
Charlotte Taft, Pam Fridrich, Sheila Enid Cheaney
- p. So You Think You Know Something about Family Violence?
Virgie Junot, Debbie Tucker, Sam D. Millsap, Jr.
- q. Don't Wait til You're 60! Be an Activist Now!
Charlotte Flynn, Donna Loflin
- r. Family Planning . . . An Ounce of Prevention
Lewis Mundy, Judith Houchins
- s. Adequate and Affordable Insurance
Jeanne Saletan, Carole Keeton Rylander, Evelyn Ireland
- t. Special Problems of the Disabled and Mentally III
David Sloan
- u. AFDC: Charity and the Texas Legislature
J. Livingston Kosberg, Weston Ware, Pat McCarty
- v. The Power Path: Appointment and Election of Women
Dwayne Holman, Peggy Rosson, Sally Shipman, Meg Wilson
- w. Arts, Humanities and Public Responsibility
Susan Morehead, Jim Veninga, Ed Emmett
- x. Justice for All—Even the Victim: The Rights of Victims of Crime
Suzanne McDaniel Willms, Amy Hogins, Peggy Maisel
- y. Nuts and Bolts of Lobbying: The Do's and Don'ts of Effective Lobbying
Session I: Moderator—Dorthea Brown, Cathy Obriotti
Green, John Hildreth, Pat Broline
Session II: Moderator—Delores Hillyer, Pat Brown, Mike Hudson, Evelyn Bonavita
Session III: Moderator—Andrea Bryant, Jan Albers, Claire Jordan, Maxine Lee
- z. Potpourri—Additional workshops may be added as "late breaking" legislative topics develop

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1985 WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAYS FEBRUARY 25 and 26, 1985

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The do-gooders are the ones to watch out for

By ROGER SIMON

Your true fanatic is an easy guy to understand.

He believes in only one thing and he is not too particular about what that one thing is.

It is the belief, itself, that really matters to the fanatic. He is more concerned with how passionately he believes, rather than what he believes.

It does not matter how "good" a fanatic's cause is. Though he desperately wants the rest of the world to believe as he believes, he almost always repels other people with the lengths he will go to in order to attain his ends.

Take the fanatics blowing up abortion clinics around this country. Only by the sheerest luck are these twisted zealots not yet murderers.

In 1984, they blew up 24 clinics. This compares to two the previous year.

The FBI says this is not an organized terrorist attack on abortion clinics, however.

Apparently the FBI considers a 1,100 percent increase in bombings to be normal inflation.

With that many bombings it is a miracle that nobody has been killed yet. But it is inevitable, I think, that someone will be.

You cannot sneak around night after night setting off bombs and assume that nobody is going to get hurt because buildings are supposed to be empty at night.

Eventually there will be somebody working late or a hapless night watchman (he usually turns out to be the father of seven) or an innocent bystander.

So what will happen if a bomb planted by a fanatical anti-abortionist goes off and kills a pregnant woman driving by on her way to the hospital to have her baby? How will the fanatic then feel?

He, or she, will feel just fine. Fanatics always have the same simple-minded justification for the terrible things they do.

Their purpose is so noble, so holy, that if an innocent person gets hurt along the way, this is justified by the righteousness of their cause.

It is a small step, therefore, from blowing up clinics when they are presumably empty to blowing them up when they are full.

I don't happen to agree with the position held by anti-abortionists, but I don't think most of them go around blowing places up.

A few, however, have crossed over the line from commitment to lunacy.

It is an easy line to cross. You get a little frustrated with things, things like the law or the Supreme Court, and you decide there is a "higher" law.

And you use the gloriousness of your purpose to justify whatever you want to do. If you believe passionately enough that abortion is murder, then by blowing up an abortion clinic you tell yourself you are saving lives, not endangering lives.

The first abortion clinic bombing of 1985 came only 13 minutes into the new year. A bunch of fruitcakes calling themselves "The Army of God East Coast Division" shattered a clinic in Washington, D.C.

Whether they really are a branch of the Army of God is not known. The imprisoned leader of that anti-abortion group sent out a Christmas letter telling supporters to go ahead and use the name in any of their activities.

