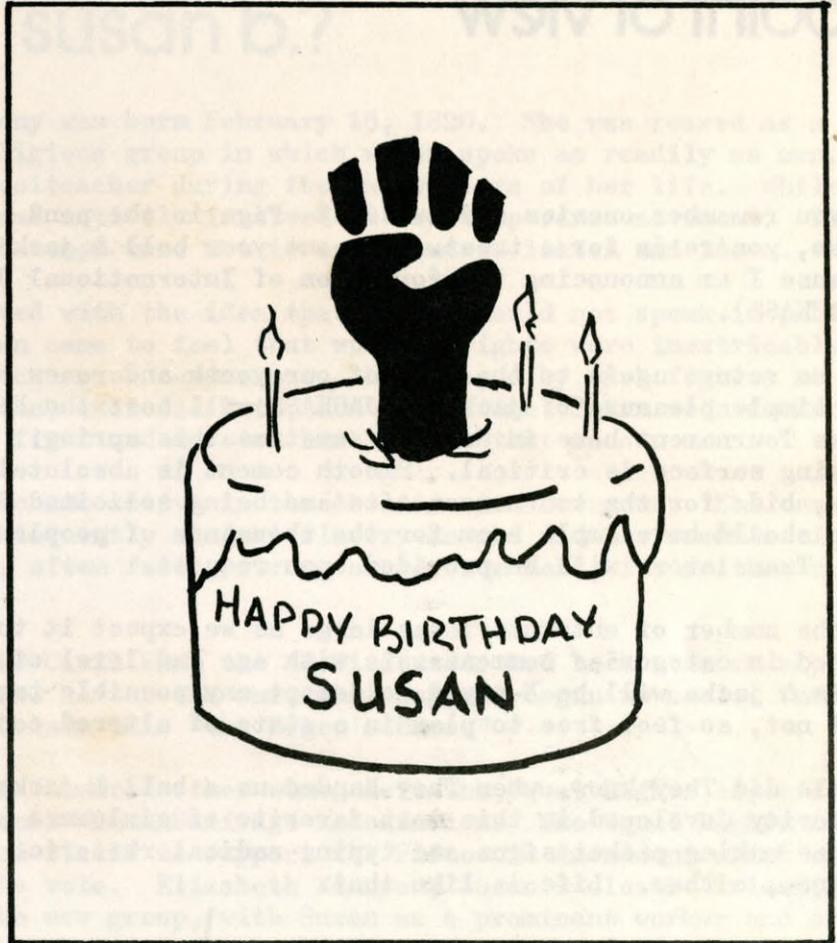


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Susan B Anthony was born February 15, 1820

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point of view

Do you remember onesies and twosies? Pigs in the pen? Around the world? If so, you're in for a treat. Get out your ball & jacks and practice up, because I am announcing the formation of International Jacks Association (IJACKASS).

Let us return again to the days of our youth and renew our acquaintance with the simple pleasure of jacks. IJACKASS will host the First International Jacks Tournament here in Houston sometime this spring. As you know, the playing surface is critical. Smooth cement is absolutely the best. Therefore, bids for the tournament site are being solicited immediately. The site should have ample room for the thousands of people we expect to show up. Translators will be provided upon request.

If the number of entrants is as large as we expect it to be, players will be placed in categories commensurate with age and level of skill. Although all balls & jacks will be X-rayed to detect any possible tampering, contestants will not, so feel free to play in a state of altered consciousness.

Little did They know, when They handed us a ball & jacks, that the manual dexterity developed in this most favorite of girlgames would some day be put to use making picket signs and typing radical rhetoric. Ah, but little did we know, either. Life is like that.

Jan

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

who was susan b.?

Susan Brownell Anthony was born February 15, 1820. She was reared as a strict Quaker--a religious group in which women spoke as readily as men. She worked as a schoolteacher during the early years of her life. While teaching, Susan became actively involved in the temperance movement. She soon discovered that women were not to speak but to listen and learn.

