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point of view

Poppy Northcutt said something the other night that made me wonder. She asked if anybody had noticed the new shoe styles. I, of course, had not.

I've never been noted for the stylishness of my wardrobe and it is obvious that shoes are pretty far down on my list. In checking my closet, I found some sneakers I bought in 1959 in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

My favorite pair of shoes are little, flat numbers with crepe soles. They are made of red and blue suede and have blue & white striped laces, especially appropriate for the Bicentennial. They're still my favorite in spite of the fact that when Ron Sommers saw them he said, "Are those your bowling shoes?"

Anyhow, Poppy claims the new shoe styles have higher heels and pointier toes. Shades of the 50's. I remember those shoes. When you climb into a pair of them, they cause your spine to tilt forward to compensate for the height of the heel.

This forward tilt also causes you to thrust out your tits and rare back your head to keep from tumping over. I don't know about you, but I have enough problems in my life without constantly worrying about tumping over.

Poppy also says the new styles may be a reflection of the "Pink Lady" influence and, if that's so, may portend the downfall of the ERA. I've decided that's not true and think the styles are only a reflection of the taste of the shoe manufacturers who are in turn forcing their taste on the public.

But the public has rebelled before. Remember the midi?

Jan

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- 1: a sheet of paper printed on one or both sides and folded
- 2: any strong or comprehensive attack, as by criticism
- 3: the simultaneous discharge of all the guns on one side of a ship

task force reports

EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

The employment task force was officially launched March 6 with a workshop training us in the legal rights of women in the employment area. Caliph Johnson of the Southwest Institute for Equal Employment gave an interesting and enlightening presentation on the law and discrimination. Sylvia Roberts, one of our own, inspired us with a talk about the future goals and possibilities of our task force. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, April 1, 7:30 PM at the Women's Center. If you missed the workshop but are still interested in joining us, please come to this meeting.

Nikki R. Van Hightower

WRITE ON!

According to the National Task Force on Older Women, the situation is critical concerning the displaced homemakers bill. It must pass the House of Representatives by May 14 or it is dead for this year.

The displaced homemakers bill, HR 10272, would recognize the "invaluable contribution to the welfare and economic stability of the Nation" made by the homemaker. The bill would require HEW to establish multipurpose service programs for divorced or widowed homemakers who have difficulty in securing employment because of their lack of salable skills.

Write Rep. A.F. Hawkins, Chair of the Subcommittee on Equal Opportunities, and ask him to set an immediate hearing on HR 10272. You should also write your own Representative and ask her/him to urge Hawkins to pass the bill out of his subcommittee.

Abortion is an issue we keep having to refight. There is a strong, heavily financed effort to amend the U.S. Constitution to destroy a woman's right to control her own body. Write your Representative and Senators and tell them you do not want any such amendment. Emphasize that abortion is a decision that should be left up to the individual, not the State.

GARAGE SALE! Saturday and Sunday, April 10 & 11, from 9 to 4, at 2504 Helena. Bring your odds and ends and leave them on the porch. Then come back and shop! If you'll bake something to sell, call Nancy Kuykendall (664-4152 eves). If you'll take a shift as a salesperson, call Jan Pierce (524-3009 days; 522-1278 eves).

PROGRAM MEETING

Have you ever attend a political party's precinct convention? Do you know what to expect if you attend one? Our April program meeting will consist of an explanation and discussion of how to participate in your political party conventions and other activities.

Political parties are fundamental to our political system. If women are going to have an impact on our society, we must learn how to use the currently existing tools. This year, Texas' political party conventions will help determine who will be the nominees of the political parties for President of the United States. Join us at 7:30 PM on April 7 at the Clayton Library to learn how to be part of the process of choosing our next President.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

At a meeting on February 28, the State Council adopted a resolution that funds be raised for feminist litigation. Accordingly, such a fundraiser will be held at the forthcoming state conference. "Spirit of Equality '76" was chosen as the theme for the conference. Sarah Weddington will be the conference keynote speaker. The next State Council meeting will be in Huntsville on April 17.