"All fighting for righteousness are God's Army and can use the name," he wrote.

The leader is currently serving a 43-year sentence for his last "righteous" act; the bombing of a Virginia abortion clinic and the burning of two more in Florida.

The use of God's name to justify the worst that people do has a long history. And, as Joseph Scheidler, executive director of the Pro-Life Action League, said, the name God has a certain snazzy ring to it.

"It scares people off if you leave a note that says the Army of God," he said. "It sounds real sinister."

The mayor of Washington, Marion Barry, didn't care what the group called itself. After the Jan. 1 bombing, he compared those blowing up abortion clinics to Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan.

Jerry Falwell, leader of the

Moral Majority, went on TV to debate the matter. He said that while he agreed the bombings were terrorism and could not be condoned, he said they stemmed from the equally criminal act of abortion.

The essential difference — that abortion is legal and blowing up a building is not — is apparently lost on Falwell and others.

That's because they believe in that "higher" law. And who told them they could follow this law?

Why God, of course.

A man arrested in Florida for the bombing of two abortion clinics there said recently he planted the bombs because of a "call from God."

If that's so, he'd better call God back and see if he can get Him to appear at his trial, because down here we follow man's laws.

President Reagan has denounced the bombings, and the FBI may eventually be pressured into joining the investigation.

But don't look for a quick end to this homegrown, Bible-thumping terrorism.

The most dangerous people in the world are not those who do evil for the sake of evil.

The most dangerous people in the world are those who do evil for the sake of good.

Simon is a columnist with Los Angeles Times Syndicate

The Daily Cougar
Thursday, January 17, 1985

GLAZING

By PAUL REYES
Houston Chronicle Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A bill that would severely limit when a woman could get an abortion in Texas has been referred to a Senate committee friendly to the proposal.

Sponsors of SB129 by Sen. John Sharp, D-Victoria, and Sen. Bob McFarland, R-Arlington, say the bill has a good chance of being approved by the Senate Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

Sharp said approval of the measure

would mean that "we'd be doing what 39 other states have already done."

McFarland predicted approval by the entire Senate "because the Senate is more conservative than in the past."

One reason for the optimism is that the bill was not referred to the Senate Jurisprudence Committee chaired by Sen. Oscar Maury, D-Dallas. In previous legislative sessions, anti-abortion bills have died in that panel.

Sen. John Traeger, D-Seguin, chairman of the Senate Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, said it is time for the "right-to-life people to have a fair run at it" and predicted approval of the

measure by the committee.

The proposal would prohibit the use of any state funds to pay for an abortion except in cases in which a woman's life is in danger.

It also would prohibit, except in life-threatening situations, abortions beyond the "viability" stage, which is defined in the bill as the time when an unborn child could survive outside the womb without artificial support.

All facilities that perform abortions past the viability stage would have to be licensed by the Department of Health.

The bill also would

- Require that all abortions be performed by physicians.
- Require that unmarried females under the age of 18 receive approval from a parent or a judge prior to an abortion.
- Require that any abortion performed on a married woman be done only after the woman has been asked if she consulted with her husband. The husband's approval would not be required.
- Require, between the eighth week and before the end of the first trimester of pregnancy, that a physician in-

form the patient that an anesthetic is available for the fetus "to eliminate any pain" to the fetus.

A series of bills that mirror most of SB129 is expected to be filed in the House sometime this week.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said the abortion issue should not be before the Legislature.

"I tend to believe that's between a woman and her doctor," Whitmire said. "I find it difficult for us to debate that issue when the Supreme Court has addressed it and given us some pretty

Kegans said it was the second time this year she conducted a trial with a jury of women.

When this jury was sworn in, the judge gave members a warm welcome.

"They understand I meant I was glad to see a bunch of women in my courtroom," the judge said. "I tried some cases (as a defense attorney) back when there were never women on the jury. Now we usually get a mix of men and women."

State Senate committee gets bill to limit abortions

Feminist Perspectives

February 1985

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Mostly female courtroom reflects changing times

By ALAN BERNSTEIN
Houston Chronicle

"Sure, God created man before woman," a sign in the office of state District Judge Joe Kegans says. "But then you always make a rough draft before the final masterpiece."

