

UNIVERSITY NEWS



NOW at the University of Houston, Founded March, 1981

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

SECTION 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

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The presses are back in operation for the printing of University News - the NOW at UH Newsletter. And of course, thanks to the few, the proud, the feminists of NOW at UH, the newsletter becomes reality once again.

This is the beginning of the second year for NOW at UH. We can already see positive results since all the Board of Director positions (outlined in our operating rules - see last membership mailing) have been filled.

The following people were elected in the September 14th meeting:

- President - Rossann Daumas
- Treasurer - Gerry Gardner
- Secretary - Sherri Forschler
- Fundraiser - Karen A. Weightman
- Membership - Marie Tighe
- University Grps Liason - Karen Dietrich
- Newsletter - Jeanne Sommerfeld

Since the election I have appointed, pro tem, Helen Ortiz as Public Relations Chairperson, and Lucretia Copeland as Public Affairs Chairperson. Our operating rules require a Board of Directors vote for unfilled (by membership elections) offices, so that will be an early item at our next business meeting - October 5th. See calendar. The offices are of course open to nominations from the floor.

As you may know from our September members' mailing, the National NOW Conference will take place October 8-10 in Indianapolis. Our third delegate and alternate delegate were selected by drawing from the hat. Jeanne Sommerfeld, Rossann Daumas and Karen Dietrich are delegates; Jo Ann Evansgardner is our alternate delegate. I am happy to inform that the Funding Committee for student organization is helping finance the trip. The delegates are excited to have the opportunity to participate in the decision making of the direction NOW will take in the coming two years.

NOW at UH has been invited by UH Women's Network to present the results of the National NOW Conference to its October 26th meeting. We hope you can be there; see CALENDAR for meeting information.

According to National NOW, October, November and December are membership recruiting months. For that reason, membership dues have been reduced from \$35.00 to \$25.00 per year. I urge members to get their friends and relatives to join. NOW at UH is placing ads in The Daily Cougar, the student publication, on October 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th. Look us up! And use the coupons to recruit a new member.

\$\$\$ contributions are being accepted to help pay necessary chapter expenses. Any amount will help. Specify what you want your dollars to go to. Here are two of many areas with financial need:

* Help support delegate attendance at National NOW Conference - Airfare (\$259/each delegate - we got help for only two); lodging (\$16/night x3 nights x3 delegates - no funds for this); food (about \$15/day x3 x3 - no funds for this either.)

* NOW/PAC Walkathon - funds for NOW researched feminist candidates for state legislatures in the November 1982 elections. (See Gleanings for reports on feminist candidates in Florida.)

Mail your contribution to:
Treasurer, NOW at UH
Box 509, UC
4800 Calhoun
Houston, TX 77004

If you can't contribute \$\$\$ at the moment, perhaps you can get involved in some of the projects being proposed by our new fundraiser, Karen Weightman. (See below)

As our new president, I hope that you will join us in planning and making all our activities count for women. The more people involved, the better. Paraphrasing our ad in the Cougar - There are about 30,000 people on UHCC. We don't expect contributions of money and work from everybody reading this newsletter, just from those who are discriminated against on account of sex, or those who care about them - which should be a lot of folks!

Rossann Daumas

NOW at UH presents:

Slide show and discussion of the religious questions surrounding abortion

MOTHERHOOD: A SACRED TRUST

October 26, 1982 7:30 pm

LET IT BE A CHOICE

A. D. Bruce Religion Center
Room 202
University of Houston - Central Campus

TUESDAYS 7:30 pm KPFT (90 FM) Breakthrough on the Air
 Women's Liberation Music - Pokey Anderson/Cheri Wolf
 SPECIAL 2 HOUR SHOW ON OCTOBER 19TH
 7:30-9:30 pm - Women Musicians of the Nostalgia Era

