



THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT: Past, Present, & Future! July 1, 1982 Program Meeting

A panel of distinguished long time feminists who will put into perspective the struggle for equality & where do we go from here, with or without ERA. A Uniting Church, Reseda at El Camino Real, Clear Lake City.

Let your presence indicate that there indeed is a new day beyond ERA.

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Beginning in September, 1982, the Women's Resource Service at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City will undergo a major change. The Dean of Student Services, Dr. Carl Van Wyatt, made this announcement to the Women's Resource Services Advisory Council (WRSAC) on May 16 after the close of the Spring semester. The current position and budget for the Women's Resource Services (WRS) will be appropriated to fund a new full-time professional counseling position. This counselor is "to serve the similar developmental and educational needs of the women and minority students enrolled at UH/CLC."

This decision was made without consultation or consideration involving past or current WRS manager/facilitators or persons who have contributed to or benefited from the program. Community groups who have had representatives serve on the WRS Advisory Council have included NOW, AAUW, LWV, FEW-AFGE-CLUW. WRSAC has also included faculty, staff, and students of UH/CLC. Despite this advisory group, Wyatt feels that WRS has not been a viable resource for all women students. Although he would not be specific, Wyatt referred to perceived "image" problems of WRS which some see as reflecting "political" opinions. Therefore, this is to be not only an organizational change, but a philosophic one as well.

Originally founded as the Women's Center in 1976, the program was renamed Women's Resource Services upon affiliation with UH/CLC Counseling Center in September, 1977. Through the years WRS has served the University and the university-community as a coordination point, resource, and advocate for issues and problems of particular concern to women. A partial list of topics addressed by WRS ranges from childcare and parenting, to career programs and financial planning, to women's art and crafts. Always of utmost concern to those involved has been the appreciation and highlight of the diverse positions, possibilities, and contributions of women. WRS has been a "woman's place," made by women and served by them, with continuity and with feeling for the unique and particular needs of women. It has been called the "kitchen table" of our community where talk can range from cranky children to legal and financial matters, and where the home-maker or engineer shares ideas with the student or doctor.

Minority students are made up of different groups (Black, Hispanic, foreign), each with discrete needs, and those are not necessarily the same as the white, middle-class, relatively well-educated woman student. If the new position is to be that of a professional counselor to minority students as well as women students, the reality will have to be cutbacks in the services to women. The administration has stated this. Many feel diluting the existing and effective WRS program will be a genuine disservice not only to present and future students, but to former students and community members whose interest and participation built and maintained Women's Resource Services.

#### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

1. Many thanks to Nora, Rema, Marilyn, and others who helped to sponsor individuals for the Oklahoma rally! I was sponsored and could not have gone if not for you. Your contributions are appreciated. The rally itself was much more than what the media alluded. It is something that I will always treasure.
2. The telephone tree has not been as successful as hoped. Therefore a new method is going to be tried and your help is needed. When a message is to be sent out, the central "coordinator" will call captains who will in turn call about 5 people in their area and give them the message. Several people have volunteered but more are needed. Being a captain only requires a few things—a telephone and about 15 minutes! Let me know if you can be a captain.
3. The Lesbian Rights Task Force of Dallas County NOW will be holding its 1st Annual Lesbian Celebration Weekend. Tickets are \$12. Price includes admission to the workshops and to the Holly Near Concert that Friday. Date—June 25-27. For more information, call me at 471-1594 or 214/742-6918.
4. The Texas State NOW convention will be held in Austin at the Hilton Inn August 27-29. If you would like advertising space in the convention book or exhibitor information, contact me.
- \*\*\*5. July 15 is the deadline for nominations for the Wonder Woman Foundation Awards. Categories include Women—Pursuing Truth, Striving for peace, Taking risks, Creating new realities, and Helping Women. Nominees must have had their 40th birthday on or before Dec. 31, 1982. In November, 1982, The Wonder Woman Foundation will honor a small number of women engaged in this search for themselves—women who are finding the internal strength to change themselves and the world for the better—with awards of up to \$ 10,000. The Foundation is not necessarily seeking women who have made the greatest or most widely recognized contributions in their respective fields. It is looking for women who have demonstrated such strength of character and personal growth that they have been able to make both significant contributions in the past and convincing plans for future work. They are women who have worked in the face of personal limitations and external barriers, who are generous of spirit, and who demonstrate specific traits of character that make them truly wonderful. They inspire other people, particularly women, to achieve their own aspirations. If you know of someone who fits the description why not nominate them?

