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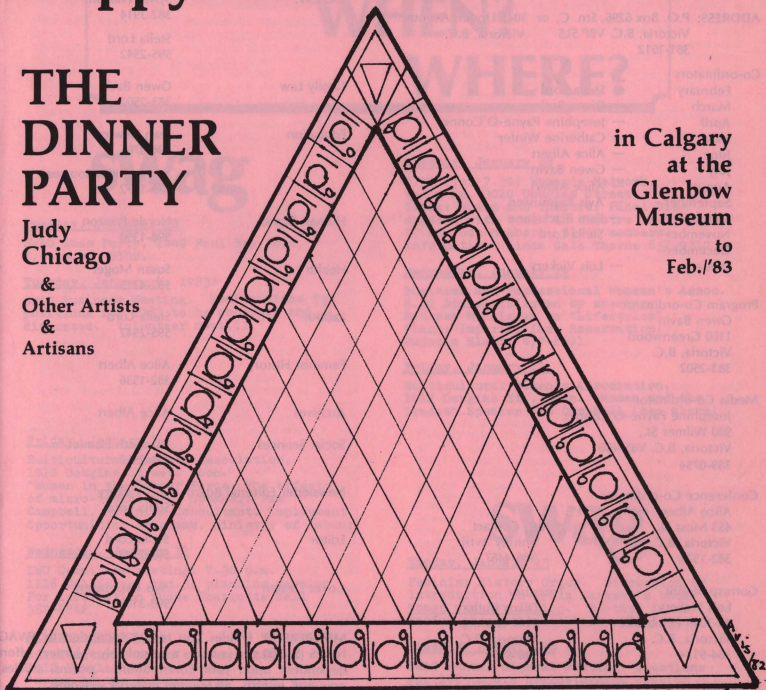
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WOMEN'S HISTORY IN 39 PLACE SETTINGS

December 1982

The Victoria Status of Women Action Group was formed in 1971 in order to work for the implementation of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women; to foster public knowledge of the rights and status of women to to promote full participation of women in social economic and political life.

SWAG is a voluntary group, registered as a society with an executive elected annually.

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WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

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Tuesday, December 28

SWAG Xmas Party, 2440 Foul Bay Road,
7.30.p.m. BYOB.

Tuesday, January 4, 1983:

SWAG Business Meeting. Nominations for
positions for 1983 to be accepted and
discussed. Volunteer now!!!

Friday, January 7

Multicultural Women's Association,
1012 Douglas Street. Noon.
"Women in the Labour Force: The effect
of micro-technology". Speaker: Pam
Campbell, Training Consultant, Employment
Opportunities Programs, Ministry of Labour.

Wednesday, January 12

IWD Committee meeting. 7.30.p.m.
1116 Collinson, Apt.3; planning session
For information phone Charlotte Bell
382-8862

Friday, January 14

Multicultural Women's Association,
1012 Douglas Street. Noon.
"Women in the Labour Force: Women and
non-traditional employment opportunities"
Speaker: Pam Campbell, Training Consult-
ant, Employment Opportunities Program,
Ministry of Labour.

Tuesday, January 18

7.00 (for 7.30) Women's Network,
Tally Ho, 3020 Douglas Street,
Topic: Women and Theatre; Panel Dis-
cussion with women in theatre in Victoria
\$3.00. non-members; \$1.50 members.
Information: Linda Gale Thorne 652-9310

Wednesday, January 19

Business and Professional Woman's Assoc.
6.30 Dinner followed by speaker,
Maureen Milligram on "Lifestyles".
Place: Imperial Inn. Reservation:
Majorie Blair, 477-2691

Friday, January 21

Multicultural Women's Association.
1012 Douglas St., Noon. "Women and the
Trades". Speaker Pam Campbell (see above)

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Sunday, January 23

Feminist History Group. Discussion of
Introduction in Lydia Sargent's book,
Women and Revolution. Further infor-
mation phone Alice Albert. 382-1536

Tuesday, January 26

SWAG Annual General Meeting. Elections
for 1983 and a brainstorming session
on organization and fundraising.

'NEWS & VIEWS'

An Independent Women's Movement?

Should SWAG and other feminist groups stop taking outside, particularly government, funding? I would like to start a debate on the effects of the relationship between feminist groups and government. SWAG receives funding from the Secretary of State (Federal) and has recently established contact with the Ministry of Labour, Women's Programs. This is not an unusual situation for a Canadian feminist group. My concern is the effect this has on us and on our goals. I should say that I am not concerned about the particular government agencies we deal with but with the principle involved.

I have been doing some reading, for a course, on the roles and functions of Canadian pressure groups. I also read two feminist articles, one Australian and the other American, that look at government funding and its effects on feminist groups.

