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AT JANUS IN SEPTEMBER

WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Women film directors whose critically acclaimed work rarely is shown commercially, will be the focus of a two-week long Women's Film Festival co-sponsored by the Washington Area Women's Center and the Janus Theatre. This is the first major women's film festival in the Washington area and the majority of the films have never been seen by a local audience. The basic scheme of the festival is to show the reality of women in a male-dominated world and through the camera lens to find reflections of ourselves. With few exceptions these films are by and about women.

The festival opens Wednesday, September 19 and will run through October 2, featuring feature-length and short films by such artists as Nelly Kaplan, Mai Zetterling, Barbara Loden, Marta Meszaros, Agnes Varda, Claudia Weill, Maya Deren, Vera Chytilova, Constance Beeson plus local filmmakers whose work has never been shown before..

The Women's Center will share equally in any profits of the Festival and will have a special benefit night, on Saturday, September 29, for which all proceeds will go to the Center. Benefit night will feature "Women's Happy Time Commune," a spoof on westerns made by a New York women's cooperative. Special subscription books will soon be available at the Center, at Community Bookshop (2028 P St., N.W.) and at the Janus (Connecticut and R St., N.W.) for seven programs -- excluding Friday and Saturday nights - at \$12.50 per book. Single programs will run at the regular Janus rate.

A U.S. premiere of Nelly Kaplan's Film, "Papa Les Petits Bateaux," a spoof on sex stereotyping and gangsters, will highlight the festival opening on September 19. Another Kaplan film, "A Very Curious Girl," which has received both critical and popular acclaim, will be shown both the 19th and 20th.

On the following flyer is a tentative schedule of films to be shown, films international in scope, representing Canada, the United States, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, France, Italy, Africa and other Third World countries. It's growing to be an exciting two weeks and it's about time!

(For further information, call Barbara Lubinski or Gerri Traina at the Women's Center, 232 - 5145)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: WOMEN'S FILM FEST

Wednesday, September 19

Matinee: A Very Curious Girl by Nelly Kaplan; The Seashell and the Clergyman by Germaine Durlac; Fun on Mars by Sally Cruikshank.

Evening: Papa Les Petits Bateaux by Nelly Kaplan (a U.S. premier); Meshes of the Afternoon by Maya Deren and Two Right, Two Left, Drop One by Recha Jungman.

Thursday, September 20

Matinee: Papa Les Petits Bateaux, Meshes of the Afternoon and Two Right, Two Left, Drop One.

Evening: A Very Curious Girl, The Seashell and the Clergyman and Fun on Mars.

Friday, September 21

Matinee: Cleo From 5 to 7 by Agnes Varda; Izy Bonkur by Nancy Graves; Charlie Company by Nancy Edwell and Schmeerguntz by Dorothy Wiley.

Evening: Same as Matinee.

Saturday, September 22

Matinee: Free Breathing (Good Riddance) by Marta Metzaro; Women and Children at Large by Freuda Bartlett and How the Hell Are You?

Evening: Same as Matinee

Sunday, September 23

Matinee: The Lizards by Linda Wertmuller; It Happens to Us by Amalie Rothschild and Riverbody.

Evening: Women Arts Film Project.

Monday September 24

Matinee: Same as Sunday Matinee

Evening: Something Different by Vera Chytilova; After the Vote by Bonnie Kreps; Holding by Constance Beeson, and Chowfill by Sally Cruikshank.

Tuesday, September 25

Matinee: Same as Sunday September 24, Evening performance.

Evening: Three Lives by Kate Millet; Birth Film by Susan Kleckner and Chowfill by Sally Cruikshank.

Wednesday, September 26

Matinee: Growing Up Female by Julia Reichart; I Am Somebody by Madeleine Anderson and Anything You Want to Be by Liane Brandon.

Evening: Dream Life; Women's House; Four Women by Illanga Witt.

Thursday September 27

Matinee: Same as Matinee Wednesday September 26.

Evening: Same as evening Wednesday September 26.

Friday September 28

Matinee: Gertrude Stein by Adato; Georges Aqvi by Michele Rosier; Pierre Valiere by Warland.