6. It's time to support feminist businesses and have some fun too! Sunday, July 11, Heidi's and Co. will be having a Womyn's MiniFest to celebrate their 1st year anniversary. So far, 25 tables(organizations, businesses, etc...) are to be set up. If you would like a table or more information call Heidi's at 520-7677. The street address is 1905 W. Alabama. If you have never visited their store, try it. They sell just about everything—women's music, clothes, jewelry, and more.
7. Margie Adam's recent Houston concert can be heard <sup>KPFT 7<sup>30</sup>-9<sup>30</sup></sup> JUNE 29 90PM. Also, she will be in town to sing at the Women's Political Caucus Convention July 17. I am in the process of trying to get tickets for interested parties.
8. The 7th Annual Michigan's Womyn's Music Festival will be held Aug. 12-15. Featured performers are Cris Williamson, June Millington, Margie Adam, Holly Near, Teresa Trull, Robin Flower, and many, many more. Ticket prices fall into three categories—low, average, and contributing. For info. call me or send SASE to W.M.T.M.C. 1501 Lyons Street Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

\*\*\*\*\*9. It is time for me to drag out my dusty soapbox. Bay Area NOW has a serious problem. This issue will cost about \$95 to get it printed. We were very fortunate in the past with regards to newsletters costs. With the cost of producing each newsletter each month, we are severly depleting our treasury. It is almost exhausted. The CCCT fundraiser temporarily averted disaster. We did not sell as many tickets to it as we had hoped. \$95 covers the cost of having 5 pages printed front and back, reduction, and a few other important items. Postage—that usually runs \$40-\$50. Currently, we mail out about 175-200 newsletters each month. Some are to paid members. Some of the copies go as complimentary copies. If you are receiving c.c., why not join NOW or sign up for a bargain price of \$5/year to receive the newsletters? The \$5 rate will be increased probably to \$8 in the next couple of months. We are very fortunate this month that longtime member, Evie, has volunteered to pay for the stamps for this month's mailing.

Therefore, we are being faced with several choices. We will never ax the newsletter because it has become part of the chapter. Members who are unable to come to the meetings have expressed that it is their connection to the chapter. So different possibilities are going to have to be explored. One would be to decrease the pages in the newsletter. But when we do that, information that is important is left out. So that leaves us with trying to find sponsors for the newsletter. We welcome Relaine's hair as a new advertiser. But we need more than one or two advertisers. Essentially we are facing a newsletter cost of about \$130 per month. That's roughly \$1500 a year. An alternative to not only having business sponsors is to have individual sponsors. If you would like to help sponsor the newsletter and assure its continuity, please call Pat Kuhlmann(488-3278) or send your money earmarked for the newsletter to Phyllis Tucker 243 Empress Houston, TX 77034. Another source of revenue is to renew your membership in NOW...DANOW members have always rallied when need be so please send your checks or ideas for revenue raising in. Unless the treasury is increased, a very real possibility is that there will be no newsletter for August..

10. REMINDER—if you wish to be a delegate to the TX state NOW Conference in August your dues have to be paid, including at state level.
11. REMINDER—October 8, 9, 10 National NOW conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
12. Linda Lavin, star of the tv show Alice, was presented a Feminist and Proud button at the CK rally by me on behalf of Bay Area NOW.
13. If making a contribution, use the handy form available below. *Bonnie*

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN NOW Clip & Mail to: Phyllis Tucker 243 Empress

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- \_\_\_\_\_ I am making a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Bay Area NOW. Houston, TX 77034
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JUNE 18-24, 1982

## A WOMAN'S PLACE

## TEXAS ERA

Text and Photos by Bonnie Dombroski



Oklahoma City, OK—On June 6, 1982, 11,000 women and men marched with banners and chants to the steps of the Oklahoma State Capitol building to show their support for the Equal Rights Amendment and to encourage Governor Nigh to call a special session of the legislature before the June 30 deadline.

Concurrently, three additional rallies

were held in Florida (8,000 people), North Carolina (10,000) and Illinois (15,000). Tallahassee's showing in Florida was the largest political rally ever held there. The National Organization for Women and various political, labor, educational and community organizations had representatives in attendance.

Elaine Kimzey, Texas NOW ERA co-

ordinator, was responsible for the chartering of two buses which carried 100 people from the Houston-Galveston area. She estimated that at least 1,000 Texans went to Oklahoma to lend their support.

Special speakers included Linda Lavin, star of the TV show *Alice*, Judy Goldsmith, vice-president of NOW, Oklahoma representatives Cleta Deatherage and Penny Williams, and a guest appearance by Susan B. Anthony (Connie Updike, State Coordinator for NOW in Oklahoma).

Linda Lavin said, "The Equal Rights Amendment will not undermine the family—what undermines the family is women's economic vulnerability as they are the poorest of the poor." Also, she noted the fact that President Kennedy never had to have a bake sale to finance a moon shot.