My reading and my observation of SWAG in action lead me to the conclusion that our relationship to the government has a moderating and conservatizing effect on us. If this allows us to help women in either the long or short run, it can possibly be justified. I question that it does.

SWAG currently expends most of its energy writing letters and briefs to government officials and the media, and seeking funds. We have discussed on a number of occasions the lack of participation by the vast majority of the membership. We have commented yearly on our inability to attract non-white women to our conference. I realize that there are many factors that account for these things, such as women's double workload, and involvement in other feminist organizations, but I wonder if the fact that we are focussed so strongly on the government and on obtaining funding, doesn't mean that we really have very little energy left for each other or for other women. Would we be better off with no funding, a stronger involvement in consciousness raising or other grass roots activities, and less emphasis on talking to the government? The basic philosophy of those who govern is different than ours. I doubt that it is going to change. I would suggest that the interaction between ourselves and government officials changes us more than it changes them. We play by their rules.

I would appreciate other women's views on the topic, both in person and in the Newsletter. This is a topic that I have more questions and philosophical reservations about than answers.

Feminist articles on this available in the office:

Faskas, Carmel and Betty Hounslow, "Government intervention and right-wing attacks on feminist services", Scarlet Woman, 1980.

"Funny things happen on our way to the revolution", Aegis, Spring, 1982

Catherine Winter

College Cutbacks Hit Women

Women must be made aware of the situation facing community colleges in B.C. Federal and provincial government policies are undermining the college system by massive funding cutbacks and other attempts to alter the nature of comprehensive community education.

As women students make up well over half the college population in almost every institution in B.C., this issue deserves attention from women's groups. Mature women in particular use the college system to resume their education, to regain confidence in their abilities, and to prepare themselves for life-changes. Budget cuts already in place have substantially reduced many services and programs essential to women's successful re-entry--reading and study skills, counselling availability, and career programs have been reduced in many institutions. Academic and Continuing Education courses are available at far fewer locations and times, reducing the options and flexibility so critical to many potential female learners.

Fees are rising in all institutions, while jobs and financial aid remain scarce, especially for mature women. In addition, budget cuts lead to an unwillingness by the institution to make creative and non-traditional responses to its students' needs, and will discourage special programs or services being extended to community women; instead, traditional populations will be served with traditional offerings.

Reductions in the comprehensive offerings of the colleges would jeopardize their value to mature women. Women have had little exposure to a full range of career and educational options, due to social blinders, and restrictions of distance, responsibilities, and finances. Familiarity with the offerings of the local college, while building academic competence and confidence, has also been an important source of growth, dreams and ambitions for a whole range of life choices.

The colleges were created as an alternative to the youth-male-professional orientation of the universities, striving instead for a democratic and accessible facility that served the non-traditional student. As cutbacks reduce services and programming and threaten to change the character and thrust of the community college, we who are committed to the comprehensive system feel an urgent need to alert

community members of the dangers underlying these developments. As a women's advocate in my own institution, I urge you to keep a close watch on your local colleges, and be prepared to comment loudly and firmly if you notice that services essential to women are being phased out or reduced. We have struggled for a decade to make the educational system more responsible to women--let's not lose the progress we have achieved.

For up-to-date information locally, I suggest you contact your college's Women's Access Coordinator and the Faculty Association.

Margaretha Hoek,
Coordinator, Programs for
Women, Douglas College.

The above first appeared in Priorities.

Letters



November 23, 1982.

Hon. Allan Williams,
Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Williams,

The Victoria Status of Women Action Group urges you to restore the \$1.3 million cut from the legal aid budget. These cuts hurt the poor disproportionately. The \$30 and \$10 deterrent fees will hurt those who most need the service. There is no reason to believe that legal deterrent fees will function any differently than medical deterrent fees have when tried. The poor are always the losers.

It is clear that women who are poor will bear the heaviest burden from the cutbacks. The cuts in the area of family law will make it more difficult for women to get support for their children from the father. Ironically, one would expect the lessening of paternal support to raise GAIN payments.

While we realize that your government is facing a large deficit and must cut spending, we urge you not to cut spending to those who need it most. This cutback hurts poor women and children.

Yours truly,

Catherine Winter.

cc. Isabel Kelly, Deputy Minister of
Labour.

BCPW News Release

November 22, 1982.

Thirty-six Women's Liberation groups of the B.C. Federation of Women have made a decision to close Red Hot Video outlets within the year.

While we did not participate in the fire bombings of November 22, 1982 in the Lower Mainland, we are in agreement with the frustration and anger of the women who did. We noted and appreciated their efforts to see that no one was hurt.

