

IN OUR OWN WRITE

a monthly newsletter by the
WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER

MAY 1979

SECOND ANNUAL DEBUTANTE BALL

"The Debutante Ball is my favorite function
It happens every year about this time..."*



Ready or not, here it comes--the Second Annual Debutante Ball. And if you missed the first one, this is your chance to make up for it. If you're wondering what a Debutante Ball is doing in the context of the Women's Center, we'll try to explain. Last year, in the wake of Willie Tyson's record album, "Debutante" the Women's Center decided to have some fun, to transform and reclaim through utter satire that relic, the debutante ball. So we planned a gala, tongue-in-cheek affair where women could go all out in their dress or come casual if they preferred. Before we knew it we had planned a photo-booth, raffles, and souvenir dance cards--all these at a women's dance, with an air of fun rather than a "cattle auction." We had such a great response from women who did come saying they'd love to do it again, and from women who did not attend who were sorry they missed out, that we decided to "do it again." Still puzzled? Just listen to Willie's song, then make plans to join us at our Second Annual Debutante Ball, "decked out or informal," May 19 at All Souls Unitarian Church, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (see enclosed flier.)

We're changing the set-up somewhat from last year, with a surprise raffle which everyone at the dance is eligible to win, and some dynamic lighting and decorations. The most

exciting aspect of this year's dance for us at the Center, though, is that it will jointly benefit the Lesbian Health and Counseling Center and the Women's Center. The Women's Center staff is glad to be working with our friends at LHCC and hope the dance is a great success in terms of helping the Health Group at the LHCC meet their opening date of the 24th of May. It feels important for women's community organizations to join together when possible for mutual support, and for getting to know each other better. Dancing is fun,

but knowing that we're all supporting our valuable women's resources and services makes partying that much more meaningful and special.

Last month we ran an article on the process which goes on behind our dances. This month we invite you and all your best women friends to join us at our big affair. We also welcome any suggestions which you might have regarding this dance or others. Of course if you are interested in helping out at the dance we do have a limited number of work exchange slots, so call the Center soon, at 347-5078.

"Get your gold lamé slippers from the closet..."* and we'll see you all at the Debutante Ball!

* © 1977 Willola Calloway Tyson

--s.v.

Take Time...

We lived "uptown" as they say. Belonged to the right clubs, participated in liberal political functions, got invitations to be seen by and with the elite, dined in courses, took extended vacations in the Caribbean...

At 18, I fled. Up and down the California coast, I sought and found refuges to take up my time, exhaust my energies and give meaning to my existence. Like Siddhartha, I searched everywhere except within.

Finally, to make sense of the future, I knew I had to understand the past. Answers were needed--to thousands of questions. At 26, I went first to "find" my mother.

The discussions were endless. It was time to talk about resentments, emotional distance, failed marriages, pressures to conform, disinheritances, middle-class manias, left-wing politics, and a myriad of other things. Sometimes the tears came. At other times it was laughter.

I had judged my mother before, often harshly. But Hansberry spoke of measuring someone right. And, I had given no account to the hills and valleys that had been travelled through. I went home to find my mother and found a friend.

Behind the tough veneer, I discovered a warm and generous heart, a capacity to care without smothering, an unassuming sense of self-understanding, and a willingness to learn as well as teach.

At 32, the pieces are beginning to fit.

--c.m.

Reminiscence

I think that the environment that my mother was raised in has a lot to do with the way she is today. Born and raised in Kentucky, she had to quit school in the 7th grade to help my grandmother with the other kids.

She felt that education was very important and that my sisters and I would at least finish high school, which we all did.

Although she struggled to keep us well clothed and well fed, she urged our independence, never believing that we could not succeed. Now, although we're more than 500 miles apart, I can still remember her caring attitude, and her belief in fairness and honesty toward people.

--l.b.

Bouillon & Kool-aid

As a child, I loved hearing my mother tell the "story of her life." It was an adventure, better than all my comic book or television heroines' lives, even Wonderwoman or Nancy Drew. It was the story of a young child's abandonment by both parents into the hands of cruel relatives and uncaring convent school nuns who didn't understand her deafness, her need to be loved or her fierce determination to survive. These tales were generously sprinkled with hilarious anecdotes about her maternal grandmother, a good, loving woman who took her in when all else turned her away.