The sign took on special meaning this week when the judge — a woman regardless of the spelling of her



Kegans

first name — conducted a criminal trial.

The prosecutors, Norma Davenport and Elaine Bratton, are women. The bailiff, sheriff's Deputy Robin Konetzke, and the court reporter, Bella Jo Fisher, are also.

What's more, the jury was made up of 12 women.

"I feel like a black in Mississippi in the 1960s," quipped male defense attorney Brendt Liedtke, who was representing a male defendant.

The composition of the jury, if not the court staff, may have had some effect on the case: The young man was on trial for the rape of a woman who admits she was a prostitute at the time of the attack.

During jury selection, the prosecution and defense excluded certain potential male and female jurors.

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good guidelines."

Whitmire also said the bill could create "a class system where if you have the means you can afford an abortion."

But Peter Zavarella, legislative director for the Texas Right to Life Committee, said the bill "reflects the political mood of this country and the state of Texas. There is a growing feeling in this country and state that it is morally wrong that it is the taking of a life."

He said the bill has the support of Life Advocates of Houston and the Greater Dallas Right to Life Committee.

"We'll be working together for the benefit of the unborn child," he said.

Pam Fridrich, executive director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League, said the bill is "an all-encompassing anti-choice bill. They can't outlaw abortion altogether, but they're making it more expensive and reaching the point of harassment."

"It's one of the things you don't know, but I would hope it wouldn't make any difference with the outcome" that the jury is all women. Davenport said.

Liedtke said the female prosecution might have gained some psychological advantage as a result.

On the other hand, the case involved the credibility of the prostitute, and "women can tell better than men" if she was lying, he added.

The defendant was convicted and will be sentenced at a later date.

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 Bayou Eldg Auditorium, UH Clear Lake, preceded by a
 reception at 7pm in Atrium I. Both events are free.)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF FEMINIST EVENTS

DAY - DATE - TIME - EVENT - PLACE

- FRI 1st 8:15am & every Friday, Cherry Wolf & Pokey Anderson
 BREAKTHROUGH, KPFT 90.1 fm
- SUN 3rd 10am - 1st Unitarian Women's Group
- SUN 3rd 2-4pm NOW at UH MEETING at UC - check UC daily
 schedule on board for room. NOTE: ALL NOW at UH
 MEETINGS WILL BE ON FIRST SUNDAY THROUGH MAY.
- TUE 5th 8pm & every Tuesday: Clara Kern - A Woman's Place
 KPFT, 90.1 fm
- WED 6th 7:00pm SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW BUSINESS
 MEETING - Los Dos Hermanos Restaurant, 1806 Wirt at
 Long Pt. Come for dinner.
- SUN 10th 10am - 1st Unitarian Women's Group, "A Visit with
 Mayor Whitmire" 5210 Fannin

SUN 10th 2-4pm - OWL mtg. YWCA, 3615 Willia. Support
 Group led by Ann Gerike at 4pm.

WED 13th 7:30pm SPRING BRANCH-MEMORIAL NOW PROGRAM MEETING
 "A Look at the Legislature" Lobbying tactics & pre-
 paration for Lobby Days 26th & 27th. at Victoria
 Station, 111 N. Dairy Ashford, S of I 10

SAT 16th RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM VOLUNTEER TRAINING - HAWC.

SUN 17th 10am Unitarian Women's Grp, 5210 Fannin

SAT 23rd RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM VOLUNTEER TRAINING - HAWC.

MON & TUES - 26th & 27 WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAYS IN AUSTIN

In MARCH mark your calendar for
 - NOW at UH FEMINIST PRIMER on Saturday, the 9th.

In APRIL mark your calendar for
 - TEXAS NOW PARADE OF ISSUES on the 27th.
 ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Miller, Convenor, Women Studies, UH-CL, is organizing a
 Women's Studies Students Association for UH Students. The
 group will focus on consciousness-raising, reading feminist
 literature, and political activities. To join, call
 488-9290 or 333-9115. Please tell all students, (all ages)
 about this exciting new group. JE