

# BROADSIDE

broad-side n. 3b: a sheet of paper printed on one or both sides and folded. 4: something (as a ballad) printed on a broadside. 5a: the simultaneous discharge of all the guns on one side of a ship.

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PEACE ON EARTH -- GOOD WILL TO PEOPLE!

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN CHAPTER BY-LAWS:

The proposed by-laws changes printed in the October Broadside were tabled at the November business meeting. At the December meeting we will vote on the following new versions of those proposed changes. Please be there to vote on December 11 at 8 P.M. in the U of H University Center.

1. A nominating committee shall be elected at the February business meeting and shall report its slate at the March business meeting. Election shall be held at the April business meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Election shall be by the majority of the members in good standing who are present and voting.
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3. A nominating committee shall be elected at the September business meeting. It shall report its slate at the October business meeting. Election shall be held at the November business meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Election shall be by the majority of the members in good standing who are present and voting.
4. A nominating committee shall be elected at the September business meeting. It shall report its slate and the election shall be held at the October business meeting. Additional nominations may be made

from the floor. Election shall be by the majority of the members in good standing who are present and voting.

I GOT THEM OLD PINK SHEET BLUES AGAIN, MAMA

Those of you who have been coming to meetings know of the anti-ERA movement in Texas. We had an educational meeting on the ERA on Nov. 6th which was a whopping success. It was well attended both by NOW members and by members of other groups who have sustaining Texas' ratification of the ERA as their top priority. A couple of ringers also showed up and we are sure they enjoyed hearing the truth for a change. For those who would like to obtain information on the ERA, material is available at the Women's Center. Remember to keep them cards and letters going to the legislators to encourage them to hold fast on the ERA. You might remind them that a recent Gallup poll revealed that 79% of the American people support ratification of the ERA. I hardly call that a "tiny vocal minority." Humph.

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ERA FREE BEER BUST!!

Saturday, December 7, 8 P.M. at the Women's Center. Kay and Clif Whyburn are donating a keg of beer. Admission charge: 10 letters to Texas legislators stating your support of the ERA. A list of legislators has been prepared by the Masculine Mystique Task Force and will be available at the Women's Center and the December business meeting.

HELP WANTED: MEDIA REFORM TASK FORCE CHAIRPERSON

Betty Barnes has agreed to serve as Interim Task Force Leader until someone comes forth to take on this extremely important job in the chapter. Who out there has a hankering to deal with the media? Any experience would be an asset. Please, volunteers and people with suggestions, call Jan Dilbeck. In the meantime, if you need to get information about the Task Force or its work, call Betty Barnes. And help us find someone to take on this job -- it really matters!

## TASK FORCE REPORT: MEDIA REFORM

On October 7, I submitted the following letter of resignation to Jan Dilbeck:

I am resigning my position as Coordinator of the Media Reform Task Force for Houston NOW effective October 20.

My interest in the media has been primarily in the area of alternative programming and I, thus, will continue to serve on the KPRC/WAC through the development of a pilot and series for a new women's program.

Because of my belief in "coalition politics" and the need to continue an open and active advocacy with the media I am in the planning stages of a community-wide feminist media coalition and invite the participation of Houston NOW in this endeavor.

Janice Blue

## KPRC WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

The KPRC-WAC has met with station management August 27 and September 24, 1974 and in meetings with ourselves on 5 separate occasions.

You will be pleased to know that despite its controversial beginnings the WAC seems determined to play an active not an auxiliary role in its association with KPRC TV.

As your representative on the WAC I proposed at the August meeting that this body be the input for a weekly magazine program for women. A proposal with program ideas which I had submitted the previous year to Channel 8 and which KPRC had received during our negotiations was included along with the minutes to all WAC members for general information.

At the September meeting, Station Manager Jack Harris suggested that WAC meet on our own to develop a pilot for a new women's program and that we present the proposal to Tom Reiff, Program Director, before our next full meeting in early December.

Our weekly satellite meetings developing the pilot brought together the fine minds and original ideas of Lynne Mutchler, AAUW; Gertrude Barnstone, WEAL; and Jan Wilbur, Gay Lyndors, and Mae Martin of the League of Women Voters. Outside of the WAC group, Rhonda Boone, Jan Cunningham, Cilia Estrada, Janet Chafetz, Debra Apple, Susan Vogelfang, Gabrielle MacDonald, Roberta Hammond, Joan Hanlon, and Carole Kneeland contributed richly to the program's

development.