Day/Date	Time	Event
Tues 5th	noon	U. H. Women's Network - UC* Satellite Brigid Welch on Library Services
Tues 5th	5 pm	NOW at UH Chapter Business Meeting - UC
Sun 10th	?	Lillian Hellman: A Profile - Beginning of series on PBS - check TV listing for time
Tues 12th	noon	U. H. Women's Network - UC Satellite Jenny Jansing - "Moving Up and Shaking Up the Career Ladder"
Wed 13th	11-2	NOW at UH Chapter Information Table UC Volunteers needed, call Rossann.
" 13th	?	My Brilliant Career - a feminist film on PBS - check TV listing for time.
" 13th	?	Motherlove - short documentary on PBS check TV listing for time.
" 13th	5:30	NOW at UH Consciousness Raising/Action Meeting - UC
Mon 18th	7-9	Gynecology Selfhelp Clinic - Houston Area Women's Center. Call 524-9270 to register (Cathy Courtney, a NOW at UH Newsletter Subscriber & a Wonderful Woman is facilitating this.)

MINUTES - September 14, 1982

- Voting for officers was completed.
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 - University Groups Liason - Karen Dietrich
 - Public Relations -
 - Public Affairs-Newsletter - Jeanne Sommerfeld
- Two new members joined - Lucretia Copeland & Sheila Meyer
- Chapter meeting date set for October - second Tuesday at 12 and 5pm for further discussion.*
- Voted to become a co-sponsor of "The 1982 Voters's Guide on Women's Issues" a project coordinated by the Women's Lobby Alliance.
- Announcements of feminist activities in the Houston Area, i.e. the Texas NOW State Council Meeting, the Candidates Forum organized by the Houston Area NOW chapter and the availability of League of Women Voters speakers on Proposition 2 - a change in the Texas constitution which would increase the ceiling level for welfare in Texas.

Submitted by Sherri Forschler, Secretary.

*Ed. Note: This meeting date was subsequently reconsidered and changed due to conflict with UH Women's Network schedule - see CALENDAR above.

Tues 19th	noon	U. H. Women's Network - UC Satellite Trudi Picar - Chaireprson, German Dprtmnt "Combat Medals and Battle Scars of a Campus Veteran."
Wed 20th	11-2	NOW at UH Information Table - UC Volunteers needed, call Rossann.
Thur 21th	noon	NOW at UH Brown Bag Meeting - UC
Fri 22nd	7:30	Film: <u>Farenthold: a Texas Chronicle</u> Rice Media Center
Sun 24th	?	Screenwriters: <u>Word into Image</u> . Eleanor Perry - check PBS TV listing for time.
Tues 26th	noon	UH Women's Network - NOW OFFICERS REPORT on NOW National Conference UC Satellite
" 26th	7:30	NOW at UH Program Meeting - MOTHER-HOOD: A SACRED TRUST - LET IT BE A CHOICE. Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights Slide show + Discussion. A.D. Bruce Religion Center UH Central Campus

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NOW at the University of Houston
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and NEWSLETTER REQUEST FORM

(Please check blanks as appropriate for you)

- I wish to join the National Organization for Women, NOW at the University of Houston, Central Campus (Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$11 to \$25. This amount is divided among the Chapter, Texas NOW, and the National. Please send an amount for your dues according to your circumstances.)
- Enclosed are my dues in the amount of \$ _____. (Make your check payable to "NOW at the University of Houston" and send to:
 NOW (Membership), Box 509,
 University Center, 4800 Calhoun
 Houston, TX 77004
- I would like to continue receiving a Courtesy Copy of the Newsletter. (U of H campus mail address only - please use MAIL address as listed in UH phone book.)
- Please discontinue sending me the newsletter.
- I would like to talk to someone to get more information about NOW.

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

TOWN, STATE, ZIP _____

PRECINCT NUMBER _____ (from voter registration card)

HOME PHONE _____ OTHER PHONE _____ (hours)

UH CAMPUS MAIL ADDRESS _____
 (This form can be mailed to us free via CAMPUS MAIL to address above.)

