

Washington Area Women's Center

Friday

October 6, 1972

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The Women's Dance will now be held on Friday, November 3rd, at the George Washington University, Marvin Center Bldg. on 21st St. NW between Eye and H Sts., 3rd floor ballroom. Proceeds from the Dance/Benefit will be split between the Women's Center and G.W. Women's Liberation. There is a \$2.00 donation/entrance fee which includes free refreshments and bar. People who have sound equipment, or who know how to work it, or who are willing to learn, call Sue, 223 - 1589. If someone wants to create a poster (for publicity and/or to sell at the Dance) call Valle, 628 - 0314.

PROJECT GROUPS NEWS

RADIO FREE WOMEN

On Mondays, starting Oct. 9th, Sophie's Parlor - an all-women's music show, will be on the air (WGTB, 90.1 FM) starting at 12:00 noon. Following up at 2:30 pm will be the new Radio Free Women Show. Radio Free Women will be repeated at 7:00 pm Tuesday. R.F.W. is also planning a show on high-school women and feminism. They need participants and workers. Contact Laura or Lark at 338 - 4727.

COFFEE HOUSE MEETINGS - FRIDAYS - 7:30 pm, Women's Center.

FEMINIST COUNSELLING COLLECTIVE -- is organizing new consciousness - raising groups. Regional: Arlington, Chevy Chase, & D.C. Women's Center. Contact 654-1760.

LIBRARY PROJECT: needs old notebooks, file cabinet, file folders, 3 x 5 cards, current and past issues of publications, old and new flyers (re: demonstrations, etc.), and gift subscriptions. Please drop off donations at Women's Center. Contact Wendy, 362 - 7354, Caroline, 667 - 4830, Marlene 667 - 8424.

FEMINIST VIDEO PROJECT - needs access to $\frac{1}{2}$ " video equipment and more women. Contact Janice - 547 - 3986.

D.C. RADICAL FEMINISTS ios now closed except to those who have attended one of the first five meetings. Three smaller interest groups have formed. For more info' contact Hildy 462 - 2958. To start or join more groups, leave you name and number at Women's Center.

LESBIAN PROJECT will meet Sun. Oct. 15, 2:00 pm at the Center.
All interest lesbians welcome.

MAIN OFFICE URGENTLY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: a three hole punch, a large supply cabinet, vertical files (for library), lamps, rug, desk organizers.

OFFICE COLLECTIVE

The Office Collective had a meeting on Oct. 3rd to work out a work schedule, responsibilities of project groups to the 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

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also be holding a series of four seminars at All Souls Church,
15th & Harvard Sts., NW, from 7:30 to 10:30 pm on the following
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- 1) Monday, Oct. 15th: The Rape Victim's Reactions and Needs.
- 2) Tuesday, Oct. 24th: Rape and Fear after Rape.
- 3) Monday, Oct. 30th: Rape and its effect upon interpersonal relationships.
- 4) Monday, Nov. 6th: Rape and Guilt.

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

"Communism will seem like child's play compared to feminism."

Kathy
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SEXIST SHIT OF THE MONTH

The Evening Star is doing Super Sexist subscription ads. (One was heard on WGMS.) Don't read it and let them know why!

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 liaison 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 Women'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

745 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.

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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.

6. Skills of Pejorative Time and Place to be arranged.
Psychological aspects of sexism. ~~the~~ Feminist perspective
to counteract the sexist pattern.
CALL Barry Seltzer, 785-1167.

7. How to lobby for women Friday, 2-19-8-08 P.M. Place to be arranged
Taught by Carol Morris, president of the Women's Lobby. Two years
of experience lobbying for the Equal Rights Amendment. ~~the~~ conser-
vatives do the same and often ~~the~~ legislation.
CALL 544-1527

8. Media Power Time and Place to be arranged.
How to use the press to get what you want. Study of some journalists.
Sue and Edie Tannenbaum, and others.
CALL Media Power 877-1144 or Edie.

9. Political Analysis of the Women's Movement Tuesday, 3-28-8-08 P.M.
Different analysis of the issues of the women's movement. Feminist
analysis for the future.
CALL Karen Seltzer at 877-1144.

10. Women in Reservation Tuesday, 4-4-8-08 P.M. Place to be arranged
A study of women in various Indian communities. Each woman can
select a reservation and others after the lecture. Perhaps we can have an
exhibit of Indian women. CALL 544-1527.

III. Skills: Information to write an article on sex, discrimination, and
racism "background".

A. Book Publishing Mon. or Tues., 4-10-8-08 P.M. Place to be arranged.
General writing, editing, and publishing.
CALL Karen Seltzer, 877-1144.

B. Press, TV and Radio Interview Skills Tues. & Thurs., 4-18-8-08 P.M.
Place to be arranged.
Skills of t. & r. for local media and radio media as well. TV news, radio
with questions, answering questions, and conducting community broadcast.
CALL Karen Seltzer, 877-1144.

C. Self-Promotion Tuesdays, 4-25-8-08 P.M. Place to be arranged.
Practical techniques to advertising, publishing, speaking, writing, etc.
CALL Karen Seltzer, 877-1144.

D. Personality Wednesday, 5-2-8-08 P.M. Place to be arranged.
Improving your image. ~~the~~ Skills ~~and~~ background ~~and~~ advertising & writing.
Self ~~image~~ analysis, writing ~~articles~~, ~~publications~~, ~~TV~~, etc.
CALL Karen Seltzer, 877-1144.

E. Speeches Tuesdays, 5-9-8-08 P.M. Place to be arranged.
Oratorical skills, confidence and methods of presenting positions re-
lating to the women's movement.
CALL Karen Seltzer at 877-1144.

F. Press Thursday, 5-16-8-08 P.M. Place to be arranged
for interviews. Taught by Barry S
CALL Barry Seltzer, 785-1167.

514E - WOMEN'S CENTER CALENDAR - 1736 R ST., N.W.
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9/1	10/	11/	12/	13/	14/	15/
7:30pm: ABORTION COUNSELORS' MEETING ♀ CENTER	7:30p: FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE 8:00p: DOMESTIC RELATIONS LEGAL COUNSELING MTG ♀ CENTER	7:30p: OFFICE COLLECTIVE MTG. ♀ C.	7:30p: COORDINATING COUNCIL 8:00p: RAPE SEMINAR, U.O.F. MO.	7:30p: COFFEE HOUSE MTG. ♀ C.	10:00am: WORK CREWS ♀ CENTER	
16/	17/ 7:30pm: FCC	18/ 7:30p: OFF.C	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/	24/	25/	26/	27/	28/	29/
8:00pm: ABORTION COUNSELING MTG. ♀ C.	7:30pm: FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE ♀ C.	7:30 PM: OFFICE COLLECTIVE MTG. ♀ C.	7:30 PM: GENERAL ASSEMBLY - BRING BEER ♀ C.	7:30 PM: COFFEE HOUSE MTG. ♀ C.	10:00am: WORK CREWS	
30/	31/	1/ 7:30pm: RAPE CRISIS CENTER ORIENTATION. # 333-RAPE	2/ 7:30 PM: COORDINATING COUNCIL	3/ 7:30pm: COFFEE HOUSE MTG. ♀ C.	4/ 10:00am: WORK CREWS	5/
		7:30 PM: FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE WITCHES CELEBRATION	7:30 pm: OFF. COLLECTIVE MTG. ♀ C.	7:30pm: WOMEN'S DANCE !!! Marvin Center, G.W.U.		

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