Continually confronted with the idea that women should not speak in public on any subject, Susan came to feel that women's rights were inextricably interwoven into the cause of temperance. Encouraged by such figures as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Lucy Stone, Susan soon decided women's rights came first and devoted her life to that cause.

In 1856 Susan also became active in the Abolitionist Movement. She continued to speak as eloquently against slavery as she did for women's rights until the Civil War, often facing strong abuse from mobs, for neither cause was a popular one.

Before and during the Civil War, the Abolitionists had been staunch supporters of women's rights. After the war, that support began to cool. Former friends began to proclaim this "the Negro's Hour."

In 1868 Susan and one hundred other women left the Equal Rights Association and formed the National Woman Suffrage Association. The Equal Rights Association had committed itself to support the Fifteenth Amendment which excluded women from the vote. Elizabeth Stanton, Susan's closest friend, became president of the new group, with Susan as a prominent worker and organizer.

In 1872 after considerable thought, Susan decided that the Fourteenth Amendment could be interpreted to give women the vote. She and 15 other women registered to vote and voted in Rochester, New York. The women were charged with voting illegally. Susan alone was tried. During the trial she was not allowed to speak. The judge ignored all rules of law and justice and insisted that the verdict be guilty. Susan was fined \$100 which she refused to pay.

"May it please your Honor, I shall never pay a dollar of your unjust penalty. All the stock in trade that I possess is a \$10,000 debt incurred by publishing my paper, the Revolution, four years ago, the sole object of which was to educate all women to do precisely as I have done, rebel against your man-made, unjust, unconstitutional forms of law that tax, fine, im-

prison and hang women while they deny them the right of representation in the Government; and I shall work on with might and main to pay every dollar of that honest debt, but not a penny will go to this unjust claim."

The judge refused to jail her for non-payment and therefore Susan lost any chance for appeal to the Supreme Court, an appeal that might have changed the course of women's suffrage.

The battle lost, Susan continued to fight the war, working for an amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing women the right to vote. She continued to circulate petitions, go on lecture tours, and lobby in Washington for this "Sixteenth Amendment."

It was not until 1890 that the first major success was won. In that year Wyoming became the first state to give women the vote. That year women's suffrage supporters were united into one organization. Much to Susan's joy, the American Woman Suffrage Association (led by Lucy Stone) joined the National Woman Suffrage Association. In 1892 Susan became the president of the new organization. At the age of 80, after serving eight years, she resigned, although she continued to work for women's suffrage almost as busily as before.

Gradually, however, Susan began to succumb to age. She contracted pneumonia and died on March 13, 1906. One of the few complaints she ever uttered was that she must die before women could vote. On her deathbed she said, "Just think of it. I have been striving for over sixty years for a little bit of justice no bigger than that, and yet I must die without obtaining it. Oh, it seems so cruel!"

At the memorial service, Carrie Chapman Catt expressed the feelings of women all over the nation when she said, "We have not lost a leader alone, but a dear, dear friend whose place can never be filled. We shall never see her like again."

Betty Barnes

"Cautious, careful people always casting about to preserve their reputation or social standards never can bring about a reform. Those who are really in earnest must be willing to be anything or nothing in the world's estimation and publicly and privately, in season and out, avow their sympathies with despised ideas and their advocates, and bear the consequences."

Susan B. Anthony

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homecoming

The second annual Yupon Bowl Homecoming Game is upon us! Arch-rivals The Lima Beans and The Mean Red Machine will face each other in a rematch of last year's gripping touch football contest.

There will also be half-time entertainment and assorted floats and spectators. And, if the Search Committee is successful, a new Homecoming Regent will be crowned, amid splendor and frolic.

(If you want to participate in the half-time entertainment, quasi-musical or otherwise, call Betty Barnes at 487-2489. Start sewing those sequins!)