NOW NEWS

Nominations Announced for National NOW Office

The National Nominating Committee has received nominations for the elections to be held at the 1982 National Conference on October 8-10, 1982, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Nominating Committee is verifying that nominees meet the qualifications set in the National By-laws (Article V, Sections, 2A; 1E). The following names have been received:

Office Sought	Name	Chapter
President	Judy Goldsmith	Two Rivers-Mentowoc WI
	Sonia Johnson	Epifon Rho Alpha VA
	Anne L. Lang	First Pittsburgh PA
	Mary M. McQuay	A1-Large
	Jane Wells-Schooley	Lehigh Valley PA
Vice President/Executive	Barbara Duke	Austin TX
	Dion Kiser	Rogues Valley OR
	Maurson Rogman	Evanson-North Shore IL
	Gloria Sackman-Reed	Williamsport PA
	Barbara Timmer	Washington DC
Vice President/Action	Mary Jean Collins	Chicago IL
	Glinny Foot	Griffith Park CA
	Kathryn A. Samer	Middletown NY
	Katie Harris	Atlanta GA
	Colie A. Higley	East Bay CA
Secretary	Lola Galsky Reczitt	Greater Portland ME
	Kathy L. Webb	Pulaski County AR
	Alice J. Chapman	Danbury Area CT
Treasurer	Priscilla D. Delaney	Middletown NY

NOW 1982 NATIONAL CONFERENCE - October 8-10

The delegates to the National Conference are the ultimate authority of NOW. They decide issues through resolutions brought up on the floor during the plenary sessions. Resolutions are either presubmitted to the conference, come out of conference workshops, or are petitioned at the conference for inclusion. Not all resolutions are able to be considered by the body because of the time factor. Any resolution not considered on the floor is brought before the National Board for a decision.

Among the areas of interest this year (in addition to the elections) are the nuclear freeze/arms race, violence against women/media reform, the relationship of the National officers and staff to the State and Chapter organizations, women and poverty.

There are resolutions to boycott Coors Beer and Sebastiani Wines and to visibly protest the probation of Quintin Dailey, a pro basketball star. (He was accused of rape but was plea bargained down to probation.)

One issue that was hotly debated at the last conference will come up again this year - NOW's position on the draft. Our current position opposes any draft. However, sex discriminatory military policies such as a male-only draft, exclude women from many citizen benefits, e.g. military service is virtually a requirement for public office, education benefits, (during and after service), job-training, (particularly non-traditional jobs for women, like flying), life-long veteran's preference for government jobs, (1/6th of the nation's total workforce,) preferred rates for veteran's loans, insurance, veteran's pensions, (and subsequently government pensions because of veteran's preference for government jobs). Finally, and in many ways the most serious of all, because subtle and impossible to 'combat' - sex discriminatory policies including exemption of all women from any draft results in a nationally, governmentally propagated and supported image of women as weak, cowardly, inept, unnecessary, etc. Therefore, if there is a draft, NOW will fight to keep it from being sex discriminatory. The proposed resolution would change NOW's position to one where we would work to have women's historical draft exclusion extended to men.

There is also a call for NOW to reaffirm its commitment to Consciousness Raising as a leadership development tool.

The issue of the relationship of the national organization to state and chapter organizations is coming up in a variety of resolutions. Included are limitations on the National Board's position as governing body between conferences, and requests for itemized National budgets at each National Board meeting. It is possible that this issue will come to a head during the election process, which, judging from the amount of mail to the chapter from candidates for office, will be very exciting.

Our chapter has three delegates, Rossann Daumas, Jeanne Sommerfeld and Karen Dietrich. Jo Ann Evansgardner, Gerry Gardner and (possibly) Karen Weightman are also going and may be delegates for chapters that didn't fill all their delegate positions. If you need information or have ideas or strong feelings about any of the above call one of them to give your input. Or stop by the office in UC underground. We keep office hours which are posted in our office.

