



TOWNSEND EXCITES DELEGATION

TEXAS NOW CONVENTION ADDRESSES ISSUES

WHAT SEEMED AT FIRST LIKE A MILD START FOR A NOW STATE CONVENTION WORKED UP INTO EXCITEMENT AND CONTROVERSY DURING THE COURSE OF THE 1985 TEXAS NOW STATE CONVENTION OCTOBER 18 - 20 IN ARLINGTON. MORE THAN 150 PEOPLE FROM CHAPTERS ACROSS THE STATE ATTENDED FOR THE WEEKEND OF BUSINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

THE PEOPLE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER, KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND, SPARKED HEATED DISCUSSION WHEN DURING THE COURSE OF HER PRESENTATION SHE ADVOCATED THE IMMEDIATE REINSTITUTION OF THE DRAFT, INCLUDING THE DRAFTING OF WOMEN.

THIS ISSUE WAS BROUGHT UP AS PART OF HER TOPIC, "HOW TO TAKE POWER SERIOUSLY." SHE ASSERTED THAT WOMEN SHOULD HAVE NOT ONLY THE OPPORTUNITIES, BUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES.

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CONTRADICTION OF HAVING WOMEN IN THE MILITARY VERSUS THE NONVIOLENT STANCE OF MOST WOMEN'S GROUPS, TOWNSEND REPLIED THAT WHEN LIVING SITUATIONS NEED CHANGE (SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA AND EL SALVADOR) "YOU TAKE UP ARMS."

TOWNSEND ALSO CHASTIZED THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR WHAT SHE SAW AS IGNORING CHILDREN IN THEIR OVERALL SLATE OF ISSUES. SHE SAID SHE FELT WE HAD OFTEN ONLY GIVEN "LIP SERVICE" TO HOMEMAKING AND CHILD CARE AS OPTIONS FOR A WOMAN.

TOWNSEND, THE DAUGHTER OF THE LATE ROBERT KENNEDY, IS AN ATTORNEY AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN MARYLAND.

ELEANOR TINSLEY, HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND A STRONG PROPONENT OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS, WAS ON HAND TO ACCEPT THE 1985 NOW FEMINIST OF THE YEAR AWARD.

KRISTIN LEMS, A PERFORMER AT NOW RALLIES AND CONFERENCES FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS, PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT AND INSPIRATION BOTH DURING THE CONFERENCE AND DURING THE SATURDAY EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT.

THE 1985 TEXAS NOW CONFERENCE WAS HOSTED BY TARRANT COUNTY NOW AND CO-COORDINATED BY KATHY LOWRY AND KAREN WALTERS.

ELLIE

NEWLY-ELECTED NATIONAL NOW PRESIDENT, ELEANOR CUTRI SMEAL, ADDRESSED THE CONVENTION DURING PLENARY III ON SUNDAY MORNING.

NO STRANGER TO TEXAS, SHE PAID A TRIBUTE TO NOW MEMBERS GERRY GARDNER AND JOANN EVANS-GARDNER, LONG-TIME ACTIVISTS IN BOTH PENNSYLVANIA AND TEXAS, AND TALKED OF PAST CHALLENGES.

SMEAL SAID THAT THE ATTITUDE HAS ALWAYS BEEN, "THE SYSTEM IS UNJUST, THERE IS A JOB TO BE DONE...WE'RE THE PEOPLE SAYING 'NO! WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE.'"

SMEAL TALKED OF THE WORLD-WIDE RIGHT-WING MOVEMENT WITH ITS "FASCIST" OVERTONES AND DEDICATION TO THE NAZI "CHILDREN, KITCHEN AND CHURCH" PHILOSOPHY.

"OUR FEMINIST CHALLENGE IS TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY BACK TO SANE POLITICS," SHE SAID.

SMEAL STATED THAT ONE OF HER MAJOR GOALS IS THE FIGHT FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM WORLD-WIDE.

"ABORTION IS A SOCIAL GOOD...IT SAVES PEOPLE'S LIVES," SHE ASSERTED.

SHE SAID SHE BELIEVES THE MARCH 9TH WASHINGTON, D.C. "MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES" WILL BE THE LARGEST REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS MARCH IN THE HISTORY OF THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT.

