

WASHINGTON AREA & WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS

JUNE 1975

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1 MARKET DAY on Capitol Hill, 7th & C.S.E. WAFCU Raffle. Barbara Dane 8pm All Souls Church Chamansky Sisters 8:30 Hand Chapel	2 Chamansky Sisters 8:30 pm Hand Chapel; Mt. Vernon College	3 Women's Center Exec. Board meeting 5:30. Quest Seminar 8 pm 1901 Q St. NW Discussion on the 3rd Issue on the Selfhood of Women	4	5 Casse Club Madame WAFT production When Wombs were Tombs and Mothers Glass. 8:30 Mt. Vernon College	6 WAFT	7 WAFT 
8 WAFT	9	10	11	12 WAFT Andrea Weltman Club Madame	13 WAFT Andrea Weltman and Casse Culver in Concert. 8:30 All Souls Church \$3.00	14 COMMUNICATING FEMINISM The Feminist Media: Its Production & Power. 10 am - 12:30 pm Mt. Vernon Campus. WAFT
15 WAFT	16	17	18	19 Willie Club Madame 	20 WAFT	21 WAFT
22 WAFT	23	24	25	26 Mary Trevor Club Madame	27	28
29	30					

Communicating

Feminism:

On June 14, more than fifteen feminist organizations, businesses and collectives concerned with both the creative and technical aspects of media and communications will come together at the Mt. Vernon College campus and present a day-long series of films, theater productions, workshops and exhibits.

The primary focus of the day will be on the political nature of the media: what power do we as feminists in communications have and why; how do we relate to the traditional media outlets and their measure of control over our community; how do we adapt and develop traditional media forms to communicate a feminist cultural perspective? These and other questions will be examined through sculpture, photography, paintings, drawings, and graphics as well as theater, films, music and poetry. Workshops dealing with specific subjects such as feminist radio, theater and journalism; the nature of the collective process, the development of feminist businesses; and the politics of feminist media will be held throughout the day.

Women are encouraged to come and share their art, music, and poetry as well as their opinions. An open poetry reading and concert will be held Saturday evening prior to the dance. Men are welcome to all events except for designated films and the dance. Childcare will be provided. A general donation of \$2.50, \$1.50 for WAFC members, is asked to defray the cost of films, printing, and publicity. Bring a picnic and stay all day!!! Beverages will be available.

Productions and Politics of the Feminist Media

PARTICIPATING GROUPS

Washington Women's Art Center
Washington Area Feminist Theater
off our backs
Quest
Spectra Feminist Video
Hera Audio Productions
Feminist Radio Network
Sophies Parlor, WGTB
Earth Onion Theater
Iris
Women in Distribution
The Women
Olivia Record Co.
Media Reports to Women
1st Things 1st
Writing On
Athena Productions

10:00 All Day: Sculpture, painting & photography exhibits
WAFT open house
Picnicking & beer

11:00 Films from the Women's Film Co-op and local filmmakers

12:00 Spectra Feminist Video's tape showing. Video letters from across the country.

1:00 Children's theater production
Films

1:30 Workshop: Women in production
Athena + WAFT + Iris Farms

2:00 Workshop: Working in a collective structure

2:30 Earth Onion Theater

3:00 Workshop: Politics of Feminist Media *FRN, Quest, Spectra, Hera, Iris, WAFT*

3:30 Writing On

4:00 Workshop: Feminist Theater

4:30 Workshop: Feminist Journalism

5:00 "The Women" Theater

5:30 Workshop: Feminist Radio
Feminist Businesses *Hera, 1st Thurs, 1st*

6:00 Movies: Queen Christina
80,000,000 Women Want

8:30 WAFT Production
Open poetry reading & concert

10:00 Dance(women only)



announcements, etc.

GRAND OPENING of THE GREASE PALACE!!!!!!
Sat. June 7, Sue Sasser and Terri Carta
will open their auto repair service
station inside Glen Echo Park at MacArthur
Blvd. & Goldsboro Rd. From noon to
3 p.m. free beer, punch and popcorn
will be served and door prizes of free
auto services will be awarded. Don't
miss it!! Support our growing
feminist businesses!!!!