Evening: Women's Happy Time Commune by Shula Page, Andromeda: Encounter.

Saturday, September 29

Matinee: Same as Matinee Friday, September 28.

Evening: BENEFIT NIGHT Women's Happy Time Commune; Domestic Tranquility by Harriet Kruge; Just Looking by Suzanne Armstrong; Sweet Bananas by Ariel Dougherty; Fear by Jean Shaw plus workshop by women making films.

Sunday, September 30

Matinee: Black Woman; Fear Woman (repeated Monday October 1, Eve.)

Evening: Sambizanga; Behind the Veil (repeated Monday Oct. 1 Mat.)

Tuesday OCT 2, Mat and Eve, Dr. Glas; Could Tell a Whole Lot More.



CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER - 1973

- SEPTEMBER 6 Coordinating Council
- SEPTEMBER 8 NOW General Meeting - 10 AM, ALL SCULS CHURCH
- SEPTEMBER 12 1st Meeting of SOPHIE'S PARLOR
- SEPTEMBER 13 Last date for registration for FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE training program
- * SEPTEMBER 19 Opening of WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL
- SEPTEMBER 20 Coordinating Council
- SEPTEMBER 26 Collating Party (Newsletter) 6 PM
- SEPTEMBER 29 Special benefit night for Women's Center WOMENS FILM FESTIVAL
- * SEPTEMBER 19 Newsletter Editing Meeting , 7 PM

EVERY	WEDNESDAY	MOTHERS CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP 7:30 at the Women's Center
	MONDAY	SELF-DEFENSE at Sumner School 7:30-9:30 PM
	MONDAY	ABORTION CONSELING at Women's Center 6 - 8 PM
	TUESDAY	6 - 8 PM
	WEDNESDAY	7 - 9:30 PM
	THURSDAY	10 - 12 7:30 - 9:30 PM

LAST MINUTE ADDITION: SEPTEMBER 21 Meg Christian at Sophie's Parlor
at 8:30

RAPE CRISIS CENTER

This month promised to be a hectic one at the RAPE CRISIS CENTER. Hearings of City Council will be held September 18 - 20 on the recommendations presented by the D.C. Task Force on rape. For the past several months Billie Malkin from the Crisis Center and Mary Helen Mautner from WLDF have been representing their groups on the task force, along with representatives from the Corporate Counsel's Office, the Council on the Status of Women and Lee Cross from the District Attorneys office. While the report and recommendations are not as strong as they could be, many important changes are suggested. The next step, the hearings, are for any women or group to express their opinion on the recommendations to the Council. This is especially important in the area of administrative procedures over which City Council has authority. The Crisis Center and many of its members will be testifying, and trying to coordinate activities in connection with the hearings. Any woman wanting to testify or contribute to the Center's presentation can call the Rape Crisis Center at 333 - RAPE for information. Arrangements to testify can be made through Tedson Myer's office at the City Council number.

