

OFFICE COLLECTIVE

The Office Collective had a meeting on Oct. 3rd to work out a work schedule, responsibilities of project groups to the office, and start operation. The Office will be open from 10 am - 10 pm daily. It is hoped that 3 women will staff the Office at all times. Guidelines for volunteer hours (from project groups) were established. All project groups with 10 or more members will be responsible for covering a minimum of 10 office hours. Groups with less than 10 women will be responsible for as many volunteer hours as they have members. Representatives from the General Assembly are contributing a minimum 10 hours a week. Any woman who has time to volunteer, whether it's one hour or 4 hours, and would like to work in the Office, we need you! Call the Center, 232 -5145.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In the General Assembly meeting on September 28th, Gerri Traina was nominated to be one of the two co-treasurers, along with Linda Weston. The co-treasurers are responsible for signing all checks for the Women's Center, and will probably be responsible for supplies. They do not have bookkeeping responsibilities.

A Library Committee has been formed. Wendy Wechsler is the contact person for that group.

The Lesbian Office Collective has decided that they will not be using office space in the Center. So there is one vacant office room on the 3rd floor, which can be used for any of several alternatives: (1) living room for live-ins; (2) library; (3) combining both of the two possibilities listed above; (4) office for the D.C. Women's Political Caucus (if they decide to move in).

### GUIDELINES FOR LIVE-INS (as decided by General Assembly)

Applications should be in starting Oct. 9th, preferably between Oct. 9th and 15th.

- 1) Live-ins will not pay rent.
- 2) No men visitors will be allowed.
- 3) Women with children and full-time students may apply if they think they can meet all the responsibilities.
- 4) Live-ins will attend Coordinating Council meetings as non-voting members.
- 5) They will open up and close the Center.
- 6) They will be responsible for keys.
- 7) Live-ins should be willing to learn general maintenance knowledge.
- 8) They should expect to work 20 hours a week in coordination with the Office staff.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUMP AT THE SUN - Play written by, about and directed by a woman. Now playing at the Theatre Lobby until Oct. 24. Tickets: \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00. Call for reservations -- EX 3 - 5818.

### RAPE CRISIS CENTER

There will be a rape seminar at the University of Maryland on Oct. 12, 8:00 pm, Patterson Hall. The Rape Crisis Center will



1) Monday, Oct. 16th: The Rape Victim's Reactions and Needs.

- WOMAN: CHOICES AND CHALLENGES - presented by WETA-TV 26, began on Oct. 3rd, and will be aired every Tuesday at 9:00 pm and will be rerun on Fridays at 12:30 pm and Sundays at 6:00 pm.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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## SEXIST SHIT OF THE MONTH

## COORDINATING COUNCIL SUMMARY

Office Collective gave report. Gerri Traina is C.C. Rep. Live-in report was given by Bev. Furnace to be checked into. Exterminator to be called for rats and bugs. Extension and private phone to be installed on the 3rd floor. Front door to be fixed. There should be a publicity liason to the Women's Center from each project group. Discussion on mutual responsibilities of project groups and Center. (Maintenance, administrative, financial.) Final form of statement will be available at Center. Also discussed: how might these policies affect and/or change our direction as a Women's Center.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEWSLETTER POLICY

The newsletter will be worked on the first week of each month and received by sister-readers the second. We will try to include feminist political theories. We will include a monthly feature story on one project group. There will be summaries of General Assembly and Coordinating Council meetings, and a monthly calendar of meetings and events. We will concentrate on local women's news as a communications arm of the Women's Center. There will be envelopes in the Woman's Center for sisters to use for contributing articles and announcements.:

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## SELF-HELP

On Wednesday, September 27th, one of the women in our self-help group received a letter from the women at the Los Angeles Self-Help Clinic. The first part of the letter described how the clinic had been busted on the 20th of September and all "medical equipment" had been confiscated. The police also had warrants for two of our sisters at the clinic. The official charge was practicing medicine without a license. The specifics were: a) doing speculum examinations, b) doing pelvic examinations, c) telling women that yogurt can be used to cure yeast infections.