The proposal for the pilot was presented to KPRC in mid-November. We have called it "Wide World of Women" and hope it will be a weekly news and feature magazine show in prime time. (We want the 6:30-7:00 Friday slot.)

We have stressed that film be generously incorporated into the format. No plastic chairs in front of the camera, please, KPRC. Fingers crossed!

Janice Blue

#### TASK FORCE REPORT: MASCULINE MYSTIQUE

We have been invited to participate in Sam Houston State University's "Quality of Life" conference, February 6 and 7, 1975. The particular session we would participate in would be "The Relation of Men to the Women's Movement," which takes place on Friday morning, Feb. 7th. The other topic for discussion will be the ERA. Please come to our meeting on Tuesday, December 17, at the Women's Center.

Craig Roberts

#### TASK FORCE REPORT: EMPLOYMENT

Employment Task Force will meet Tuesday, December 10, at 7:30. We have filed our complaint with the EEOC on behalf of the women at Nabisco and this meeting will be to discuss necessary action to be taken on this complaint. Hopefully, all the complaints against the discriminatory classified ads will have been completed by this time and we will be able to plan our public presentation of these ads. This task force has many ideas which we would like to put into action and we feel confident about being able to work the ass off anyone who would be interested in joining our merry suing hearts.

Barbara Cigainero

#### A FAINTLY MYSTERIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

For any of you black and white artists out there. Including photographers, layout people, poets, drawers. I have undertaken the joyous burden of putting together an artsy-fartsy feminist calendar. This calendar is going to be (hopefully) a fund-raiser for Houston NOW. All contributors will be (ideally) reimbursed...someday. If you have respect for your work and do not collapse under rejection, please submit poems, photographs, drawings, and ideas to me. I will tell

you who I am in a minute. If you would like to volunteer to revel in shitwork with me, hopefully learn some things, and to teach me some, please contact me.

Me: Alison McKinney, 2418 Ralph  
(or, leave phone message at the Women's Center)

#### TASK FORCE REPORT: MENTAL HEALTH

I've recently been hearing from a lot of our sisters who are being psyched out by their therapists. You have the right and responsibility as a client or patient to do the following:

1. Ask your therapist questions about their training, professional experience, and attitude toward the Women's Movement.
2. Find out what your therapist thinks of Freud's theories. Freud was SEXIST; people who use his theories primarily are bound to be sexist too.
3. Ask questions about fees BEFORE the first session. If your therapist avoids your questions or tells you that you are "too hostile to benefit from counseling," do NOT pay for that session.
4. You have a right to feel comfortable and at ease during therapy. If you are made to feel inferior or sick, or if you feel little benefit after a few sessions, find someone else!
5. If your psychiatrist suggests shock treatments or drug therapy, refuse firmly and seek other professional opinions. If you feel you may harm yourself or others you may want to accept medication, but realize that you are giving up some control over your life. An ethical therapist should be concerned with helping you take control of your life.
6. Don't assume that all female therapists are non-sexist.

There are dedicated, ethical, effective therapists out there--don't settle for second best!

Crisis Counseling by feminist therapists at no charge--every Tuesday, 6-7 PM at the Women's Center. Please use this only if you are in a crisis and have no money.

The Mental Health Task Force is working with feminist counselors from various backgrounds to offer free "growth groups"--the step beyond CR, but not therapy. Purpose of the groups is to enhance self-confidence, identify problems, and promote self-awareness. There

will be 6-8 members and 2 counselors in each group. The groups will meet weekly for 6 weeks starting sometime in January. There will be a choice of meeting times: day, evening, weekend. If you are interested in joining a group call one of the following people BEFORE DECEMBER 11: Barbara Brown (528-4966), Diana Freeland (869-5951), Mary Bock (522-9769).

Barbara Brown

#### TASK FORCE REPORT: SEXUALITY & LESBIANISM

In an attempt to rouse the gay vote [! ed.] in the recent election, S&L with the Texas Gay Task Force distributed approximately 2000 candidate screening sheets prepared from information gathered by the HCWPC concerning the candidates' attitudes on decriminalization and antidiscrimination. In answer to Pokey's query, one JP candidate explained that he wouldn't discuss a matter like that "especially with a woman." He lost to someone who would--but the winner thought that if they (homosexuals, not candidates) did too much jumping from bed to bed it might interfere with their job.