We insist that Allan Williams take action immediately to prevent rich men profiting from Red Hot Video's hate literature about women and children. The women of B.C. are being driven to desperate acts. The Canadian and B.C. governments have failed to use the existing law to defend more than half the population from the horrors of the pornography industry.

Pornography is the theory. Rape is the practice.

For further information contact:
Nelson Women's Centre - 352-9916
Women's Health Collective - 736-6696
Vancouver Rape Relief - 872-8212
SWAG Office - 381-1012

National Action Committee
on the status of women
Toronto.

November 12, 1982.

The Honourable Allan Williams,
Attorney General,
Province of British Columbia.

Dear Mr. Williams,

The National Action Committee on the Status of Women is an umbrella organization, with 220 member groups across Canada. Our membership includes over 2 million Canadian women, and our purpose is to seek social and legal change to improve the status of women. The National Action Committee is astounded at the proliferation of 'hard-core' pornography at video-tape rental outlets in your province. We understand that it has been brought to your attention repeatedly by members of our member groups and by other concerned organizations, that a great deal of the material being purveyed by "Red Hot Video" and other such outlets clearly contravenes section 159 of the Criminal Code of Canada. We are very concerned that you have not yet laid charges against any of the distributors.

The executive and the B.C. members groups met in North Vancouver on October 22nd to 24th 1982. At the executive meeting the following resolution was unanimously endorsed:

We urge that the Attorney General of the Province of British Columbia lay charges under Section 159 of the Criminal Code against all businesses renting or selling violent hard-core pornography (i.e. explicit sex with violence), "kiddie" pornography and bestiality, and that prosecution be undertaken.

We protest the distribution of the "movie handbook" available through Red Hot Video outlets, which demonstrates clearly that Red Hot Video is directing its customers towards rape and "gag-rape" films.

In that the "movie handbook" is in itself an obscene publication, since it depicts explicit sex with violence in contravention of the Criminal Code, we urge that copies of the publication be seized and charges against its distributors be laid.

We urge your immediate action in this regard, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Doris Anderson
President

(copies of the above were sent to SWAG and other women's groups in B.C., Red Hot Video, Judy Erola, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women in Ottawa and Mark MacGuigan, Minister of Justice.)

(See SWAG News for update on the anti-porn battle)

Douglas College,
New Westminster, B.C.

November 19, 1982.

To: Those interested individuals and Organizations that have communicated to Douglas College regarding the Special Program Unit- Programs for Women

The College has received over 40 communications in this regard, and therefore, we are attempting to bring everyone up to date by means of this newsletter.

For the past two years approximately one-fifth of the community education faculty budget has been used for the employment of one full-time specialist in Women's Programs. The effect of the current budget was to leave the Community programs division with a net deficit of over \$90,000. Transfers of funds from other divisions of the College were arranged in June in order to preserve our existing community education programs, but it was clear that action had to be taken to ensure that by next year, the Community Programs Division would be able to function within its reduced budget allocation from the Ministry of Education.

It was believed at the time, that we would be able to preserve the basic structure of the Division by a combination of raising our fee intake and eliminating the Special Program Unit - Programs for Women. The intent never was to stop programming for women, but clearly the management recommendation indicated a judgment that the College could not afford to devote one-quarter of its total community education faculty budget to this area.

Many people have expressed the opinion that this was an incorrect decision. Without regard to opinions on this matter, subsequent events have rendered the question academic.

A further budget reduction was imposed by the Ministry of Education in July, together with an announcement of another reduction of funding for community education programs for next fiscal year.

Again, further temporary funding has been arranged for our community education programs, by using student fees and equipment and supply budgets for this fiscal year.

The next effect of these three consecutive reductions will be to leave our community education grants reduced by 60% over a period of 18 months.

As a result, it was clear that a reordering of the Division was required, and with this in mind, the College Board has approved a reorganized, reduced Division.

The needs of women within the region are not being lost sight of in the College. I am pleased to say that our Women's Centre is continuing its operation. As well, our new organization, however painfully reduced is making explicit provision for community development activity and social issues-related programming.

These changes are occurring within the context of other reductions in College offerings that have been made over the past year. These reductions were made initially in Academic programs and more recently were made in Applied Programs. We enclose a summary report for your reference. /available in the office/

Community Education Programs reductions will be felt by next September, because the Community Programs Division will undergo its reorganization this Spring (1983). In the meantime our Fall 1982, and Spring 1982 offerings for women are continuing. For your information, we attach a copy of the current brochure. The "community development" assistance provided to community groups in the form of advice and consultation is not shown, as it cannot be quantified.

