

# BROADSIDE

HOUSTON AREA N.O.W. VOL. 9 NO. 3 MARCH 1978

## THE E.R.A. ECONOMIC BOYCOTT -- OR, MONEY TALKS

The highest priority of N.O.W. is the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Thirty-five states have ratified the amendment since it was passed by Congress in 1972, and three more are needed. These states have not ratified the E.R.A.:

Alabama	Illinois	N. Carolina
Arizona	Louisiana	Oklahoma
Arkansas	Mississippi	S. Carolina
Florida	Missouri	Utah
Georgia	Nevada	Virginia

So far this year, Virginia legislators voted the E.R.A. down in committee, the South Carolina Senate defeated the E.R.A., and Alabama legislators defeated the amendment for the third time.

Pressure has shifted to the other states, especially Florida and Illinois. If the E.R.A. doesn't pass the Florida legislature, and Florida voters defeat anti-E.R.A. legislators this fall, Gov. Reuben Askew has said he will call a special session to vote on ratification. The Illinois House would probably pass the E.R.A., but the Senate is not so reliable.

N.O.W. is coordinating many strategies to insure ratification, including political pressure, moral persuasion, and lobbying for an extension of the time allowed for ratification. It is also spearheading the economic boycott of unratified states, fast becoming the most effective tactic of all.

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The boycott began in January, 1977, when a group of N.O.W. women placed an ad in a Los Angeles paper asking people not to travel or trade in Nevada, which had refused to ratify the E.R.A. The outraged response from a Nevada legislator convinced them they had "hit a nerve." Soon after, the N.O.W. Board resolved to make the boycott a national project and to urge organizations to restrict their conventions to ratified states.

More than 80 organizations have joined the boycott and switched their conventions to ratified states. (The latest to join was the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which has changed its 1979 convention from Chicago to Houston.) These organizations are representative of many areas: health, insurance, finance, and law. Latest estimates are that cancellations have resulted in losses of more than \$28.5 million per year to unratified states. The Kansas City Council sent its state an invoice for \$1.1 million of lost revenue because Missouri hasn't yet ratified the E.R.A. Also, convention bureaus in Chicago and New Orleans have sent resolutions to their state legislatures in support of E.R.A. ratification.

N.O.W. National Action Center is serving as a resource for information and boycott action. Brochures, stating the purpose of the boycott and providing facts and figures, and buttons (costing 22¢ each) are available by writing:

Boycott Campaign for E.R.A.  
N.O.W. Action Center  
425 13th Street  
Washington, D.C. 20004

N.O.W. urges all members to work toward adding more organizations to the list of boycott supporters. Members should find out whether the organizations they belong to may be scheduling conventions in unratified states, and if so, they should take action to persuade organization leaders to reschedule conventions. Also, alert friends to the boycott. N.O.W. is particularly concerned about the International Nurses Congress which plans to meet in Kansas City and urges all nurses to take immediate steps in moving the congress to a ratified state.

\* \* \* \* Y.B.

## broad·side

- 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

## MARCH PROGRAM MEETING

This month's program will feature representatives from all the N.O.W. chapters in the Houston area as they present descriptions of their various projects. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., March 1, at the coach house of the Clayton Library at 5300 Caroline.