Women who are thinking about going to
Mexico City for the International
Women's Year Conference June 19-July 2
and who wish to coordinate the parti-
cipation of women from the East Coast
should contact Frances Doughty, 831
Carroll St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215.
(212)789-5956.

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trades to be included in other affirmative
action proposals. For more info
contact Ani at 387-4808 or Libby at
244-2490.

Women who are interested in attending
the Socialist-Feminist Conference in
Yellow Springs, Ohio July 4-6 should
call 332-4282 to find out more info.

The Ja Shin Do Academy is accepting new
students June 9. Ja Shin Do, the Way of
Self Belief, is a women's martial art,
developed by two women to meet our self-
defense needs. For more information
regarding class schedules, dues, and
future starting dates, call Joan Chernock
at home 234-4047 or work 477-6219.

A free course in self-defense involving
judo and karate will be taught Sat. June
21 and 28 at 2 p.m. For more info, call
Debbie at 941-3274.

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husbands or lovers--Spectra Feminist
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"Battered Women" and would like to inter-
view women who have had such experiences.
If you are interested in sharing them,
anonymously or otherwise, call Debbie
at 543-1223.

WOMEN interested in learning skills of
video production in a 2 day workshop
should contact Spectra Feminist Media
Project. Call Debbie at 543-1223. Soon.

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up with Softball Spirit!! A doubleheader
every week: Lammas plays at 6:30, the
Women's Center plays at 7:15. Bring
your beer and your blanket to 23rd and
Constitution for an action-packed evening.

HELP WANTED: Feminists into all areas
of media such as photography, radio,
theater, journalism, art, etc., to
present their work and share ideas about
and experiences with the feminist media
the weekend of June 14th at Mt. Vernon
College. Communicating Feminism--The
Power and the Story: a opportunity to
share and experience media with a
feminist message. Call the Center
for more information. 232-5145.

AMWEC CRISIS

The Adams-Morgan Women's Employment
Center (AMWEC), located in the storefront
of the Women's Center is in serious danger
of closing down this summer. Maryann
Robertson, director of AMWEC, reports
that the Pepco grant of \$10,000 which
originally funded AMWEC will be depleted
the first week in June. As a result,
neither Maryann nor Cecelia Jaramillo
will be able to continue working, leaving
Dorothy Kemp as the only paid staffer.
AMWEC currently has three proposals
pending and these is a possibility that
CETA will grant AMWEC funds through
Washington Opportunities for Women (WOW).
However, when these funds will be
available, if at all, is difficult to determine.

Since its opening in December,
nearly 700 women have registered at
AMWEC. Of these women, 30% are Spanish-
speaking and 85% are heads of households.
They have received information concerning
training and educational opportunities
in addition to job listings which are
continuously updated and expanded.
Over thirty job placements have been
recorded. However, this figure may be
substantially higher since follow-up
statistics are difficult to compile.

Women who have no job usually
have no money to pay an employment
service. AMWEC, like countless other
services that have existed for women, by
women, is caught in an economic
double-bind. The Center charges no
fee, yet it has numerous expenses to
meet. Its value to the community is
beyond doubt and at this point, so
is its closure.

WAFFCU

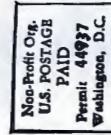
The Washington Area Feminist
Federal Credit Union will be six months
old June 30th and is growing in
leaps and bounds. At this writing,
WAFFCU has deposits amounting to
more than \$50,000 and has made over
\$15,000 in loans. They have in-
creased the amount of a secured loan
to \$1,000 and grant unsecured loans
of up to \$200. So far there have
been no defaults on any loans, which
is the major expense of most credit
unions. Consequently, WAFFCU hopes
to be able to declare a dividend
some time in August.