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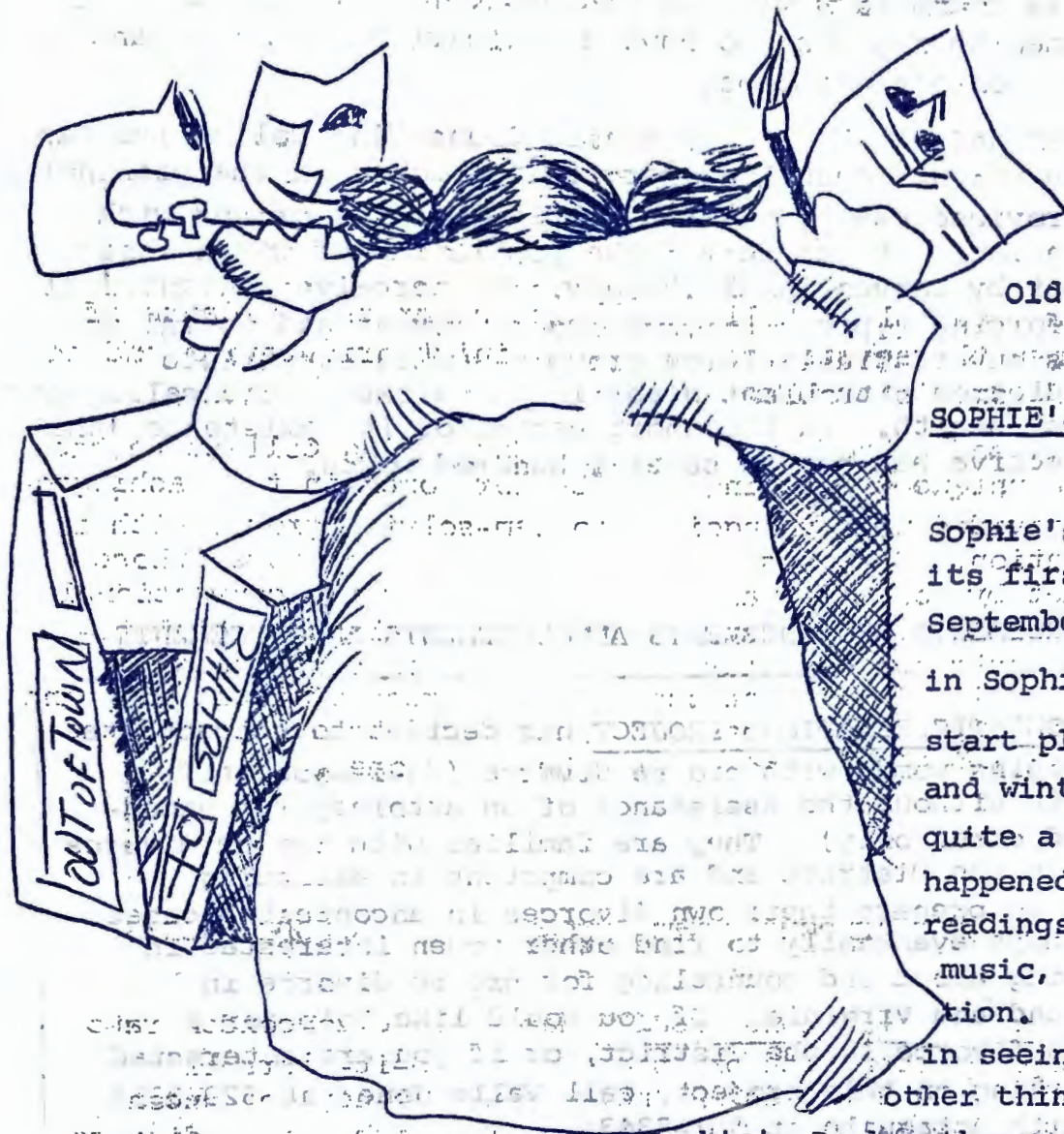
There have also been some changes at the Center. Open meetings are held every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Each meeting has a specific subject with a working paper. As always the Center needs more volunteers. Any students in a Work-Study Program interested in the political, legal or medical aspects of the problem of rape can get credit for their work at the Center. For more information call the Rape Crisis Center.

ABORTION AGENCY EVALUATION -1-

The Women's Health and Abortion Information Collective has been doing an evaluation of abortion clinics and referral agencies in the area. Part of their evaluation was published in the July - August issue of Off Our Backs. Besides giving general advice on how to pick a clinic, the article lists specific abortion referral agencies under three categories: rip-off agencies, fronts, and legitimate agencies. This information should help you avoid referral agencies that charge up to double the price of an abortion itself and agencies that are merely fronts for their own clinics. More information on the Collective's evaluation will appear in the September issue of Off Our Backs. This article will specifically evaluate fifteen abortion clinics themselves. In addition to making abortion referrals, the Collective does pregnancy tests and gives out information on birth control methods, venereal disease, and women's health concerns. Their hours are: Monday 6 - 8; Tuesday 6 - 8; Wednesday 7 - 9:30, and Thursday 10 - 12, 7:30 - 9:30. They are located at the Women's Center and their number is 483 - 4632.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ABORTION INFORMATION COLLECTIVE

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
6 - 8	6 - 8	7 - 9:30	10 - 12 7:30 - 9:30
Women's Center, 1736 R St., N.W., Wm., D.C. Telephone 483 - 4632			



Old and New People
Welcomed!

