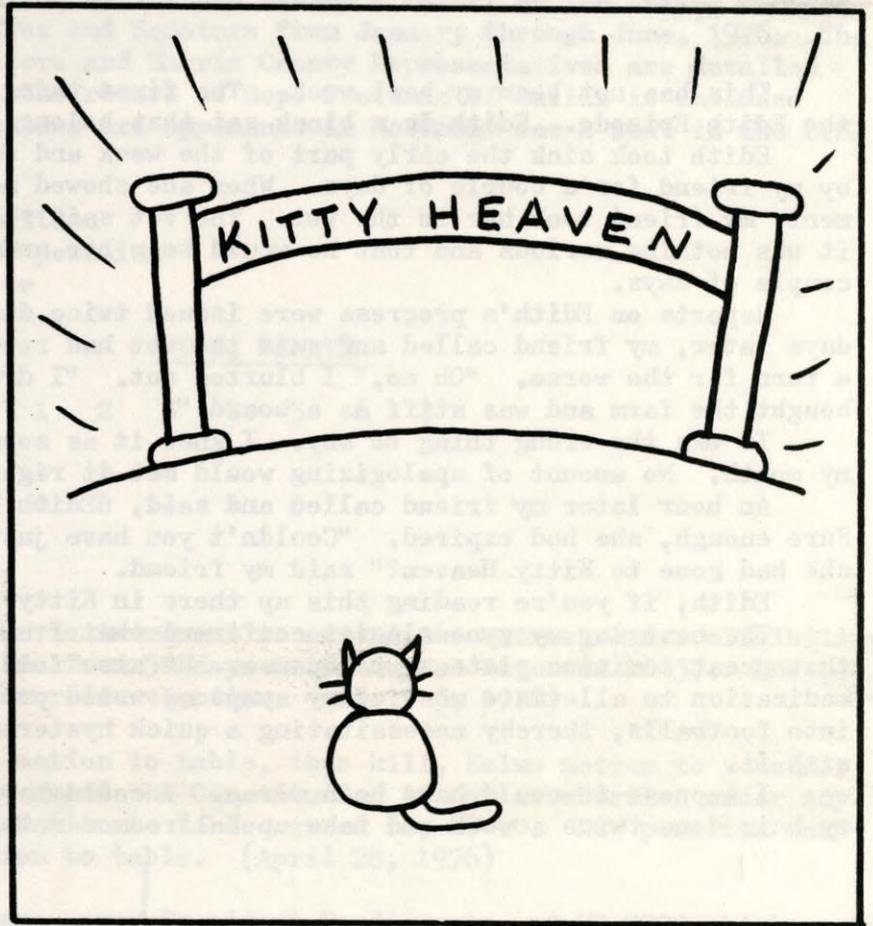


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point of view

This has not been my best week. The first thing that happened was the Edith Episode. Edith is a black cat that belongs to a friend of mine.

Edith took sick the early part of the week and was duly watched over by my friend for a couple of days. When she showed no signs of improvement, my friend took her to the vet. The vet said she was pretty sick but it was nothing serious and that he would keep her under observation for a couple of days.

Reports on Edith's progress were issued twice daily. A couple of days later, my friend called and said the vet had reported Edith had taken a turn for the worse. "Oh no," I blurted out. "I dreamed last night she bought the farm and was stiff as a board."

It was the wrong thing to say. I knew it as soon as it was out of my mouth. No amount of apologizing would set it right.

An hour later my friend called and said, "Edith bought the farm." Sure enough, she had expired. "Couldn't you have just said you dreamed she had gone to Kitty Heaven?" said my friend.

Edith, if you're reading this up there in Kitty Heaven, I apologize.

The next day my gynecologist confirmed that I have indeed reached that great feminine plateau, menopause. He also told me that the best medication to alleviate most of my symptoms would probably turn my fibroids into footballs, thereby necessitating a quick hysterectomy. I decided to risk it.

I suppose it could have been worse. I could have been advised to get my hair done twice a week and take up ballroom dancing.