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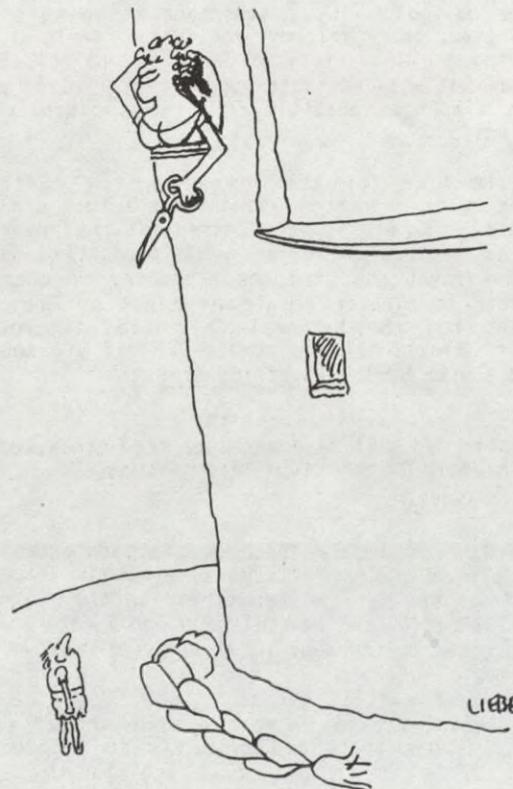
Males driving planet to ruin: NOW leader

LINCOLN, Neb. (UPI) — Leadership by men is hurting humanity toward planetary annihilation, National Organization for Women presidential candidate Sonia Johnson claims.

Ms. Johnson, excommunicated from the Mormon Church for heresy and one of a group of women who participated in a hunger strike for the Equal Rights Amendment in Springfield, Ill., said that men must not be allowed to lead because they are more aggressive than women.

"There is no way to stop this destruction except for women leadership," Ms. Johnson said. "Women are the voice of sanity and survival." She added:

"I don't think men are morally inferior — I just think there is something wrong with the male leadership."



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Sherri Forschler, Secretary:

In addition to keeping minutes, etc. we maintain files of feminist materials. Members are welcome to stop by the office and examine the materials for their areas of interest.

Lucretia Copeland, Chairperson, Public Affairs Committee:

The Public Affairs Committee is potentially the most important of our Chapter's action committees - its job is to monitor public affairs, (e.g. legislation) at national, state and local level, keep chapter members informed of actions they can take, and keep track of legislative alliances and coalitions the chapter belongs to, such as the Women's Lobby Alliance. Included under "local" are public actions of the University which feminists should challenge, such as the recent sexist ads in the Daily Cougar.

Karen A. Weightman, Chairperson, Fundraising Committee:

My responsibilities as your newly elected fundraising chairperson are basically to monitor the University Rules for disbursement of funds to student groups (with our chapter's interest in mind) and most importantly to develop fundraising projects. There are several ideas that I have concerning fundraising. One of the best is to solicit campus businesses for advertising in our monthly Newsletter. This would be an excellent method of fundraising, not only from a monetary standpoint, but it would help us to know who our friends are in the business community. Additional fundraising projects could be: merchandising feminist products, a possible Feminist Conference sponsored by NOW, and solicitation of interested faculty and administrative staff. Your feedback on these ideas and your help in carrying them out will be appreciated by all who understand the need for feminism

Jeanne Sommerfeld, Newsletter Editor:

The responsibilities of the newsletter editor are rather obvious. It is important to me to produce a newsletter that informs you about feminist issues covering a wide variety of areas and political levels -- one that will motivate you to get involved and make it as simple as possible for you to discover how to take action.

I would like for the newsletter to reflect the diversity of resources and interests that our members possess. Therefore, it is essential that many people work to produce the paper. Our production dates are in flux right now, but the schedule for creating the November Newsletter should be final by the time we return from the National Convention (approximately 10/13) Please call me at 726-9828 if you would like to help with NOW's University News.

Ed. Note: We will have messages from other members of our Board of Directors in later issues.

FROM NOW/PAC:

In Florida, 14 female state Senate candidates won their primaries. Only six were defeated. Four of the 14 winners face no opposition in the November general election and have already won Senate seats. This matches the current total of four women in the 40 member Senate.

Of 62 women running for the state House, 29 won their primaries and 10 more are in run-off elections. NOW's goal in Florida is to double the number of women in the state legislature. NOW endorsed 18 candidates for the state Senate and 14 won. In the House races, 39 of the 47 women and men NOW endorsed won their primaries.

