

*****WOMEN'S LIBERATION BULLETIN*****
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HOUSING

The WOMEN'S PHONE get many requests from women new in town who need a place to stay, women looking for women's houses, or an apt. to share with other women, and often women who have just left their husbands and need a place where they can get their heads together. This points to the need for A WOMEN'S CENTER but in the meantime, any women or women's houses who would be willing to offer temporary space, should call us and leave contact names, so that we can put together a referral list. Also, any women who are looking for women's communes or houses should call and leave their names so we can refer them to other women interested in the same.

the WHOLE WOMAN CATALOG

" we are all women struggling to be whole--to be ourselves to the fullest. we need one another to do this, and together we can."

WHOLE WOMAN CATALOG, VOL.1.

the WHOLE WOMAN CATALOG is a state and city directory of women's groups, activities, projects, newspapers, and centers across the country. It includes graphics, cartoons, poems, and a how-to-do-it section, which for the first issue was how to fix a toilet. The catalog grew out of a New England Feb.-long project where approx. 25 women lived, worked, and traveled together collecting information about women in New England. They hope to put out many more issues, but need current information, graphics, poems, essay , how-to-do-it info and money. the first issue was sent out free to 1500 women. \$1.00 will get you as many more issues as they can put out. Their address is: The Whole Woman Catalog

P.O. Box 1171
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
03801

PEOPLE'S FUND BAZAAR

The People's Fund, radical alternative to UGF, IS having a People's bazaar to raise seed money for operating costs Saturday, Feb. 19th at St. Mark's Church, 3rd & A S.E. They need people to contribute any kinds of goods that could be sold, such as baked goods, old clothing, toys, records, books, small furniture, kitchen utensils, etc. For more info. call the People's Fund at 387-8081, and be sure and come, cause a good time should be had by all.

SELF-HELP CLINICS

Recently, two women from a California women's group came thru Washington on a cross-country tour, to explain the basics of setting up Self-Help Clinics, which are self-help care groups to provide medical survival skills for women in the areas of gynecological exams, vaginal infections, VD detection, pregnancy, abortion, etc.. There are now aprox. five groups doing this and they can be contacted thru the Women's Phone (232-5145) Women, who would like to start a self-help care group should also call the Women's Phone and leave their names and tele. numbers. We will refer any names we have to the HEALTHWITCHES (D.C. Women's Health group) who are willing to give demonstrations of the skills involved.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

The following women are looking for discussion groups to become a part of. If you have an opening in yours, know of any open groups, or want to start one, please get in touch with them.

Linda Low
Wash., DC
tele: 234-2086

Ruth Krubit
Wash., DC
tele: 554-4884

Kay Schlegel
Arlington, VA
tele: 524-0132

Patricia Daly
Wash., DC
tele: 526-8309

Sharon Odel
Wash., DC
tele: 332-7321

WOMEN'S LIBRARY

In case you didn't know (cause we just found out) there is a women's library at the Women's Center of the University of Maryland. It's located at the Student Union on the 3rd floor and is open to all women. Tele: 454-5411.

WOMEN STUDIES SEMINARS

The oppression of women, the economics of sex, the women's liberation movement today and in the future are the subjects to be discussed in a series of seminars to be conducted by the International Institute of Women Studies over the next few months.

The series, entitled "Women's Revolution: Problems and Direction", will begin on Friday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. on the topic "Class in Behavioral Terms". It will deal with how class tensions can and have destroyed movement groups.

On Friday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. "Heterosexual Imperialism" will be the subject of discussion, followed by "The Politics of Lesbianism" on Wednesday, Mar. 8 at 2 p.m. with Charlotte Bunch and Rita Mae Brown, of the new lesbian/feminist monthly newspaper, The Furies.

For further information, contact the International Institute of Women Studies, 833-2630/31.

The D.C. headquarters of the National Women's Political Caucus is having a fund-raising benefit for operating expenses on February 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Shoreham Hotel. The speakers' program begins at 7:10, and M.C. will be Art Buchwald, with other speakers including Gloria Steinem, Helen Bentley, Bella Abzug, and Carol Ann Taylor. If you're into that kind of thing, you can call the office at 347-9658 to arrange for your \$25 ticket.

Also, the Virginia Women's Political Caucus is sponsoring an all-day workshop on January 29 at George Mason College; there may be a registration fee. Call Flora Crater at 573-8716 if you're interested. The workshops will include specific areas of interest such as campaign techniques, issues, legislative problems and priorities, and state and national laws.

The coordinator for the Maryland Women's Political Caucus is BeBe Bailey, owner of the Wheaton Daily News. Her number is 949-7333 or 871-7334. Audrey Cogley is the City Coordinator for D.C.; her number is 727-2086.

The Feminists are selling 1972 women's calendars for \$2. If you're interested, call 347-3776.

The abortion counselors welcome new volunteers to the group. Meetings are every Monday night at 8:00 at 3155 Adams Mill Road. They can especially use people who are able to volunteer during the day, but please come even if your only free time is at night. Also, they are starting self-help examinations during the Monday night meetings, so if you're interested please come!