SOPHIE'S BACK IN TOWN !!

Sophie's Parlor is having its first meeting Wednesday September 12 at 8:00 PM in Sophie's Parlor to start plans for this fall and winter. Last spring quite a variety of things happened including poetry readings, drama, lots of music, and good conversation. If you are interested in seeing this and/or other things happening in

Sophie's Parlor then come to the meeting

to share your ideas. Also we always need current lists of women writers, actors, musicians, and artists.

Sophie's Parlor offers a good opportunity to develop your artistic skills in front of a participating group. We also have operated as a referral so that many more opportunities can open up to develop and you show your talent. Call Nancy at 547-0611 or leave your name and number with the Women's Center.

WANT TO BE AN FCC* COUNSELOR --- *FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE

The Feminist Counseling Collective, a project of the Washington Area Women's Center, will be starting its training program for women who want to become para-professional feminist group counselors. Interviewing of prospective counselors will start in the middle of September. Those interested in applying can call 234-3726.

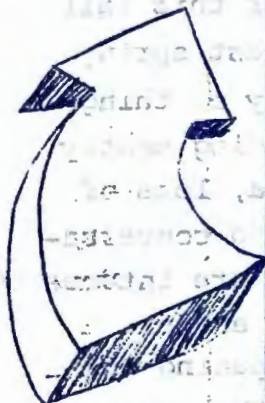
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Those selected as counselors will be trained under the guidance of professional women therapists who have a feminist orientation and an understanding of women's problems.

For the past year and a half, the Feminist Counseling Collective has been providing a unique counseling service for women in the Washington area. It has provided weekly ongoing problem-solving groups with a feminist orientation. It has served the population of women whose needs are not met by conventional therapy, who perceive conventional therapy as reinforcing typical stereotypes of sexual and social inferiority. This substantially large group of women constitute a significant population with unmet needs in the areas of counseling and preventive mental health. In the short period of its existence, the Counseling Collective has served several hundred women.

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The DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROJECT has decided to concentrate on helping women with pro se divorce (do-it-yourself divorce without the assistance of an attorney for uncontested cases only). They are familiar with pro se divorce laws in the District and are competent in assisting women to prepare their own divorces in uncontested cases. They hope eventually to find other women interested in learning about and counseling for pro se divorce in Maryland and Virginia. If you would like help for a pro se divorce in the District, or if you are interested in working on this project, call Valle Jones at 623-0314 or Faith Attaguile at 387-7343.



Arabel Diamant and Lynette Riley are presenting a program on SEXISM IN PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S BOOKS at the NOW General Meeting on September 8, 10 AM at All Souls Church. The program is based on a study they and other women did of the picture book collection of Montgomery County Public Libraries.



FURNITURE - The FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE has some items they would like to give away - a large desk with typewriter space; a huge clothes cabinet; and a very old and heavy air conditioner.....up for grabs.



BEGINNING SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN - 10 week course - Monday evenings 7:30 - 9:30 PM - Sumner School (take right side entrance to basement), 17th and M Sts., N.W. (across from National Geographic) - First Class, Monday, August 27, 1973 (Bring old, loose-fitting slacks or shorts)
FOR MORE INFO: Sue 234-8047 or Marie 667-5901 or 234-4561.

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MOTHERS CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP will meet on Wednesday nites at 7:30, Women's Center. Further information, call Laurie at Women's Center.

DAY CARE CO-OP; 2½ and 3½ year olds looking for space. Looking for more children also. We need volunteers!!! Call Susan 397-0639 (nites), Liz 783-6088 (days).