We hope that this information indicates to you that Douglas College is continuing to provide community service in spite of increasingly difficult circumstances.

The College Board welcomes presentations from the community. Should you or your groups wish to make a presentation, please contact the office of the Bursar at 520-5400.

Yours very truly,

W.L. Day, President,
Douglas College.

(Please also see article on community college cutbacks and the effect this could have on women's programs in this issue - ed.)

National Film Board,
Studio D, P-43
Montreal, Quebec.

November 10, 1982.

Pam Blackstone,
Status of Women Action Group,
Victoria.

Dear Pam:

Thanks for your letter...

I'm not au courant on the status of Not A Love Story in B.C., though I continue to support theatrical screenings, with the OPTION of public discussion. I agree totally with your observations that many women need and want supportive women-only discussion. I feel that this option has been well established in B.C., as it was the pattern til now and no exclusive theatrical contract would be imposed. At this point I think we should look to reach out to those many women and men - who have not opted to see the film in a group setting and who for a host of reasons prefer the anonymity of a theatre. I sincerely do not believe that anyone will be worse off for seeing NALS even alone in a mixed audience. I do know that people discuss it among themselves and with the people most important in their lives. For every letter we've received against theatrical distribution, we have fifty in support of the widest possible distribution.

Re your other question about a court action against the Ontario Censor Board: we are in active consultation with an Attorney to bring a case against the OCB, based on the new Charter of Rights. Things move very closely!

Keep in touch,
Linda Paris Quillman
for Bonnie Sherr Klein,
Studio D



GENERAL

Canada's only women's university is asking for one dollar from every woman throughout the country to support scholarships and bursaries for deserving women of all ages and to fund neglected areas of research into women's issues.

Mount Saint Vincent University President Dr. E. Margaret Fulton announced the million dollar campaign in September. The university launched its first national fund-raising campaign four years ago. The goal was \$3.5 million and without the old boys network, it hasn't been easy. To date, \$2.5 million has been raised in pledges, many of which are contingent on whether or not the university can raise the rest during the next few months.

The first \$2.5 million had to go into much-needed facilities because the Mount is bursting at the seams with hundreds of mature women returning to full-time study. A major disadvantage has been that the university, built by women for women at a time when women were not welcomed in such circles, has no endowment funds.

The university can't provide these deserving women with the scholarships and bursaries they desperately need nor can it fund the many neglected areas of research on women's issues. It is, however, determined to even out the odds and give Mount students equal opportunities to develop their potentials in an environment designed specifically for them. In fact, Mount administrators are confident the women of Canada will help them do this by sending \$1 along with their name, to the university to build up the biggest network of women helping other women Canada has ever seen.

Send contributions to:
Development Office,
Mount Saint Vincent University,
166 Bedford Highway,
Halifax B3M 2J6

Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University is again offering an exciting array of courses in the Spring term of interest to women. The list is available in the office.

The Canadian Women's Studies Association has announced that they are preparing

a program for the Learned Society's meetings to be held in Vancouver in June 1983. The sessions will take place over two days, June 4 and 5, registration fee is \$10 per day. The agenda will include panel discussions on Women as Adult Learners; Funding for Women's Studies Research, "Women and the Canadian Economy;" and Women's Studies Program Building. There will also be a session "Feminism and Nationalism in Canada". Various social activities--a banquet, a wine and cheese party, etc. are in the works.

Membership to CWSA and more information on the conference available from:

Frances Early, Mount Saint Vincent University, History Dept., Halifax B3M 2J6 (membership fee is \$5.00)

NAC Memo

President's Letter

Our last Executive meeting was held in Vancouver and combined with a very successful conference which was put on by the North Shore Women's Centre of North Vancouver. A complete report appears in this MEMO. (available in the office)

Earlier in September the National Action Committee was asked to meet with the Minister of Finance, Marc Lalonde. This was the first time, to our knowledge, that a Minister of Finance has sought out women's groups for consultation on the budget. Among the topics discussed were employment, pensions, microtechnology, affirmative action and day care. We were also asked to meet with Mark McGuigan, Minister of Justice, on family law and divorce.

Later we opposed the suggestion by Marc Lalonde that the universality of the family allowance program should be cut back. Women should fight any cut-back in money going to children. There is so little money ticketed for children in our economy to begin with. Family allowance is one of the few ways in our society that we acknowledge the cost of parenting. The money goes to women and benefits low-income women most. Since it is taxed under the income tax act, the higher the income the more money the government recovers.

Instead of cutting back on family allowance, why not cut back on the child tax exemption in the income tax act? It doesn't benefit low-income families and it helps high-income men the most.