War on campus is being waged by campus feminists against sexist ads on campus bulletin boards and in the Daily Cougar on a frequent basis. One example seen in the Cougar on September 30, 1982, page 11, typifies this obscenity, presenting women in a sexually soliciting position promoting "Two Fingers Tequila". Another was seen September 9th in a "Carte Blanca" advertisement supplement included in an issue of the Daily Cougar, again presenting a scantily clad female wearing a T-shirt printed with "Pour yourself a winner".

Objections have been voiced, particularly by campus women, towards these and other obscene portrayals of females as sexually soliciting and a far cry from their portrayal of women as winners! Proof that this is not good clean fun is the fact that scantily clad men in sexually suggestive poses are never used in these ads. Campus feminists see this as a direct insult to our intelligence. We must each speak up and let it be known to the Cougar advertising staff and promoters the war is on! These two companies addresses are listed below.

WRITE!

Cibco Importing Co. Inc. (Carte Blanca)
9391 Grogans Mill Rd. Suite A5
The Woodlands, Tx. 77380

Two Fingers Tequila
P. O. Box 32127
Detroit, Michigan 48232

(ED note: see letter by Judith Oppenheim below for example. More letters or postcards would help end this hurtful practice.)

Mr. Mark Phiese, Cibco Importing Co, Inc.*
9391 Grogans Mill Road, SA5, The Woodlands, TX 77380

Mr. Phiese,

I am a graduate student in Chemical Engineering at the University of Houston. On September 9th, your company ran an ad in our school paper. Its sexist overtones upset me very much. I spoke to the Editor who gave me your name.

It is very hard being accepted in a male-dominated field when there is a constant media message that women are only for "popping", "squeezing", and "shaking". By encouraging this attitude, you are promoting your product at my expense.

I am not going to permit this without fighting back. Engineering Societies are one of the largest consumers of beer on this campus. Already, I have spoken with members of the AIChE student chapter, and they have agreed not to deal with your company. Other women in electrical engineering, civil engineering, and mechanical engineering will be requesting similar actions from their representative organizations.

Our goal in this matter is to speak up among our male colleagues and alert them to the harms of exploitation in advertising. We will continue this policy until we see some evidence that there has been a change in attitude on your part.

Your ad was in poor taste, and I hope that in future you will put a little more thought into how you market your product.

Sincerely,

Judith Oppenheim, University of Houston Central Campus
Chemical Engineering, Cullen College of Engineering
Houston, TX 77004

A setback for the New Right

Helms, conservatives fail in efforts to push social bills through Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The New Right, which once dreamed of great triumphs in the 87th Congress, finished its two-year crusade with defeat bordering on disaster.

"I've had my shot at it," said Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. "I did the best I could."

On that sunny day in January 1981 when Ronald Reagan was sworn in as president and the Senate was in Republican control for the first time in a quarter century, the so-called New Right had every reason to believe the time had come to push its cherished social goals through Congress.

Even in the House, still firmly held by Democrats, enthusiasm for the goals was strong.

But the 87th Congress is all but over and all the social legislation is dead.

There will be no bill outlawing busing to desegregate public schools; no bill to permanently prohibit federal financial aid for abortions; no legislation to permit voluntary prayer in public schools; no constitutional amendment allowing the states and Congress to pass anti-abortion laws.

And there will be no constitutional amendment mandating a balanced budget except in time of war — a goal strongly espoused by the New Right and shared by many others.

Abortion and school prayer bills were denied by liberal filibusters which could not be broken in the Senate.

The anti-school busing bill and the balanced budget amendment did win Senate approval but were shelved by Chairman Peter Rodino, D-N.J., of the House Judiciary Committee, who strongly opposes them.

Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., shouted when the Senate finally ended the battle over school prayer: "This was an emphatic and final rejection of the Radical Right."

"I think the (New Right) balloon has been punctured," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., who helped prevent action on the prayer amendment.

That verdict might be premature. But the New Right will have more trouble in the next Congress if, as expected, Democrats pick up seats.

What factors led to the debacle? A number of senators, including many conservatives, said a major reason might be that the New Right was never as strong as it was frightening.

