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GALVESTON TO HOST TEXAS NOW STATE CONVENTION IN OCTOBER

The 1989 Texas NOW State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn On the Beach in Galveston Oct. 27-29. It is open to the public but only registered Texas NOW members will be allowed to vote.

The agenda will include workshops, elections, entertainment and a rally in support of the pro-choice rally to be held in Washington, D.C. in November. Plans are still being finalized for the keynote speaker.

"This is a great time to meet your sisters and brothers from all over the state," says Phyllis Tucker, Texas NOW Activist of the Year and a conference workshop conductor. "The conference will be a great time for learning and sharing. As we join hands to fight the despicable decision of the Supreme Court, we will need the energy and strength of each other. The state conference is a wonderful time to share stories, share strategies, share the true meaning of sisterhood."

Workshop topics will include: "Influencing Your Legislators - How to Build and Maintain a Good Working Relationship with Your Legislators" which will be conducted by Rep. Debra Danburg; "Beyond - egging - Techniques for Fundraising"; "Advocacy 101: Organizing Actions Nuts and Bolts"; "Using the Media"; "Non-violent Options - Peacekeeping"; "Civil Disobedience"; "A Cast of Thousands - Building Coalitions with Other Groups"; "Options to Legal Abortion - RU 286 and Menstrual Extraction"; "Affirmative Action - A to S"; "Self Defense"; "CR Training"; "Chapter Development"; and "Effective Political Organizing on a Grassroots Level."

The rally will be held at noon Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Galveston Seawall.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Inn where an informal party will be given in the hospitality suite.

Introducing . . .
TONI JO LINDSTROM,
UHCL-NOW PRESIDENT
by Toni Jo Lindstrom

I was born in Indiana in a rural farmhouse that had no electricity and no indoor water and with an outhouse that was a fifty-yard dash in the bitter cold winters. Papa was a steel mill worker, and Mama worked in a factory from the time I was eight years old. I had 41 first cousins in a town of 3200.

I had two brothers and played tackle football and formed a girls' basketball team when it wasn't a "ladylike" thing to do. I had to settle for cheerleader instead of ballplayer in the days prior to equal athletic funding for girls.

"Get married and have children" was the order of those days. There was no greater stigma than to be an "old maid." There were 46 in my graduating class and one girl went on to college. We hadn't heard about "choices" yet.

I worked and put my husband through college and gave him my paycheck as all good wives did then. I put myself through junior college at the same time, while caring for two daughters. I wrote my first "feminist" paper in 1965 to an obnoxious male professor who told me I was too old (at 23) to return to school. Wouldn't he just die at UH-CL today! I made my point, but so did he; he flunked me.

In 1969, I was moved from a front desk at my place of employment because I was pregnant and "people would see me." At that time, women could not be employed past the sixth month of pregnancy. (Particularly teachers - what kind of questions would the children ask?) Shame! Shame! Shame!

In 1973, I won an E.E.O.C. suit for equal pay and housing. At that time, I married for the second time and "retired" to have my third child and to travel with my husband. We have moved 34 times in 16 years of marriage. We have lived in South America, Spain, Taiwan and Canada, as well as 12 different states.

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**UHCL PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

by Toni Jo Lindstrom

Feelings of enthusiasm, excitement and commitment were in the air at our Thursday night meeting. There was a wonderful sense of energy and teamwork that has set our organization on a path of action! The UHCL-NOW chapter was well represented at the choice rally.

After the rally, I hope that each of you will continue to bear in mind the thousands of women we represent who could not be there. The majority of women and men in the United States support Choice, and we were there to show our legislators that we will be seen and we will be heard!

We also represented the millions of women in poverty all over the world who are denied reproductive choices each time U.S. aid is withheld due to the beliefs of the fundamentalist right.

We proudly represented all the voices of choice: pro-choice in reproduction; pro-choice in careers; pro-choice in lifestyles and pro-choice in making the world a safer, saner place for all humankind.

See you at the next meeting!