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NATIONAL BYLAWS

A hearing on new bylaws for NOW, Inc. will be held April 10 at the Holiday Inn on Regal Row in Dallas. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit and accept oral and written opinions and ideas from members and chapters about bylaws revision. The newbylaws will be drafted by the national bylaws conference in Kansas City, Kansas on October 9-11. Any NOW member may testify. The order of speakers will be determined by the order in which they sign in.

On Monday, April 5, at 7:30 PM there will be a meeting at the Women's Center to discuss any changes we would like to see made in the bylaws of National NOW. The meeting will double as a Board meeting so that we may make formal recommendations from the chapter to the hearing in Dallas April 10. Copies of the national bylaws are available at the Center. Please try to have some specific ideas in mind when you come to the April 5 meeting.

IT'S A HIT!

The Houston Area Feminist Federal Credit Union had their first annual meeting March 11. They announced that share deposits totaled over \$44,000 and membership had increased to 306 after only five months of operation.

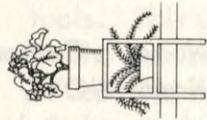
Laura Oren was elected president of the board of directors; Meryll Leatherman, vice president; Kathy Whitmire, treasurer; and Joyce Cragg, secretary. Other directors include Bonnie Atkinson, Renee Hall, Mazel Lee, Norma Lee, Bertha McNeill, Odilia Mendez and Merilyn Whited.

Members of the credit committee are Nancy Kuykendall, Jan Pierce, Pam Pitt and Marge Randal. Elayne Tatar was named to chair the committee. Toby Myers-Faires serves as alternate.

SOCCKER

A Women's Soccer Clinic will be held Saturday, April 17, at 9:30 AM at the Men's Soccer Field at Rice University. The clinic is open to all women and a knowledge of soccer is not needed. You will be taught everything you need to know from the basics to the rules. If you'd like more information and if you know anyone who would like to coach soccer, please call Carol Kirpatrick 923-6397 (days) or Kathy Parker 795-5350, Debbie Zanowiak 522-5723, Jana McCann 667-6774 (eves).

April 18...Happy Birthday, Murray Burns. Sponsored by M.E.C.



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sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
				Employment Task Force 7:30 PM		Fundraising Task Force 1:30 PM
				1 Claire Noonan	2 Closed	3 Jan Pierce
4 Closed	Board Meeting 7:30 PM 5 Chris Wycliff	6 Beverly White	Program Meeting Clayton Library 7:30 PM; HCWPC Endorsement Meeting 7:30 PM 7 Beverly Horton	8 Glenna Cloud	9 Closed	Center Sitter Meeting 12 PM; Bylaws Hearing in Dallas; GARAGE SALE 10 Open
GARAGE SALE 11			Business Meeting 8 PM		<u>Broadside</u> Deadline	State Council Meeting 17 Marion Friedman
	12 Nikki Van Hightower	13 Charlotte Poole	14 Bette Anne Knoll	15 Renee Rabb	16 Closed	
		HRCC Business Meeting 7:30 PM	HCWPC Council Action Meeting 7:30 PM			Regional Conference/Atlanta
18 Closed	19 Donna Lessard	20 Donna Duerk	21 Nancy Kuykendall	22 Anita Burnett	23 Closed	24 Bobbie Neal
						WOMEN'S CENTER 3602 Milam 524-5743 Mon-Thur 7-10 PM Saturday 12-3 PM
25 Closed	26 Nancy Landau	27 Alice McCarthy	28 Norma Lee Ann Robinson	29 Open	30 Closed	

SELL YOUR STUFF

The U.S. General Services Administration is the major purchasing agent for our Federal Government, annually procuring \$3 billion dollars' worth of goods and services. In a recent letter to us, they tell us they have no way to distinguish female owned and/or operated firms from other bidders and contractors, but are sure the total list is greatly disproportionate to the number of female entrepreneurs who could supply their agency.