OTHER PLANS FOR HER TERM INCLUDED A RE-NEWED CAMPUS CAMPAIGN; EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT TO ITS FORMER POWER; REINSTITUTING ACTION TEAM CENTRAL; THE CONTINUATION OF LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECTS IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY; A CHALLENGE TO THE "LITMUS TEST" OF JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS, AND THE 1986 ELECTIONS.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WERE PASSED BY DELEGATES TO THE TEXAS NOW STATE CONVENTION OCTOBER 18-20 IN ARLINGTON.

VOTERS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED A RESOLUTION FROM THE ABORTION TERRORISM WORKSHOP RESOLVING THAT TEXAS NOW WILL WORK TO INSURE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION BY STATE MEMBERS IN THE MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES ON MARCH 9, 1986 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

A PART OF THIS SUPPORT WOULD INCLUDE FUND-RAISING TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS FOR TRANSPORTATION. A COORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE CONVENTION.

THE PORNOGRAPHY TASK FORCE AND PORNOGRAPHY WORKSHOP BOTH INTRODUCED ALMOST IDENTICAL RESOLUTIONS ASKING THAT TEXAS NOW SUPPORT A BOYCOTT OF ALL BOB GUCCIONE MEDIA ENTERPRISES; CORPORATE ADVERTISERS; THE PRINTER OF PENTHOUSE, MEREDITH CORPORATION IN DES MOINES, IOWA, AND B. DALTON BOOKSELLER, ITS

NOW TO MARCH IN SPRING FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

SUBMITTED BY KATHY CORNEHL

WOMEN AND MEN FROM ALL ACROSS THE NATION WILL UNITE IN TWO MASSIVE MARCHES DURING 1986 TO SERVE NOTICE THAT THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF WOMEN BOTH IN AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD, ARE THREATENED BY EFFORTS TO OUTLAW ABORTION AND BIRTH CONTROL.

MARCH 9 - WASHINGTON, D.C.
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
THIS MARCH WILL SERVE NOTICE TO THE SUPREME COURT AND TO CONGRESS THAT THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WANT ABORTION AND BIRTH CONTROL KEPT SAFE AND LEGAL.

MARCH 16 - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
THIS MARCH WILL SOUND THE ALARM TO THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA THAT TWO DECEPTIVE INITIATIVES SLATED FOR NEXT YEAR'S BALLOT WOULD DENY FUNDS FOR POOR WOMEN SEEKING ABORTIONS, EVEN IF THE LIVES OF THOSE WOMEN ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER.

SINCE 1973, THE RADICAL RIGHT AND THE SO-CALLED "RIGHT-TO-LIFE" MOVEMENT HAS RALLIED IN WASHINGTON TO PUT PRESSURE ON CONGRESS AND THE COURT TO REVERSE THE ROE V. WADE DECISION. THEIR MASSIVE PRESENCE ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL AND THE SUPREME COURT, COUPLED WITH THEIR "HIT LIST" POLITICAL TACTICS AND THEIR STRATEGY OF HARASSMENT, HAS BEEN FRIGHTENINGLY SUCCESSFUL.

IT IS NOW TIME FOR THE MAJORITY TO SPEAK UP, TO STAND UP, TO MARCH AND BE COUNTED, AND TO BEAR HIGHLY VISIBLE WITNESS TO THE WORLD THAT WE WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED. UNLESS WE, THE MAJORITY, "IN NUMBERS TOO BIG TO IGNORE," CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE OUR OUTRAGE OVER WHAT IS HAPPENING, WE COULD LOSE ABORTION AND BIRTH CONTROL BY DEFAULT.

THAT'S WHY THE DAYS WE MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES ARE SO IMPORTANT. JUST AS THE SUFFRAGISTS MARCHED UNTIL THE RIGHT TO VOTE WAS WON FOR ALL AMERICAN WOMEN, SO TOO MUST WE NOW MARCH TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS AND LIVES OF WOMEN THREATENED BY EFFORTS TO OUTLAW ABORTION AND BIRTH CONTROL.

TEXAS IS PLANNING TO SEND A LARGE DELEGATION TO THE WASHINGTON MARCH.

JOCELYN GRAY, TARAL BOARD MEMBER, HAS ARRANGED FOR TWO 737 AIRPLANES TO FLY TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 8TH AND RETURN THE NIGHT OF MARCH 9TH. ONE PLANE WILL FLY FROM EL PASO TO HOUSTON TO D.C.; THE OTHER FROM AUSTIN TO DALLAS TO D.C. SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS WILL NEED TO BE MADE INDEPENDENTLY. THE APPROXIMATE COST FOR THE AIRFARE WILL BE \$250 ROUND TRIP.