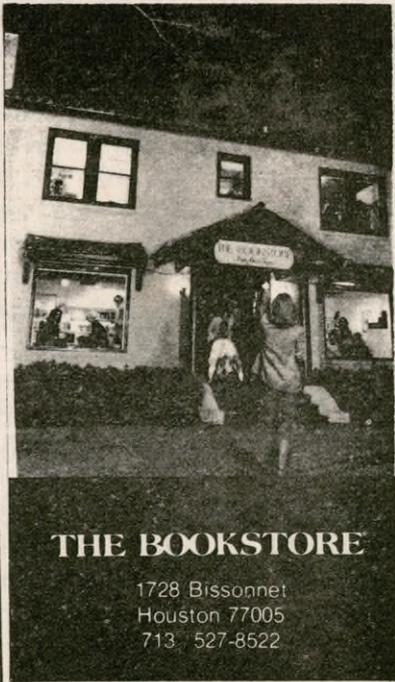
## LETTER OF THE MONTH

This month's recipient of our letter of the month "award" is Billy Reagan, Superintendent of Houston Independent School District. N.O.W. members are urged to write Mr. Reagan and encourage, through his influence, HISD to allow Linda Williams, a Wheatley High School student, to play on the school's baseball team. The ruling by the University Interscholastic League denying her the right to play violates Title IX guidelines and should be challenged by HISD. HISD's athletic program for girls is not equal to that for boys. It should be improved but in the meanwhile this inequality entitles Linda to play on the baseball team. N.O.W. members are also asked to persuade at least two friends to write the superintendent about this issue.

His address:

Billy Reagan, Superintendent  
Houston Independent School  
District  
3830 Richmond  
Houston, Texas 77098

\* \* \* \* Linda Bain



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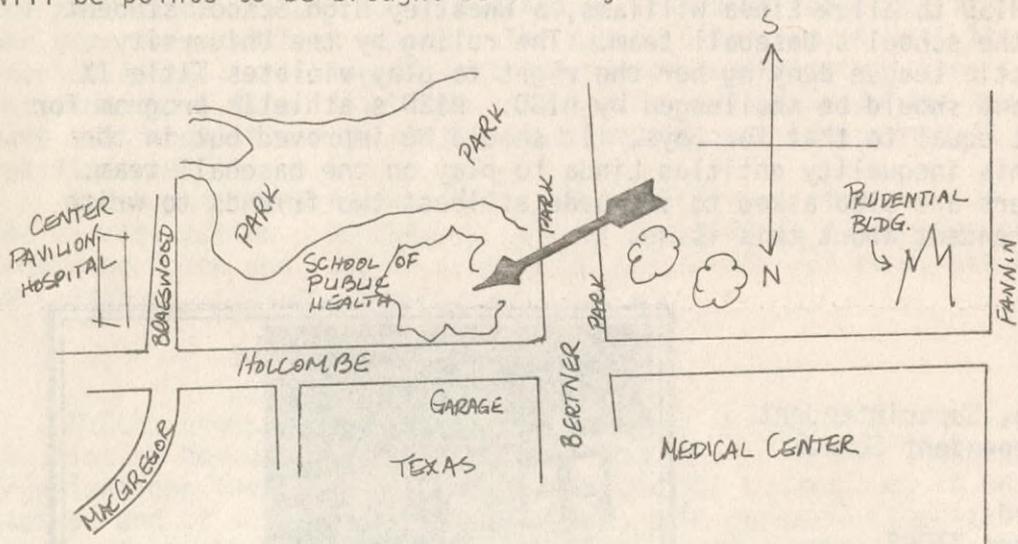
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## BROADSIDE COPY DEADLINE

The copy deadline for the April issue of BROADSIDE will be March 25, 1978. Please phone in your information to Yvonne Broach by then at 523-8705 after 7 p.m.

## BUSINESS MEETING

The March business meeting will be March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Texas School of Public Health, 6905 Bertner, Room E-305 (see map below). Among several topics to be discussed will be points to be brought before Mayor Jim McConn on March 20.



## THE SENSUAL PSYCHOLOGIST

A nationwide survey has disclosed that more than one in twenty male, Ph.D. psychologists have had sexual intercourse with their patients, and more than one in ten have had other erotic contact with their patients. Among female Ph.D.s, just slightly more than one in two hundred reported having intercourse with patients, and about one in fifty admitted to erotic contact.