Participants were reminded that Vice-President George Bush had recently called a woman in Russia who fasted in order to get the authorities to free her

imprisoned husband, a heroine, and that when women like Sonia Johnson fast for equality, they are accused of political extortion.

In summation of her speech, Judy Goldsmith said, "There will be a time when the opposition will regret having made us work so hard and learn so much."

Nationwide a few years back, women held a silent protest called "Alice Doesn't"—short for Alice doesn't work here anymore—and called into work sick. If sentiment is as strong and high as it was at the rally in Oklahoma City, businesses will be in for a big surprise on July 1, 1982. Feminists from across the country will be calling in sick to draw attention to the fact that 1) the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment has passed and it has not been ratified, or 2) the Equal Rights Amendment has been successfully ratified and is now part of the Constitution. Either way, their silent message will be heard. *ww*

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# ERA movement rallies marcher support

*The Citizen 6/8/82*  
By MARY McFADIN  
Citizen Correspondent

OKLAHOMA CITY — About 11,000 supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment rallied at the steps of the State Capitol Sunday, hoping to sway Oklahoma legislators who may vote against ratification. There are 24 days left before a vote is taken.

Mary Calk, President of the Texas branch of the National Organization for Women, estimated there were between 700 and a thousand Texans at the rally.

It was announced that 8,000 supporters gathered in Tallahassee, Fla. "the biggest political rally ever held there," with 10,000 coming together in Raleigh, North Carolina, and 15,000 in Springfield, Illinois.

"The ERA will not go away," was chanted again and again as evidence of a renewed sense of purpose surfaced among the thousands gathered from points all over the country.

Focusing their efforts on Oklahoma, Illinois, Florida and North Carolina,

feminists groaned en masse when it was announced North Carolina legislators voted down the amendment's ratification in a procedural move. Thirty-five states have ratified with three more states needed for passage of the amendment. Eleven other unratified states were judged as requiring more effort than possible in the time left before the June 30 deadline for ratification.

"Governor George Nigh has 24 days to give meaning to the words, 'You're doin' fine, Oklahoma,'" Ruth Adams, project director for the Oklahoma Equal Rights Amendment Countdown Campaign said.

"I have literally hundreds of thousands of letters (for ratification) in my office," said Dian Copelin, Administrative Assistant to Gov. Nigh, adding, "There isn't one person who can convince me Oklahoma and America doesn't want ERA."

Linda Lavin, star of the television series "Alice" spoke out in her New Yorkish "Alice" voice, declaring "We've been rooked!" Lavin was refer-

ring to the fact women make less money than men for the same jobs.

"President Kennedy did not have to have bake sales to finance his moon shot," Lavin said, referring to the fact women are often told the finance social service programs with community benefits.

After standing in the glaring sun for several hours, the crowd was led in song by Lavin and Judy Goldsmith, National NOW vice president, as the sky darkened and thunder rumbled in the background. "We're on our way, and we won't turn back," were the words that exemplified the feelings of the thousands gathered who often verbalized ERA ratification is not probable but still possible.

Goldsmith said she was approached by French women who wanted to organize a rally in anticipation of a visit to their country by President Ronald Reagan. "If American women are in trouble, women all around the world are in trouble," she said the women told her.

# ERA gets down to the wire

*Houston Post 6/8/82*  
*Expiration is June 30, and Phyllis Schlafly has started gloating*

BOSTON — My feelings are hurt. Phyllis didn't invite me to the party.

I wouldn't have even known about it if Mary Lou hadn't told me. Mary Lou Munts is a state rep from Wisconsin. She was invited and she probably hasn't even met Phyllis.

Anyway, Mary Lou sent me the invitation for June 30th: "Phyllis Schlafly and the members of Eagle Forum cordially invite you to participate in an Over the Rainbow Celebration." They're planning to fete "the expiration of the Equal Rights Amendment and the commencement of a new era of harmony between women and men."

Now I just don't think it's fair. After all, I'm the person who always said that Phyllis was somewhat over the rainbow. I am the one who said that her vision of America "sure doesn't look like Kansas." Besides, I am dying to meet all the Munchkins from the Eagle Forum. I would love to know which among the people on her list to be specially honored is the Real Strawman — Jeremiah Denton? Jerry Falwell? George Gilder? Paul Weirich?

AND I DIDN'T even make the cut. Well, I guess I didn't want to go anyway. While I don't count myself among the cockeyed optimists about passage of the ERA, this invitation to the Wake of Oz is Tacky, Phyllis Tacky.