ADDITIONAL MODES OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE ARRANGED FOLLOWING AN ASSESSMENT OF YOUR INPUT. PLANS MUST BE MADE EARLY IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL MARCH.

PLEASE NOTIFY TEXAS NOW BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1986 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, BE SURE TO SPECIFY YOUR PREFERENCE OF TRAVEL (PLANE, TRAIN, BUS) AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST, A THIRD AIRPLANE/TRAIN/CHARTERED BUS CAN BE SECURED. ALLOW SIX DAYS FOR THE TRAIN/BUS TRIP, MARCH 6TH-MARCH 11TH.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH, PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO A SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHICH WILL ENABLE WOMEN AND MEN OF MODEST MEANS TO GO.

SEND THE NOTIFICATION OF YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE MARCH, OR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO A SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO TEXAS NOW, P.O. BOX 1256, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767-1256.

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LARGEST NATIONAL DISTRIBUTOR. THE WRITERS OF THE RESOLUTION DID STATE OPPOSITION TO CENSORSHIP, OBSCENITY LAWS AND GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS BANNING EXPRESSIONS OF CONSENTUAL ADULT SEXUALITY.

DELEGATES ALSO PASSED A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LABOR DAY AS "PAY EQUITY DAY" AND REQUIRING THAT THE PAY EQUITY TASK FORCE SEEK THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION OF SUCH. THE TASK FORCE IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DISSEMINATING PRESS RELEASES AND OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVENT.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS PASSED INCLUDED:

1) A DIRECTIVE TO THE TEXAS NOW PAC TO CONSIDER ENDORSEMENT AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ELEANOR TINSLEY'S CAMPAIGN FOR REELECTION TO THE HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL.

2) A RESOLUTION THAT TEXAS NOW RECOMMEND THAT A TOPIC COVERING DISABLED PERSONS BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF TOPICS IN THE NATIONAL NOW CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING HANDBOOK AND THAT TEXAS NOW SUPPORT ACTIONS FOSTERING THE RIGHTS OF THE DISABLED.

THE BYLAWS

FOUR BYLAW REVISIONS WERE APPROVED AND ONE REJECTED DURING THE CONVENTION.

— THE DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT-COMMUNICATIONS WERE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE COORDINATING PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS. A CLAUSE ALSO ENSURES THAT ALL MATERIALS FOR PUBLIC RELEASE ARE APPROVED BY THE STATE PRESIDENT.

— A CHANGE NOW REQUIRES THAT THE STATE CONVENTION BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR IN ORDER TO STANDARDIZE THE TIME OF THE STATE CONVENTION.

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STATE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY KATHY AUBIN



EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR! THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE AND THE NEW YEAR FOR YOUR STATE OFFICERS HAS JUST BEGUN - 1986 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. SINCE I TOOK OFFICE IN OCTOBER, THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING TO BRING TEXAS NOW AND FEMINISM INTO THE FOREGROUND AGAIN. LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING! TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!

I WAS IN BEAUMONT ON NOVEMBER 2 WHERE I KEYNOTED A WORKSHOP ON PAY EQUITY. BOTH LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS COVERED THE EVENT. LATER IN THE MONTH I SPOKE BEFORE A PROFESSIONAL SECRETARY'S INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER IN HOUSTON TO 60 WOMEN ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

ON THE 23RD, HOUSTON AREA NOW AND TEXAS NOW SHARED A BOOTH AT A PEACE AND JUSTICE FAIR IN HOUSTON WHERE WELL OVER 500 PEOPLE ATTENDED. WE GAINED A NEW NOW MEMBER AND MANY NAMES REQUESTING INFORMATION. I ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A WORKSHOP AT THE FAIR ON JOBS AND JUSTICE. IT WAS EXCITING AND THE PARTICIPANTS WERE INTERESTED IN NOW. WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO DO A WORKSHOP ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT WITH THE COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN SOMETIME IN THE SPRING.

THE NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTIONS GAVE US SOME GAINS. AFTER THE LOSSES WE SUFFERED IN THE 1984 ELECTIONS, THIS WAS GREAT. IN HOUSTON KATHY WHITMIRE AND ELEANOR TINSLEY WERE RE-ELECTED, DESPITE THE STRAIGHT SLATE CANDIDATES. ANTHONY HALL DEFEATED HIS OPPONENT IN A RUN-OFF ELECTION NOVEMBER 26TH.