Time: Sunday, Feb. 1, 1:00 PM (rain date: Feb. 8, same time)

Place: Yupon Bowl (schoolyard on Fairview at Yupon in the infamous Montrose area)

task force reports

MASCULINE MYSTIQUE TASK FORCE

We will form a mixed C-R group on Feb. 26, at 8 PM, at the Women's Center.

"Men's Lives" is the first film by two 1974 Antioch graduates. This film is a journey back to their boyhood in the Midwest and a look at the expectations and demands on the American male." This film is very good when followed by a discussion period. It will be shown on Feb. 27, at 7:30 and 10 PM, at the Rice Media Center.

I am attending a conference on "Men in Transition" on January 23, 24 and 25 in New Jersey, and will have a report next month.

I have a new phone number: 629-8688.

See you at the February 4 Program Meeting.

Craig Roberts

UH TASK FORCE

UH Sundry School classes of interest to feminists:

- 1) Tex-PIRG Auto Repair (7-9:30 PM Mondays, beginning March 1 for eight sessions) taught by Arthur Roy, who spoke at our December program meeting; \$2 fee
- 2) Tex-PIRG Everyday Law (7:30-9 PM Mondays, beginning March 1 for seven sessions); \$1 fee

In addition to the instructor's fees listed above, there is a \$2 registration fee. Registration will be held February 7 (3-6 PM); February 8 (12-6 PM); and February 9-14 (10 AM-9 PM). Call 749-1253 for more info.

Nancy Landau

february events

OUR PROGRAM MEETING

The Masculine Mystique Task Force will present the program at our meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 PM at the Clayton Library, 5300 Caroline. Come and find out the answer to Mrs. Freud's burning question, "What do men want?"

BAY AREA PROGRAM MEETING

Bay Area NOW sent spies to a "Total Woman" seminar and they will present a program Thursday, February 5, 8:00 PM at the Uniting Church, El Camino at Reseda, Clear Lake City. Come find out how the other half lives.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARDS

Houston Area NOW voted in their January business meeting to present five Susan B. Anthony awards to outstanding feminists Helen Cassidy, Jan Dilbeck, Betty Ford, Bette Anne Knoll, and Poppy Northcutt. Presentations will be made at the February program meeting.

WOMEN IN FILM

Films by or about women, PLUS "Men's Lives". Rice Media Center, 7:30 & 10 PM.

Feb. 26 "A Free Woman" Feb. 28 "Dream Life" PLUS "Men's Lives"
Feb. 27 "The Seduction of Mimi" Feb. 29 "Kamouraska"

And to start the month with a howl, the funniest scary movie ever made, "The Fearless Vampire Killers". Feb. 1, 7:30 & 10 PM. Take your favorite scaredy-cat.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Brown Auditorium at the Museum of Natural Science will be the site of a Women in Science display opening in February. The display will be sponsored by the United Nations Association and the Women's Guild of the museum.



Susan B. Anthony

FEBRUARY

sun	mon	tue
1 CLOSED	2 Unassigned	3 Beverly White
8 CLOSED	9 Chris Meave	10 Mary Jane White
15 CLOSED	16 Nancy Kuykendall	HRCC Business 7:30 p.m. 17 Nancy Landau
22 CLOSED	UNASSIGNED to volunteer leave message for Alice at the Center 23	24 Renee Rabb
29 CLOSED		

BULLETIN

At the February 11 business meeting, there will be a general discussion of where Houston Areas NOW is and where it is going--specifically in the areas of fund raising, task forces, orientation, and the women's center. All of you who are sincerely interested in the future of Houston Area NOW, PLEASE ATTEND!

EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE WORKSHOP

On March 6 a workshop on employment compliance will be held at the Embassy Room in the University Center at the University of Houston. The workshop, starting at 9:00A.M. and ending at 4:00 P.M. will be an intensive educational training seminar for women in the area of employment discrimination.