The media's latest insult to gays was a recent episode of "Police Woman," in which three lesbians ran a nursing home and boosted their profits by murdering their aged and sickly charges. Since both the S&L Task Force and the National Gay Task Force knew of the show ahead of time, they pressured New York NBC to change it or provide more balanced programming. In response, NBC pledged to scrub the show of all references to lesbianism. If that's their definition of "scrubbing" I would not recommend anyone bathe NBC style. On the local level, the KPRC Women's Advisory Board (in one of its first tests of power) was unable to get the prescreening it demanded. S&L and the Texas Gay Task Force are considering further action on this matter and so far no option has been ruled out. Anyone interested in working on this issue, the alternate housing code which would offer protection to gays, or other matters pertaining to gay civil rights may want to attend the weekly Monday night meetings of the Texas Gay Task Force. Call Allison at 528-4141 x814 for the time and location.

At our combined business-program meeting in November, Linda, Mark, Marion, and Alice presented the first in a series of programs composed of readings on a variety of topics. They offered two short plays concerning marital infidelity. Anyone with topics to suggest, reading material, or a desire to brazenly exhibit their talent

should contact Alice. Remember this is only the beginning---if Bette Midler started out at the Baths, no telling where this may lead!

We will again have a combined business and program meeting this month on Thursday, December 12. If satisfactory to the membership this once-a-month combined meeting will be continued to ease the problem of meeting overload. Come at 7:30 for the business session and the program should start slightly after 8.

FEMINIST SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL

Ho Ho Ho

Marion Friedman

BOOM-A-LACKA BOOM-A-LACKA

The NOW touch football teams will stage their HOMECOMING game on Sunday, December 8, at 4 P.M. The playing field is at the corner of Fairview and Yupon. The DRILL TEAM will perform and of course the CHEERLEADERS will be there (your first chance to see them in their winter uniforms. Like Marcia in "Peanuts," they have been sewing on sequins for weeks now.) Come & be part of the slaving mob on the sidelines.

What we need is a marching band.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT: HELP WANTED-- AUDITOR

Accounting graduate, 1 year experience needed in public work, or 2 years on the audit staff of a private company. Opportunity for varied experience including supervision and administration. Mail resume to P.O. Box 13451, Houston, TX 77019. Mitchell Energy-- an equal opportunity employer.

SEND IN THIS COUPON!!

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to join NOW (\$15)

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to join NOW but can only afford \_\_\_\_\_ (7.50 minimum)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member but want the Broadside (\$3 year)

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to NOW

\_\_\_\_\_ I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for the Women's Center

\_\_\_\_\_ ERA FUND CONTRIBUTION IS ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to: Ms. Norma Lee

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Tee-shirts, buttons, tee-shirts covered with buttons, Bitch is Beautiful posters, Equality soap bars, Brassies, Liberated Women's appointment calendars, books for free children, Free to Be You and Me records, Christmas cards--all make great gifts and stocking stuffers for the feminists and prospective feminists on your list. These items are available at the Women's Center; calendars also available at University Blvd. Book Store. Also consider giving gift memberships, gift subscriptions to the Broadside, and contributions to the Chapter or ERA Fund in the name of a friend. Recipients of these gifts will be sent a card notifying them of the gift from you.

## Financial Statement

Beginning Balance: October 1, 1974.....\$1,225.48

### Income:

Memberships.....	\$567.00
34 @ \$15 (24 new; 10 renew).....	510.
4 local dues only; 1 part pay @ \$5....	25.
1 new @ \$10.....	10.
2 new @ \$7.50.....	15.
1 new @ \$7.....	7.
Contributions.....	40.00
Broadside subscriptions.....	9.00
Broadside ads.....	30.00
N. Kuykendall; unused travel expenses.....	50.00
K. Whyburn; advance to increase tee-shirt order.....	100.00
Sale of buttons and tee-shirts.....	<u>143.50</u>
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$939.50