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American University Women's Liberation is still attempting to correct inadequate gynecological services on campus. Initially, the university was unwilling to deal with the issue and attempted to arrest and suspend several women for conduct unbecoming after their confrontation in December. After the women's action, President Williams agreed to "provide basic gynecological services determined to be appropriate." However, President Williams recently decided that Planned Parenthood Inc. did not provide basic gynecological services and that prescription and use of birth control medications and devices cannot be provided by the university's new part-time gynecologist.

It is again clear that the university does not desire to meet the needs of its women students. President Williams' attitude toward health care continues to define the male body as the norm. Athletes receive special emergency orthopedic service, while at the same time, the university refuses to recognize pregnancy as an emergency or a health condition. Gynecological services are still regarded as abnormal. Women's Liberation at AU feels that the university's dispensation of health care discriminates by sex in refusing women the right to control their own bodies. They are still acting & moving.

George Washington Women's Liberation is holding informal seminars every Tuesday night on the fourth floor of Marvin Center, on 21st Street between H and I, at 8 p.m. The topics change almost every week, so one can join any time. If you're interested in more information, call Valle at 676-7863 or Aileen at 676-7661.

THE WOMAN'S PHONE

A woman has offered to purchase a telephone recording-message taking machine for the Woman's Phone. Even with the disadvantages of a machine, it seems preferable to having no answer at all. Phone calls usually come during the day, but that is when we have greatest difficulty staffing the phone. Since many of the calls are for abortion referrals, we could give the abortion counseling phone number in the recorded message. If you have suggestions as to how the machine could best be used, call Pat Webbink at 659-9364.

ORIENTATION COURSE

An orientation course may or may not be held in February. Anyone interested should call Leila Thomas at 363-7995.

!!!HELP!!!

As usual the women at the Phone are putting out a call for help in answering phones, and getting out the bulletin. One suggestion we have is that a discussion group or project group volunteer to take responsibility collectively for the Phone or the bulletin for one month. We feel this would be a benefit to the phone in terms of new ideas and good for a group of women as a collective experience. We are open to any group of women who would like to do this and would be willing to help in any way we can. Basically the bulletin can be about anything women want to write about, though we do get many requests for information on how to start a discussion group, what to use or how to put together an orientation course, help with divorce problems, health questions. If a bulletin was done around one of these areas, we could mimeo extra copies and send them out as free literature. At this point, we just refer such requests to the Community Bookstore, or Know, Inc. in Pittsburgh since they do reprints; we don't have the staff at present to run the phone and also fill literature requests too. So any help would be appreciated. If you have info to put in the bulletin or want to help in any way call us or write us. If calling you're most likely to reach us on Tuesdays betw. 1-5pm, Wednesdays, 7-9:30pm, Thursdays, 7-9:30pm or Fridays, 9am-5pm.

If you wish to subscribe to this newsletter, please send in \$2.00 (for one year) to D.C. Women's Phone, Box 13098, T Street Station, Washington, D.C. 20009. If you have any information which you would like to have put in the bulletin, please send it in to the same address or call 232-5145.

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DAY CARE

The Children's House on Wisconsin Avenue is closed, .n, due to threats from city officials. We were told that the house has faulty wiring, and that the day care center can not be in a frame house anyhow. We acquiesced and moved out for variety of reasons: in this particular situation our illegal position seemed poor, we weren't clear who we were fighting against, that particular house was not one we wanted to spend a lot of energy defending since it was too small, etc., etc. During the dismantling and moving process, we were sad and nostalgic, and many of us wished that we had found some way to fight harder to keep the house. We did hold a well publicized press conference which was attended only by WTOP and the Washington Post. In the press conference we talked about the need for day care in Washington, the difficulty in finding buildings which meet regulations, and the lack of government funds to upgrade buildings. WTOP had a 90-second note on the 10 o'clock news, and the Post had only a photo in most editions of the paper on Friday, Jan. 14.

Currently we are having the day care center in small groups in peoples' homes. Finding a new house has already proved very difficult. We are debating many questions such as which regulations to try to meet, whether we should apply for a license or remain underground as we did for the last 20 months, how to relate to needs for other types of day care in Washington rather than just meeting our own needs, etc. Anyone with comments, ideas, or a house is welcome to call Jeannine Sawers (726-3895) or other participants in the day care center.

SUPPORT YOUR SISTERS!

We would like to get a contact person from each area of Washington for women who call the phone for the first time and want support for their interest in women's liberation. Often a woman needs personal contact with another woman who has experienced similar feelings of discontent, anger, frustration, etc. The names of the contact women will be posted on a map of Metropolitan Washington at the Women's Phone. If you are willing to be a contact person, please call Judy Garrett at 683-1594 weekdays after 3:00 or weekends.

Women's Center

There will be a meeting to plan a Women's Center on Feb. 6th, Sunday at p.m. at the Community Bookshop, 2028 P st., 2nd floor. Call 347-3776 for verification of time.