At this point there are only three weeks to go, and a dozen or so state legislators still to be converted. But the ERA workers are behaving less like mourners than like students cramming for finals. They still just aren't acting like losers. Last month the National Organization for Women signed up 16,000 new members. By June 30th the ERA will have raised and spent between \$6 million and \$8 million. They have also mobilized 300 paid



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staffers and roughly 6,700 regular volunteers and thousands more for one-shot events like the Sunday marches. Even broadcaster Paul Harvey has joined the pro-ERA bandwagon. If this is depression, I want to know what they're taking.

**THE OBSTACLES TO** victory have been formidable and familiar: Illinois, Florida, North Carolina, Oklahoma and time. The ERA, already ratified in 35 states, needs just three more states. But it's needed three more for years.

In Springfield, Ill., the ERA has had more reruns than Judy Garland. A majority of state legislators have long favored the ERA, but under a special rule, they need three-fifths of both houses to pass the amendment.

Gov. Jim Thompson, who says he is in favor of passage, has yet to throw his full support behind changing the rule back to a simple majority. Thompson is getting clobbered by women in the polls for this reluctance — there's a 23-point gender gap favoring his opponent. But he just can't get it together, Toto.

In North Carolina, Gov. Jim Hunt has been fully behind the ERA, as have the people.

North Carolinians favor the amendment by 2 to 1 in the latest polls. But on Friday, the senate tabled the amendment to death by a measly four votes.

**IN FLORIDA, THERE** will be a special session called in June to vote on the ERA. Once again it's expected to pass the House but it is still short of votes in the Senate.

Meanwhile out West, the governor of Oklahoma will only call a special session of the legislature to consider the ERA if it's passed in two other states.

What we have then is a rather small chorus of men standing between the women of this country and equality. One might even refer to them as mental Munchkins.

Still, at the risk of sounding a bit more like Pollyanna than Dorothy, the ERA supporters aren't behaving like losers because they are in a win-win situation. If the amendment should even pass in this photo finish, women will have a place in the Constitution. We will have won the baseline of equality, protection against being forced out, forced back. We'll be back to build lives on that turf.

**BUT EVEN IF IT** fails, the amendment and the activism behind it aren't going to disappear in a puff of smoke. The ERA has organized and fueled the most lively political constituency in the country. It's hard to find a single quitter in that crowd. These women have learned how the system works and how it doesn't work. In politics the slogan is: Don't get mad, get even. In ERA politics they know how to do both.

So if you get an invitation in the next few weeks to celebrate the defeat of equality, pay no attention to the woman behind the curtain.

Ellen Goodman is a columnist for The Boston Globe.

# ERA now, Oklahoma sooner

6/9/82 TX City SW  
SANDY MATTHEW

Recognize our contribution,  
Put us in the Constitution.

Demonstrating the belief that "we're all from an unratified country," about 1,000 Texans for ERA (predominantly Texas NOW members) were among the 11,000 marchers at the Oklahoma state capitol in Oklahoma City Sunday.

The march-rally was one of four held simultaneously in state capitols Sunday in a last-ditch effort to convince state legislators to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment by its June 30 deadline.

About 15,000 marched in Springfield, Ill.; 10,000, Raleigh, N.C.; and 8,000, Tallahassee, Fla. for the largest political rally ever held in that city.

These four were chosen as march sites because it is believed ERA has the strongest chance of passage in each of them. Three more states need to ratify the ERA by June 30 for it to become the 27th amendment to the Constitution.

The complete text of the Equal Rights Amendment reads: **Section 1.**

**Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.**

**Section 2.**

**The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.**

**Section 3.**

**This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.**

"As American women, we need the power of the Constitution behind us as we continue to fight for

equal rights," keynote speaker Ruth Adams told demonstrators. "We work because we have to work, but we are still treated as if we are working only for pin money," continued the Oklahoma ERA Countdown Campaign Project Director.

According to the National NOW Action Center, using statistics compiled by the U. S. Labor Dept., women have jobs for the same reason men do: their paychecks. Over 50 percent of women are employed to support themselves or their families and one of every nine women in the work force — about five million — is either divorced, widowed, or not married and is the only source of support for her family.

Federal legislation, such as the Equal Pay Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order No. 11246 (federal contract compliance) are inadequate, NOW explains, as attempts to find redress under these laws have shown them to be plagued with "exceptions to the rules" and unevenly applied by the courts.

"When women make 60 cents to every dollar a man makes (it recently went up from 59 cents), you're getting rooked," Alice television series star Linda Lavin told the crowd.