"I don't think Sen. Helms has enlisted any new people," said Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.

Goldwater, outspoken dean of Republican conservatives, said, "somebody tries to tell me what my morals should be. I don't like it and I sort of pull away. My morals aren't worth a darn (but) if I

want to live with them, that's my business."

The New Right also found a group of senators as determined to block social legislation as Helms was to pass it.

Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., feisty 6-foot-6 liberal, almost single-handedly delayed for nine months legislation which would have forbidden the courts to order busing more than five minutes or 15 miles from the student's home — in effect outlawing the practice.

Weicker's multipronged filibuster stalled the bill long enough so that it could be pigeon-holed by Rodino. Efforts to pry it loose failed.

Then Sen. Robert Packwood, R-Ore., with Weicker's help, succeeded in mounting an unbreakable filibuster against the anti-abortion amendment, whose supporters never even reached a majority.

Finally Weicker, helped by Baucus,

Packwood and numerous liberals, kept the anti-prayer filibuster alive despite four attempts to crack it.

Another major factor — perhaps the deciding one in the school prayer dispute — was Helms' tactic of writing language which would have forbidden the Supreme Court to review any state laws permitting voluntary school prayer.

"I don't care how much I'm in favor of the end result, I'll vote against anything that tries to circumvent the Constitution," Goldwater said.

Still another major issue was Helms himself and the way the North Carolina ideologue conducted his campaign based on confrontation rather than conciliation.

A painstakingly negotiated agreement for time limitations and votes on abortion and prayer amendments collapsed when Helms pulled out — leading to five weeks of filibusters during a period when the

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Senate was trying to complete the year's essential work.

Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., little noted for temperament, exploded when Helms kept insisting on votes to break the prayer amendment filibuster.

"How many times do we have to vote on this?" Bumpers demanded. "What advantage is there being on the record 10 times instead of 9?"

Helms' approach also soured Goldwater, who said, "I really don't believe a liberal like Ted Kennedy would use the approaches that Jesse Helms has been using on busing, abortion and prayer."

Helms, for his part, gave the White House part of the blame for losing the anti-abortion and prayer amendments.

"I don't know of one single vote the White House gained for us, on either the abortion or school prayer issue," Helms complained.

THE TEXAS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE MEMBERSHIP THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR ENDORSEMENTS:

Lt. Governor	William P. Hobby
Att'y General	James A. Mattox
Comptroller	Bob Bullock
State Treasurer	Ann Richards
Land Commissioner	Garry Mauro
Agriculture Commissioner	Jim Hightower
Railroad Commissioner	James E. (Jim) Nugent

STATE SENATE

District 11	Chet Brooks
" 12	Hugh Palmer
" 14	Lloyd Doggett
" 22	Bob Glasgow

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 3	Smith E. Gilley
" 27	Hill Kemp
" 48	Jerry Angermann
" 51	Gonzalo Barrientos
" 59	Charles Cryan
" 100	Sam W. Hudson
" 109	Davey Lamb
" 119	Walter Martinez
" 121	Michael Bernard
" 129	Ed R. Watson
" 132	Paul Colbert
" 137	Debra Danburg
" 145	Ralph Wallace

There are a number of other candidates that deserve our support and votes, however they are unopposed in the November 2, 1982 election.

Phyllis A. Tucker, Treasurer, TXNOW/PAC
243 Empress, Houston, TX 77034 944-0033

White House disavows Reagan claim on fetuses

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WASHINGTON — In a statement later disavowed by his spokesman, President Reagan claimed Tuesday that babies have been born after only three months of pregnancy "and have lived, the record shows to grow up and be normal."

The president's claim that three-month-old fetuses had survived was made as he addressed a group of editors of religious journals at the White House. His claim was a direct contradiction of the view of most medical experts that fetuses are not capable of living outside a woman's body until approximately six months into a pregnancy.

A White House spokesman said later that Reagan had misspoken. The spokesman said the president actually had in mind one case in which a 4½-month-old fetus had survived.

"He knew," said the spokesman, "but he said three instead of 4½."