What two fantastic women! And the stories that held their lives together and mine! These stories were the main course of our daily diet of bouillon soup and kool-aid during our lean years. They made time go faster, hunger subside and made everything, no matter how small, become worthwhile and made problems, no matter how large, surmountable and in years to come a laughing matter. With strength like this, how can anyone lose?

--a.c.

POETRY

Poem to My Mother

Like a different version of me
my mother
sleeps in another room
counting her fingers
while I count my toes.
So there
So real
So unpretentious
how can I explain
I see so much of us
in each other.
not mirrored images
siamese twins
or other sides of coins
We have an uncanny connection.
it runs deeper than a river
larger than life.
Fear and mistrust are tossed out
like old shoes that never fit properly.
Now, watering each other
we germinate,
and poke our heads through
layers of earth and years
emerge two sturdy women
mother and daughter
a double helix
braced against the wind.

--j.d.

D.C. Hags Report

Women Against Nuclear Power

On March 23, Mary Daly, feminist philosopher and author of Gyn/Ecology: The Metatheory of Radical Feminism (see March newsletter), spoke in an overflowing hall at George Washington University. Close to 450 people, the great majority of them women, heard her. The speech was sponsored by the D.C. Hags, with G.W.U.'s Women's Studies Program, the Lesbian Health and Counseling Center, and the Washington Area Women's Center.

The D.C. Hags are six lesbian-feminist activists who came together to bring Mary Daly to Washington. Since our production experience was limited, we learned as we went along, assisted at every step of the way by many community women with experience, suggestions, and/or expertise in various areas. For this reason, and because our own skills have been developed through working in the D.C. women's community, we believe that we have a responsibility to share information about the planning of this event.

A full account of what we did and how is being prepared and will be donated to the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York (Box 1258, NY, NY 10001, Tel: 212/874-7232 or 873-9443) so that any woman may review it. Further information is available locally from the Hags, who can be reached through the Women's Center. A summary of our financial record for producing the talk is included here.

Expenses	
\$200.00	Mary Daly's minimum fee
30.00	Mary's travel expense
63.80	Publicity
13.50	Program
50.00	Signers for the deaf
21.00	Taxis
6.00	Long distance phone calls
\$384.30	

During the planning of the event, the Hags, Mary Daly, and the co-sponsors agreed that if money remained after these expenses had been covered, it would be divided among the Lesbian Health and Counseling Center, the Washington Area Women's Center, and Mary Daly. A total of \$812.25 was raised through the \$2 donation requested at the door and one \$35 contribution. After expenses, this left \$427.95, which was distributed as follows: \$135.00 to Mary Daly; \$146.47 to the Lesbian Health and Counseling Center; and \$146.48 to the Washington Area Women's Center.

--Beth, Cheryl, JoAnn, Sudie, Susanna, and Toni
The D.C. Hags

On June 2 & 3, 1979, the Potomac Alliance, the Virginia Sunshine Alliance, and area anti-nuclear power activists will demonstrate and occupy the North Anna nuclear power plant in Louisa County, Va. This plant is plagued with safety violations, terrifyingly similar to those at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pa. On Saturday the 2nd, there will be a legal demonstration; Sunday those prepared to do civil disobedience will go onto the plant site and shut down the hazardous North Anna plant. In preparation for the action, participants are asked to attend a non-violence/direct action training session (though the workshops are open to all.)

The threat of nuclear power, nonviolent direct action, and group process are the three main foci of the workshops. The sessions can be one all day workshop or two four-hour sessions. An attempt is being made to put together a women-only training session, probably in May, though no day is yet set. Hopefully, out of this session, one or two women's "affinity groups" (part of the overall structure of the Alliance/action decision making) will be formed, and will participate in the demonstration/action.

For more information, call Ellen Sturgis at 234-2000 or 363-0994 nights before 10 p.m.

--E. Sturgis

THE ANSWERS TO who do you read?... a crossword puzzle

by Sandy Black



AT THE RAP GROUP TOPICS

We invite you to join us in another rap group planning meeting on May 7 at 8 p.m. in the Women's Center lounge. The planning meeting is an opportunity to make suggestions based on your own personal interests, such as relationships, working, living alone or parenting. We are looking for ideas to broaden and better focus our choice of topics for the next three months and consider your input invaluable. See Calendar for May topics and dates.

