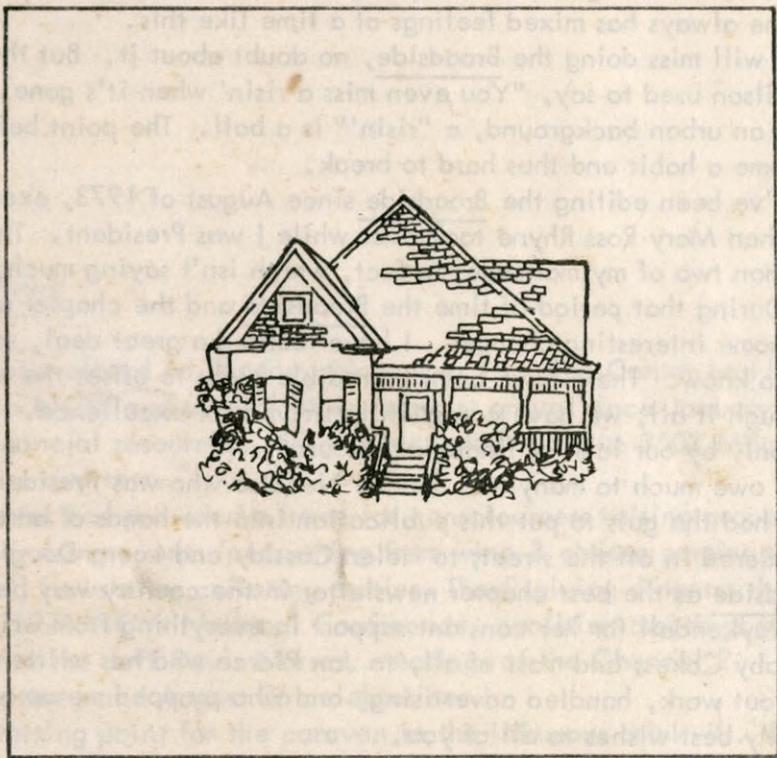


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WOMEN'S CENTER CLOSES

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point of view

I hardly know where to begin. This is my last issue of the Broadside and it has been such an integral part of my life that the decision to leave was a difficult one. One always has mixed feelings at a time like this.

I will miss doing the Broadside, no doubt about it. But then, as my friend Helen Wilson used to say, "You even miss a risin' when it's gone." For those of you with an urban background, a "risin'" is a boil. The point being that anything can become a habit and thus hard to break.

I've been editing the Broadside since August of 1973, except for a six-month period when Mary Ross Rhyne took over while I was President. That's a long time. Longer than two of my marriages in fact, which isn't saying much, but there it is.

During that period of time the Broadside and the chapter and I have been through some interesting changes. I have learned a great deal, sometimes more than I cared to know. There have been incredible highs to offset the occasional pits. And through it all, we have consistently strived for excellence. We have been limited only by our lack of financial resources.

I owe much to many--to Jeanne Necaize who was President back in 1973 and who had the guts to put this publication into the hands of an emerging feminist who wandered in off the street; to Helen Cassidy and Laura Douglas who established the Broadside as the best chapter newsletter in the country way before my time; to Nancy Kuykendall for her constant support in everything from writing copy to providing Baby Cokes; and most of all, to Jan Pierce who has written copy, edited, done layout work, handled advertising, and who propped me up when I listed.

My best wishes to all of you.

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

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at our November business meeting: President, Renee Rabb; Vice President, Linda Jones; Secretary, Joy Goodman; and Treasurer, Cynthia Millis. These people deserve your support during the coming months.

WOMEN'S CENTER CLOSES

The Women's Center closed on Sunday, November 14. The Center had been the home of Houston Area NOW and several other feminist groups since January of 1973. Due to lack of financial resources, the chapter voted to leave 3602 Milam in search of less expensive quarters.

The Women's Center had provided a home for consciousness raising groups, task force meetings, fundraising events (everything from wine & cheese parties to photographs of nude men), newsletter collating parties, Thanksgiving dinners, the preparatory work for the 1974 NOW National Conference, coalition meetings for everything from the ERA to the Jeff Davis Nurses, meetings of the Channel 2 Women's Advisory Committee, and August 26 celebrations.

It was also the starting point for the caravan to the infamous drink-in. And it provided a home for Willard and her offspring, several wild cats, and bugs galore.

And it is no more.