Dr. Allan Rosenfield, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University who is the chairman of the Planned Parenthood Federation medical committee, said the president "is simply wrong." At the three-month point, the doctor said, a fetus would weigh between 7 and 14 grams, and that weight "is absolutely incompatible with life."

Dr. Rosenfield said that at the six-month point, a fetus, on the average, weighs about 500 grams. Fetuses of that size might survive, he said, in "a small percentage of cases," provided that the fetus was assisted by modern medical techniques at a major medical center.

The president's statement came as he spoke about anti-abortion legislation that is being stalled in the Senate by a filibuster. He vowed to fight for action against abortion "if it takes all four years" of his term.

FROM NOW FOCUS ON ISSUES:

The Administration is moving in the direction of barring women from jobs in the military by adopting guidelines resulting in further limitation on education and job training. In a recently announced policy shift, the Pentagon is instituting new physical strength tests that will effectively bar women from 76% of all Army jobs and channel females back to those jobs traditionally held by women. Recruitment goals were lowered and 23 occupational skills have been added to the 38 from which women are already barred. These policies deny women important education and training opportunities afforded men and are especially harmful to women during bleak economic times when unemployment is at an all-time high.

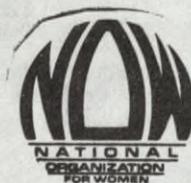
FROM NOW FOCUS ON ISSUES:

Reagan has failed to put women in policy jobs in the federal government. According to the White House, 104 female appointments have been made requiring Senate confirmation, but 40 of these were to part-time jobs on advisory committees and councils. Only 3 of the 75 judges Reagan has appointed to federal appellate and trial courts are women, despite Reagan's promise to seek out women for the federal bench in order to bring about a better balance. The one exception to Reagan's appointment pattern was Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.



FROM NOW FOCUS ON ISSUES:

In education, the Reagan Administration's policies have led to fewer opportunities for women in jobs and educational programs. The Justice Department has refused to appeal a U. S. District court ruling that limits the federal government's ability to enforce Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibit sex discrimination in federally funded education programs. Richmond Judge Warriner ruled in July that the University of Richmond is exempt from enforcement of equal opportunity provisions since the discriminatory sports programs in question did not receive any direct federal funding. The university did, however, receive federal grants for other programs. By not appealing the case, the Administration lets stand a precedent that will result in a major setback for girls and women in education.



University of Houston Central Campus

A. D. Bruce Religion Center

October 26, 1982 7:30 pm

Slide show and discussion of the religious questions surrounding abortion.

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An Update on the Gender Gap Women Can Make The Difference

National Polls on Men's and Women's Attitudes
Toward Ronald Reagan and the Political Parties

Survey date/ release date	Pollster	Question	Total	Male	Female	Gender Gap
8/17/82	Harris	How would you rate the job President Reagan is doing as President?		M%	F%	
		August '82 Positive	38	42	34	- 8
		Negative	61	58	66	+ 7
		March '82 Positive	41	44	37	- 7
8/17/82	Washington Post/ABC	Do you approve or disapprove of the way Reagan is handling his job as President?		M%	F%	
		August '82 approve	46	53	46	- 8
		disapprove	47	44	51	+ 7
		June '82 approve	46	52	42	-10
		disapprove	46	48	50	+10
		April '82 approve	51	51	42	-10
		disapprove	44	38	52	+17
		March '82 approve	NA	53	43	-10
		disapprove	NA	41	56	+15
		Sept. '81 approve	NA	55	50	+ 5
8/8/82	AP/NBC	What kind of a job do you think Ronald Reagan is doing as President?		M%	F%	
		Excellent	8	10	8	- 2
		Good	29	30	27	- 3
		Only Fair	36	37	36	+ 1
		Poor	24	22	27	+ 5
8/5/82	Harris	In the race for Congress in your district, if you had to choose right now, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidates for Congress?		M%	F%	
		Aug. '82 Republican	40	46	36	- 7
		Democrat	50	45	54	+ 9
		not sure	7	7	7	0
		Mar. '82 Republican	40	44	37	- 7
		Democrat	51	47	53	+ 6
		not sure	8	7	9	+ 2

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