**AUNT SAM
WANTS YOU**



BAY AREA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Phyllis Tucker

Greetings to Bay Area NOW members, UHCL-NOW members and all of you who still haven't decided if NOW is for you. How thrilled I am to be able to send a message in this combined newsletter. We of Bay Area NOW are excited to welcome UHCL-NOW into our area. For such a long time, we of Bay Area, have felt as if there was no one out here to hear our cries. We have wondered if it was just us who believed that equality was still not a part of our country. How great to know we are not alone.

Because of the Supreme Court decision in *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services*, a sleeping giant has been awakened. The silent majority will be silent no more. The silent majority has become a tremendous voice shouting to the world, "WE WILL NEVER GO BACK!"

Too many of us remember the days, all too well, when it was not the woman's choice when to create or not to create. Too many of us have held our sisters while they succumbed to the atrocities of botched abortions. Too many of us drove on Friday evenings to take persons into Mexico to help our sisters terminate their unwanted pregnancies. Too many of us have cried and fought to see that this barbaric practice did not affect our daughters. We will not stand still. We will not be silent. We will march. We will fight. We will demonstrate in the streets. This government will not control our bodies!

Recently, a younger person asked me, "Why do you care about this issue? You are too old to get pregnant anyway!" My answer was very simple: "I have a daughter. I have a granddaughter. I have nieces. I have sisters yet unknown to me. When the government can step in and take away my decisions about my own body, the government can step in and tell me where I can work, where I can go to school, where I can go in the outside world, what my duties can be, whether or not I have the right to breathe the same air. The government can even tell me if I have the right to exist in society if I am past the point of being a baby factory." Silent no more!

On to a lesser ranting. . . Bay Area NOW is proud to announce that we will begin meeting at not only A Uniting Church, but also we will meet at Congregation Sharr Hashalom (next to AUC). Please watch your schedules for meeting times and dates.

Elections will be held in November for new officers. If you would like to help our chapter grow, please consider running.

Introducing... (can't from prev. page)

I have worked with women in abject poverty who did not know how to use sanitary napkins and who used their hands to cull the dirt for the food they fed their families. I have counseled and worked with families who could not adjust to living in a foreign country, with women and children abused by alcoholics and taught Vietnamese, Taiwanese, Chinese and Korean high school students whose only desire was to escape to the great land of the USA.

After obtaining my undergraduate degree from the University of New York three years ago, I decided to stop traveling and to obtain my master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from UH-CL. I am in my final year of an internship at the Interact Agency in Clear Lake.

The one thing that has stood out most in my travels and studies of families is that the inequality of women is universal as is their povertization. The one thing that is necessary in my life for me to be happy is to teach. Somehow I hope to use my experiences to teach other women about choices. Choices I didn't grow up with. Choices I never knew I had. Choices that might be taken away after all my years of struggling and fighting.

NOW is a wonderful vehicle for the education and involvement of women in a positive and powerful way. Your choice of me for president is one I will cherish. Your choice to be involved will make the battles easier to win.

A NEW CHAPTER IS BORN!!!

The University of Houston-Clear Lake chapter of the National Organization for Women was formed for students, faculty, staff and members of the community after three organizational meetings this summer.

NOW's purpose is "to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, assuming all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in fully equal partnership with men."

Toni Jo Lindstrom of Houston, a graduate student in marriage and family therapy at UH-CL, was elected president at the second organizational meeting of the chapter held at the UH-CL campus on July 26.

Dr. Angela Howard Zophy, assistant professor of historical studies at UH-CL, was named faculty advisor.

Other current and prospective charter members who were elected to office include: Vice president - Gaye Cummins of Houston, senior, behavioral science; secretary - Marsha Burkes, Nassau Bay, UH-CL graduate student, humanities and fine arts; treasurer - Josephina Cannon, Houston; treasurer consultant - Dee Edwards, Houston, American jurisprudence; historian/archivist - Meni Schiebe, Galveston; forum representatives - Maureen Reightler, Houston, graduate student, clinical psychology; Cathy Levy, Houston, education; and A.J. Maskas, Houston, graduate student, education.

Task force chairs and helpers include the following current and prospective charter members:

Telephone Tree - Dianna Retzlaff, Friendswood, senior, history, chair; Lee P. Jeronimo, League City, American jurisprudence; and Robbie Brewington, Houston, senior, anthropology; Consciousness Raising - Daniel Parker, Houston, senior, literature, Houston, men's CR chair; and Dawn Harris-Parker, Houston, graduate student, literature, women's CR chair;

Legislative and Civil Rights - Cathy Levy, Houston, education, chair; Donna Hare, Pearland, junior, psychology; and Donna Aldridge, Houston, senior, psychology;

Membership - Cris Gonzalez, Webster, computer information systems, chair.