Catholics & Ex-Catholics - Growing up Catholic or Jewish or whatever is more than religion, it is a way of life. Baptism, communion and confirmation were to become milestones in each child's life. And what happened when we grew up? Has religion changed our outlook on our lives/lifestyles or have our lives changed our outlook on religion?

May 14

Separatism - Mary Daly describes separation as "paring away from the Self all that is alienating and confining," which in patriarchal society means male-defined institutions, attitudes, philosophies and the people who embody/enforce them. Yet most Lesbian/Feminists, especially those of us in metropolitan areas, must live simultaneously both in what Adrienne Rich called "a world of women only" and in "a world where women are absent." How do we do it? What does it mean for our political strategies and effectiveness, our community, our individual selves?

May 21

HOLIDAY--No Rap Group May 28

SPORTS



SOFTBALL ENTHUSIASTS! The Women's Center's softball team will begin playing games in late May. We need your support at the games, so call the Center about mid-May for dates and times. See you at the game!

CENTER PHOTOGRAPHY PARTY

See page 5 for the full story!

BICYCLE REPAIR COURSE

So far, we have not received enough response to hold the bicycle repair course. As a result we are offering the class again this month. The class will cover proper fit and adjustment, basic tools, general maintenance, flat tire repair, and gear and brake adjustments for 3, 5, and 10-speed bicycles.

Tools will be provided by Chevy Chase Bicycle Service. All women who take the course will receive a 10% discount on purchases at Chevy Chase Bicycle Service.

Class will be limited to 8 women, but enough classes will be scheduled to accommodate everybody who signs up. The first class will be held Wednesday evening, May 16, from 6:30 to 9:30 at Chevy Chase Bicycle Service, 5614 Conn. Ave., N.W. The cost is \$10 and must be paid in advance. Please make check payable to the Washington Area Women's Center and mail with name, address, and day and evening phone numbers no later than May 7. You will be contacted by phone to confirm your registration before the first class. Please call the Center if you need more information.

WORKSHOPS

Current volunteers or women who are interested in volunteering at the Washington Area Women's Center are invited to attend the following Volunteer Workshops, designed to familiarize volunteer staff with resource material, office operations and call handling.

June 2	2-4 PM	Telephone/Resource Workshop
June 3	2-4 PM	Crisis Intervention Workshop
June 9	2-4 PM	Crisis Intervention Workshop *
June 9	1-2 PM	Library Workshop

* this will be a repeat!

"A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary." --Dorothy Canfield Fisher, 1915

Photography Contest

the winners



FIRST PLACE

1st

Anita Anand

2nd

Maree Martin

3rd

Sandy Black



SECOND PLACE



THIRD PLACE

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

The Photographers in the order of their appearance in the March issue:

- 1- Sandy Black
- 2- Maree Martin*(2nd)
- 3- Angie Carrera
- 4- Penelope Rutledge
- 5- Sherry L. Moyers
- 6- Sandy Black
- 7- Anita Anand*(1st)
- 8- Sherry L. Moyers
- 9- Sandy Black*(3rd)
- 10- Jean Catellani

!!CELEBRATION!!

It was really hard work, but ballots were counted, re-counted and verified. Winners' photographs are shown here and now it is time to celebrate. Everyone is invited to a special Open House to celebrate the beautiful photography of our finalists and to award the prizes to the three top winners. The date is May 12th (Sat) at 4:00 p.m. (in the Women's Center Lounge), so mark the date on your calendar! We especially want to thank all the women who entered for the time and energy that created the very essence of "WOMEN'S VISIONS."