We're working hard on the revision of the NAC Constitution and want a lot of input from member groups. We're also anxious to get input from groups on the possible move of the NAC office to Ottawa. We would also welcome any suggestions about the running of the Annual General Meeting.

Cheers.

Doris Anderson, President.

Comment re Vancouver NAC meeting

It was frustrating indeed to receive an invitation to a conference encouraging networking between women's groups in B.C. and find it organized for the weekend of our annual SWAG Conference! It seems that North Shore Women's Centre began planning early in the year--although not before our own hardworking Conference Committee. The problem in communication came when for some reason my name was taken from the files in the NAC national office and substituted with the new SWAG office address. Perhaps it was an understandable mistake when they received our change of office address notice. But the result was that Pam didn't know that I was not receiving NAC mailouts and the SWAG copies were simply filed. And I didn't find out about the double booked date until it was far too late for changes. I have phoned Jillian Riddington of Vancouver, a member of the NAC executive to express our frustration that after all these years no one remembers the SWAG conference was to be the last weekend of October. That having been said, we can only continue from here. The Vancouver meeting was from all reports a success. NAC continues to be an active voice for Canadian women in federal issues. Now that our lines of communication have been restored you shall again receive regular newsletter reports of NAC issues and planned actions.

Shirley Avril.

Demand amendments to C-127

On October 14th, NAC Justice Committee Chair Jillian Riddington and Megan Ellis of Women Against Violence Against Women/ Rape Crisis Centre in Vancouver appeared for NAC before the Senate Committee studying the new Sexual Assault Bill (Bill C-127) NAC urged the senators to request amendments to the bill. Our representatives pointed out that the inclusion of "honest belief" as a defence could have very dangerous consequences for women. The availability of this defense virtually invalidates the removal of spousal immunity. Even though a woman can now charge her husband with sexual assault, the fact that the past sexual history of the complainant and her assailant is always considered relevant and that "honest belief" that she consented is a valid defense, means that few charges by wives against husbands will be successful. NAC is also concerned that the "honest belief" defense can now be pleaded in common assault as well. This could have disastrous consequences for battered women.

Despite NAC's urgings that the Bill be sent back for amendment, the Senate passed Bill C-127 and royal assent was given on October 27th. NAC has sent telegrams to Minister of Justice Mark McGuigan, P.C. Justice critic Ray Knat yshyn, and NDP Justice Critic Svend Robinson.

We have urged them to amend C-127 immediately, to abolish the honest belief defense and to ensure that testimony regarding a complainant's past sexual history can never be introduced.

Contact your MP and the Minister of Justice and the opposition justice critics, and let them know your concern.

Vancouver Meeting

The B.C. Persons Day Conference in Vancouver on October 23/24 was attended by nearly 100 women who participated in workshops on, amongst other things, Pornography and Violence, Disabled Women, Abortion, Nuclear Disarmament and the Canadian Constitution.

Held at Capilano College and organized by the North Shore Women's Centre, the conference afforded an opportunity for B.C. women's groups to make contact with each other and also with the Executive of NAC which held its October meeting in conjunction with the conference. NAC Executive members conducted workshops and held valuable discussions with western women, who have sometimes felt isolated from involvement with issues vital to them. These issues were reflected in resolutions coming out of workshops. Some of these were:

- 1) Recommendation that NAC endorse freestanding abortion clinics
- 2) Input into calculation of GNP should include unpaid labour
- 3) (a) Convey to Allan Williams, B.C. Attorney General, a protest regarding the open exhibits for sale of a catalogue (already a prohibited publication) describing the pornographic films available at Red Hot Video Stores
(b) Recommend prosecution for violation of Section 159, subsection 8 of the Criminal Code of those selling the catalogues.
- 4) Amend the federal Human Rights Act to include protection from discrimination for mentally and physically handicapped people
- 5) Request ongoing information from Attorneys General on legislation

regarding changes which might be prejudicial to the interest of women. We must maintain our awareness of changes and ask for clarification and definitions in writing

- 6) Fight Legal Aid Cuts
- 7) The Nuclear Disarmament workshop demanded that nuclear war be renamed nuclear extermination

Comments from those at the conference were enthusiastic. We all got a chance to meet some wonderful women and the easterners saw our city and met our own Rosemary Brown who spoke to us (in her usual dynamic style) at the dinner on Saturday night.

Jane Evans, B.C. Rep.

DAYCARE

Report on Day Care Conference

From September 23 to 26 the Second National Conference on Day Care was held in Winnipeg. It was organized jointly by the Canadian Council on Social Development and members of the Federal Department of Health and Welfare concerned with day care. The opening session of the conference was addressed by the Honourable Judy Erola, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, who said that she, personally, thought day care should be viewed as a public utility.