Friends of WAFFCU held a party
on May 2nd and in addition to
raising the roof on the Center, they
also raised over \$200. On June 1st,
Friends of WAFFCU will raffle off
beach-front accommodations at Nag's
Head, North Carolina for the weekend
of July 18-19. About 1,000 tickets
at 50¢ a piece have been sold to
gather money to hire a staff person.

As a member of the Women's
Center you can belong to WAFFCU.
Save your money there and if you
need money, apply for a loan.
WAFFCU Board meetings are held twice
a month and are open to all who
are interested.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP	
NAME	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE (Home)	(Work)
APPROXIMATE YEARLY INCOME	
MEMBERSHIP FEE (Tax Deductible)	(\$1.00 for each thousand dollars of yearly income)
(OPTIONAL):	OCCUPATION



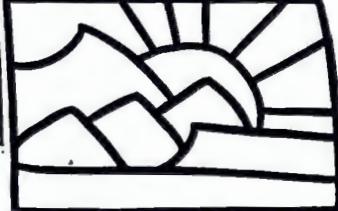
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6	7	8 Women's Center Exec. Board meeting 5:30.	9 SOFTBALL Lammas 6:30 Women's Center 7:15	10 Diane Wallace & Robin Halprin at Club Madame	11	12
13	14 Joann Little Picket Line Justice Dept. 12th & Pa. Noon	15	16 SOFTBALL Lammas 6:30 Women's Center 6:30	17 Willie Club Madame	18	19 Women's Center General Assembly 10:30 am
20	21	22	23 SOFTBALL Lammas 6:30 Women's Center 7:15	24 HYSTERIA at Club Madame	25	26 Conference on Women in the Era of the American Revolution George Washington University
27 LAMMAS Champagne Anniversary Party 11-5pm	28	29	30 SOFTBALL Women's Center 7:15	31 Mary Trevor Club Madame		

AMWEC Closes, Center's Future Uncertain



meeting of the Executive Board will be held Tuesday, July 8 to determine what action should be taken. The Women's Center needs the help of all its members to make it through the summer. Anyone who is interested in a business location or who knows possible funding sources should contact the Center and come to the meeting.

**general
assembly**

Saturday, July 19, at 10:30 am, a General Assembly of members of the Women's Center will be held to elect three new members to the executive board and discuss the activities of the last six months and the future projects and life of the Center. It is an important meeting for the Women's Center and everyone's input is needed.

The Women's Center has begun to move in a variety of directions since it opened in January. As a communications center and community contact it is making itself invaluable. Projects of interest to women new to feminist programs as well as to women long involved in feminist activities have been sponsored by the Center and several community health and counselling programs are planned for the fall. Come to the General Assembly and help point the way for future programs and projects.

The Adams-Morgan Women's Employment Center closed in June after being turned down by all its possible funding sources. Last month's newsletter outlined AMWEC's story and the funding crisis it was facing. This month, the board of the Women's Center is deciding what course of action should be taken to fill the space AMWEC vacated and insure the financial survival of the Center. The Meyer Foundation did not renew its funding and so we are having to begin again the search for grants. The Center has enough money to pay its rent and utilities for another two months, but no other expenditures can be considered.

There are a couple of possibilities. The first is to find a feminist business to take over the employment center's space and costs. The second is to move the Center's office into the storefront from its room upstairs and rent out that space as an office to a feminist business or collective or combination of groups. Whatever decision is made, it will take into consideration the future of all the groups and projects located in the Center building. A

announcements, etc.

JO ANN LITTLE PICKET THE Justice
JOANN LITTLE--Picket the Justice
Dept. at 12th and Penna. NW at noon
onJuly 14. Show her your support!!!

D.C. women's community meeting to discuss F.B.I. and Grand Jury power-- July 18th, 7:30, St. Mark's Church.

Moonworks, a women's craft shop has opened for the summer season in Chincoteague, Virginia. Located on the road to Assateague, 211 Maddox Blvd. in Chincoteague, drop by on your way to the beach. Support your feminist businesses!

