

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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MEAN GREEN LIMA BEANS "REAP" A RED HARVEST

Led by Allison (MVP) McKinney and Craig (Elephant Feet) Roberts, The Green Lima Beans plowed the Red Harvesters, 21-7, in the first annual Yupon Bowl. In a game characterized by genteel, sportswomanlike play, the Beans ran through, around and over (mostly over) a game but, with the exception of "Big Red" Barbossa, slightly anemic Red team. Sharing backfield duties with Allison and Craig for the Beans were Bunny and Lynn with Sug Casey and "The Alaskan Secret Weapon" Chris operating as flankers. Lovell and Ciganiero pushed and shoved in the front line while Merryll Leatherman did her usual fine job of holding.

Red quarterback Eddie Brady played most of the game from a prone position with the rest of the Red backfield, Mollie and Kathy, also spending a remarkable amount of time on the ground. Red center Lee Wilkins and Red Linespeople Shawn Casey and Big Red had the unenviable task of blocking the Green defensive charge so that Red receivers "The Red Fox" and Claudia could help set up two McKinney interceptions. Jan Cunningham tripped a lot. The game was so well played that the officials, David Knowles and Susie, resplendent in their striped shirts and whistles, called only three penalties. This game was remarkable in that Shawn Casey failed to throw an interception.

Meanwhile, on the sidelines, the band, the drill team, cheerleaders, spectators and floats provided a colorful background for the game. Supported by Kay Whyburn's keg of beer (and plainly showing its effects) the band and drill team wove their way through an intricate half time show highlighted by the crowning of the Yupon Bowl Magistrate, "The Queen Jane." The sequined, beribboned, knowledgeable, NOW cheerleaders gave their customary, unmatched performance, displaying their versatility by cleverly adapting their famous "We want a touchdown" softball cheer to "We want a homerun" in honor of the game. Game to the Green team, Float Award to the Red team, Best Fans Award to everyone. (Can't wait for basketball, can you?)

Dear Members:

The following resolutions were to have been considered at the 1974 Southern Regional Conference held in Memphis last October. The Conference lacked a quorum to consider them, and voted to have them mailed to chapters for discussion and voting. The full text of all the resolutions is posted at the Women's Center. I have attempted to summarize each resolution below so that you can have some idea of what we will be voting on at the January business meeting (the THIRD Wednesday, January 15).

1. Commendation of Senator William Brock(R, Tenn.) for his attempts to obtain equal credit legislation for women.
2. Establishment of a minority and ethnic affairs column in DO IT NOW.
3. Undertaking a study of wife beating.
4. Various actions in support of Chilean women political prisoners.
5. Reaffirmation of commitment to work on ERA as a priority issue.
6. Action to require military service academies to admit women on an equal basis with men.
7. Establishment of feminist credit unions.
8. National by-laws change to institute a delegate system for all NOW National Conferences.
9. Adoption of the pronoun THEY as a generic singular in all NOW literature instead of HE or SHE.
10. Commendation of the Memphis Chapter for their work on the Southern Regional Conference.
11. Requirement for the Southern Regional Director to submit a budget to state coordinators and to report income and expenditures to all chapter presidents.
12. Support balloting for National and Regional officers through the mails rather than have elections at the National Conference.
13. Require 10 months advance notice of location of each Southern Regional Conference.

Please come to the January business meeting prepared to discuss and vote on these resolutions.

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HELEN COPITKA SENDS OUT A CALL FOR BODIES (CR GROUPS, ANYONE??)

On Tuesday, January 28, there will be a CR group formation meeting at the Women's Center. If you want to get into a CR group, bring your body. There will be no orientation on CR in January--just the formation meeting.

INTERESTED IN WORKING ON A FEMINIST CREDIT UNION IN HOUSTON??

If so, contact Laura at 528-3631.