Jan

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- 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

CONGRESSIONAL VOTING RECORDS

The NOW Legislative Office has issued a report on the voting records of U.S. Representatives and Senators from January through June, 1976. The scores of Texas Senators and Harris County Representatives are detailed below. In addition, the record of Rep. Steelman of Dallas is included since he and Sen. Bentsen are opponents in November for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

KEY: + = for NOW position
- = against NOW position
0 = did not vote

U.S. SENATE

Issue #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tower (R)	-	0	-	-	-	+	-
Bentsen (D)	0	0	+	+	0	+	-

The issues:

- (1) FOOD STAMPS. Curtis Amendment to extend the retrospective eligibility income review time from 30 days to 90 days. Rejected 20-57. NOW position was in favor of rejection. (April 5, 1976)
- (2) ABORTION. Bayh motion to table, thus kill, Helms motion to consider S.J. Res. 178 to amend the Constitution to outlaw abortion under any circumstances. Motion to table agreed to, 47-40. NOW position was in favor of motion to table. (April 28, 1976)
- (3) DAY CARE. Passage, over President Ford's veto, of HR 9803 which would provide \$125 million through Sept. 1976 to help states comply with federal standards for federally supported day care centers serving low-income families. Needed a 2/3 majority. Rejected, thus sustaining Ford's veto, 60-34. NOW position was in favor of a veto override. (May 5, 1976) (See House vote #3)
- (4) IWY COMMISSION. Bayh amendment to increase from \$3 million to \$5 million the funding for the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year. Adopted 46-45. NOW position was in favor of adoption. (May 11, 1976)

- (5) DAY CARE. Passage of bill to provide \$375 million in additional aid to federally funded day care centers serving low-income families, and suspension of staffing standards until Oct. 1977, and to let each state determine its specific eligibility standards for social service programs aimed at helping lower-income families. Passed 48-16. NOW position was in favor of passage. (May 20, 1976)
- (6) ABORTION. Packwood amendment to delete Hyde Amendment from Labor-HEW Appropriations bill. Hyde Amendment would bar the use of HEW funds to pay for, promote or encourage abortions. Packwood amendment adopted 57-28. NOW position in favor of Packwood amendment. (June 28, 1976) (See House vote #6)
- (7) CIVIL RIGHTS. Helms amendment to the Labor-HEW Appropriations bill to prohibit HEW from denying funds to schools that do not maintain records on the race or national origin of teachers or students, or that fail to classify or assign teachers or students by race or national origin. Rejected 27-59. NOW position against the Helms amendment. (June 29, 1976)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Issue #	1	2	3	4	5	6
Archer (R)	+	0	-	0	-	-
Eckhardt (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jordan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brooks (D)	0	0	+	-	+	+
Steelman (R)	+	+	-	+	0	0

The issues:

- (1) CIVIL RIGHTS. Adoption of a conference report on HR 6516 to prohibit credit discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion or national origin (law already includes sex). Adopted 384-3. NOW position favored adoption. (March 9, 1976)
- (2) BIRTH CONTROL SAFETY. Adoption of the rule to allow consideration of HR 11124 to give the Secretary of HEW authority to assure the safety and effectiveness of medical devices such as intrauterine birth control devices and heart pacemakers. Adopted 379-6. NOW position in favor of adoption. (March 9, 1976)

- (3) **DAY CARE.** Passage of HR 9803 over President Ford's veto of the bill to provide \$125 million through Sept. 1976 to help states comply with federal standards for federally supported day care centers serving low-income families. Needed a 2/3 majority. Passed 301-101. NOW position was in favor of a veto override. (May 4, 1976) (See Senate vote #3)
- (4) **TITLE IX, EDUCATION.** Mathis amendment to HR 12851, The Higher Education Act Amendments, to exempt professionally oriented fraternities and sororities from the Title IX regulations prohibiting sex discrimination. Rejected 121-272. NOW position against the amendment. (May 12, 1976)
- (5) **BIRTH CONTROL.** Scheuer amendment to the Labor-HEW Appropriations bill HR 14232, to increase funds for population research by \$16 million. Rejected 122-278. NOW position was in favor of the amendment. (May 12, 1976)
- (6) **ABORTION.** Hyde amendment to the Labor-HEW Appropriations bill to prohibit use of HEW funds to pay for, encourage or promote abortions. This was the second vote. Adopted on the first vote 207-167, adopted on the second, or re-vote, again by 199-165. NOW opposed the amendment. (June 24, 1976) (See Senate vote #6)