Iris Films is a new national women's film company formed to make films by and about women more widely accessible to viewers and to make it possible for more women to become involved in filmmaking. Iris is organizing a nationwide series of film showings called the National Women's Film Circuit to include twenty cities. In order to select films for the circuit, a film festival will be held in D.C. this summer. More info about the festival in the August newsletter.

The Grease Palace, the latest of D.C.'s feminist businesses is offering an introductory course in Automotive Awareness and a tune-up course beginning the first week in July. Call Terri or Sue at 229-9739. Take them your tired and ailing autos!

Women who would like to share their art with other women in an art show(hopefully outdoors), call Carol at 265-4643 after 6 pm.

Beginning July 1st, a six-week long workshop in self defense will be offered by the Women's Medical Center. Taught by a 2nd degree black belt instructor, the main emphasis will be on how to deal with actual situations. Fee is \$25. For info call Betty Tonsing or Paula McDaniels at 298-9227.

W.A.F.T. is now in production of Approaching Simone. Women interested in set building, lighting, etc., call 965-0971.

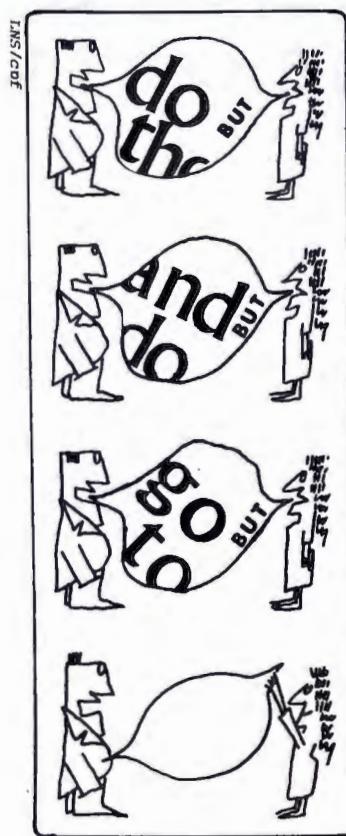
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SOPHIE'S PARLOR ASKS YOU TO JOIN IN
WOMANSOUND
AUG 25-26 NOON-NOON
24 HOURS OF ♀ PROGRAMMING
WE NEED YOUR \$ AND HELP
WGTB 90.1 FM 625-4237

Adams-Morgan Women's Employment Center(AMWEC).....	797-1418
D.C. Free Clinic.....	965-5476
First Things First.....	546-2535
Natl. Black Feminist Org.(NBFO).....	234-0415
Natl. Org. for Women(NOW) D.C. Chapter.....	387-6895
Capitol Hill Chapter.....	483-8525
off our backs.....	234-8072
Rape Crisis Center.....	333-RAPE
Wash. Area Feminist Federal Credit Union(WAFFCU).....	332-1132
Wash. Area Feminist Theater.....	965-0971
Wash. Area Women's Center(WAWC).....	232-5145
Wash. Opportunities for Women(WOW).....	223-8670
Wash. Women's Arts Center(WWAC).....	332-2120
Women's Legal Defense Fund.....	232-5293

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP		NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____		TELEPHONE (Home) _____	
ZIP _____		(Work) _____	
APPROXIMATE YEARLY INCOME		MEMBERSHIP FEE (Tax Deductible)	
(\$1.00 for each thousand dollars of yearly income)		(OPTIONAL): OCCUPATION	

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HOT FLASHES

Women's Open House: there will be an open house at the Center every Friday night. Music and beer provided. \$1.00 donation.

For Sale-Good Deals!- Specials being sold by the Center. Purchase by mail only. Please send a check or money order (no cash) & specify your item.

* Sophie's Parlor Tee Shirts- \$4.50 & .40¢ postage = \$4.90
* Meg Christian/Chris Williamson 45rpm record. Fundraiser for women-owned, women-run Olivia Records. \$1.50 & .40¢ postage = \$1.90
* Abortion Handbook- written by the Center's Health and Abortion Group. A guide to D.C. \$.50¢ & .10¢ postage = \$.60¢

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Women's Center Bookkeeper. Some familiarity with accounts. Will train you in details. Salary negotiable. Please call Melissa Spore at 667-5169

Women's Employment Center Coordinator. Development and management of a program in non-tradition jobs for women. Sponsored by the Women's Center, Washington Opportunities for Women, and the Job Co-op. \$10,000 a year. Send resume to the Women's Center.