ON THE NATIONAL SCENE, IN VIRGINIA, MARY SUE TERRY WAS THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE FIRST BLACK MAN SINCE RECONSTRUCTION, L. DOUGLAS WILDER, WAS ELECTED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. TERRY HAS A MIXED VOTING RECORD ON CHOICE AND ERA, WHILE DOUGLAS IS PRO-CHOICE AND PRO-ERA.

THE FEDERAL CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS THE CUSTODIAL PARENT TO GARNISH WAGES OF THE FORMER SPOUSE TO COLLECT COURT AWARDED CHILD-SUPPORT PAYMENTS WENT INTO EFFECT IN OCTOBER. ALSO, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS' PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING UNWANTED PREGNANCIES ARE AIRING ON TELEVISION. THIS WAS AFTER NOW WENT TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO DETERMINE IF THE NETWORKS WERE VIOLATING THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY REFUSED TO AIR THESE AS TOO CONTROVERSIAL.

WHILE WE HAVE HAD SOME GAINS, WE CANNOT BECOME COMPLACANT. THERE ARE STILL MANY ROADS TO TRAVEL BEFORE WE CAN SLEEP. WHILE THE STRAIGHT SLATE WAS RESOUNDINGLY DEFEATED IN HOUSTON, AUSTIN IS GETTING READY FOR A POSSIBLE REFERENDUM ON ABORTION SOMETIME IN 1986. THERE WAS ALSO AN ANTI-CHOICE RALLY IN HOUSTON THAT GARNERED LOTS OF MEDIA COVERAGE AS WELL AS OVER ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS ISSUED ITS GUIDELINES ON AIDS AND ABORTION CLINICS, BUT THE FAR RIGHT ISN'T SATISFIED WITH THESE GUIDELINES. THEY ARE LOBBYING THEIR

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

KATHERINE H. AUBIN, HOUSTON, became the President of Texas NOW, October 21st, following her election at the Texas NOW State Convention in Arlington.

Kathy has served as President of Northwest Houston NOW and has chaired the Texas NOW Pay Equity Task Force.

In her professional life she is the corporate manager of Human Resources Information Systems for a Fortune 500 company in Houston and is a certified compensation professional. She was named as one of the Outstanding Young Women For 1984.

Below is Kathy's first message as Texas NOW President to the NOW members of Texas.

SUPPORTERS TO HAVE CHANGES MADE. WE MUST ENSURE THIS DOES NOT OCCUR.

MANY OF THE CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ARE PLANNING PROGRAMS, ACTIONS AND WORKSHOPS IN JANUARY TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORIC ROE V. WADE SUPREME COURT DECISION, WHILE THE SUPREME COURT IS CONFERRING ON TWO STATE ABORTION LAWS. THESE ACTIONS ARE ALSO TARGETED TO RAISE FUNDS AND CONSCIOUSNESS FOR THE MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MARCH 9TH AND IN LOS ANGELES ON MARCH 16th.

TEXAS NOW PASSED A RESOLUTION AT THE STATE CONVENTION TO BE AT THE WASHINGTON, D.C. RALLY. I PLAN TO BE THERE AND STAY OVER FOR THE MARCH 10 LOBBY DAY ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT. PLAN TO COME WITH ME AND OTHER TEXAS NOW MEMBERS.


I AM IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL, SO LET US MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER. THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER, SO LET'S GET BACK TO THE BUSINESS OF TEXAS NOW: THAT OF BRINGING ALL WOMEN INTO FULL EQUALITY WITH MEN ON A SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC LEVEL.

I PLAN TO RESPECT OUR DIFFERENCES AND UTILIZE ALL OF OUR STRENGTHS TO BRING TEXAS NOW INTO THE MAINSTREAM. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, COMMITMENT AND ACTION IN THE YEAR TO COME. TOGETHER, WE CAN DO ANYTHING. SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN THE COMING YEAR.

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VP-MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES COMMITMENT, ENTHUSIASM

BY JO ANN EVANS GARDNER

"THE STATE VICE PRESIDENT — MEMBERSHIP, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AREA MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS, SHALL WORK TO PROMOTE CHAPTER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN TEXAS, AND SHALL ASSIST IN THE CONVENING OF NEW CHAPTERS." (TEXAS NOW BYLAWS, AS AMENDED 9/84, VII, B, 3.)