Reproductive Rights - Robbie Brewington, Houston, senior, anthropology, chair; Josephina Cannon, Houston;

Safety (Sexual Harassment/Assault) - Ann Van Weelden, Seabrook, anthropology, chair; Donna Aldridge, Houston, senior, psychology;

Speakers' Bureau - Dr. Angela Howard Zophy, Houston, UH-CL assistant professor of historical studies, chair;

Program Chair - Dee Edwards, Houston, chair.

Newsletter/Media Relations - Sandy Warren, Houston, junior, anthropology, chair; Kate Cunningham, Seabrook; Lisa Makuch, Houston; Janice Hempleman, Webster; Donna Bodden Aldridge, Houston; Marsha Burkes, Nassau Bay; Louise Peck,

La Poite; Sally Crum, Baytown; Lisa Golden; and Bertha Hernandez; and Judi Ferris.

Publicity - Daniel Parker, Houston, senior, literature, chair; Dawn Harris-Parker, Houston, graduate student, literature.

The following charter members were appointed to the Committee on Bylaws: Jeronimo, Edwards, Lindstrom and Harris-Parker.

UHCL-NOW is the first NOW chapter at UH-CL. It was organized by Sandy Warren of Houston, a UH-CL anthropology student and member of Bay Area NOW and Texas NOW. Warren volunteered, as a representative of Bay Area NOW, to help other UH-CL students organize the chapter when Texas NOW appointed a Campus Task Force to help college students form NOW chapters. The Texas NOW action was prompted by a report from National NOW that many college students wanted to start NOW chapters but needed assistance.

The pro-choice issue has been given top priority by UHCL-NOW and other NOW chapters but NOW works on many other issues of importance to women, as the above list of task forces indicate (The task force lists for both National NOW and Texas NOW are even larger.)

The regular meeting date for UHCL-NOW has been set for once a month in the Bayou Building on alternating Tuesdays and Fridays. The business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and the program meeting, at about 8 p.m.

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A NEW CHAPTER IS BORN!!! PART TWO

The first major actions of UHCL-NOW were the chartering of two buses to a pro-choice rally in Houston and a pro-choice T-shirt fundraiser.

The first organizational meeting of UHCL-NOW was held July 17 in the Bayou Building. Rena Lou Brown presented a history of feminism at UH-CL, Phyllis Tucker spoke on the Supreme Court's recent decisions on abortion and civil rights and Sandy Warren presented the reasons why a NOW chapter is needed at UH-CL. Also discussed were NOW's accomplishments on national, state and Bay Area levels and upcoming feminist activities.

Brown has held various national, state and local offices in NOW and in

the American Association of University Women. Currently a Bay Area NOW member, Brown is also a member of AAUW's National Committee on Women's Issues and the Texas NOW Employment Discrimination Task Force. She was the first coordinator of UH-CL Women's Resource Services Center.

Tucker is Bay Area NOW president, Texas NOW Activist of the Year, National NOW Employment Discrimination Task Force member, Texas NOW Employment Discrimination Task Force chair and past president of Texas NOW. She has many other past and present national, state and local NOW offices to her credit.

Warren, a member of both UH-CL and Bay Area NOW chapters, is editor of the NOW News, serves on the Texas NOW Employment Discrimination Task Force and was the first Texas NOW Women and Religion Task Force chair.

Although NOW is new to the UH-CL campus, feminism is not. The curriculum includes various women's studies courses and many UHCL-NOW members are also members of the Women's Studies Student Association. In 1980, UH-CL was the first place to exhibit feminist artist Judy Chicago's monumental artwork, "The Dinner Party," after its premiere at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

UHCL & BAY AREA CHAPTERS VOTE TO MERGE NEWSLETTERS

UHCL and Bay Area NOW chapters voted to merge their newsletters at the August 17 meeting of UHCL-NOW in UH-CL's Bayou Building, thus combining people power, finances and other resources.