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) is currently seeking a full-time WOMEN COORDINATOR. For more information contact Office of Personnel 755-5398. HUD 451 7th St. S.W., Room 22-80, Washington, D.C. 20410

Sign up still available for AUTO MECHANICS for the Fall. Women's Center.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Three issues on the agenda of the meeting August 9th sparked controversy at the Coordinating Council Meeting. The first item was the Newsletter Committee's request to ask for a \$2.00 donation per year for the Newsletter. An itemized list of newsletter expenses was presented. Valie Jones from Domestic Relations objected strenuously to charging money or cutting down the mailing list. She pointed out that the newsletter is the only contact that many women have with the Center; that it is, perhaps, our only mass outreach potential at this time. She also brought up the point that some women cannot pay for the newsletter. Some skepticism was expressed by various members of the Coordinating Council though they had not been recognized at this point. Someone said that the point of cutting the mailing list was to remove people who showed no interest in receiving it. After further discussion it was unanimously approved that the newsletter ask a \$2 donation, but make provision for women who can't afford it. Anyone who does not respond by December 10th will be removed from the mailing list.

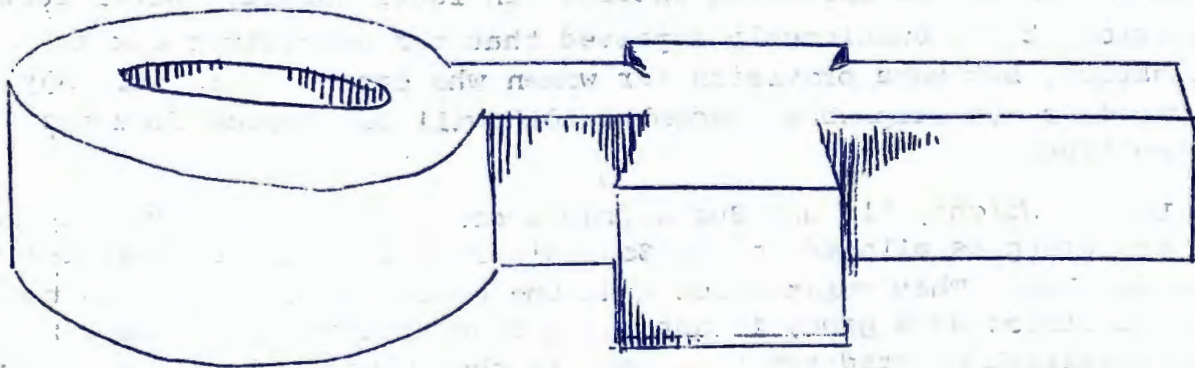
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Laurie Wright, Kim and Susan, from a cooperative playgroup, asked that the group be allowed to use Sophie's Parlor during the day after September 1st. They pointed out that the Center is not used and that Sophie's Parlor as a group is not using that area during the day. Barbara Rellick pointed out that this is the summer and no one is very

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active in the summer. Others pointed out that Feminist Counseling Collective had been asked to hold their meetings elsewhere when possible since there has not been room enough for all their meetings - so what was this about the Center being "under utilized"? Gerri Traina and Jean from Abortion Counseling, wanted to know if the group was open to all children of women in the Center. Laurie and Susan said it was and that they had been trying to get other children in the group. Barbara asked Liz Dunst, from WLDF, what the legal position of the Center would be, as the play school is not part of the Center. Liz said it should be checked on. The position of Sophie's Parlor was not known since they had no representative present. The final resolution was that the play school group should talk to Sophie's Parlor, perhaps through a medium and Barbara should check on the legal aspects.

The next item was the idea of a Crisis Unit at the Center. Various representatives were asked what their groups could contribute to a crisis unit both long and short term. The consensus was that while interested in the total idea of the project no group could pledge short term energy now either because of the size of the group or their own groups demanding all their energy. FCC expressed the ability to participate on a long term basis later. Liz said she would raise the question at the September meeting of WLDF. Jean Horan said that while Abortion Counselors didn't have the energy to work on the crisis unit, they would be willing to train others in how to do abortion counseling. Domestic Relations stated they would be working on pro se divorce in the Fall and they could also work in a training capacity only. Barbara brought up the fact that since we do not have the funds now, a crisis unit would need large core of volunteers to sustain it until funds were available. Liz wanted it clarified whether having a crisis unit in the Center would mean the present project groups would not have use of the Center. It was decided that a precise plan would have to be presented before any intelligent decision could be made by either CC or Project Groups. Valle motioned that the Meeting be adjourned. Everyone seconded.