TASK FORCE REPORT: MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health Task Force will present the January program meeting on January 8th at the University Center, U of H. Dr. Jerome Sherman (clinical psychologist) and Ruth Sherman (biologist) will discuss their techniques of sexual therapy (a la Masters and Johnson). Have your questions ready.

We still need help to interview, by phone, more therapists. For more information come to the January Task Force meeting, the 16th at 8 P.M.

Barbara Brown

GROWTH GROUPS

There are still a few openings in the Growth Groups. One group will meet on Monday nights and another on Wednesday nights starting the week of January 8. If you are interested in a daytime group, call Mary Bock at 522-9769.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN

If you would like to join a CR group for young women 15-17 years old, call Glenda McKinney at 944-5534.

THANK YOU NOTE

Houston NOW thanks the law firm of Mandell & Wright for their contribution of \$100. We are truly appreciative.

TASK FORCE REPORT: WOMEN IN SPORTS

Recently the WIS Task Force has been discussing the issues which they will be facing as the shitworkers of the 1975 national task force on Women in Sports. The Title IX guidelines, which are expected to be released in January, are of prime importance and the word from Washington is that the athletics section may prove to be totally unsatisfactory to feminists. The media coverage of women in sports is pathetic, and with the assistance of Betty Barnes and the national coordinator for the Image of Women Task Force, we will be issuing media guidelines to assist national chapters in dealing with the media. Finally, Women in Sports will be focusing its attention on the United States Olympic Committee and its unequal treatment of female athletes. Word is already in from the Aspen, Colorado task force that they are preparing to file suit against the United States Ski Team, the training group for American olympians. Additionally, the Houston Task Force will be coordinating reference material on women in sports which will be compiled by the national At-large Task Force. And, Houston will be responsible for getting out a national newsletter twice a year.

We will, of course, continue to provide the Houston chapter with excellent recreational programs to which they have become accustomed, and in that respect, anyone who is interested in basketball should contact Merryl Leatherman. Women in Sports will meet the last Thursday of each month at the Women's Center at 7:30 P.M.

TASK FORCE REPORT: REPRODUCTION & ITS CONTROL

FLASH!! The Bartlett Amendment to the \$33 million Labor-HEW appropriations bill was DELETED by the Joint Conference Committee. This amendment would have prohibited abortion under Medicaid except when necessary to save the life of the mother. I lobbied against this amendment when Houston NOW sent me to Washington in October. Thanks, letter-writers. Thanks, God (She does provide!).

Nancy Kuykendall

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In accordance with our policy of providing new and different ways to discover all the muscles in our bodies, our next sport is basketball. Dribble to your heart's content. Who knows -- you may be able to avoid becoming the next Homecoming Queen. Contact Merryll -- 522-2454.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR FESTIVITIES PLANNED

The United Nations has declared 1975 to be International Women's Year, and the Houston chapter of the United Nations Association has assembled an Ad Hoc Committee to plan local activities throughout the year. The "launch date" will be Saturday, January 11. In the morning, there will be the First and Last International Kite Flying, Paper Airplane, and Canine Frisbee-Catching Contest in Memorial Park; great prizes, and free balloons for all. In the afternoon, Barbara Jordan will be the opening speaker at the symposium to be held at the Susan B. Anthony Ballroom of the Rice Hotel. That night, a cocktail party will begin at 8 at the Contemporary Arts Museum--\$2 for drinks. Keep your eyes and ears open for details in the newspapers and on radio and TV.

WINE AND CHEESE WITH MARIA ISABEL BARRENO

Maria Isabel Barreno, one of the internationally known "Three Marias" attacked by the Portuguese government, will be visiting in Houston in late January. Meet her at a benefit wine-and-cheese party on January 27th (Monday), 8 P.M., at the Women's Center. Admission \$2. (And watch for more about her local appearances.)