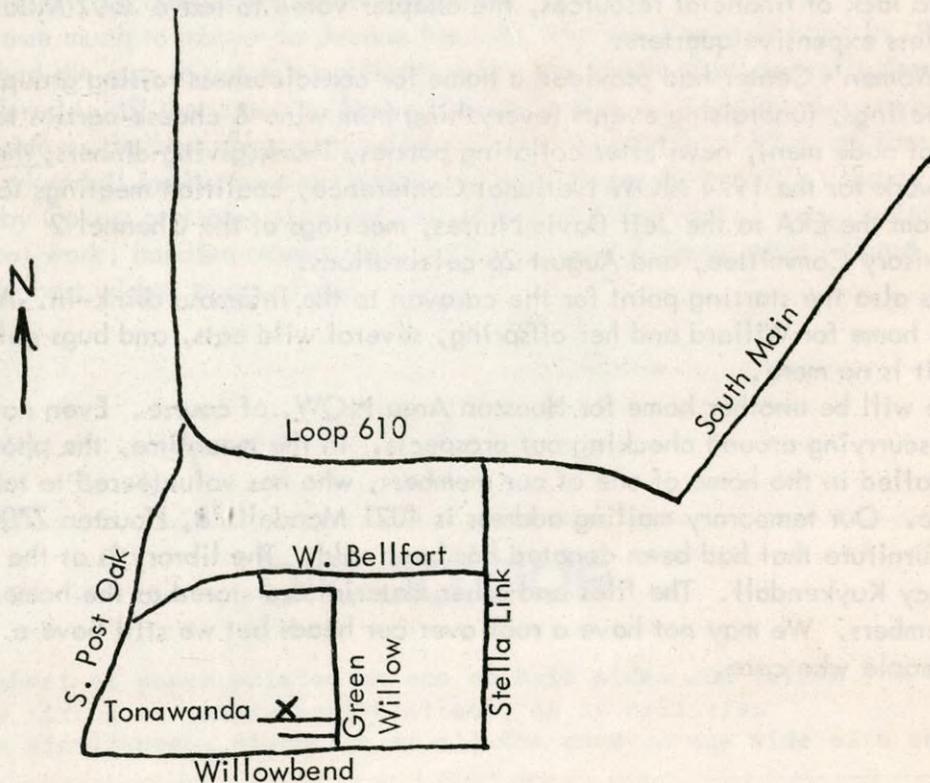
There will be another home for Houston Area NOW, of course. Even now, members are scurrying around checking out prospects. In the meantime, the phone has been installed in the home of one of our members, who has volunteered to take messages, etc. Our temporary mailing address is 4021 Mandell #8, Houston 77006.

The furniture that had been donated has been sold. The library is at the home of Nancy Kuykendall. The files and other material are stored at the homes of various members. We may not have a roof over our heads but we still have a network of people who care.

Merry Christmas to all. • And to all equal rights?

The new Executive Committee met recently to discuss plans for the coming year. A resolution was unanimously adopted that a Christmas party be held Friday, December 17, 8:00 PM at Joy Goodman's house, 4426 Tonawanda. Celebrants will be asked for \$2.00 to cover the cost of provisions, with any money left over going to the chapter ERA fund.

Everyone's invited. Please call Joy at 524-0057 or 723-6769 to get your name on the party list. See map below for directions on how to get to the party.



THANK YOU, HOUSE OF COLEMAN

There'll always be a Broadside, but there'll never be a Broadside like the one we produced at the House of Coleman. Rising prices have pushed the cost of printing over our allotted budget, so we're striving for a less expensive newsletter, and that means leaving House of Coleman.

The Broadside staff will miss the support (financial and philosophical), the excellent working conditions, the imaginative contributions and the camaraderie we enjoyed at the House of Coleman. Marion Coleman, especially, has given the Broadside more than the chapter has been aware of, in tangible and intangible ways. She has given freely of financial support, time and ideas, more than we'll ever be able to thank her for.

And not just Marion. House of Coleman has allowed us to utilize such wonderful people as Alice Shrader, Linda Butler, Annie Leocadi, Mike Butler, Charley Kubricht, Claire Noonan, Sheila McKinney, Ed Spade, and last, but maybe most, Bert Clapp. Bert's the one who'd volunteer to "start the folding" when he finished his regular work. Then, when our construction crew would arrive, we'd find the folding finished and the stapling nearly done.

You've meant a lot to us, folks. Thanks, and much love, from the Broadside staff and the chapter.

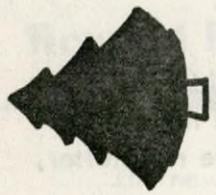
And while we're on the subject, the same kind of thanks and love to Debbie Ryan, who recently resigned as construction crew foreperson.