The GSA is establishing a special program to assist businesswomen in competing for government contracts. They ask our assistance in identifying these kinds of businesses. If you or your friends would like to get on the bid list please contact Tony Williams, General Services Administration, Room 7007, 515 Rusk, 77002.

STATE CONFERENCE

Preliminary arrangements have been made for Houston Area NOW members to fly as a group to Abilene for the State Conference. The plane will leave Houston Intercontinental at 6 PM Friday, May 28. Possible return times from Abilene on Sunday, May 30, are 1:50 PM or 6:50 PM.

The round trip ticket will cost \$69.47. Reservations must be made by April 26 and the total air fare must be turned in to Betty Barnes by Sunday, May 23. If you wish to go with the group and have not yet given Betty your name, contact her before April 26 at 487-2489.

ILLINOIS ERA MOBILIZATION

On the weekend of May 15-16, women from all parts of the U.S. are coming together to demand the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois. The activity will include both district work and canvassing, as well as a major march and rally in the state's capital, Springfield.

Each state has its own recruitment coordinator. The Texas recruitment effort is headed by Gail Baier, 3434 Oakdale #605, San Antonio, Texas 78229. Tentative plans call for departure Thursday evening, May 13, and return Monday evening, May 17. Bus fare will be approximately \$55 round trip per person. Gail hopes to fill three buses with Texas feminists, so contact her if you'd like to participate.

Jo Stewart thanks those who were helpful and kind when she was speechless.

JEANNE REMEMBERED

April 16 is the first anniversary of Jeanne Alleman's death. It seems a lot longer than that. Not a month has gone by that I haven't thought to myself, am I living up to Jeanne's example? Would I, dying of cancer, espouse the feminist movement and give emotional and creative commitment, time, energy and money to it? That's what Jeanne did.

Would I make new friendships with a great variety of people, all of whom I knew would outlive me? She did that, too. Would I be a source of strength and affection for my family and my friends, both inside and outside the movement?

That's what Jeanne was. And is. She'll be an important friend of mine for the rest of my life.

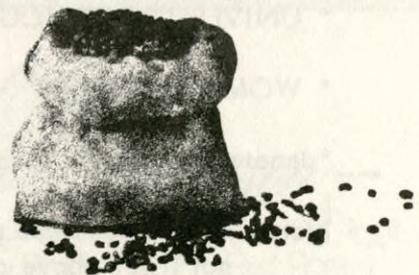
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*denotes active task force

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Dallas County NOW reports that Martha Dickey, Texas NOW Coordinator, is running for the State Legislature from her district in Dallas. Good luck, Martha!

ANTONIA

"I'm squeezed, I'm frustrated, because I conduct five concerts a year, sometimes six, and I'd like to conduct five concerts a month. I cannot play my instrument, which is the orchestra....I want to conduct professional orchestras. And I want to conduct in New York. I want to conduct in California, in San Francisco. I want to conduct in Russia. Every single time I hear the name, Evgenie Svetlana, I die inside, because she is a woman, in Russia, conducting all the time....It's a perpetual heartbreak."

Those are the words of Antonia Brico, conductor of the community Brico Symphony in Denver, Colorado, first female conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic (1930), organizer and leader of the first all-female orchestra (the New York Woman's Symphony, 1934), who was once denied a third command performance at the Metropolitan Opera because baritone John Charles Thomas complained that a woman's baton "will take all the attention away from me."

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April On 
Antonia: A PORTRAIT OF

THE WOMAN... a very personal film about Antonia Brico by Judy Collins and Jill Godmillow.

Tuesday, April 20 at 8:00pm.

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presents "The Growth of a Poet: Sylvia Plath" by the First Poetry Quartet.

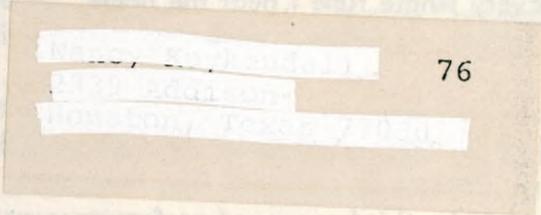
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