TASK FORCE REPORT: SEXUALITY AND LESBIANISM

A Rites of Spring weekend for all lesbians in Texas is now in the fantasy stage. If you or somebody you know has access to a spot in the country you might be willing to lend or rent to us for a weekend -- probably in April -- please let me know. We'd prefer something non-lesbianophobic and scenic if possible, but we'll take what we can get.

Another recent proposal was for people to learn to speak on specialized topics, e.g. The Lesbian in Literature, and have an accompanying slide presentation. Let Alison know if you are interested.

Alice's programs continue to be Houston's favorite attraction, with the possible exception of "Bambi Meets Godzilla." Our meeting this month (combined business and program) will be the fourth Thursday (January 23rd.). On the second Thursday (January 9th.), we will have a special meeting of all members of the organizations in the Texas Gay Task Force, Eastern Region. This will be the time for ground-floor input from everybody who wants to see this infant coalition get off the ground.

Pokey Anderson

TASK FORCE REPORT: MASCULINE MYSTIQUE

We will be forming some mixed CR groups at our next meeting on Thursday, January 23 at 7:30. We plan to form at least two groups consisting of both males and females who are aware of feminist issues.

Craig Roberts

ATTENTION ALL CENTER SITTERS!!!

. . . As for the key to the Women's Center: please, see to it that the key is where it's supposed to be. You know where that is. (If in doubt, call a Center Director!)

CENTER SITTERS

January	1	closed	16	Amanda Masterson
	2	Betty Barnes	17	open
	3	Alison McKinney	18	J. J. Hendricks
	4	Susan Heavy	19	Gail Carstens
	5	Mary Jane White	20	M. J. White/M. R. Rhyne
	6	Andrea Bright	21	Dianne Martin
	7	Donna Lessard	22	Dianna Vejtasa
	8	Pat German	23	Bette Anne Knoll
	9	Peggy Hall	24	Jackie Howard/Ro Lund
	10	Craig Roberts	25	Barbara Brown
	11	Llana Nixon	26	Clara Willing
	12	Gay Cosgriff	27	Nancy Kuykendall
	13	Jean Ritter	28	M. R. Rhyne/M. J. White
	14	Carolyn Elliott	29	Carole Drennan
	15	Beverly Horton	30	Ann Robinson/Norma Lee
			31	open

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

January	2	Minority Women Task Force -- 7:30 P.M.
	6	Orientation - Minority Women -- 8:00 P.M.
	7	Crisis Counseling -- 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
		Rape Crisis Coalition -- 7:30 P.M.
	8	Program Meeting --U of H -- 8:00 P.M.
	9	Special meeting of E. Region, Tex. Gay Task Force -- 7:30 P.M.
	13	Orientation, "What is Feminism?" -- 8:00 P.M.
	14	Crisis Counseling -- 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
		Employment Task Force -- 7:30 P.M.
		Child Care Task Force -- 7:30 P.M.
	15	Business Meeting -- U of H -- 8:00 P.M.
	16	Minority Women Task Force -- 7:30 P.M.
		Mental Health Task Force -- 8:00 P.M.
	20	Orientation, "Sexuality and Lesbianism" -- 8:00 P.M.
	21	Crisis Counseling -- 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
		Rape Crisis Coalition -- 7:30 P.M.
	23	Male Mystique Task Force -- 7:30 P.M.
		Sexuality and Lesbianism Task Force -- 7:30 P.M.
	26	Mary Ross' Birthday (Libra rising)
	27	Orientation, "Intro to HCWPC" -- 8:00 P.M.
	28	Crisis Counseling -- 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
	30	Women in Sports Task Force -- 8:00 P.M.

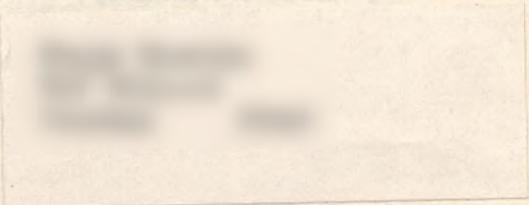
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