Subjects covered will include: laws prohibiting sex discrimination in employment, the role of enforcement agencies, and counseling women who feel they have been discriminated against.

Guest speakers will include:

Kalif Johnson of the Southwest Institute for Equal Employment Representatives of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor
Sylvia Roberts, legal counsel for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund

The end result of this workshop will be the establishment of a task force which can counsel women on employment discrimination and which can aggressively seek out and effectively challenge major areas of sex discrimination in the Houston economic community.

The workshop is free to all Houston Area NOW members. There will be a \$2.00 charge for all non-members. If you plan to attend, please fill out and return the attached form.

I plan to attend the March 6, 1976 workshop on Employment Compliance.

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ Circle one: Member Non-member

Return to: Nikki R. Van Hightower
Employment Task Force Coordinator
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Houston, Texas 77042
782-5914

wed	thu	fri	sat
NOW Program Clayton Library 4 Center Closed	5 Teeter Crowder	6 CLOSED	7 Jan Pierce
NOW Business 7:30 p.m. 11 Alice Shrader	12 Anita Burnett	<u>Broadside</u> <u>Deadline</u> 13 CLOSED	Center Sitter Meeting & Party noon - 3 p.m. 14
18 Norma Lee Ann Robinson	19 Charlotte Poole	20 CLOSED	21 Elizabeth Holzman
25 UNASSIGNED	26 Alice McCarthy	27 CLOSED	28 UNASSIGNED
			WOMEN'S CENTER 3602 Milam 524-5743 Mon-Thur 7-10 PM Saturday 12-3 PM

not for men only

Some interesting suggestions for men, from the January Ft. Worth NOW Newsletter:

- 1) Sit down in a straight chair. Cross your legs at the ankles and keep your knees pressed together. Try to do this while you're having a conversation with someone, but pay attention at all times to keeping your knees pressed tightly together.
- 2) Bend down to pick up an object from the floor. Each time you bend, remember to bend your knees so that your rear doesn't stick up, and place one hand on your shirt front to hold it to your chest. This exercise simulates the experience of a woman in a short, low-necked dress bending over.
- 3) Run a short distance keeping your knees together. You'll find you have to take short, high steps if you run this way. Women have been taught it is unfeminine to run like a man with long, free strides. See how far you get running this way for 30 seconds.
- 4) Sit comfortably on the floor. Imagine you are wearing a dress and that everyone in the room wants to see your underwear. Arrange your legs so that no one can see. Sit like this for a long time without changing position.
- 5) Walk down a city street. Pay a lot of attention to your clothing: make sure your pants are zipped, shirt tucked in, buttons done. Look straight ahead. Every time a man walks past you, avert your eyes and make your face expressionless. Most women learn to go through this act every time we leave our houses. It's a way to avoid at least some of the encounters we've had with strange men who decided we looked available.
- 6) Walk around with your stomach pulled in tight, your shoulders thrown back, and your chest thrust out. Pay attention at all times to keeping this posture. Notice how it changes your breathing. Try to speak loudly and aggressively in this posture.

"In the United States, when the roles of men and women are questioned, it is usually within the context of the women's liberation movement. We make little effort to examine directly the problems resulting from the normal upbringing of a man."

time out

Time magazine's choice of twelve women for Female Group of the Year has aroused much grumbling from feminists. Some of the most literate grumbling was done by Jane O'Reilly in an article entitled "Time Hasn't Come Far Enough, Baby" which appeared in the Washington Star-News. Excerpts from the article:

"The mood around Washington on New Year's Eve, women's movement wise, was 'Thanks but no thanks, Buddy.'

There was a certain ungraciousness in the air. For example, in an upper room at Toscanini's, a merry band from the Office of Education had gathered for an end-of-the-year lunch. One of the gentlemen rose to propose a toast to the ladies. 'May you have all the liberation you can handle,' he said. Stony silence. Finally, a young woman wondered aloud if he would have offered such a wish for the men, and furthermore, who was he to be portioning out her liberation?

