
 N.O.W. Calendar for August

- August 7 8:00 P.M. Program meeting at Uniting Church- Rosalie Laxton, President of F.E.W. will speak about Employment discrimination and her experiences at the International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City.
- August 15-17 Texas Woman's Political Caucus Conference in Corpus Christi at the Sheraton-Marina Inn. Workshops include "Betsy Ross to Ella Grasso" (Women in History) to "You're Getting Better-Concern's of Older Women". For more information contact Frances Hicks at 482-7840.
- August 21 8:00 P.M. Business meeting at Uniting Church--- Please attend and give your talents to feminism!
- August 26 In celebration of women obtaining the right to vote, National N.O.W. will plan protests of violence to women in education, religion, abortion, rape, employment, credit, and sexual orientation to take place all over the country.
- August 31 Deadline to pay airplane fare of \$158.00 for National N.O.W. Conference in Philadelphia next October.
- September 19-20- Seminar at Johnson Spacecraft Center entitled "Challenge-Equal Partners", which will deal with problems of the changing roles of women.
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WRITE YOUR CARDS & LETTERS!!!

Please get busy and write your cards and letters to the following three persons concerning the appointment of Helen Copitka as Commissioner, Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Chief Justice Joe Greenhill
 Supreme Court of Texas
 Supreme Court Building
 Austin, Texas 78711

Governor Dolph Briscoe
 State Capital
 Austin, Texas 78711

Judge John F. Onion
 Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
 Supreme Court Building
 Austin, Texas 78711

Her resume contains the following information:

Degrees; B.A., Psychology, M.Ed., Rehabilitation Counseling, and Ed.
 Ed.S., Counseling Psychology and Student Personnel Services

Professional Experience; Research Director, Houston Council on Human Relations
 Clinical Education Specialist, Harris County Department of Ed.
 Rehabilitation Counselor and Counselor Supervisor, Goodwill Industries
 Counselor/Graduate Assistant, Kent State University,
 Psychological Case Worker, Jefferson County Guidance Center and
 Mental Health Clinic

Helen Copitka Continued;

Present
Community

Involvement; Hope Center for Youth, International Women's Year - Harris County Steering Comm., Houston Independent School District-Committees Affirmative Action Task Force, Houston Rape Coalition, City of Houston Office of Women's Advocate, and Woman's Advocate University of Houston.

As you can see Helen is amply qualified for the job and will be a great representative for feminists on the Board!!!

TEXTBOOK TASKFORCE - 1975: UNBENDING THE TWIGS

Led by state coordinators Kay Whyburn, Marjorie Randal, Mary Buxton and Linda Eichblatt (not noticeably intimidated subject of last year's \$30 million lawsuit by a textbook publisher), the Texas N.O.W. Education Taskforce is well into the first phase of its annual drive to eliminate sexist content from textbooks to be purchased by the state for use in Texas public schools.

The list of categories from which books will be selected this year is considerably shorter than in past years, consisting of elementary school mathematics and spelling, as well as some bi-lingual material. Since its brevity is matched, however, by a shortened time period for public viewing and criticism of the books, Taskforce members are working fast to prepare and submit Bills of Particulars to assure feminist input during this fall's public hearings. Workers include Rema Lou Brown, Twiss Butler, Sammie Blessitt, Shirley McFaul, Nellie Wegmann, Dorothy Pearson, Ruth Ann Morrison, Ann Smith, and Tessa Stutts, as well as Galveston N.O.W., coordinated by Marlene Hardin, and members of numerous N.O.W. chapters throughout the state.

Reviewers report that the impact of Taskforce efforts over the past several years is clearly evident in the current crop of textbooks. Most publishers are moving toward avoidance of anti-female stereotypes and providing a more even-handed representation of males and females in illustrations, story-form math problems and spelling drill sentences. Fond assumptions and beloved prejudices die hard, however, and reviewers still find themselves dealing with such biased assertions as:

- "She is learning shorthand because she wants to be a secretary." (Follett Publ. Co.)
- "My brother is planning to study medicine in college." "
- "Mother made some new curtains for the kitchen windows." "
- "I like to watch Mother working in the kitchen." (American Book Co.)
- "Appoint a girl in our employ to do the embroidery." (Silver Burdett)
- "He has ten men in his employ." "
- "She was shy but did not mean to be coy." "
- "We admired his poise under such stress." "
- "She is ignorant of her current bank balance." "
- "She seemed to be ignorant of all driving rules." "
- "David is an extremely bright, or intelligent, boy." (Follett Publ. Co.)
- "Only a human being can express himself in words." (Silver Burdett)
- "Bother: My sister is a bother." (Merrill Co.)
- "Knowledge: all that man knows." "
- "Mind: He has a good mind...He made up his mind to study hard... (American Book Co.)
Judy minds her little brother while her mother goes to the store."
- "Wise: He is a wise man." "

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose, y'all!