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sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
			NOW Program Mtg. 7:30 PM, Clayton Library			
			1 Joy Goodman	2 Mark DeLaquaise	3 Closed	4 J.E. McNeil
			NOW Business Mtg. 8 PM	Employment Discrimination Counseling, 8 PM		
5 Closed	6 Closed	7 Alice McCarthy	8 Bette Anne Knoll	9 Chris Meave	10 Closed	11 Cindy Millis
			HCWPC Policy Mtg. Unitarian Church, 7 PM; Employment Compliance TF, 8 PM		BROADSIDE Deadline FEMINIST RETREAT	FEMINIST RETREAT
12 Closed	13 Renee Rabb	14 Donna Duerk	15 Carolyn Elliott	16 Catherine Livingston	17 Closed	18 Charlotte Poole
			HCWPC Program Mtg. Unitarian Church, 7 PM			Center Sitter Orientation, 12-3 PM
19 Closed	20	21 Debbie Ryan	22 Norma Lee Ann Robinson	23 Alice Shrader	24 Closed	25 Jan Pierce
FEMINIST RETREAT	Employment Discrimination Counseling, 8 PM	HRCC Mtg. 7:30			WOMEN'S CENTER 3602 Milam 524-5743 Mon-Thur 7-10 PM Saturday 12-3 PM	All Meetings at Women's Center unless otherwise noted.
26 Closed	27 Iris Sizemore	28 Carol Clark	29 Open	30 Open		

BYLAWS
OF
HOUSTON AREA CHAPTER
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, INC.

- Section 1. Name. The name of this chapter shall be the Houston Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women, Inc. (NOW). It shall exist and operate as a unit thereof.
- Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Houston Area Chapter shall be to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society NOW, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. This purpose includes, but is not limited to, equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, public service, employment, education and family life, and it includes freedom from discrimination because of marital status or motherhood.
- Section 3. Policy. This chapter shall be bound by the national bylaws and may not take action which is contrary thereto. Where there is no established national policy, a chapter may express itself on any subject which is directly related to the purpose of NOW.
- Section 4. Membership. Any person who subscribes to NOW's purposes shall be eligible to become a member of this chapter and upon payment of national and chapter dues shall be enrolled as a member of this chapter. No person shall be excluded from membership, segregated, or otherwise discriminated against within the organization because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or economic status.
- Section 5. Structure. The structure of the chapter shall be as follows:
- a. The officers, who together shall constitute the Executive Committee;
 - b. The Board of Directors, which shall consist of the officers and such standing committee chairpersons as are established by the implementing bylaws;
 - c. Such other persons or occupants of positions as the chapter may specify in its implementing bylaws.
- Section 6. Officers. (a) There shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be established by the implementing bylaws. (b) All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one year or until their successors take office. No officer shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Officers shall take office upon adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected. (c) In case of vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall become President automatically. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
- Section 7. Duties of Officers. (a) The President shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter; shall preside at all meetings of the chapter and of the Board of Directors; shall appoint chairpersons of all committees except the Nominating Committee, subject to approval of the Executive Committee; and shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. (b) The Vice President, in the absence or inability of the President, shall perform the duties of President and may be chairperson of any committee. (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the chapter and of the Board of Directors; shall keep records of membership; conduct chapter correspondence not specifically assigned to others; and send out notices of meetings. (d) The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the chapter and shall deposit them in such bank or banks as may be designated by the chapter; shall disburse these funds by check in accordance with the approved budget; shall make regular reports to the Board of Directors and the membership. Prior to each annual meeting the Treasurer's accounts shall be audited as provided by the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall be ex officio a member of the Finance Committee.