Our sisters cannot be prosecuted and convicted on these charges without the affidavits and testimony of other women. Self-help is not a doctor-patient situation, it is a participant relationship. A woman is involved in self-help to learn about her own body. Each piece of testimony should add not more evidence for the prosecution's case, but another "criminal" to be prosecuted. Our sisters in Los Angeles are asking for statements from women doing self-help all over the country to the effect that they have been doing self-help and will continue to do it.

If you wish to send a statement to the Los Angeles Self-Help Clinic the address is

746 Cranshaw Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90005

### Further Explanation on Live-Ins

See Page 2 - are you confused? Thought we had just printed live-in guidelines in the last newsletter? Well, we did. The ones on Page 2 are Revised - new improved guidelines.

The response to the previous guidelines was so overwhelming - two women applied - that the Live-in Committee decided to revise the guidelines so that there would be fewer responsibilities and less time commitment. The two women, Sharon Cochran and Bev Fisher, are now living in the Center. They moved in October 1. However, Bev is only staying until October 15 as she changed her mind after applying about living in.

So we still have a room available after the 15th for another woman. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, call the Center at 232-5145 or Pris Poe at 223-2337(h), 659-4698(w).

### Sojourner Truth School Class Change

The Self Defense: Karate Classes are all filled up. Sorry!

### Building is Shaping Up - But Oh So Slowly

We still need lots of workers on the common areas(halls, communications room, etc.). Sharon will coordinate this work and she is at the Center most of the time. Particularly, on Saturdays and Sundays starting in the morning around 10 a.m. we will be doing scraping, spackling, sanding, and painting. We need lots of paint and spackle.



## SOJOURNER TRUTH SCHOOL FOR WOMEN OPENS

The Washington Area Women's Center, an umbrella organization for diverse women's groups, will open its liberation school October 16, 1972.

TO REGISTER for one or more of the seventeen courses offered through the school, call the course teacher listed below and bring the registration fee to your first class. The fee is \$3.00, for those who can afford to pay, and covers one or more courses.

COME LEARN WITH US.

### COURSE LISTING

- I. INTRODUCTION At the Women's Center, 1736 R Street, N.W.  
Time to be arranged.

Overview of women and the women's movement, looking at both personal troubles and public issues. 1 & 2--Our Lives; 3--How We Grew--Socialization; 4, 5, 6, 7--Work/The Economy, Sex, Reproduction/The Fetus and the Footsoldier, Abortion, Birth Control; 8, 9, 10--Politics and Psychology of Women's Liberation and the women's movement generally. (Other sections with other formats also offered.)

CALL 544-1537 or 966-3729 after 7:00 p.m. for registration and information.

## II. FEMINIST STUDIES

- A. Perspectives on Strategy and Tactics in the Women's Movement  
Time and place to be arranged.

Different positions on the goals and methods of the women's movement presented by several Washington area feminists including Bev Fisher, Linda Carcione, Karen Kollias, Kathy Lipscomb. Some emphasis on unionism. CALL 544-1537 after 7:00 p.m. for registration and information.

- B. Women in Literature: A Psychological Overview  
Time and place to be arranged.

Using literature to examine psychological perceptions of women, dynamics of the family, neurosis and psychosis in women. Books to be used: I Never Promised You a Rose Garden, The Miracle Worker, Dora: A Case of Hysteria. (about a book a week)  
CALL Rebecca Eisenberg 836-7055.

- C. Mechanics of Poetry Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 P.M. Place to be arranged.

Study of poetic structures, a more careful look at the English language. Emphasis on learning traditions of poetry.  
CALL Rita Mae Brown, 547-4896.

- D. Women's Workshop in Poetry Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 P.M. Place to be arr.

For women who write and want to share the oral tradition.  
CALL LEE LALLY, 362-4149.

5. Politics of Prejudice Time and Place to be arranged.

Psychological aspects of action. How institutional prejudice is countered by legal reform.  
CALL Betty Decker, 705-1167.

6. How to Lobby for Women Friday, 2:30-4:00 P.M. Place to be arranged

Taught by Carol Harris, president of the Women's Lobby. Ten years of experience lobbying for the Equal Rights Amendment, also concentrating on day care and minimum wage legislation.  
CALL 684-1527

6. Wells Women Time and Place to be arranged.

How to use the press to get what you want. Study of women journalists, e.g., Ida Tarbell, past and present.  
CALL Linda Rogers at 227 San Jacinto, 243-0276.