THE FOLLOWING IS A SELF-CONDUCTED INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENT — MEMBERSHIP FOR TEXAS NOW.

Q: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO PROMOTE CHAPTER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN TEXAS?

A: 1) FOR STARTERS, AS WILMA SCOTT HEIDE USED TO SAY, A COMMITTED VP-MEMBERSHIP — THIS I CAN PROMISE. I INTEND TO BE WELL INFORMED ON NOW'S MEMBERSHIP PROCESSES, AND AVAILABLE TO CHAPTER OFFICERS NEEDING INFORMATION OR HELP ON MEMBERSHIP MATTERS, AS WELL AS TO PERSONS THINKING ABOUT CONVENING A NEW NOW CHAPTER. MY PHONE NUMBER IS (713)741-4009.

2) FIVE AREA MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS — TWO MORE ARE NEEDED (FOR AREA IV, WHICH INCLUDES AUSTIN, CORPUS CHRISTI, LAREDO, SAN ANTONIO; AND FOR AREA V, WHICH INCLUDES AMARILLO, LUBBUCK, EL PASO.) AREA MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN THEIR AREA TO DO THE JOB AND BE ON TEXAS NOW'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH IT CLEARLY FACILITATES THEIR WORK. THE BYLAWS PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE STATE COUNCIL. MEMBERS WHO WANT TO BE "OUR-STORY-MAKERS" (I.E. AREA IV OR AREA V MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS) SHOULD CALL ME FOR ENCOURAGEMENT TO VOLUNTEER.

3) ABOUT 37 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS OR PERSONS WILLING TO COMMIT TO THIS JOB! (WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE THE TITLE!) ONE FOR EACH CHAPTER IN TEXAS - 37 "OURSTORY-MAKERS!" I WILL BE SENDING A LETTER TO EACH CHAPTER PRESIDENT WITH ENCLOSED SASPC TO IDENTIFY EXISTING CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP PERSONS.

Q: WHY IS PROMOTING CHAPTER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND REWARDING JOBS IN TEXAS NOW?

A: BECAUSE A STRONG NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN WILL CHANGE "HISTORY" TO "OUR-STORY," NOT IN THE VAGUE OR DISTANT FUTURE, BUT NOW. AND STRONG NOW CHAPTERS ARE A BASIC NECESSITY FOR AN EFFECTIVE, FEMINIST, DEMOCRAT-

PATRICIA TODSEN KUHLMANN

PAT KUHLMANN, LONG-TIME NOW ACTIVIST AND BAY AREA NOW MEMBER, DIED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1985, AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

PAT SERVED AS AN OFFICER ON BOTH THE STATE AND CHAPTER LEVELS AND WAS THE FORMER PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR TEXAS NOW.

A MEMORIAL FUND IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN HER NAME. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PHYLLIS TUCKER AT (713) 944-0033.

GOODBYE, PAT. YOU WILL BE MISSED.

IC, STRONG, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR EQUALITY FOR WOMEN.

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR IMMEDIATE PLANS TO PROMOTE CHAPTER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT?

A: 1) TO HOLD A MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING TRAINING SESSION AT THE NEXT STATE COUNCIL MEETING.

2) TO COLLECT FROM CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP PERSONS OLD AND NEW IDEAS FOR REVVING UP CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT. KATHY WEBB, NATIONAL NOW SECRETARY, HAS PREPARED A PACKET OF IDEAS CULLED FROM CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. I THINK WE CAN TAKE THESE IDEAS AND TAILOR ONE OR MORE TO FIT SET CHAPTERS.

3) TO SEEK HELEN WILMA ORTIZ'S ADVICE AND HELP SO THAT I CAN CONTINUE ON THE PATH SHE HAS SO CAPABLY LAID OUT.

TEXAS NOW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DET. SGT. EDIE CONNELLY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOW, WON THIRD PLACE RECENTLY IN HER FIRST JUDO COMPETITION, THE AQUA-FEST, IN AUSTIN. EDIE COMPETED IN THE WOMEN'S LIGHT WEIGHT DIVISION.

SHE AND HER HUSBAND, ANDY CONNELLY, ALSO A NOW MEMBER, OPERATE THE KIAI JUDO CLUB NEAR THE WOODLANDS AND OFFER SELF-DEFENSE COURSES TO WOMEN.