Of the Texas delegation, largest at the march, about 50 were from Galveston County and Bay Area NOW chapters. Texas City, Dickinson, Galveston, Seabrook, Clear Lake City, Friendswood and League City were represented. Sandra Hamilton of Texas City and Marie Stimson of Dickinson were there.

Leading the Texans were Texas NOW officers Mary Caulk, president, Corpus Christi; Rick Tonsing, membership, Ft. Worth; Terri Butler, Dallas, treasurer; Jan Stevens, Houston, vice president; and Bonnie Huval, Alvin, secretary.

Texas, seventh in the U. S. to vote yes for the national ERA also has a state ERA, both of which were passed in 1972. The state law affects only laws in Texas.

Ratification deadline 24 days away

## 40,000 ERA supporters rally in four key states

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United Press International

With the deadline for ratification only 24 days away and their hopes for victory fading, more than 40,000 supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment marched and rallied in the four states considered the key to victory.

Demonstrations Sunday were held in Florida, Illinois, Oklahoma and North Carolina, although North Carolina's Senate voted Friday for the fifth time against the proposal to guarantee equal rights for women under the U.S. Constitution.

The vote was a procedural one, and ERA backers insist the amendment is not dead in the state.

ERA has been approved by 35 states and needs three more to win ratification. The campaign is concentrating on the four in which its leaders felt it has the best chance.

More than 10,000 people — a "conservative" estimate, police said — marched a mile-long route to the Florida statehouse in Tallahassee. Many men joined the marching women, most of whom wore the suffrage garb of white dresses with green trim. "It's been a long, long time. It's been a hard battle. This is our last mile. We are one mile from home," said Dr. Janet Canterbury, Dade County (Miami) National Organization for Woman president.

Gov. Bob Graham, who called a three-day special session of the Legislature June 21 to consider the amendment, led the speakers who included Liz Carpenter, former aide in the Johnson White House, and actress Esther Rolle.

State Sen. Jack Gordon, sponsor of Florida's ERA resolution, acknowledged the ratification outlook is not promising but said: "People need to keep talking, keep making noises because it (the issue) is not going to go away."

Former first lady Betty Ford, Sharon Percy Rockefeller, first lady of West Virginia, and Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne were featured in the Springfield, Ill., rally that began with a religious service honoring seven women fasting for the ERA.

An estimated 7,000 supporters then marched one mile past the Illinois Governor's Mansion to the Capitol, where 14 other women remained chained to the Senate chamber.

The steps leading up to the Capitol were filled with supporters displaying the names of their hometowns or states. Groups from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio,

### 7 fasters for ERA go to the movies

Houston Post 6/14/82

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UPI) — Seven women fasting for 27 days in support of the Equal Rights Amendment spent a restful weekend and went to the movies, the group's coordinator said Sunday.

But the women had a hard time making it past the popcorn counter when they split into two groups Saturday to see E.T. — The Extra-terrestrial and Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, Dixie Johnson, the group's non-fasting coordinator said.

Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan were present.

A crowd police estimated at 11,000 rallied in Oklahoma City for Oklahoma to reconsider ERA. Green and white-clad marchers, from states throughout the Southwest and West, filled the plaza before the state Capitol to hear state legislators and actress Linda Lavin say the fight for equality will never end.

The marchers included three generations of a Tulsa, Okla., family — grandmother Jewel Smith, 52, daughter Jayne Reed, 32, both nurses, and granddaughter Gienna Reed, 7.

Oklahoma ERA Countdown director Ruth Adams said, "The ERA will not go away — we feel more strongly now than we did 100 years ago that failure is impossible." She called on Gov. George Nigh to convene a special session of the Legislature to reconsider ERA.

More than 5,000 ERA supporters staged a zig-zag 7-block march through Raleigh, N.C., clapping hands and chanting "E-R-A won't go away," before holding an emotional rally at the Capitol where police estimated the crowd at between 5,000 and 6,000.

Gov. Jim Hunt, who lobbied intensely for the amendment, met the marchers at the Capitol. Aides said he may ask the General Assembly to approve a statewide advisory referendum in the primary June 29. The result of the referendum would not be binding on the legislature.

"As long as the General Assembly is in session, we will not cease our efforts," Hunt told the crowd as a single-engine airplane circled overhead towing an anti-ERA banner that said, "No ERA for North Carolina! Libbers go home."

Betty McCain, a former state Democratic chairman, told the crowd, "That's a Ronald Reagan airplane — it's got two right wings."

In Washington — which has no voice on ratification — more than 1,000 women participated in an ERA vigil at the National Cathedral, and most of the 1,500 delegates to the Washington YWCA convention fasted Sunday for the ERA effort.