The conference was divided into workshop areas: quality of child care, the education and remuneration of child-care workers, and accessibility and affordability of child care. The last day was spent in a plenary session in which resolutions were passed.

Attending the conference were almost 800 people from across the country, including day-care activists from each province, providers of day care in private for-profit day care, civil servants concerned with policy and provision of services, representatives of feminist groups, early childhood education experts and day-care workers. The single most contentious issue of the conference concerned a resolution which asked the federal government to partly subsidize child-care costs by paying \$5 per child per day to all not-for-profit, licensed child-care services. The private, for-profit

child-care providers objected to this, saying it was undemocratic. In some provinces, Alberta and Newfoundland, for example, private day care is all there is. The proposers of the resolution distinguished between private and public child care as analogous to public and private schooling and said the federal government should not be subsidizing private enterprise in this field. The resolution was passed.

The other important result of the conference was the establishment of a temporary, national steering committee whose purpose is to create a representative national organization lobbying government on the issue of child care. Anyone interested in working with the national steering committee should contact the Canadian Council on Social Development in Ottawa or Pat Schultz of Action Day Care, Toronto.

- The above was extracted from the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women Newsletter, November 1982.

CELIBACY

Day Care Resources

Action Day Care, 19 Carr Street, Toronto
Ontario M5T 2V7, "For Universally
Accessible Publicly Funded Non-Compulsory
Day Care in Canada". \$2.00

Social Planning Council of Metropolitan
Toronto, 185 Sloor St. E., Toronto M4 3J3
"Children at Work: An Inventory of Work-
Related Day Care Services in Canada",
September 1982, 40 pp. \$5.00
"Work Related Day Care: An Annotated
Bibliography", September 1982, 28pp. \$5.00
Ask to be put on their mailing list.

Day Care Research Group, 48 Boustead, T
Toronto, Ontario M6R 1Y9, "The Daycare
Kit-An information on organizing hand-
book on day care in Canada", single \$9.00
(\$8.00 over 10 copies), handling charge,
75c.

National Day Care Information Centre,
Health & Welfare Canada, 612 Brooke
Claxton Bldg, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa,
Ontario K1V 1B5, "Provincial Funding
of DayCare Services"; "Day Care Spaces
in Canada-1982"; "Provincial Day Care
Requirements". And ask for other
publications.

Canadian Advisory Council on the Status
of Women, Box 1541, Stn B, Ottawa K1P 5R5
"Better Day Care for Canadians: Options
for Parents and Children", August 1982.

Canadian Council on Social Development,
55 Parkdale Av., Box 4505, Stn C,
Ottawa K1Y 4C1, "Proceedings of 2nd
Canadian Conference on Day Care,"
September, 1982.

Chatelaine, March 1982, "Who Cares for
the Children?", p. 51, 72-78.

People Magazine, September 20, 1982.
"The Lonely Life of 'latchkey' Children,
say two experts, is a National Disgrace",
pp.83-88.

Ontario Federation of Labour, 15 Gervais
Drive, Suite 202, Don Mills, Ontario
M3C 1Y8, "Parental Rights and Day Care,
A Bargaining Guide for Unions", April,
1982.

Day Care Buttons are available in French
and English at \$1.00 each. Write Billie
Thurston, 10 First Avenue, St. John's
Newfoundland A1B 1N4 to order quantities.
NAC regional reps also have the buttons
for sale. The buttons read (in English)
"Childcare Universal, let the army
hold bakesales--National Action Committee
on the Status of Women". There are also
Memo pads available from the NAC Office
at \$1.00 each with a similar inscription.

Announcements

The first issue of a new journal is
out: The Celibate Woman. A Journal for
Women Who are Celibate or Considering
this Liberating Way of Relating to Others
While most of us spend a portion of our
lives in a celibate state, we are not
always able to appreciate its benefits
when all around us there is an attitude
that the only healthy and happy way to
live one's life is to be sexually active.
If one does not have a partner with whom
a sexual relationship can be shared,
one is expected to seek a partner.
Otherwise, one's life is not considered
to be "full" or "complete".

Yet, at the same time, more of us are
discovering that choosing celibacy can
be a very positive choice and that this
lifestyle can provide healthier and
happier relationships with those we
care about, including those with whom we
share an intimate relationship. Living
in a society where sex enters practically
every aspect of our lives, it is refresh-
ing to share new ideas, to explore new
ways of relating to others.

The Celibate Woman Journal is published
irregularly and is available for \$4 (for
a single issue) or \$8 for a subscription
(2 issues) from 3306 Ross Place, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008. The editor,
Martha Allen, welcomes articles, artwork,
letters, experiences, ideas and theory.