EDIE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE SEXUAL ASSAULT MOVEMENT, NOT ONLY THROUGH HER JOB WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HER BUSINESS, BUT ALSO IN HER VOLUNTEER WORK SHE IS THE PRESIDENT OF TICSA, THE TEXAS INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL ON SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY RAPE CRISIS COALITION.

SALUTATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO EDIE!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I HOPE TO CONTINUE THIS COLUMN ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT I'LL NEED YOUR HELP. IF YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING STORY, ANECDOTE OR ACT OF HEROISM TO REPORT ABOUT ANY TEXAS NOW MEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT ME. THANK YOU!)

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– THE QUORUM FOR STATE COUNCIL SHALL NOW CONSIST OF ONE-HALF OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS AND AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE FROM ONE-THIRD OF THE CHAPTERS WITH TEN OR MORE MEMBERS.

– AN EDITORIAL CHANGE AMENDED ARTICLE VIII ON STANDING COMMITTEES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTUAL PRACTICE AND TO ADD BUDGET AND FINANCE TO THE TEXT.

THE DELEGATES VOTED DOWN AN AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE AREA MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS AND REPLACE THEM WITH AN APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

(COMPLETE TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS AND BYLAW CHANGES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR.)

THE OFFICERS

NEWLY ELECTED TEXAS NOW STATE OFFICERS INCLUDE:

- PRESIDENT – KATHY AUBIN, 1919 PL. REBECCA LANE, H-11, HOUSTON, TX 77090 (713)537-1512
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- AREA III MEMBERSHIP COORD – CHERYL WILSON, 2426 DORRINGTON, HOUSTON, TX 77030 (713)821-0709

TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

JO LEVERETTE, VP-ACTION FOR TEXAS NOW, IS SEEKING INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF STATE-LEVEL TASK FORCES.

CURRENT TASK FORCES INCLUDE COMBATTING RACISM, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, EDUCATION, LESBIAN RIGHTS, PAY EQUITY, PORNOGRAPHY, REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

IN ADDITION, KATHY AUBIN, TEXAS NOW PRESIDENT, IS ACCEPTING NOMINEES FOR MEMBERSHIP ON STATE-LEVEL COMMITTEES, INCLUDING ARCHIVES SCREENING, BYLAWS, ELF, FUNDRAISING, POLITICAL ACTION/PAC, AND STATE OFFICE.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN ANY OF THE AREAS LISTED ABOVE, CONTACT LEVERETTE AT (214)758-3835 OR AUBIN AT (713)537-1512.

REPRO RIGHTS WORKSHOP SET

TO COMMEMORATE THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE, THE HOUSTON AREA NOW AND NOW AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CHAPTERS WILL JOINTLY SPONSOR A WORKSHOP ENTITLED "REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM, YOUR RIGHT—A DAY OF WORKSHOPS ON ABORTION AND BIRTH CONTROL" ON JANUARY 18th.

THE PROGRAM WILL COVER THE HISTORICAL, PHYSICAL, ETHICAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN FOUR SESSIONS. A BROWN BAG LUNCH BREAK WILL BE HELD MIDDAY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HELEN ORTIZ AT (713)644-5576 OR JO ANN EVANS GARDNER AT (713)741-4009.

TEXAS NOW SUSTAINER BANK DRAFT AUTHORIZATION

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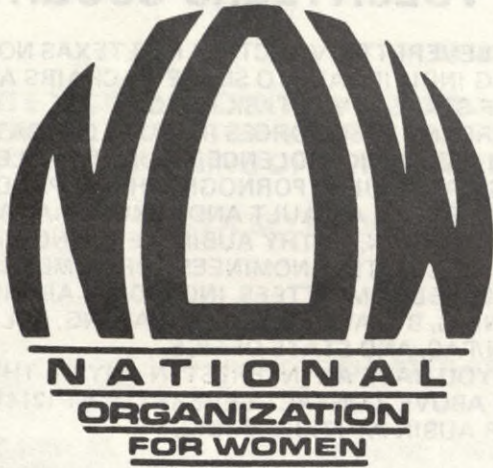
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9 a.m. HOUSTON
- 1-22-86 ROE V. WADE ANNIVERSARY
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3- 9-86 WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK BEGINS
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