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TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE BLASTS HISTORY BOOKS

More than a year ago, Janice Law Trecker wrote an article in which she said, "Based on the information in commonly-used history textbooks, one might summarize the history and contributions of the American woman as follows: Women arrived in 1619. They held the Seneca Falls convention in 1848. During the rest of the nineteenth century, they participated in reform movements, chiefly temperance, and were exploited in factories. In 1923 they were given the right to vote. They joined the armed forces for the first time during the second World War and thereafter have enjoyed the good life in America."

The only difference in the history texts adopted in Texas on November 10 and those Ms. Trecker criticized is in detail; these new books are spicier. They will tell the reader that women also bobbed their hair, shortened their skirts, started smoking, and learned to drive...busy, busy, busy. The books simply fail to take women seriously. Generally, women are underrepresented and omitted entirely.

The Textbook Committee of the TWPC has been lobbying with the State Textbook Committee, the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education for the past six months in hopes of influencing their selec-

tion of history texts. Their efforts were successful in that many of the worst were weeded out. More importantly, Dr. Edgar, Commissioner of Education, has stated he is in favor of the Textbook Committee helping to write guidelines for selecting future texts.

Although none of the books adopted this year are satisfactory, local school districts must now pick from among them, and local women's groups must influence the selection of the barely acceptable from the totally unacceptable.

In Houston, the Harris County Women's Political Caucus and the NOW Education task force are joining in an attempt to get the following books adopted:

- 1) Benefic or Follett should be chosen as a fifth grade text.
- 2) Allyn and Bacon's books should be chosen as secondary texts.

Plans are being made to appear before textbook committees in 20 school districts in and around Harris County. A training session will be held on January 9 for those interested in working with this effort. Those interested should contact: Kay Whyburn, NOW Education task force coordinator, 667-8556 or Pattie Magee, TWPC Textbook Committee, Galveston, 744-7992.

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SIMULTANEOUS DISCHARGE OF ALL THE GUNS ON ONE SIDE OF A WARSHIP . . . ANY STRONG OR COMPREHENSIVE ATTACK, AS BY CRITICISM . . . A SONG, CHIEFLY IN 16TH- AND 17TH-CENTURY ENGLAND, WRITTEN ON A TOPICAL SUBJECT, PRINTED ON BROADSIDES, AND SUNG IN PUBLIC . . . BY A PROFESSIONAL BALLADEER . . .

THE RANDOM HOUSE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, UNABRIDGED EDITION

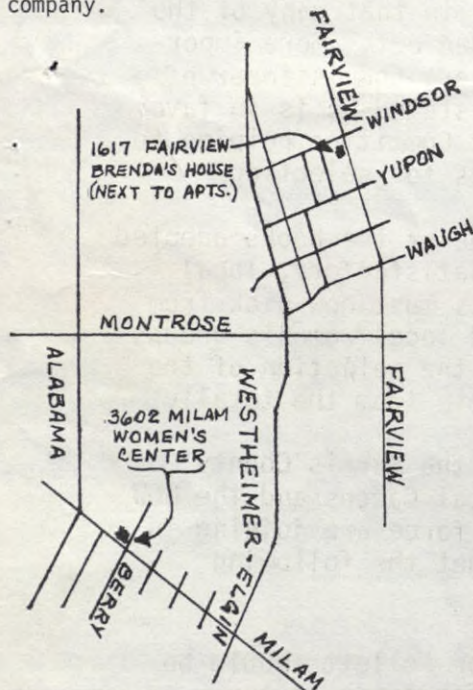
The Women's Center will open Saturday, January 6. The Center will be open Mondays - Fridays from 7 pm to 10 pm, Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 1 pm to 4pm. The "Grand Opening" will be held in a few months when we get things running smoothly, perhaps we will celebrate Susan B. Anthony's Birthday.

Persons responsible for supervising the Center during January are noted on the Calendar. A list of instructions and information will be on the desk in the reception area so each supervisor will know exactly what to do while at the Center.

The key to the building and the key to the telephone will be kept by Brenda Cooper (524-7807) who lives nearby. The keys must be picked up from Brenda (see map below) and returned to her when the Center is closed. If she is not home, they will be in her mailbox.

If you would like to help at the Center and have not signed up yet, you may put your name on the February calendar that will be posted at the Center or call Joan Ritter at 488-3964.