Members will have ready access to news from both chapters and will be better enabled to attend meetings of each.

Regular features of the newsletter will include news on current projects and events; essays and poems by members; letters to the editor; chapter presidents' messages; calendar of events; task force

reports; membership blank; task force and officer contacts; secretary's minutes and/or news story about chapters' last meetings; news from National NOW and Texas NOW; names, addresses and telephone numbers of national, state and local legislators; upcoming program/business meeting agendas; and advertisements.

Deadline for submitting articles for possible inclusion in the newsletter will be a week prior to the Bay Area NOW's first program meeting (the first Thursday of each month).

All newsletter items and advertisements should be addressed to the attention of Sandy Warren and placed in the NOW slot in the UH-CL Student Activities Office or mailed to NOW, c/o Student Activities, P. O. Box 198, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas 77058.

Advertising rates are to be announced.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES - UHCL-NOW MEETING, AUG. 17

By MARSHA BURKES
UHCL-NOW Secretary

UHCL-NOW members voted at the August 17 meeting to merge the UHCL-NOW newsletter with the Bay Area NOW newsletter for three months. In January, the merge will be evaluated for effectiveness. UHCL-NOW President Toni Lindstrom will check with UH-CL officials to see if this will pose a problem with funding. Bay Area NOW President Phyllis Tucker expressed the pleasure and excitement of her chapter and herself about the combined newsletter and about the formation of a sister chapter (UHCL-NOW) so near.

Sandy Warren, editor of UHCL-NOW's newsletter, distributed a handout of newsletter suggestions and asked for feedback. Faculty Advisor Angie Zophy said Suite 116 can be used to assemble the newsletter. It was suggested that the minutes be printed in each issue of the newsletter, be approved and/or corrections made at the meetings. It was noted that the newsletter can serve as an important networking tool and that a fundraising campaign may need to be begun to support it.

MOTION: Jude Ferris.
SECOND: Lee Jeronimo. Minutes to be added to newsletter.

It was recommended that names and mailing addresses of the national, state and local legislators always be included in the newsletter.

Angie said she knows someone who may provide paper and that she has access to an inexpensive, fast copy machine.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Josephina Cammon, treasurer, reported that the UHCL-NOW account was opened with \$195 and that dues from 21 more members is being collected. Vice president Gaye Cummins suggested that membership checks can be placed in the NOW box in the Student Activities office.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE: Lee Jeronimo, Dawn Harris-Parker and Dee Edwards will meet to finalize the bylaws.

PROGRAM: Toni noted that Dee, the program chair, strongly encourages ideas for programs. Ideas and suggestions to Dee for the program can be dropped into the NOW box in the Student Activities office. This box can also be used to distribute any NOW information but should include the name and telephone number of the sender to insure proper credit for input and participation.

Toni distributed volunteer forms which include areas of interest. She encouraged everyone "to pull together" to make the chapter a successful one. Since UH-CL is a

commuter campus, getting everyone together is a little more difficult, she said, but that the UHCL-NOW membership will be "as effective as the number of people we have helping," she also said.

MEMBERSHIP: Angie thanked Cris Gonzalez, Membership Task Force Chair, for a job well done.

TELEPHONE TREE TASK FORCE: This group called members and supporters regarding the T-shirt sale and the chartered bus to the Houston pro-choice rally.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU: Members will be recruited for this bureau starting in September.

CIVIL RIGHTS: Phyllis emphasized that the elimination of employer discrimination and civil rights are very important areas which need a lot of support.

CONTESTS: Gaye said we needed a committee to design chapter T-shirts and Angie made the motion that logo contests be conducted for the T-shirt and newsletter.

FUNDRAISING TASK FORCE: Toni said the chapter may need a fund raiser and asked Phyllis about Bay Area NOW's fundraising efforts. Phyllis indicated her chapter was also in need of fundraising. A Fundraising Task Force was formed with Bertha Hernandez as chair.

RALLY BUS: Daniel Parker said 17 people had paid \$6 each for the bus to Sam Houston Park for the pro-choice rally Aug. 26 and that 21 people had signed up to go on the bus. Parker said that 30 people were needed to break even. The bus was to leave the UH-CL Arbor Building at 8 a.m. and was to return by 1 p.m.