7. Political Analysis of the Women's Movement Sunday, 9:00-11:00 P.M.

Different analysis of activities of the women's movement. Speculating analysis for the future.  
CALL Karen Griffin at 227-0276.

8. Women in Legislation Sunday, 2:30-4:00 P.M. Place to be arranged  
A study of roles of women in different legislatures. Each woman can select a legislature and check what the women, perhaps in contact with an article in feminist Carol Douglas. CALL 298-0231.

III. WILLS Information to help us control our own lives, choose sexuality, and become independent

A. Auto Mechanics Sun. or Mon. 9:00-11:00 P.M. Place to be arranged.  
General motor repair, tune up and alternator.  
CALL Karen Griffin, 227-0276.

B. First Aid and Basic Homeowner's Skills Tues. & Thurs. 7:00-8:00 P.M.  
Place to be arranged.  
8 hours of P.M. for Red Cross certification held at Red Cross. Meeting with overheads, teaching demonstrations, and practicing emergency treatment.

C. Home Repair Sun. or Mon. 9:00 P.M. at Women's Center  
Practical experience in carpentry, plumbing, electricity, painting, etc.  
CALL Liz Davis, 681-7700.

D. Self-Defense Thurs. Sun. & Mon. 2:30-3:00 P.M. P.M. to be arranged.  
CALL Karen Griffin at 227-0276.

E. Photography Wednesday, 8:30 P.M. Place to be arranged.  
Beginning photography. Second half emphasis developing & printing.  
Dark room available. Bring camera, supplies, film, etc.  
CALL together, 227-0276.

F. Speaking Sunday, 9:00-11:00 P.M. P.M. to be arranged.  
Developing skills, confidence and methods of presenting position related to the women's movement.  
CALL Karen Griffin at 227-0276.

G. Signs Thursday, 7:30-8:00 P.M. Place to be arranged.  
For beginners. Taught by Joyce P.  
CALL Sylvia Frank, 344-0231.



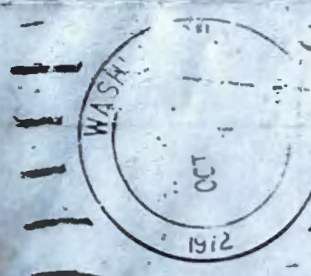
OFFICE COLLECTIVE HOURS - 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM (PLEASE SEE SIGN)

FINISH FILLING IN & POST ON FAVORITE WALL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9 7:30pm: ABORTION COUNSELORS' MEETING ♀ CENTER	10 7:30p: FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE 8:00p: DOMESTIC RELATIONS LEGAL COUNSELING MTG ♀ CENTER	11 7:30p: OFFICE COLLECTIVE MTG. ♀ C.	12 7:30p: COORDINATING COUNCIL 8:00p: RAPE SEMINAR, U. of MD.	13 7:30p: COFFEE HOUSE MTG. ♀ C.	14 10:00am: WORK CREWS ♀ CENTER	15
16	17 7:30pm: F.C.C.	18 7:30p: OFFICE	19 7:30p: C.C.	20 7:30p: COF. H.	21 10:00am: WORK CREWS	22
LIBERATION SCHOOL STARTS COURSES THIS WEEK						
	8:00pm: LEGAL PROJECT MTG. ♀ C.				N.O.W. SKILLS WORKSHOP 9:30a → 4:30p WOMEN'S CENTER	
23 8:00pm: ABORTION COUNSELING MTG. ♀ C.	24 7:30pm: FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE ♀ C.	25 7:30pm: OFFICE COLLECTIVE MTG. ♀ C.	26 7:30pm: GENERAL ASSEMBLY - BRING BEER ♀ C.	27 7:30pm: COFFEE HOUSE MTG.	28 10:00am: WORK CREWS	29
30	31 7:30pm: FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE WITCHES CELEBRATION	1 7:30pm: RAPE CRISIS CENTER ORIENTATION. # 333-RAPE 7:30pm: OFF. COLLECTIVE MTG. ♀ C.	2 7:30pm: COORDINATING COUNCIL	3 7:30pm: COFFEE HOUSE MTG. WOMEN'S DANCE !!! Marvin Center, G.W.U.	4 10:00am: WORK CREWS	5

SHE - WOMEN'S CENTER CALENDAR - 1736 R ST., N.W.  
OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

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