- Section 8. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and control the funds and property of the chapter. It shall report its activities at the next membership meeting of the chapter. It shall formulate and present the budget, supervise the conduct of chapter activities and the implementation of chapter policies and directives. The Board shall meet monthly or upon call of the President or a majority of the members.
- Section 9. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall carry on the day-to-day business of the chapter between meetings of the Board and of the membership, and shall report its actions thereto. It shall meet upon call of the President or any three officers.
- Section 10. Membership Meetings. There shall be eight regular meetings of the membership each year, one of which shall be designated the annual meeting. The ultimate authority for chapter action shall reside in the membership.
- Section 11. Finances. (a) The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31. Chapter members will be billed for both chapter and national dues by the chapter Treasurer, who shall remit national dues to the National Treasurer within 30 days after receipt. Dues shall be the national dues, plus chapter dues. (b) Any member whose chapter and national dues are in arrears on March 31 shall, after notice, be dropped from the rolls and shall have no privileges of membership, but may be reinstated upon application, acceptance and payment of current dues. (c) All checks must be signed by two officers of the chapter.
- Section 12. Nominations, Voting, Election. A nominations/election committee shall be elected at the September business meeting. It shall report its slate of nominations at the October business meeting. At the October business meeting, a majority of the members present and voting shall determine if the next succeeding election only shall be by secret (written) or open (show of hands) ballot. Election shall be held at the November business meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. If the October business meeting shall have chosen to have a written ballot, the nominations/election committee shall have materials available for that purpose. To be eligible to vote, a member must have paid in full local and national dues to the chapter treasurer at least 14 calendar days prior to the election. Election shall be by the majority of members in good standing present and voting. If there are more than two candidates for an office and one candidate does not get a majority of the votes on the first ballot, the run-off shall be between the two candidates receiving the most votes on the first ballot.
- Section 13. Procedure Except as herein provided, all proceedings of this chapter shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.
- Section 14. Additional Provisions. The chapter may, at any membership meeting, adopt implementing bylaws not inconsistent with Sections 1 to 13 of these bylaws or with the bylaws of the National organization. Any question as to such inconsistency shall be determined by the National Board of Directors of the National Organization for Women.
- Section 15. Amendments. Sections 1 through 15 of these bylaws may be amended only by the National Board of NOW. The chapter's implementing bylaws may be amended by majority vote at any meeting of the chapter, provided that notice of such proposed amendments shall have been sent to each member at least ten days before the meeting.

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If you wonder why you have not received your 1976 NOW membership card, it is because National NOW is just beginning to mail some of them. We received in the mail 22 membership cards recently. Of those, 12 were NOT members of Houston Area NOW. We cannot afford to mail these cards to our members, so you will have to come to the Women's Center to pick them up. Please do not telephone to ask about your membership card. Under the circumstances the odds are great that we have NOT received yours.

PLATFORMS

Among the many pages of the platforms passed by the Democratic and Republican Party, two planks stand out as specifically concerning women's rights: planks on the Equal Rights Amendment and on abortion.

Both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party are on record in 1976 as favoring the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

On abortion, the parties differ. The Democratic Party platform opposes any attempt to amend the U.S. Constitution to overturn the Supreme Court decision recognizing a woman's right to choose an abortion. The Republican Party platform, on the other hand, supports a constitutional amendment to prohibit all abortions.

Although these positions were approved by the national conventions of the respective parties, voters should still pay close attention to the statements of the presidential candidates. They do not always abide by their party platforms.

PROGRAM MEETING

Margaret Buchorn will be our guest speaker at the program meeting on Wednesday, September 1, at 7:30 PM at the Clayton Library.

Buchorn is a licensed social psychotherapist and will talk about "Super Mom; An Ideal And Its Antithesis". Everyone is welcome.

FEMINIST RETREAT

September 17-18 is the date for our annual feminist retreat to Camp Warnecke in New Braunfels. We still have a few beds available, so call Judy Anderson at 528-7707 or 661-6751 to make your reservation.



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