These results come from anonymous written responses of 666 randomly selected psychologists (including 347 men) practicing various types of psychotherapy around the country. The survey was conducted by Jean Corey

Holroyd and Annette M. Brodsky and reported in the October 1977 AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGIST. They found that 80 percent of the respondents who said they had intercourse said they had done so with more than one patient. Also, respondents claimed the number of times they had intercourse ranged from one to 200, with an average of 29 times. "Erotic contact and intercourse are almost always between male therapists and female clients," noted Holroyd and Brodsky.

Their study was designed to elicit psychotherapists' beliefs about the benefits of physical contact with clients as well as frequencies of both erotic and nonerotic contacts. Behavior modification and rational-cognitive therapists are more likely to engage in erotic kissing and holding and to a greater extent than practitioners in other schools of psychology, the survey revealed. Nonerotic contact--which includes friendly hugging, kissing, and affectionate touching-- was practiced occasionally by 27 percent of the psychologists, and frequently or always by 7 percent.

Those respondents who thought erotic contact might be beneficial cited various reasons, including patients' feelings of inferiority, severe doubts of sexual identity, and ignorance of the mechanics of sexual intercourse.

The vast majority of comments were against sexual contact. One psychologist wrote: ". . . it is unethical at best and devastating at worst--it reflects pathological needs on the part of the therapist."

Whether the incidence of erotic contact and intercourse among psychologists and their patients "should be considered frighteningly high or comfortingly low depends on one's interpretation of harm done by such practices," comment Holroyd and Brodsky. Previously, reviews of case histories involving such contact indicate the negative effects, for both the patient and the therapist, outweigh the positive.

Feminist psychologists and an American Psychological Association Task Force on Sex Bias and Sex Role Stereotyping have voiced concern that erotic contact with patients is based on the therapists' needs for power or sexual gratification. The A.P.A. has formally decreed that "Sexual intimacies are unethical. . . . Psychologists (must) avoid exploiting their (the clients') trust and dependency."

On a similar note, Holroyd and Brodsky have surveyed psychiatrists and found the sex-with-patient rate is roughly equivalent to that among psychologists. In addition, they surveyed male physicians in 1973 in the Los Angeles area and determined that rates of sexual intercourse with patients are even higher for surgeons, obstetrician-gynecologists, and general practitioners.

Y.B.

HOUSTON AREA N.O.W. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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January 31, 1978

<u>Income</u>	<u>First to last day of month</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
	\$1082.91	
Dues . . . . .	265.75	\$265.75
Contributions . . . . .	16.00	16.00
Donations for products . . . . .	17.00	17.00
Total	298.75	298.75
 <u>Expenses</u>		
National dues . . . . .	295.00	295.00
State dues . . . . .	42.00	42.00
BROADSIDE printing . . . . .	87.34	87.34
Action programs . . . . .	20.00	20.00
Phone . . . . .	80.52	80.52
Supplies & maintenance . . . . .	9.02	9.02
Miscellaneous . . . . .	42.50	42.50
Total	576.38	576.38
<u>Cash in bank, January 1, 1978</u> . . . . .	\$1082.91	
<u>Net Income, January 1 to January 31</u> . . . . .	-277.63	
<u>Cash in bank, January 31, 1978</u> . . . . .	\$ 805.28	

\* \* \* \* Ellen Sitton, Treasurer

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A TIME FOR ACTION -- Summary: Feb. 8 Business Meeting

Members of Houston Area N.O.W.:

1. Decided to prepare 100 updated new member kits.
2. Planned to have a representative attend a city council meeting during the next month.
3. Discussed the sexual harassment project.
4. Discussed Title IX and strategies for encouraging compliance.

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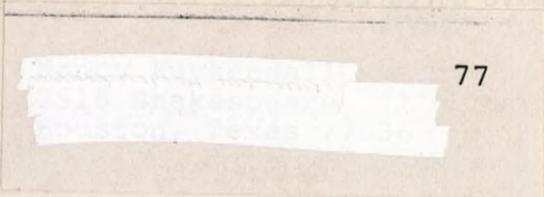
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