PRO-CHOICE T-SHIRTS: Gaye showed the T-shirt design that is being printed on large and extra large T-shirts and was to be sold for \$10 each. The T-shirt was to be available for sale on the bus to the rally and persons responsible for the project are Gaye, Dawn and Marsha.

STATE COUNCIL UPDATE: Josephina attended the Texas State Council meeting where some good fundraising ideas were discussed, she said. It was also suggested at the meeting that people visit their local and state legislators and let them know that "we are looking at their Choice vote." Josephina also discussed the importance of the Organization Endorsement Forms and asked that they be filled out and turned in. These forms let everyone know who is for Choice and women's rights.

STATE CONVENTION: Phyllis told about the upcoming Texas State Convention to be held in Galveston Oct. 27-29. She said that many interesting workshops will be held at the convention.

NEWSLETTER: Sandy said that it would be helpful to the newsletter committee if the task force chair people would either call her with their information or, preferably, write down the information and place it in the NOW box in the Student Activities Office. Angie suggested that a form be specifically designed for this purpose.

MEETING DATES: There was a discussion of possible meeting dates and it was agreed that the meeting days would be the second Tuesday and the second Friday, alternating, over the next four months. Then, these days and times will be discussed to determine if changes need to be made. The business meeting will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. preceding each program meeting. The meetings will usually take place in the Forest Room which is located by the cafeteria. Trudy Sattelmair volunteered to book the room for our meetings.

D.C. PRO-CHOICE RALLY: Phyllis said that roundtrip tickets for the D.C. Rally for Choice would cost \$218 if purchased before September 1 when the price would go up. She gave the name of Jackie Alton of Alameda Travel as the person to call at 713/799-1001 or 800/992-5112. Phyllis said the April D.C. rally had about 600,000 people and that the upcoming rally on November 12 will be the

"largest thing we've ever seen. The event begins at 12 noon at the Lincoln Memorial.

WOMAN OF YEAR: Gaye said that the "Bay Area Woman of the Year Award" ceremony will be held soon and that by signing the registration form for the event, members would receive an invitation to be a part of the commemorating ceremony. By participating this year, NOW supporters will be able to make their own nominations next year. The sponsoring organization of this event is not known for sure, but Gaye thinks it is the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

During the program portion, the 30-minute film, "Abortion: for Survival" was shown. It depicted an actual six-week abortion and interviews from people involved in the pro-choice issue.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR SISTERS IN THE RIGHT WING--
AND TO ANYONE WHO HAS EVER SAID, "I'M NOT A FEMINIST, BUT..."

By DEBBIE TATE
BAY AREA NOW, 1983

WHEN YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR CARE FOR YOUR CHILD because you must work out-side your home, we'll be the ones working for quality child care to benefit, not deprive, your child; to GIVE something, not take something away. We will be the ones standing next to you, demanding the BEST for our children.

WHEN YOUR LAND IS BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU after your man has met death, we will be the ones standing beside you denying the tax collector the inherit-penalty, which will be exacted only from you.

WHEN OPPORTUNITIES ARE DENIED TO YOU, and your position in work remains the same, we will be the ones standing with you, showing your qualifications to all, and fighting for equal employment opportunity for you.

WHEN YOU HAVE SPENT HALF A LIFETIME with a man who has left you with nothing, because he no longer sees your beauty or talents, we will be the ones fighting for benefits and training so you can get a job to sustain yourself. We will be the ones in front of you with open arms.

WHEN YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BEATEN, left with nowhere to turn, we'll be the ones giving refuge in homes and centers we've established. We'll be the ones fighting for more of them, because we can't bear to turn you away. We'll be the ones assuring you of your own worth, and we'll be helping you regain your dignity. We will be the ones embracing you when you enter, and we will be the ones in back of you, watching you walk away proud and whole.

WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAPED AND TOLD IT WAS YOUR FAULT, we'll be the ones supporting you in the courtrooms, seeking justice for us all. We'll be the ones listening to your rage at the violation done to you. We will be the ones standing in front of you with open hearts.