MAY

S m t W t f S

<p>W.O.H. = WOMEN'S OPEN HOUSE WRG = WOMEN'S RAP GROUP (W.A.W.C) LOUNGE * = SEE ANNOUNCEMENT, AD OR ARTICLE. → = RAN OUT OF SPACE!</p> <p>WASH 9's ART CENTER 4 WOMEN POETS * 8 PM - \$1.00</p> <p>WAWC BUSINESS: 6PM STAFF MTG</p>	<p>D.C. NOW SEXUALITY TASK FORCE 8 PM - 11 PM *</p> <p>"mother" group "united against b. 1830"</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>1. "ART AS A RESOURCE FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION" * 6:30-8 PM ARTSPACE</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>2. "Feeling Comfortable 3. WITH YOUR SEXUALITY" 6-7:30 Y.W.C.A! *</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>4. COFFEEHOUSE * STUDENT UNION BLDG.</p> <p>Shabbat Service M.C.TEMPLE 8:30 PM</p>	<p>5. <i>theater, 1st floor, 1st floor, b. 1822</i> <i>americana, b. 1822</i> <i>& Doctor, b. 1822</i></p>
<p>MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC! 13. D.C.A.F.A. *</p> <p>WAWC BUSINESS 6PM STAFF MEETING</p>	<p>6. DEADLINE FOR BICYCLE REPAIR CLASS. 7. "WRG PLANNING MEETING" 8 PM FEMINIST COUNSELLING GROUP 652-7260*</p>	<p>8. <i>Queerart dumbstruck b. 1845 supportgth b. 1845</i></p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>9. <i>Belle Boyd "start" 1844 Confidence 1844 b. 1844</i></p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>10. "ART AS A RESOURCE FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION" * 6:30-8 PM ARTSPACE</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>11. WASH. AREA 9's CTR: 12. PARTY! OPEN HOUSE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 4-7 PM ALL INVITED!</p>
<p>14. "CATHOLICS & EX-CATHOLICS" (NOT FOR CATHOLICS/EX-ONLY! ALL WELCOME!)</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>15. DEADLINE FOR <u>IN OUR OWN WRITE!</u></p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>16. LESBIAN HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER RAP * SESSIONS - 7:30 PM</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>17. LESBIAN'S IN THE * 17. WOMEN'S MOVEMENT: 6-7:30 PM - YWCA (yes, the YWCA!)</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>18. <u>TOMORROW:</u> → WOMEN WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION 10 AM - NOON *</p> <p><u>TOMORROW:</u> → COGS POTLUCK</p>	<p>19. WASH. AREA 9's CTR: <u>SECOND ANNUAL</u> Debutante Ball * 9PM - ALL SOULS CHURCH BRING YOUR BEST WOMAN</p>
<p>20. POETRY GROUP MEETING 2:30 PM. WAWC BUSINESS; NO STAFF MEETING!</p>	<p>21. "SEPARATISM"</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>22. <i>new communit. part. b. 1841</i></p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>23. "YOUR IMMIGRATION RIGHTS + PRIVILEGES" - YWCA 6-7:30 PM *</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>24. "HEALTH NITE AT LESBIAN HEALTH + COUNSELING 7-10PM.</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>25. 26.</p>
<p><i>Amelia clown, 1st b. 1818</i></p> <p>WAWC BUSINESS 6PM STAFF MEETING</p>	<p>27. <i>Holiday 3. OBSERVED CLOSED</i></p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>28. <i>WAWC 6-9 PM</i></p>	<p>29. TAKE TIME NOW TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE! * SEE VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP ARTICLE, AND GAY PRIDE DAY JUNE 10TH</p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>30. <i>SOCIAL JUSTICE & THE QUESTION OF RACE - YWCA 6-7:30 PM *</i></p> <p>WAWC 6-9 PM</p>	<p>31. THE WASH. AREA WOMEN'S CENTER SECOND ANNUAL DEBUTANTE BALL IS A BENEFIT FOR THE LESBIAN HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER & WAWC.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SEMINAR ON BATTERED AND ABUSED WOMEN will be held at the YWCA, 17th & K Sts., NW, Saturday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m. In addition to the YWCA the seminar is co-sponsored by Black Adults of Action, The House of Ruth, The House of Imagene and My Sister's Place.

ONGOING FEMINIST COUNSELING GROUP has some places available. We are using poetry and journal writing as a way of exploring and expressing our feelings, but no particular skill at writing is required. We meet Monday evenings, 7:30-9:30 in Bethesda. Call Nan Fry at 652-7260 for information. Fee: \$5.00 per group.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GAY COMMUNITY will be holding a coffeehouse Friday May 4 from 9 p.m. to midnight in room 2111 of the Student Union Building on campus.