### Expenses:

Water (Oct-Nov).....	\$ 7.40
Telephone.....	35.91
Rent (Oct-Nov).....	200.00
Center supplies.....	20.00
Broadside printing (Oct-Nov).....	238.76
S & L Task Force (travel to TGTF).....	20.00
Women in Sports Task Force; mailing.....	12.00
Child Care Task Force; books for resale.....	88.44
August 26 party; liquor.....	171.68
Appreciation gift; L. Philpott.....	23.63
National membership transmittal.....	355.00
N. Kuykendall; Washington travel expenses...	209.00
100 tee-shirts.....	200.00
500 buttons.....	142.25
J. Necaize; accumulated supply and telephone expenses.....	31.47
Miscellaneous supplies.....	13.81
Returned check.....	<u>10.00</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$1,791.34

Ending Balance: October 31, 1974..... \$373.64

**NOW LEGISLATIVE ALERT!!!**

A little crisis concerning Education has come up. It seems that in the wee hrs. of the morning, Rep. Marjorie Holt (R-Md.) introduced an amendment to an appropriations bill (HR 16900) which had the intended effect of making Title IX unenforceable. Rep. Edith Green, (D-Ore) author of Title IX, made a speech in behalf and to everyone's surprise the amendment passed. Talk about getting stabbed in the back. The civil rights backlash is here and it is armed!

Without going into the details of the history of this attack on Title IX, I'll say that it has had its ups and downs but is still alive and threatening our most important piece of legislative leverage in the fight against discrimination in the schools.

WRITE TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS listed below to OPPOSE THE GREEN LANGUAGE CONCERNING TITLE IX.

ASK TEXAS SENATORS BENTSEN AND TOWER TO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THE HOLT-HELMS AMENDMENT TO HR 16900.

ASK TEXAS SENATORS BENTSEN AND TOWER TO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPTS TO DILUTE TITLE IX.

Kay Whyburn

**Conference Committee:**

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# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- December 2: NOW Orientation, "Introduction to HCWPC" 8 P.M.  
 3: Rape Crisis Coalition, 7:30  
 Crisis Counseling, 6-7  
 4: NOW Program meeting, U of H University Center, 8 PM  
 5: Minority Women Task Force, 7:30  
 7: ERA BEER BUST, 8:00  
 8: NOW Homecoming Football, 4 P.M. Fairview at Yupon  
 9: Now Orientation, "Consciousness Raising," 8 P.M.  
 NOW Board Meeting, 8 P.M.  
 10: Crisis Counseling, 6-7  
 Employment & Education Task Forces, 7:30 P.M.  
 Child Care Task Force, 8 P.M.  
 11: NOW Business meeting, U of H, 8 P.M.  
 12: SEXUALITY & LESBIANISM TASK FORCE, 7:30 P.M.  
 Reproduction Task Force, 7:30 P.M.  
 16: NOW Orientation, "What is Feminism?" 8 PM  
 17: Rape Crisis Coalition, 7:30  
 Male Mystique Task Force, 7:30  
 Crisis Counseling, 6-7 PM  
 19: Minority Women Task Force, 7:30  
 21: Mary Jane's birthday  
 23: NOW Orientation, "Legal Rights of Women," 8 PM  
 24-25: CLOSED  
 30: NOW Orientation, "Minority Women," 8 PM  
 31: CLOSED

Broadside deadline: 6 PM December 14. Don't forget the photo contest.

## CENTER SITTERS

- December 1 Louis Werner  
 2 Jackie Howard - Ro Lund  
 3 Jeanne Necaize  
 4 Amanda Masterson  
 5 Mary Ross Rhyne  
 6 Craig Roberts  
 7 Barbara Brown  
 8 Peggy Kirkendall  
 9 Nancy Kuykendall  
 10 Donna Lessard  
 11 Diana Freeland  
 12 Peggy Hall  
 13 John Pierce  
 14 Llana Nixon  
 15 Pokey Anderson

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- December 16 Jan Cunningham  
 17 Beverly Horton  
 18 Mary Jane White  
 19 Berta Stephens  
 20 Sandra Lerner  
 21 to be announced!  
 22 Sharon Macha  
 23 Liz Gammon  
 24 CLOSED  
 25 CLOSED  
 26 to be announced!  
 27 Pat German  
 28 Marion Friedman  
 29 Clara Willing  
 30 Mary Jane White  
 31 CLOSED

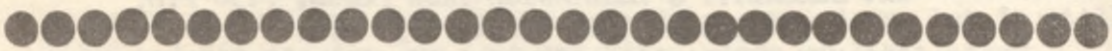


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