Most of the free-form grumbling was aroused by Time magazine's choice of Female Group of the Year. It is hard to explain why it made us feel grouchy or niggling, resigned or unfulfilled, vaguely cross.

Yes, it is true that if they had put Henry Kissinger on that cover again, we all would have roared with fury and demanded a woman. Maybe that is what makes us uneasy: we want a woman, and there are obviously not many candidates, even one, for the Woman of the Year.

Rumor has it that Time's original idea was to celebrate the New Woman, Ms. Average American, who has this year at last become affected by the earlier revolutionary efforts of her sisters. The editors, despite the anguished howls of the women at Time, apparently couldn't resist putting real people on the cover, so there they are.

Doesn't this group look a little bit like a bunch of Junior Achievers? Well, maybe not Junior Achievers, but maybe not major leaders either? Who among them did something this year? Only Susan Brownmiller. And who among them could be called a woman who led women instead of succeeding in getting her place in a man's world?

Ah, we're getting closer to it now. Susan Brownmiller, with her book on rape, did something this year, which will almost certainly change the way people think about men and women. Betty Ford understood the struggle. Carla Hills benefited from the movement, but she could hardly be said to have contributed to it except as a symbol. Ella Grasso is against abortion, and

Susie Sharp is against the Equal Rights Amendment in North Carolina. As far as I am concerned, that means Grasso and Sharp have not understood the women's movement, and to be named a Woman of the Year without understanding is discouraging to other women.

The 'Women's Movement' is not a political platform, it is not a set of ambitions. It is an instinct for change which begins the moment a person realizes that the sexual caste system is unjust and unfair. The little click that happens when someone notices how that injustice works, and how the world might be without it, is a click of tiny doors opening in the mind, and they never shut again.

The 'Women's Movement' is also a media victim, made into a term everyone uses without definition, to describe everything from bra-less to equal pay. It is a handy pejorative phrase, and women use its variations to dismiss themselves, as in 'Of course I want equal credit opportunities, but I'm not a libber.' In fact, those people are not part of the women's movement, and the little doors haven't opened in their minds. Yet.

A feminist is someone trying to get more than just their slice of the Establishment pie. Feminists want a total change of attitude, not an enlarged, existing, competitive, aggressive, role-differentiated mess. A feminist is a radical per se, against the deepest arrangements of the power structure.

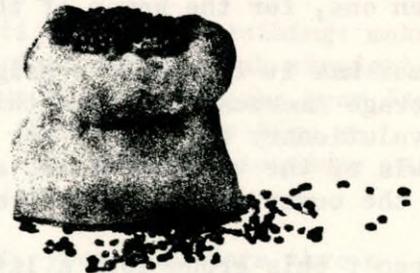
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SOS

This page is where we usually print our monthly financial statement. You may have noticed it's not here. The reason it's not here is because it looks so pitiful. As of December 31, 1975 we had \$26.99 in the bank. If that's not pitiful, I don't know what is.

Dues and donations constitute the major portion of our income. Where are your dues? Where are your donations? If you're fed up with the antics of some people on the National Board and are considering not renewing your membership, there may be a solution.

Several members have asked to have their national dues placed in escrow, so our membership voted to establish an account for that purpose. Several other chapters across the country are doing likewise. This means that the \$10 portion of your dues that is normally sent to the national organization will instead be placed in a special account in Houston and left there until you instruct our treasurer to forward it. Proper notice will be given to the national organization.

It should be noted that the establishment of this account in no way represents an official chapter action. In fact, you must make a written request to the treasurer to have your dues placed in escrow. The practice of placing dues in escrow was established by members of the Majority Caucus last year, who are now in control of the national organization. Therefore, they should recognize this practice as a legitimate form of protest.

In any case, if we are to keep our local organization afloat, we must have some money, fast. I sure would hate to have to close up shop.

Jan Dilbeck



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