WHEN YOU CAN STAND IT NO LONGER; WHEN THE SUPPRESSION IS TOO MUCH; when you've had all you can take, we will be the ones waiting for you with open minds. We will be the flame igniting the spirits lost over thousands of years. We are the ones with tear-stained faces and weeping hearts, asking freedom from injustices. And we are strong enough to lend you our aid, for our strength and determination are endless.

WE ARE YOUR SISTERS, and we are Feminists.

TOUCH YOURSELF AND YOU'LL DO TIME

I am pro-choice and I have a fantasy . . . The year is 2010. The President of the United States is a woman. The Supreme Court has eight women and one man. Ninety percent of the House and Senate are women. Men make 59 cents for every dollar a woman earns. Men are getting angry. They want to be equal. We feel they are getting a bit out of hand. Looking back through history, we see that the laws that control the human body are an effective means of oppression. We act. The Supreme Court rules 8-1; ejaculation without the express intent to create life is unconstitutional. The sperm contain half of the genetic material to create life. To ejaculate without intending to create life will be a felony and will carry harsh sentences. The men in our country are in an uproar. Their cry is heard throughout the nation. . . "Our bodies, our lives, our right to decide!"

(The above message, written by Verna Pitts of St. Paul, Minn., was sent by West Side St. Paul Women Political Activists to all Minnesota legislators on Aug. 4, 1989.)

WOMEN'S EQUALITY THEME OF NOW ESSAY CONTEST

(Editorial Note: The following is reprinted from the National NOW Times, May/June issue):

"The Continuing Struggle for Women's Equality" is the theme of the 1989 essay contest sponsored by the NOW Foundation.

Essays may deal with earlier voices for women's equality; the beginning of the women's rights movement; winning the right to vote; the introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment; and why we need the ERA.

According to National NOW President Molly Yard, "The NOW Foundation essay contest gives students an opportunity to review the rich history of women fighting for equality and to ponder why so much of this history is left out of our history books."

The contest is open to students

enrolled in senior high school, college and continuing education. Essays will be judged for their originality, clarity, creativity, and furtherance of understanding of the need for women's equality.

The national winners in each category will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the NOW Foundation. In addition, the winning essays will be published in the National NOW Times.

The competition will be judged by a national panel composed of feminist leaders, whose decision will be final. The work must be an original composition by the student written expressly for this competition. A first-place winner from each category will be chosen.

All entries should be received by October 15, 1989. Essays submitted after that date will be

ineligible for competition.

Essays should be no more than 1500 words and all entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed entry form and sent to: NOW Foundation Essay contest, 1000 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20036.

All entries become the property of the NOW Foundation. The following individuals are not eligible for competition: employees of NOW, Inc. or their relatives; members of the National NOW Board or their relatives; and employees of the judges, or their relatives.

(Note: Entry forms may be obtained from Sandy Warren, 641-5750, or Phyllis Tucker, 944-0033).

ACTIVISTS TO STING "WASP" CAPITOL

On November 12, 1989, activists from across the country will meet in Washington, D.C., at the Lincoln Memorial to demonstrate that women and men who believe in "the right of choice," will never go back to back-alley abortions.

The ridiculous decisions of the Supreme Court in Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services has motivated people from all over the country. We can be silent no more! The future of our lives, our daughters' lives, our granddaughters' lives is now on the line. The government could very well use this absurd decision to control the lives of all women.

Our government was formed by persons seeking to escape government control and now, more than 200 years later, this very government is attempting to impose government control over women.

We must raise our voices high. We must let all people know that the government shall never be allowed in our bedrooms. If we must make sacrifices to achieve our goal, then sacrifice we will.

Texas NOW wants to see as many people as possible show up in D.C. Whereas it was impossible to march in April because of all the people, this time we hope to see D.C. immobilized by the turnout of millions of activists.

Houston activists can make round-trip airline reservations to D.C. for \$218 if they do so by Sept. 1. Texas NOW has made arrangements for the best fares possible for members making reservations after Sept. through Alameda Travel. Jackie Alton is the contact person there and she can be reached at 713-799-1001 or 1-800-992-5112. Be sure to tell her you are with Texas NOW.

We will update our information on the rally weekly. Contact Sandy Warren at 641-5750 or Phyllis Tucker at 944-0033.