FRANCES HICKS AT C.O.M.

On Monday evening, July 28, Frances Hicks, president of Bay Area N.O.W., spoke as an E.R.A. advocate to a seminar on "Women and the Law" at College of the Mainland at Texas City. She was opposed in debate by Charlotte Jackson, a member of WWW and the Texas City Church of Christ. Frances's presentation stressed the importance of the Equal Rights Amendment as a needed constitutional affirmation of the value of women and as an issue illuminating problems that all women face in common as citizens of this country. She ably fielded questions from Jackson's supporters on abortion, the military draft, unisex bathrooms, etc.

WE ARE PROUD TO CLAIM...

Ann Merritt McClung, our member who recently left the employ of NASA at the Johnson Space Center for a new appointment as Federal Women's Program Coordinator, Office of Contract Compliance, DCASR, in New Orleans. This position is similar to one for which she had applied at JSC last year. Ann has filed a Complaint of Discrimination against NASA at JSC, asserting discrimination in regard to sex and also in regard to race ("reprisal for association"), although she is caucasoid. The complaint names six individual members of NASA management, including James Fletcher, head of the agency.

In addition to her feminist activities, Ann served as First Vice-President of Local 2284, American Federation of Government Employees at JSC for the past two years. Background material on the position of women in the space program and particularly at JSC will appear in next month's Newsletter.

FALL COURSES OF INTEREST - UH at CLC

- ANTH 4931 - Topic: Women and Society - Instructor: Dorita Sewell
The course will be an eclectic survey of facts and ideas about women, emphasizing anthropology and related work in other disciplines. It will draw on data about men and women in various past and contemporary societies, including conceptions of sexual differentiation, sexual typing and sexual symbolism, sex roles, women's subcultures, etc.
- HIST 4931 - Eros and Society - Instructor: B. Jaye Miller
Approach will be broadly historical but will include readings from psychology, sociology, and anthropology. Will examine variety and changes in social roles, history and ideology of the women's and other sexual liberation movements, the changing nature of the family and childhood as they relate to the general issue of love and sexuality.
- LITR 5931 - Women in Literature - Instructor: Gretchen Mieszkowski
About women's lives, possibilities, feelings about themselves, and their societies' conceptions of them. An historical and contemporary course, concerning what life has been for women, as literature depicts it.
- SOCI 4535 - Minorities in America - Instructor: Thomas McFaul
Course will study several of America's minority groups - a category in which women are included. (?!)
- SOCI 6131 - Social Stratification - Instructor: Thomas McFaul
Who gets what and why in American society where wealth, power and prestige are concerned. An examination of mechanisms of inequality as well as the dynamic social processes that seek to alter them.

ROBERT FROST

Provide, Provide

The witch that came (the withered hag)
To wash the steps with pail and rag,
Was once the beauty Abishag,

The picture pride of Hollywood.
Too many fall from great and good
For you to doubt the likelihood.

Die early and avoid the fate.
Or if predestined to die late,
Make up your mind to die in state.

Make the whole stock exchange your own!
If need be occupy a throne,
Where nobody can call you crone.

Some have relied on what they knew;
Others on being simply true.
What worked for them might work for you.

No memory of having starred
Atones for later disregard,
Or keeps the end from being hard.

Better to go down dignified
With boughten friendship at your side
Than none at all. Provide, provide!

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by Eno Nash

HARTFORD, CONN. (UPI) - FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY 70 YEARS, WOMEN ARE TODAY ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB OF HARTFORD....

NEWS ITEM: ROBERT W. LINLEY, JR.
MONROE, CONN.



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___ I want to join, but can only afford \$___.

___ I am not a member, but would like to receive the NEWSLETTER for a year. (\$3)

___ I would like to make a contribution of \$___ to N.O.W..

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