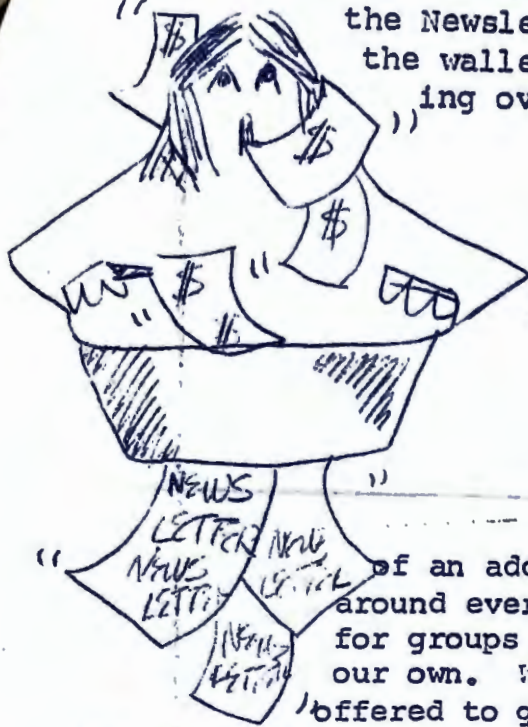


URGENT! YOU MUST READ THIS TO CONTINUE RECEIVING
THE NEWSLETTER

The amount of time, energy, and money being poured into the Newsletter these days boggles the mind, the body, and the wallet. Our multiplying mailing list, now numbering over 1200, demands the use

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of an addressograph machine. Since we can't go scrounging around every month for groups to borrow one every month for groups to borrow one from, we'll have to buy one of our own. We also need an electro-stencil, which NOW has offered to go halves on, in order to improve the quality of the Newsletter. Paper, ink, and postage run over \$1,000 per year, and another \$100 has to be allotted for repairing the Gestetner and other machines. The Newsletter staff feels we cannot afford to meet these expenditures and go on sending out the Newsletter unless we begin to receive donations for it. Accordingly, we are asking that you contribute \$2 in order to receive the Newsletter for a year. If you feel you really can't afford \$2 per year, you receive the Newsletter if you fill out the form below anyway. Besides needing the money, we also need to know that you are still interested in the Center and you still want to receive the Newsletter. Since the Post Office doesn't return bulk rate mail, this is the only way we have of updating our mailing list and weeding out old addresses. **IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER AFTER NOVEMBER, YOU MUST SEND IN THE FOLLOWING FORM:**

I wish to continue receiving the newsletter and my contribution is enclosed.....

I wish to continue receiving the newsletter but cannot send a contribution.....

I no longer wish to receive the newsletter.....

Are you presently active in a project group? Yes No

If so, which Project Group? _____

Do you have have time that you could volunteer staffing at the Center or with a Project Group? Health Abortion Counseling Sophie's Parlor Library Rape Crisis Center Office Staff Feminist Counseling Collective Child Care

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

_____ (zip code, please)

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FORUM

FORUM is intended to provide a means of airing different issues relating to the Women's Center and to feminism in the open. It is written entirely by those of the Women's Center, nor those of the Newsletter staff, but those of the individuals who wrote them.

All articles submitted to FORUM must be signed. The Newsletter will not edit on the basis of political opinion, but may edit on the basis of space or coherency. (If substantial changes in an article need to be made, the author will be informed.)

We hope that FORUM will promote healthy debate at the Women's Center. So get your thoughts together and contribute to the October issue. The deadline is September 15.

Dear Sisters -

I'd like to use FORUM to make a suggestion and explain it. I think it's time for us to get our heads together - and ourselves together. Many women have dropped out altogether; others have been away for the summer. Gradually we seem to have lost touch with each other (but) for those few women who are very active in the Center and/or live in a women(s) collective and keep in touch informally); attendance at meetings has been sparse, discussion about how to spend the long sought money from the Meyer Foundation has been slight and without strong conviction; nobody seems to have a clear vision of where the WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER is going or should go. A crisis center has been suggested and is clearly needed but the implications of a large sum of grant money and operating such a center need far more thoughtful discussion. Are people agreeing to create a crisis center because they haven't heard any other suggestions? Should we expand before what we have is solidly together? I have no answer but raise the question.