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Fasters go to the MOVIES

Sonia Johnson of Sterling, Va., a Mormon who was excommunicated from the church for supporting the ERA, and Shirley Wallace of Fort Collins, Colo., also a Mormon, were treated at a hospital for low blood pressure. Mary Barnes of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., who suffered from low blood sugar, stopped taking a honey and lemon supplement when tests showed her blood sugar level was back to normal after two days, Dixie Johnson said.

None of the other six fasters felt any resentment towards Barnes for supplementing the water fast, Dixie Johnson said.

The women were scheduled to resume their vigil in the Capitol rotunda Monday.

"Everyone enjoyed the movie once we got away from the popcorn," Johnson said. "The popcorn smell just about wiped us out. It was nice to get away from everything."

Three fasters who were treated at a hospital last week also went to the movies. The three women are using reclining wheelchairs, saying they are unable to walk without assistance. COM. J

# ERA countdown produces national rallies

By SAN WARREN  
Texas City Sun Reporter

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6/1/82

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. — Some 11,000 men, women and children took Susan B. Anthony's motto of "Failure is Impossible" straight to the steps of the state capitol Sunday to convince the nation, Oklahoma legislators in particular, to place the Equal Rights Amendment in the U. S. Constitution by its June 30 deadline.

The Texas chapter of the National Organization for Women, with about 1,000 participants, had the largest delegation at the march-rally which was sponsored by NOW. Among those were nearly 50 from Galveston County and Bay Area NOW chapters. Texas City, Dickinson, Galveston, Seabrook, Clear Lake City, Friendswood and League City were represented.

The Oklahoma event was held simultaneously with those in three other state capitols. About 15,000 marched in Springfield, Ill.; 10,000, Raleigh, N.C.; and 8,000 in Tallahassee, Fla. for the largest political rally ever held in that city.

The four states were chosen as march sites because it is believed the ERA has the best chance of passage in them by the deadline.

The amendment, which states "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex," needs ratification by three more states by June 30 to

become part of the U. S. Constitution.

Texas, seventh in the U. S. to vote yes for the national ERA also has a state ERA, both of which were passed in 1972.

"The Mother of ERA in Texas," Hermione Toboloski who is formerly of Houston and now of Austin, spoke at the rally.

"Texas and Oklahoma enjoy friendly rivalry in football," she said. "I offer you this challenge — see if this time you can beat Texas."

She appealed to Oklahomans as the "Independent Westerners that you are—don't wait for the other two." Oklahoma Governor George Nigh has said he would call a special session to vote on the ERA if another state passes it first. Toboloski also said Texas ratified the ERA in three days in a special session and challenged Oklahoma to make a similar move.

Phyllis Tucker, Texas NOW legislative chair coordinator, of Pasadena, P.C. (Cricket) Ingraham of Bacidiff; Marie Stinson of Dickinson; Carolyn Riggs of Baytown; Sandra Hamilton of Texas City; and Mary McFadin of League City. Dombroski who lives in Fairmont Park presented a small gift on behalf of Bay Area NOW to Linda Lavin, star of the television show, "Alice," who was one of the speakers at the rally.

Lavin was accompanied by her nine-year-old son to the rally, Dombroski said. She countered those who claim the amendment will be detrimental to the family by saying, "The Equal Rights Amendment will not determine the family. What undermines the family is women's economic vulnerability."

Eliane Kimzey, Texas NOW ERA coordinator, and Patricia Kuhlmann, president of the Bay Area NOW, coordinated the efforts which enabled Bay Area NOW and interested community supporters to charter a bus.

Linda Lavin, star of the "Alice" television series and ardent feminist, was the most popular speaker at the rally, receiving the most applause and inspiring the crowd to break out in a chant of "ERA - Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes!"

Recalling an Alice episode in which Alice's boss hires a male waiter at 90 cents more an hour than Alice, Lavin said, "When the waiter asked her what she was getting, Alice replied, 'Rooked.'"

"When women make 50 cents to every dollar a man makes (it recently went up from 59 cents), you're getting rooked. We need to get to the people who don't know this."

Appearing there with her nine-year-old son, Lavin said she was pleased to see men and women there together as well as children.

"By Oklahoma law, a man is solely responsible for his household," she said. "Is that what we want

—to burden each other?"

"No" was the loud response of the crowd.

Though Governor Nigh had previous commitments and could not attend, he was represented there by Dian Copelin, his administrative assistant since January 1980. Other speakers included Judy Goldsmith, NOW vice president; Cleta Deatherage, Oklahoma representative and Appropriations Committee chair; Penny Williams, Oklahoma representative and member of the U. S. Civil Rights Committee; and Harvey Gardner, president of the Oklahoma American Agricultural Movement and representing rural families who support the ERA.