TASK FORCE MEETING

The Domestic Violence Task Force will meet Monday, December 13 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at 1818 Fairview.

THE TURNTABLE

Olivia Records, who brought you Meg Christian and Cris Williamson, now brings you new albums by Berkeley Women's Music Collective, Casse Culver, Be K'roche, and a poetry album by Judy Grahn & Pat Parker. Available at The Bookstore, Cactus Records, and the Record Rack.



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STATE COUNCIL

The Texas NOW Council met in the State Capitol Building in Austin on Saturday, November 20. The Council elected a new State Communications Coordinator, Pam Summers of Gregg County NOW, 608 E. Melton, Longview 75601. The state newsletter is now accepting ads. Write Pam for rates. Subscriptions to the Texas NOW newsletter are \$3. Make checks payable to Texas NOW and send them to Pam.

Council members discussed state task forces, fundraising generally and for keeping the ERA, the 1977 state convention, and the National NOW Women's State of the Union Action for January 13, 1977. Barbara Duke, State Coordinator, and Austin NOW will coordinate the corresponding Texas NOW activity for the capital.

Amarillo has a new chapter, growing by leaps & bounds. Killeen's chapter is re-forming. Brazos County sent 3 members. El Paso reported on marvelous fundraising projects. Dallas County has just opened an office. Sisters from all over the state had good things to share.

Houston Area NOW delegates were Renee Rabb, Nancy Kuykendall, Jan Pierce and Catherine Livingston.

a wish for all seasons...



...that all people
everywhere
will attain
their birthright
of equality.

this & that

CAPITOL HILL

Here are some excerpts from a recent report by Elaine Latourell, National NOW Legislative Vice-President:

Legislative Priorities for the coming sessions of Congress will include, but not be limited to: Full Employment, Food Stamp Reform, Gay Rights, Rape (prevention, research, and prosecution), Child Care, Welfare, Displaced Homemakers, Battered Wives, Education, Abortion, Housing, Title IX, and any and all legislation that attempts to amend the Civil Rights Act.

ERA News-- the tide is turning on the ERA front, with the state referendum wins in Colorado and Massachusetts by large margins. Send contributions for the continuing fight to the Victory NOW ERA Fund, PO Box 7183, Washington DC 20044.

Abortion--The "Human Life" amendment sponsors have been mustering support in State Houses for their Memorials to Congress calling for a Constitutional Convention. Ordinarily, Memorials to Congress are innocuous, but if enough State Legislatures pass this particular one, Congress is mandated to hold a Constitutional Convention, which will involve action on the proposed amendment.

Presidential Appointments--The new administration will shortly appoint people to fill over 2000 jobs. Some are major, such as cabinet officers, but some are for regional administrative level positions. Send resumes of women in your area so that we may promote them to the Carter talent bank. Send them to the NOW Action Center, 425-13th St. NW, Suite 1001, Washington DC 20004.

PROGRAM MEETING

Our December 1 program meeting will feature an ERA debate between Helen Cassidy and Wanda Wonderful. Join us at 7:30 PM at the Clayton Library for a most enjoyable and lively debate.

BUSINESS MEETING

The December 8 business meeting will be held at the home of Jo Stewart. Her address is 2207 Bissonnet. The meeting begins at 8 PM. Come and bring a friend.

houston area now folk

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NEW EDITOR

Joy Goodman will begin editing this newsletter next month. If you would like to work on the Broadside please call her at 524-0057 (day) or 723-6769 (nite). All sorts of jobs are available--typing, layout, folding, stapling, collating, etc. Don't miss this opportunity!

money matters.

NEW ADDRESS!

Gretchen Davis Stephens, C.L.U., knows each of us has special insurance needs. To better meet those needs, Gretchen has moved her office, but kept her old phone number. So for the same fine assistance, call:

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We urge you to attend An Open Meeting

Del Martin, author of Battered Wives, will be the main speaker at a meeting sponsored by the WCA's Committee organized to develop a shelter for women in crisis.

Place - First Unitarian Church - 5210 Franklin (at Southmore)

Date - Monday, December 6th - 8⁰⁰pm

Contribution - \$3

and An Autograph Party at the "Books Store"
1728 Beacon

Del Martin will be at Mary Ross' to autograph your copy of Battered Wives and/or Teach a Woman

Tuesday - Dec. 7th from 5³⁰ to 7⁰⁰pm.

Cathy and I for the Jack Force on Battered Wives



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