(from Broadside)

Wanted, from Jewish women, for an anth-
ology: narratives, interviews, oral
histories, fiction, poetry, drama,
essays, translations. The anthology,
edited by Melanie Kaye and Irena Klepfisz,
will depict the lives, history, creat-
ivity, resistance and survival of
Jewish women. Submissions from and
about Arabic, Ashkenazi and Sephardic
Jews from all national are encouraged.
Send manuscripts with SASE to Anthology
c/o I Klepfisz, P.O. Box 128, New Lebanon
New York, 12125. Deadline: April 1, 1983.
(from Broadside)

Now available in the SWAG Office:

Skills and The Source Guide, two guides (For reference only) to the new National Training Act whereby "federal resources will focus on providing Canadians with the opportunity to train or retrain in skill areas giving them greater job security, earning power and equality in the labour force" (Lloyd Axworthy in a letter to SWAG, November 1, 1982.)

Unemployed? SWAG has sponsored at least one project under the Community Recovery Program. If you are receiving unemployment insurance and are eligible for the program and would like to work on a SWAG sponsored project, please contact Pam in the office and leave your name.

DEADLINES

Items for the newsletter Calendar are accepted up to the second Tuesday of the month for the newsletter which comes out on the third Monday of the month.

Cool Yule '82, with Louise Rose,
a concert for the whole family

Thursday, Dec. 23

2.00 p.m. for little kids and escorts

8.00 p.m. for big kids

at Allison Piano, 1824 Government St.,

Tickets: \$4.00 children

\$6.00 adults.

ADS WANTED

SWAG Newsletter will take ads from members beginning in the April issue.

We will have two formats: 1) Display ad — \$10⁰⁰ each. 2) Classifieds — \$2⁰⁰ for 15 words or less.

SWAG DISPLAY AD

\$10⁰⁰ for
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Deadline for ads: To be received by
the first Tuesday of the month.

COURSES for ♀ (UVIC)

The 1980s: A New Decade of Feminism

What shape will feminism take in the 1980's? How do we define new goals based on what we have already accomplished? To answer these questions, this course focuses on economic independence for women. Our instructors represent different perspectives and have worked together in Victoria's Status of Women Action Group. The first three of the lecture/discussion sessions will be offered by Stella Lord on:

- Women and Economic Change
- Women, the Economy, and the State
- Programs for Change?

Josephine Payne O'Connor will conduct the last three sessions on:

- Building on Success
- Working Together
- Wider Horizons

Instructors: Josephine Payne-O'Connor, Ph.D., Philosophy and Stella Lord, M.A., Political Science, Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology

Course No: HMWS X 011 **Section:** K01

Wednesdays, March 30 to May 4:
7:30 to 9:30 pm, 6 sessions

Fee: \$30

Ten Years of Research on Women's Issues: A Review

In 1971, the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women was published. Since then, a large number of studies on women's issues has been produced. Here is an opportunity for you to review a selected number of them. We will begin the workshop with a discussion of the 1971 Report.

Other selected topics to be reviewed are:

- Women in the Professions
- Women in the Labour Force
- Homemakers, Single Mothers, and Poverty
- Women in the Arts and Literature

Resource Persons:

Jennifer Waelti-Walters, Ph.D., UVic
Rona Murray Dexter, Ph.D.
Connie Rooke, Ph.D., UVic
Marilyn Callahan, M.S.W., UVic
Milnor Alexander, Ph.D.
Josephine Payne-O'Connor, Ph.D.
Hanne Jensen, Director, B.C. Human Rights Code
Stella Lord, M.A., Ph.D. Candidate
Gwen Bradsky, LL.B., Victoria
For further information and to register, please call Brishkai Lund, 721-8463.

Course No: HMWS X 010 **Section:** K01

Friday, April 29: 7 to 9 pm, and
Saturday, April 30: 9 am to 4 pm

Fee: \$25

Festival of Canadian Women Writers

Free

In cooperation with Open Space Gallery and Canada Council, we have invited writers from all across the country to celebrate the International Women's Week. Three sessions of readings and information discussions are planned.

If you wish further information, please call 721-8463.

Friday, March 4: 8 pm
Saturday, March 5: 2 pm, Saturday evening: 8 pm

Places: Open Space Gallery, 510 Fort Street

Admission is free

Exploring the Status of Women in Greece

A Dinner/a slide show/a discussion

Celebrate International Women's Week with three panelists who will give you an update on women in Greece.

