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A WOMEN'S NEWS-JOURNAL

Off Our Backs, a bi-weekly women's newspaper, will begin publication in February, 1970. It is a paper written by women to be shared with other women who are also struggling for liberation.

Male supremacy pervades this society, preventing direct and honest communication between women. Nowhere, in either the underground or Establishment press, are our issues adequately analyzed or discussed. Several of us, after working on local underground and/or "movement" papers, have become convinced that we can no longer work where we see repeated failure to print articles of importance to our sisters and ourselves, and where degrading sex ads and nudie photos are the accepted norm of "political" coverage.

Our political and economic analysis, necessary for building the revolution, is regarded as inconsequential by even the most "radical" of publications. We have been denied print space to develop our analytic and poetic abilities. We feel the needs of the growing women's movement can no longer be served by an occasional article or special supplement. We need to create and support our own media.

Many journals, magazines and mimeoed papers are now emerging. Although they provide a forum to share our thoughts and experiences, they do not serve the vital function of critically reporting the news on a regular basis. We feel we need an inexpensive paper that can be sold on streets, at newsstands and by subscription.

Off Our Backs will cover news events and stories relevant to women's struggles for liberation and include continuing articles on medical-survival issues and women's history, media reviews, poetry, activities of women's groups, personal reports on the condition of women at school, on the job, etc., and on-going analysis reflecting the thinking of a growing movement.

To make this paper work we need your help. We need articles about what you are thinking and doing. We need you to share the paper with sisters you know. And especially we need your ideas!

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