--By Phyllis Tucker

STATEMENT DRAFTED FOR PRO-CHOICE PETITIONS

A statement for pro-choice petitions, to be distributed at pro-choice rallies, was drafted by delegates to the Texas NOW State Council meeting in Houston Aug. 12-13.

The statement reads:

"The State shall not compel any woman to complete or terminate a pregnancy. Nor shall the State restrict the use of medically appropriate methods of abortion."

Delegates also discussed various other pro-choice actions such as those planned for "Women's Equality Day," Aug. 26, which is also the anniversary of the women's suffrage amendment. Events are planned for Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Tyler, Dallas, Galveston and Lubbock.

In other council action, delegates discussed the many pro-choice coalitions that have been formed, made plans for long-term actions on choice, discussed and adopted the agenda for the state convention in Galveston, and discussed the national pro-choice rally to be held in Washington, D.C. Nov. 12.

Plans were made to allow all NOW members to become involved in legislative action concerning

choice and to keep the present Texas laws on choice.

"At each state conference the by-laws of our organization must be approved," says Phyllis Tucker, Bay Area NOW president. "Quite a bit of discussion occurred on this subject. One of the largest disagreements is over the possibility of making the membership chair an appointed position instead of an elected one."

(All by-law changes will be discussed/debated at the Texas NOW State Convention in Galveston Oct. 27-29.)

Reports from the Employment Discrimination Task Force and the Education Task Force were also given at the meeting.

State council meetings are open to all Texas NOW members.

"Delegates of Texas NOW meet at least once every three months to implement policy set at the state convention," Tucker says. "But more importantly, we meet with our sisters and brothers across the state and discuss what is going on in our own backyards."

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LOGO CONTESTS

UHCL-NOW is sponsoring two contests which are open to current and prospective members of both UHCL and Bay Area NOW. Entry rules for each are as follows:

A design is needed for chapter-t-shirts to be used as a fundraiser for UHCL-NOW. Any color may be used for the background of the t-shirt and there is no limit to the number of colors that can be used in the design.

A contest is also being held to determine a design for the combined newsletter of UHCL-NOW and Bay Area NOW. The design should carry the words NOW News, UHCL-NOW and Bay Area NOW Chapters and it should carry the National NOW symbol.

Deadline for each contest is 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13, at the regular monthly meeting of UHCL-NOW. A panel of judges is to be decided.

Entries should be placed in the NOW slot in the UH-CL Student Activities Office, Bayou Building. T-shirt entries should be addressed to the attention of Gaye Cummins and newsletter entries to Sandy Warren. If mailing entries, address to Cummins or Warren at UHCL-NOW, c/o Student Activities, UH-CL Campus, Box 198, Houston, Texas 77058.

Membership Form

Membership forms can be obtained at the NOW meetings or by calling one of the persons listed in "Officers and Contacts." They may also be obtained from future issues of this newsletter.

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BAY AREA CHAPTER

Bay Area NOW
Program Meeting

"Examining Effective
Methods of Activism"

Panel: Marilyn White - Activist
Dr. Curtis Smith - Dean of Humanities UH-CI
Goldie Rapport - Psychotherapist
"Others"

Program Chair - Judy Snyder

September 7, 1989

7:30 p.m.

A Uniting Church
EL CAMINO REAL AND RESEDA

Calendar of Events

- September 6 Galveston NOW meeting, 7 PM,
1423 23rd St. Election of officers, Texas
NOW rep on upcoming state conference
in Galveston.
- September 7 Bay Area NOW program meeting,
7:30 P. M. A Uniting Church, Houston.
- September 11 Bay Area NOW business meeting,
Congregation Shaar Hashalom,
16028 EI Camino Real.
- September 12 WHCL NOW business-program
meeting, 7 PM, Bayou Bluff, WHCL
- September 22-24 Mothers Without Custody National
Convention, Houston.
- October 5 Bay Area NOW program meeting
- October 13 WHCL NOW business-program
meeting, 7 PM, Bayou Bluff, WHCL
- October 15 Deadline for National NOW's
Women's History Month Essay
Contest
- October 27-29 Texas State NOW Conference,
Holiday Inn, Galveston.
- November 12 National March for Choice,
Washington D. C.



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