Resource Persons:

Rosemary Brown, M.L.A., Burnaby-Edmonds
Marilyn Callahan, M.S.W., School of Social Work, UVic
Marjorie Martin, M.S.W., School of Social Work, UVic
Registration deadline: February 20. For more information, please call 721-8463

Course No: HMWS X 012 **Section:** S01

Thursday, March 10: 6 to 10 pm

Fee: \$22.50 (includes dinner)

Women, Men and the Women's Liberation Movement

As women, we have been working for change: working to establish control over our own lives, to achieve our share of power, to affirm our traditional commitment to altruism and non-violence. These changes, as they gain acceptance and momentum, impact on the relations between women and men in a variety of ways. In this course we will chart some of these changes, both from our personal perspectives and from recent literature.

Session 1

The Changing Balance of Power. Much of the political work of the women's liberation movement has involved women working together; but more and more men identify themselves as supporters. How are political relations between women and men changing?

Session 2

Who's Who: Changing Identities. As we women cease to define ourselves as "The Other", our sense of ourselves, and of men, changes. Men are responding to these changes in a variety of ways. How are our images of women, men and our relationships changing?

Session 3

Sex and Gender. As women's and men's identities and roles alter, we find a changing dynamic in interpersonal relationships. How is the affirmation of women's sexuality changing our relationships?

Session 4
Women and Men in the Family.
Raising children in non-sexist ways
is considered, by many women,
to be revolutionary work. How
far are women and men committed
to these changes, and where are
we headed?

Session 5

Violence and Caring. Women are
increasingly committed to developing
alternatives to domestic and global
violence. What effective methods
can women and men develop to
end violence?

Session 6

The Limits and Possibilities of
Change. The process of change
itself requires a balance between
ideals and present realities. What
short and long-range goals are most
helpful as we continue to change
and grow?

Instructor: Josephine

Payne-O'Connor, Ph.D., Philosophy

Course No: HMWS X 009 **Section:** S01

Wednesdays, February 2 to March 9:
7:30 to 9:30 pm, 6 sessions

Fee: \$30

Women in Fiction, Part I: By Women Authors

Weekday Afternoons

How do novelists create their fictional women characters? Part I looks at the development of women characters of all ages in eight novels by women:

The Road Past Altamont

- Gabrielle Roy

Fire on the Mountain - Anita Desai

Who Do You Think You Are?

- Alice Munro

Sula - Toni Morrison

The Tent Peg - Aritha Van Herk

Burger's Daughter - Nadine Gordimer

The Double Hook - Sheila Watson

To the Lighthouse - Virginia Woolf

You might get a head start by beginning this reading list before we meet.

You may wish to take this course in conjunction with Part II (see next course description).

Instructor: Maureen Scobie, B.A.

Course No: HMWS X 005 **Section:** S01

Mondays, January 31 to March 21:
1:30 to 3:30 pm, 8 sessions

Fee: \$35

Women in Fiction, Part II: By Male Authors

The development of women characters in fiction written by men will be the focus of this course.

In addition to the novels listed below, two other selections by male authors will complete the reading list:

As For Me and My House - Sinclair Ross

Badlands - Robert Kroetch

Fat Woman - Leon Rooke

The Portrait of a Lady - Henry James

The Rainbow - D.H. Lawrence

The Eye of the Storm - Patrick White

Instructor: Maureen Scobie, B.A.

Course No: HMWS X 006 **Section:** S01

Wednesdays, February 2 to March 23:
7:30 to 9:30 pm, 8 sessions

Fee: \$35

Self-Exploration Seminar for Women

Considering future employment, further education or volunteer work? Assertion training, communication and coping skills, career and life-style planning will be taught and practised during the sessions. Group interaction will provide an opportunity for you to explore and assess interests, abilities and motivation, and to set realistic goals. As well, a vocational interest test will be given free of charge.

Text: The New Assertive Woman, by Blum, Coburn, Pearlman, available at the UVic Bookstore.

Register early; enrollment is limited to 14.

Instructor: Susan Mitchell, M.A.

Course No: WMPD X 001 **Section:** S01

Mondays, January 17 to February 21:
7:30 to 9:30 pm, 6 sessions

Fee: \$35



Rights and Liberties for Special Groups

Weekday Afternoons

What are "civil rights" and "civil liberties"? How did these ideas develop? If you have wanted to find out how these concepts affect special groups, this lecture and discussion series should interest you. We will focus on six topics:

- Native people
- Women
- Francophones (separate schools and linguistic issues)
- Jehovah's Witnesses and other religious groups
- Communists
- The FLQ and the War Measures Act

Instructor: Dr. Milnor Alexander, Ph.D., Political Science

Course No: HMHU X 005 **Section:** S01

Tuesdays, January 25 to March 1:
1:30 to 3:30 pm, 6 sessions

Fee: \$30

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