The Center is for everyone to use. There will be files of feminist material and information as well as a library of feminist literature. When you go to the Center to work or to visit, bring a friend. The Center supervisors (especially those working Friday nights) hope to have plenty of company.



See you there,

Parrish

Houston NOW will present a 10-week seminar entitled "Contemporary Woman: Myth and Reality" at The College of the Mainland in Texas City. The course will begin February 8 and will meet Thursday evenings from 7 to 10. For registration information contact the college. Tuition is \$5.

The 10 sessions will deal with many topics, including: the psychology of women, employment, laws, child care, family life, abortion. The topics will be presented both by individuals and by panels.

Free child care will be provided by the college for those attending the course.

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Calendar of Events


1973		JANUARY					1973
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Melva Burnham Joan Ritter	
7 Pat Kirk	8 Kay Whyburn	9 Sally Melville	10 Gail Carstens	11 Tess Wells	12 Muncy McKinney	13 Jonelle Owen Meg Jeter	
14 Betty Barnes	15 Martha Failing	16 Ann Smith/ Margo Bishop	17 Linda Feahr	18 Peggy Hall	19 Ruth Milburn	20 Jeanne Necaise Clara Willing	
21 Ann McClung	22 Bonnie Burnett	23 Celia Estrada	24 Chris Feahr	25 Parrish Hirasaki	26 Sara Collier	27 Kathy Lively Helen Via	
28 Barbara Cigainero	29 Susan Hedding	30 Marlyne Kilbey	31 Linda Cryer				

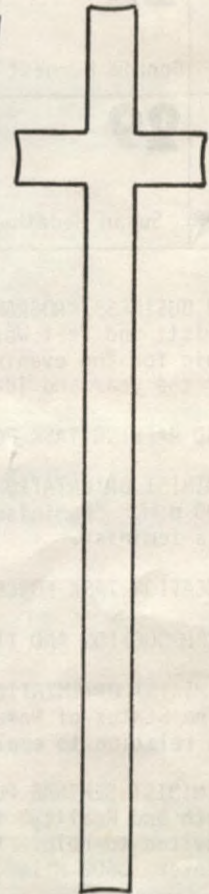
- JANUARY 3 -- NOW BUSINESS/PROGRAM MEETING. Child care available. University of Houston Student Center, Corpus Christi and Fort Worth rooms. Meeting begins promptly at 8:00 p.m. Come at 7:30 and socialize. Topic for the evening will be "NOW Update". Task force coordinators will report their successes for the year and ideas for action in 1973.
- JANUARY 4 -- FUND RAISING TASK FORCE. 5100 Valerie. Home of Marlyne Kilbey. 7:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 8 -- FEMINIST ORIENTATION. (first of four parts) Child care available. Women's Center, 3602 Milam. 8:00 p.m. "Feminism: A New Lifestyle." Discussion by Helen Cassidy on the consequences of living as a feminist.
- JANUARY 9 -- EDUCATION TASK FORCE. Women's Center 3602 Milam. 7:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 10 -- REPRODUCTION AND ITS CONTROL TASK FORCE. 6245 Renwick, #255. Home of Jeanne Necaise. 8:00 p.m.
- JANUARY 15 -- FEMINIST ORIENTATION. (part two) Child care available. Women's Center, 3602 Milam. 8:00 p.m. "The Status of Women." Discussion by Parrish Hirasaki concerning the situation of women today in relation to employment, human rights, etc.
- JANUARY 16 -- FEMINIST SEMINAR PLANNING. Preparation of the seminar course entitled "Contemporary Woman: Myth and Reality" to be offered at the College of the Mainland. All interested persons are invited to help. Fund Raising task force project to benefit the Women's Center. Women's Center 3602 Milam. 7:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 18 -- EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE. Women's Center 3602 Milam. 7:30 p.m.
- JANUARY 22 -- FEMINIST ORIENTATION. (part three) Child care available. Women's Center, 3602 Milam. 8:00 p.m. "The Women's Movement Then and Now." Discussion of feminist history by Betty Barnes.
- JANUARY 29 -- FEMINIST ORIENTATION. (part four) Child care available. Women's Center, 3602 Milam. 8:00 p.m. "Dealing with Feminist Frustrations." Dr. Marlyne Kilbey, psychologist, will discuss methods of channeling increased tensions resulting from feminist awareness.

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