

# WASHINGTON AREA & WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS

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1 MARKET DAY on Capitol Hill, 7th & C.S.E. WAFFCU 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 ↓ 10-12-75
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 WAFT	20 WAFT	21 WAFT
22 WAFT	23	24	25	26 Mary Trevor Club Madame	27 Films and Fun at the Women's Center!!!! 8:30 pm B.Y.O.B. FREE!!	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 WAWC 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 Union Theater  
Iris  
Women in Distribution  
The Women  
Olivia Record Co.  
Media Reports to Women  
1st Things 1st  
Writing On  
Athena Productions



5:30 Monday Center Washington

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

10:00 Films from the Women's Film Co-op and local filmmakers

11:00 Spectra Feminist Video's tape showing. Video letters from across the country.

12:00 Children's theater production Films

Workshop: Women in production  
*Adena + WAFT + Iris Films*  
1:00 Workshop: Working in a collective structure

1:30 Earth Union Theater

2:00 Workshop: Politics of Feminist Media *FRN, Quest, Spectra, Cassa, Lexi, Valle*

3:00 Writing On  
Workshop: Feminist Theater

4:00 Workshop: Feminist Journalism

4:30 "The Women" Theater

5:00 Workshop: Feminist Radio  
Feminist Businesses

*Hera, 1st Things, 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  
Carrol St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215.  
(212)789-5956.

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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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formed to help develop a woman-defined  
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The directory will be a useful guide to  
keeping our money within the movement.  
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call 232-5145. Groups or individuals,  
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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  
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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.

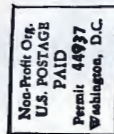
Women who have no job usually  
have no money to pay an employment  
service. AMWEC, like countless other  
services that have existed for women, by  
women, is caught in an economic  
double-bind. The Center charges no  
fee, yet it has numerous expenses to  
meet. Its value to the community is  
beyond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



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(Work)

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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
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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

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



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.



## announcements, etc.

JO ANN LITTLE PICKET THE Justice Dept. at 12th and Penna. NW at noon on July 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 Chinco- teague, Virginia. Located on the road to Assateague, 211 Maddox Blvd. in Chicoteague, 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 Aware- ness 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 McDaniel at 298-9227.

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

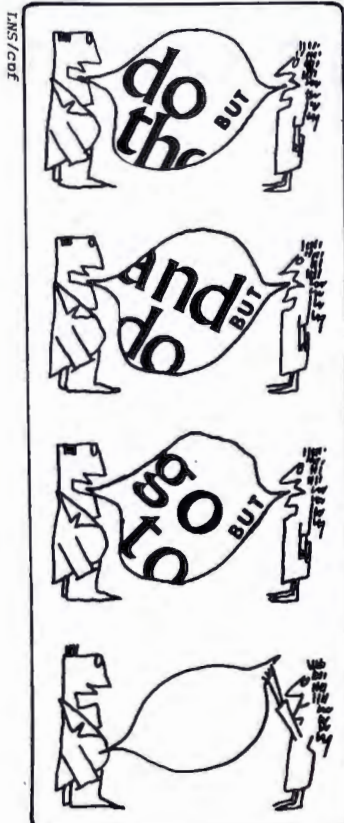
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SOPHIE'S PARLOR ASKS YOU TO JOIN IN  
**WOMANSOUND**  
AUG 25-26 NOON-NOON  
24 HOURS OF ♀ PROGRAMMING  
WE NEED YOUR \$ AND HELP  
WGTB 90.1 FM 625-4237

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).332-2121  
Women's Legal Defense Fund.....232-5293

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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.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ABORTION COUNSELING                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> LIBERATION SCHOOL: (e.g. - self-defense, automechanics, herstory, sexuality, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKSTORE/CRAFTSHOP                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL INTERNS: (work-study program)                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEEHOUSE                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> LESBIAN OFFICE                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHILD CARE                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> NEWSLETTER                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CRISIS COUNSELING                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S ARTS: (music or graphics collectives, Sophie's Parlor)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC RELATIONS                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S LIBRARY                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYMENT SATELLITE CENTER: (job cnsng., finding, training, & advocacy w/employers) | <input type="checkbox"/> WOMEN'S CREDIT UNION                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE: (Psych. cnsng. & problem solving)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: (specify)                                                                   |

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

a. As a volunteer:	b. If paid something:
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICE: (phone referral & in-person help to women) | <input type="checkbox"/> FISCAL AFFAIRS: (keeping books, advising RE expenditures) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CENTER FUND-RAISING                                | <input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING: (Exec. Board)                    |
|                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> CENTER MAINTENANCE: (cleaning)                            |
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- |                                                          |                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| a. As a volunteer                                        | b. If paid something                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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. 20009 - 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