Speakers denounced the notion that the ERA is dead, noting that it is possible for it to be passed by June 30 and that if it isn't, the amendment will be reintroduced in the U. S. House, once again to be voted on by the states, three fourths of which must

give it a yes for it to become the law of the land. Thirty-five states, representing 72 percent of the U. S. population, have ratified the ERA, with three more needed. In addition, according to a recent Harris Survey, support for the ERA has soared to 63-34 percent nationwide, an increase of 13 points since January.

"ERA won't go away" was a recurring chant.

Most marchers wore green and white, ERA colors adopted by NOW.

In addition to NOW, the following organizations were represented: Homemakers for ERA, Native Americans for ERA, Women of Faith for ERA, Mormons for ERA, the American Association of University Women, the American Civil Liberties Union, Common Cause, the League of Women Voters, Lawyers for ERA and unions representing machinists and communications workers.

LP, Seabrook residents attend

## Oklahoma ERA rally

Bay Area NOW June 13/14/82

Bonnie Dombroski and Walter Griffin of La Porte and Sandy Warren of Seabrook were among representatives of the Bay Area National Organization for Women who joined other supporters in marching with banners and chants to the steps of the Oklahoma state Capitol June 6 to encourage the governor to call a special session to enable legislators to consider ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment before the June 30 deadline.

The Bay Area group was among hundreds of other NOW and various community, labor, educational and political organizations that joined in the march.

Others from the Bay Area who went are Kathy Beard of Deer Park; Jane Stelley and Lisa Child of Kemah; Linda Amberboy of Webster; Judy Snyder and Patricia Kuhlmann of Clear Lake City; Judi Hoffman and

Phyllis Tucker, Texas NOW legislative chair coordinator, of Pasadena, P.C. (Cricket) Ingraham of Bacidiff; Marie Stinson of Dickinson; Carolyn Riggs of Baytown; Sandra Hamilton of Texas City; and Mary McFadin of League City. Dombroski who lives in Fairmont Park presented a small gift on behalf of Bay Area NOW to Linda Lavin, star of the television show, "Alice," who was one of the speakers at the rally.

Two were chartered with 100 passengers representing the Houston-Galveston-Bay Area. Kimzey said at least 1,000 Texans went to Oklahoma to show their support.

Concurrent with Oklahoma's rally were three others in the unrattified states of Florida, North Carolina and Illinois. Strong showings were evident with 11,000 at the Oklahoma rally; 10,000 in North Carolina; and 15,000 in Illinois.

Kuhlmann represented Bay Area NOW in Florida.

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[July 1982]

ACTION ALERT

Contributed by Jeanne Saletan

There are four major pieces of legislation pending before the U.S. Senate which would outlaw abortion--any of these proposals could come to the Senate floor for a vote at any time. 1) SJR 110 (Hatch) Constitutional Amendment--probably would be amended to be a States Right Amendment 2) S 1741/S 158 (Helms) Human Life Statute 3) S2148 (Helms) Human Life Statute and Funding Restrictions 4) S 2372 (Hatfield) Funding Restrictions & Expedited Supreme Court Review

Earlier in the year, it appeared that SJR 110(Hatch's constitutional amendment) would be the most likely proposal to come to the floor of the Senate--TARAL's members have bombarded our Senators with pro-choice mail, & WARNED many people about the dangers of this constitutional amendment. However, it now appears that the Hatfield bill (S 2372) is the likely proposal to come to the Senate floor--because it has received little publicity, the Senators probably are not familiar with the bill, and there has been little time to examine the bill & publicize its ramifications.

S2372 (Hatfield)would: a) prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for, to perform, or refer for abortions, or to train medical personnel in safe abortion procedures; b) encourages states to pass restrictive laws, bypassing the normal appeals process, & sending bills for review directly to the Supreme Court. Hatfield hopes that the Supreme Court will reverse its 1973 decision(Roe V. Wade); c) legislate that "unborn children who are subjected to abortion are living members of the human species"(another way of saying "life begins at conception"; d) allow civil action by individuals to be brought against any party receiving federal funds who is alleged to be in violation of these funding restrictions(encouraging harrassment of providers, counselors, etc...)

\*\*\*\*\*This bill has the same goal as the Hatch amendment or Helms' bills--to outlaw abortion. It is rumored that this bill will come to the Senate floor after the Memorial Day recess. CALL OR WRITE TO SENATORS TOWER & BENTSEN IMMEDIATELY to oppose this bill, as well as the other proposals pending before the Senate--emphasize that the Hatfield bill bypassed the committee process & should be carefully studied before passage--the majority of Americans are pro-choice & Hatfield's proposal is no more acceptable than Helms' or Hatch's.