The Women's Legal Defense Fund and D.C. NOW (National Organization for Women) are now located at 1424 16th St., NW, Suite 104, 20036. Phone numbers haven't changed: WLDF#232-5293, Now# 387-6895.

Women's Center Hours: The Center would like to be open from 4 pm to 10 pm, but we need volunteers. Only women can keep the Center open. If interested, call 232-5145 and leave your name, phone number, address, and hours available. We will mail you information and call to arrange your contribution of valuable time.

D.C. LAWS AGAINST HARASSMENT

According to Officer McCormick of the Communications Department of D.C. Police Headquarters, several statutes prohibit harassment of unknown females (a stranger bugging you). A misdemeanor would be committed if the harasser followed you on foot or in his car and generally tried to induce you to come with him. A felony would be committed if the person made indecent or vulgar gestures or remarks. D.C. Police are as empowered to enforce these laws as any traffic regulations. Get more info. from the D.C. Sex Squad at 626-2201. Laws exist for our protection. It is up to us to use them.

The deadline for the October newsletter is Sept. 15th. Please contribute and have all articles, poetry, graphics, announcements etc. at the Center before the 15th of the next month.

Abortion and Birth Control Group- Thursday evenings, 8-10. Call 232-5145

Feminist Counseling Collective- 524-2031

ATTENTION! -- A POLL

I. At the upcoming September 7th General Assembly meeting (to which all interested women in the D.C. Area are invited) we'll be having to make decisions about where to focus our energies this fall. The following are some ideas for proposed (and some already existing) activities, services, and projects which we, under the auspices of our Women's Center, might pursue.

Which of these (or others) would you give top priority in terms of filling your specific needs and/or desires? Check the four which would satisfy your needs the most.

- ABORTION COUNSELING
- BOOKSTORE/CRAFTSHOP
- COFFEEHOUSE
- CHILD CARE
- CRISIS COUNSELING
- CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS
- DOMESTIC RELATIONS
- EMPLOYMENT SATELLITE CENTER: (job cnslng., finding, training, & advocacy w/employers)
- FEMIMIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE: (Psych. cnslng. & problem solving)

- LIBERATION SCHOOL: (e.g. - self-defense, automechanics, herstory, sexuality,etc.)
- LEGAL INTERNS: (work-study program)
- LESBIAN OFFICE
- NEWSLETTER
- WOMEN'S ARTS: (music or graphics collectives, Sophie's Parlor)
- WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL
- WOMEN'S LIBRARY
- WOMEN'S CREDIT UNION
- OTHER: (specify) _____

II. Would you be willing to work in some way to make any of the above a reality?

a. As a volunteer:

YES NO

b. If paid something:

YES NO

III. Would you be willing to work to make any of the following a reality? (These are basic Center support functions).

OFFICE: (phone referral & in-person help to women)

CENTER FUND-RAISING

FISCAL AFFAIRS: (keeping books, advising RE expenditures)

ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING: (Exec. Board)

CENTER MAINTENANCE: (cleaning)

a. As a volunteer

YES NO

b. If paid something

YES NO

IV. Some members of the Executive Board have been seriously considering the creation of a membership mechanism for the Center. Would you like to see this happen? YES NO Why, or why not? _____

(IF YOU'LL RETURN THIS IN THE MAIL C/O: A POLL, WOMEN'S CENTER, 1136 "R" ST., N.W., WASH., D.C. 20007 - OR BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE SEPT. 14th MEETING, SAT. 12:00 NOON AT THE CENTER - WE'LL HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THE MOST WORTHWHILE PROJECTS TO PURSUE).

by Judy Barnes