My suggestion is a WANC retreat hopefully for late September where WOMEN'S CENTER women can have a weekend away from others, together to rap informally and meet in scheduled workshops, have a dance, cook and play baseball together. Perhaps Brookmont Church would still be available or Skyline Drive or use some of our money to rent a place outside the city. I would hope that at the retreat each project and affiliated group present to the others a statement of what they're doing. (Yes, we really have lost touch.) In another session the women from the projects would consciously split up so that each discussion group would include members of the various projects plus we have forgotten women who are not involved with any particular project but have interest in and affiliation with the Center. These groups could discuss a variety of issues such as "the future of the Center," "the nature of leadership, & the women's movement," "how to continue recruitment and participation," "is participatory democracy a new left myth," "children and feminism" etc. Although spring is traditionally the time for the rebirth let's make this fall a time of renewal. We've been in the Center a year. I think it's time to take stock; look at what we've done in the past year; look at what we've meant to do but haven't gotten around to doing and what we would like to do the near and more distant future. It can really be an exciting and valuable time, a retreat to help us advance.

Sue Martin

FORUM

There's always time for a good novel. I've been finding a lot of enjoyment in discovering women novelists of the past and present who are depicting women alone and relating with each other. Any of these can be gotten by filling out a postcard at your local library branch. Here are a few to check out:

The Day We Were Mostly Butterflies & The Velocipede Handicap by Louise King
Les Guerillieres by Monique Wittig.

The Well of Loneliness by Radclyffe Hall

This Is Not for You by Jane Rule

The Dark Island by Victoria Sackville-West

The Pure and the Impure by Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf

The Microcosm by Maureen Duffy

Daughters of the Moon by Joan Haggerty

Here's more that I haven't checked yet, but are next on my list:

Things As They Are by Gertrude Stein

La Batarde by Violette Leduc

The Golden Notebook by Doris Lessing

How about sending in your favorites to the newsletter?

Nancy Haldeman

R E S O U R C E L I S T

CHILD CARE AND MOTHER'S
CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING
Laurie 232-5145 (afternoons)
Susan 387-0639

SOPHIES PARLOR
Nancy Haldeman 547-0611

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS
Liz Milbrandt 654-1760

SPEAKER'S BUREAU
Leave your name and no. at
the W.C. Office, 232-5145

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
Valle Jones 628-0314 (eves.)
Faith Attaguile 387-7343

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC
Bette Goldperson 966-9138
Jamie Agins 244-5617

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION
Gayla Salinas 530-1959
Nancy Balles 362-1895

WOMEN'S LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
Answering Service 232-5293

FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE
Answering Service 234-3726

WOMEN'S PAINTING CREW
462-2371

HEALTH AND ABORTION INFORMATION
483-4632

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Debbie Dwornak 726-5071
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Ruth Terry 232-5197

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Anne Hatfield 522-3497

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232-7533

RAPE CRISIS CENTER
333-RAPE

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CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING
Laurie 231-2142 (afternoon)
Susan 327-0622

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS
Liz Whitman 624-1780
Leave for home and no. 22
The W.O. Office, 322-2142

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
Valie James 823-0314 (evening)
Felic McLaughlin 387-7343
WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC
Betty Gutenson 268-2138
Jocelyn 244-2617

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION
Gayle Saline 232-1929
Nancy Saline 262-1892
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FUND
Arlene 262-2593

FEMINIST CONSULTING COLLECTIVE
Assisting Service 234-2722
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
232-2142

HEALTH AND NUTRITION INFORMATION
423-4622
LIBERATION SCHOOL
Leave for home and no. 22
The W.O. Office, 322-2142

LIBRARY
Gayle Saline 232-1929
NEWSPAPERS
Gayle Saline 232-1929
Nancy Saline 262-1892

WOMEN'S VIOLENCE
Daphne Barker 726-2071
If no answer, call
Ruth 232-2142

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