Senator John Tower, 142 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 202/224-2934  
Senator Lloyd Bentsen, 240 Russell Building, Wash., D.C. 20515 202/224-5922

The White House is now officially on record in support of Congressional attempts to restrict abortion. On April 7, The Washington Post reported that Ronald Reagan sent Jesse Helms a letter in which he urged passage of legislation to "restore protection of the law to children before birth." Reagan's letter did not specify which of the proposals pending in Congress should be passed. The President did say to Helms, "I want you to know that you have not only my best wishes but also my prayers for your success."

To help TARAL keep its members informed of Congress' actions this summer, I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help TARAL cover the rising printing & postage costs of sending Action Alerts. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Detach & Mail to: Taral, 1200 Guadalupe, Austin, TX 78701 THANK YOU!

REMINDER--Come to the July 1 Program meeting to renew your commitment to the movement and yourself--don't forget to bring a friend along. We want this to be one of the biggest meetings that BANOW has had. Your presence & input can help to guarantee this.



VIEWPOINT  
by  
Mary McFadin

As far as I was concerned, the trip to Oklahoma City on June 5 was as good for me as for notifying the legislators of our stand. It was an instant cure for crusader's burnout.

So often women are used to working for a goal and then sitting back and enjoying the reward once the goal is attained. We give our all to see our kids through the troubled adolescent years, and sometimes we are fortunate enough to relax and enjoy seeing them grow into successful adults. We nurse marriages through troubled times; we struggle through divorce and our own scramble for independence. We are always waiting for the reward; but we know how to keep on keeping on when the reward remains elusive.

That was the message for women at the Oklahoma rally. Keep on keeping on, even if the reward, the ratification of ERA, does not go through.

Another message we hope legislators get is that women are becoming politicized. We have learned how to fight in political terms, using political strategy. We aren't afraid to get our hands dirty anymore. The hands that changed diapers, kneaded bread dough and put oil in the car are not afraid of a little muck-raking either.

Contrary to reports in a Chronicle article by a reporter in our Houston bus group, I found a lot more positive attitudes among other people. During the International Women's Year conference in Houston, many women were ready for the worst, fearing we would be treated unkindly by police or citizens. I did not hear those kinds of fears voiced on the Oklahoma trip. We got many more positive reactions than negative from the citizenry.

We may still be the underdog technically, but from the reactions of the common everyday people in this country, I would say we are going to be winners one of these days. WE ARE WINNERS!!!!

The newsletter would like to thank Mary for her viewpoint (and articles in The Citizen). Your viewpoint is welcome anytime and dependent upon space available. Please remember to keep it short as novels take up too much room.

THE INSIDE SCCOP By Bonnie Dombroski

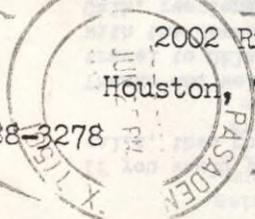
Probably you have heard many rumors about what went on in Oklahoma City. Well-- here are some more half truths for you to discern as to who is actually being talked about. I issue a challenge to those who rode the bus. Read this and guess who is being poked fun at. Send me your guesses and the one who has the most correct guesses wins a non-expense paid trip to the next program meeting which will feature past, present, future(?) members and you to discuss the women's movement--its origins and destiny. It will be a great time to meet some folks who don't normally come to the programs. Now on to the idle gossip.....

What Banower was seen crawling through hotel windows and practicing karate on stuck doors? Who was really behind that stuck door--I bet it was a bookstore owner. Ms. Karate also recently won 2nd place in a work related run. There is no truth that the Over the Rainbow Fruitcakes had sabotaged the bus and made it run out of diesel. Speaking of buses, who accidently ripped the playboy bunny sticker off the bus and replaced it with ERA yes? Who made the bus drivers wear ERA yes buttons? Who made a happy PAC announcement? Who has a cow "Person" hat and a cute smile? Who says that she marched in Florida--the land of oranges, sunshine, and Disneyworld? What three reporters spent a great deal of time playing shutterbug and running out of film? Who were the honeymooners? Whose merry singing was as beautiful as a cricket's chirping? Whose singing resembled the mating call of the wild mongoose? What fearless Banow leader carried a cute little nurse doll for comfort? Who never did drink the sugar free Dr. Pepper and prefers to munch on grapes and Neopolitan ice cream sandwiches? Who managed to march straight in the Texas for ERA line? Who held up her own half? (An easy one) Who wore a 60 gallon green hat? I will leave you with two questions--1) Did anybody go to work that Monday morning and successfully function? 2) Are rolling pins for Elaine?

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