LESBIAN HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER will be holding Lesbian rap sessions weekly, Wednesday nights, at 7:30 from May 16-June 20 at the Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1606 17th Street, NW, downstairs. The sessions will be community get-togethers. Topics are open; women may talk about relationships, coming out, saying hello and good-bye, finding one's own space in the community, being older as a Lesbian, being younger, etc. For additional information call the Counseling Center, 332-5295, Wednesday nights.

MOTHERS DAY PICNIC! The D.C. Area Feminist Alliance will be celebrating Mothers Day with a picnic on May 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rock Creek Park, Picnic areas #16 and 17 (Military and Glover Roads, NW.) Join women from the feminist community and help celebrate motherhood. Balloons, clowns, kites, softball and volleyball equipment, some barbecue pits and picnic tables will be provided; bring your own food. For more information call Judy Holmes, 543-9345 or Diane Shisk, 447-0511.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY TEMPLE, the Gay synagogue of D.C., is holding a special welcoming Shabbat service for women on Friday, May 4 at 8:30 p.m. The Oneg Shabbat, or social hour, after services is a perfect opportunity to meet other women. Services are held at Christ United Methodist Church, 1 (Eye) St., SW. Call Jocelyn at 439-1532 for further details.

"When motherhood becomes the fruit of a deep yearning, not the result of ignorance or accident, its children will become the foundation of a new race." --Margaret Sanger, 1920

D.C. NOW SEXUALITY TASK FORCE is having a Women's Open House every Tuesday night, starting May 1. From 8 to 11 p.m., held at the Education Building of the Arlington Unitarian Church, at George Mason Drive and Route 50. Entrance to the building is on George Mason Drive. Refreshments provided, donations accepted.

WOMEN WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION hold monthly meetings for all interested women the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. till noon at the Martin Luther King Library, Room 315, 10th & G Sts., NW. For more information write Women Working in Construction, 1854 Wyoming Ave., NW, Washington DC 20009.

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE of the march for the National March on DC for Lesbian and Gay Rights. (In conjunction with the National Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference) Will be held Sat., May 5, at the Gay Community Center, 1449 Church Street, NW. Registration is at 10:00 AM and the fee is \$5.00. The purpose is to select delegates to attend the March on DC Conference in Houston, TX. For further info call: (301)596-5865, Billy Jones, or (202) 667-0649; or write P.O. Box 458, Columbia, MD 21045

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CLASSIFIED

W.A.W.C. CLASSIFIED RATES AND INFORMATION: Personal Ads (housing, individual, selling items)-\$1.00 for 10 words. Business & Services Offered-\$2.00 for first 10 words 10c per word thereafter. Display Ads (camera-ready copy)-\$1 page-\$7.00, 1/2 page-\$11.00. The Staff reserves the editorial discretion to refuse any ad it deems exploitative/demeaning to women. Check or money order MUST accompany ad copy and be received by the 15th of the month previous to publication. Make all checks payable to the Washington Area Women's Center. * * Thank you.

ROOMMATES WANTED FOR LESBIAN HOUSE in N. Arlington. Close to DC, with beautiful yard. Prefer non-smoking vegetarians. Call 243-3497.

SUZANNE CHOLLET, Ms.T. Massage therapy. 50-minute sessions at \$15. Call 667-8310.

HOUSEMATE WANTED: One (and possibly two gay women) to share house in Alexandria south. Minutes from beltway and 295. No pets. \$108 per month (possibly lower) + utilities. Call 768-0258

WOMAN SEEKS ONE OTHER WOMAN to share 3-bedrm. house in Mt. Pleasant. House, on quiet street has fireplace, W/D, parking and big porches. \$235. Call Isabelle, 724-6455 (wk) or 332-3094 (h).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T...

ARTSPACE, a community arts organization run by women, offers "Art as a Resource for Women in Transition," co-sponsored by EveryWoman's Place of the YWCA. 6 weeks, beginning Thurs. May 10, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Call 483-6175 for more information.

EVERYWOMAN'S PLACE will also be sponsoring the following Thursday night programs: "Your immigration rights and privileges," May 24; and "Social justice and the question of race," May 31 from 6-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$1.00 "Y" members, \$1.50 non-members. Other workshops in the series include "Feeling comfortable with your sexuality," May 3 and "Lesbians in the women's movement," May 17. Call the "Y" for further information, 638-2100.

PRO FEMINA THEATRE, creator and performer of "Motherhouses," will present "First Draft," a workshop for actors and playwrights exploring improvisational techniques used in the development of characters and scenes. May 19th & 20th from 10:00 - 4:00; fee \$60. Deadline for application is May 7th. For information, call Leslie Jacobson at 354-5158.

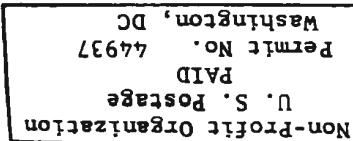
ADVERTISEMENTS, CON'T.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIPS--Six weeks of experiential sharing around the experience of members, recent fiction and poetry by women, modern film. Use of mime and gestalt techniques. \$50. Tuesday nights, May through June at leader's home. Call 483-9331.

TESS'S, A Woman's Pub is now open, at Here & Now Restaurant, corner of 20th & S Street, NW. Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 6-12 p.m., Fri. and Sat., 6 p.m. to 3 a.m.

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DEADLINE FOR MAY — June 15



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Washington Area Women's Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose primary purpose is to serve all women of the Washington metropolitan area. The concept of the Center is woman-defined and guided by the needs of the women's community. We are creating an environment in which women can expand themselves outside the male-defined structures which prevail in our society today.

The Center believes in a positive Woman Image and firmly believes in the need for womanspace. Through alternative support services, women can realize their potential strength and valuable self-image. Because women are in a period of transition and have special problems which are not usually dealt with specifically or completely by other community agencies, we feel we should provide an information clearinghouse to give coherence to all services available to women; to provide physical facilities, educational and artistic programming, and referral and information services to members of the D. C. women's community.

The structure of the Women's Center encourages all members to participate and direct what happens here. We hope you will join us. Membership entitles you to several advantages, which are detailed on the back of this sheet.

WELCOME TO THE

WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER

Please cut on dotted line.

new renew newsletter only

NAME: _____

ADD: _____

zipcode: _____

PHONE: home: _____ work: _____

FEE: _____ DATE: _____

REMARKS: _____



MEMBERSHIP:

\$1.50 per thousand dollars of income per year.

Minimum membership (due to operating costs) is \$7.00.

NEWSLETTER ONLY:

\$4.00 per year.

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

1. Take advantage of the referral listings available in the areas of health, employment, housing, and community organizations.
2. Receive the Washington Area Women Center's monthly newsletter, In Our Own Write, the most comprehensive publication of news and announcements about feminist organizations and events in the area.
3. Participate in classes, workshops, rap groups and sports teams sponsored by the Center. Join or start various projects or groups focusing on counselling, health, recreation, and entertainment.
4. Use the facilities of the Women's Center, which are available for meetings, groups or social occasions on a first-call, first-serve basis.
5. Volunteer and participate in the workings of the Women's Center. Members are encouraged to take an active part in the Center's operations.
6. Receive discounts at Women's Center-sponsored events.
7. Check out books from our small (but growing!) feminist library.
8. All the good feelings that come from supporting a vital part of the women's community!

Your new or renewed membership in the Center at this time is particularly welcome as support and encouragement for the Center's continued existence.

THE WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER

ALL KINDS OF INFORMATION . . . FOR ALL KINDS OF WOMEN

347-5078

The Washington Area Women's Center

*requests the pleasure of your company
at our*

second annual **Debutante Ball**

DATE: Saturday, May 19, 1979
TIME: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
PLACE: All Souls Church, Pierce Hall
16th and Harvard Streets, NW
ADMISSION: \$3.50 for members with cards
\$4.50 for non-member guests
DRESS: Come decked out or informal

****beverages on sale**munchies free****

BRING YOUR BEST WOMEN FRIENDS!

SECURITY BY WOMEN IN GEAR

*for further info about childcare or work exchange
arrangements, call the Women's Center at 347-5078*