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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 and 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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**Meetings/Workshops** SWAG meetings are held the first Monday of each month (except when it falls on a holiday) at the James Bay Community Centre, 140 Oswego Street, Meeting Room. 2, 7:30 p.m.

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# WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

## DECEMBER

Register now for UVic Women's Studies Courses. Call Cynthia Williams, 721-8463. See details under Announcements.

## JANUARY 5, Tuesday

SWAG Coordinating Committee Meeting, 7:45 at Diana's, 2149 Granite.

## JANUARY 20, Wednesday

Business and Professional Women's Meeting. National and Provincial resolutions will be voted on. Elizabeth Clement will report on the Chateau Louise Conference on Women and Work. Imperial Inn, 6:30 dinner, 8:00 program. Contact 477-2691.

## JANUARY 30, Saturday

Women and Pensions Conference. Judy Erola, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women will be the keynote speaker. Denman Inn, Vancouver, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open to all. Fee \$20. Sponsored by the B.C. Women's Liberal Commission. Phone Dave Hendron, 266-4857 or write, Pension Conference, #201-1894 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1Y9.

## FEBRUARY 3, Wednesday

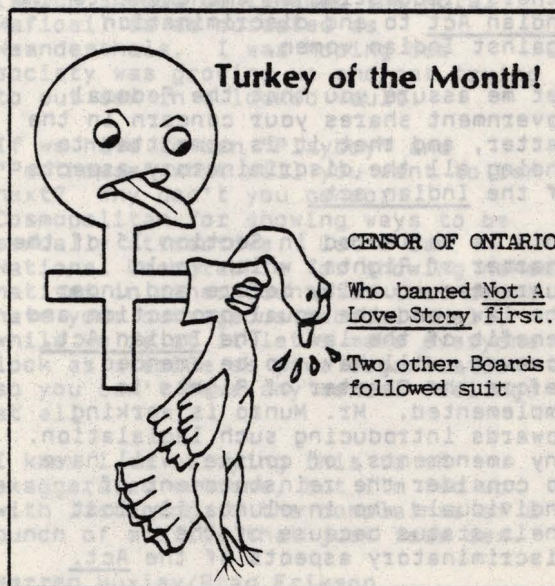
Feminism in Art: a showing of Right Out of History: Judy Chicago's Dinner Party and a discussion of style, form and direction. The discussion will be lead by Pat Martin-Bates. 7:00 p.m. \$5.00. (If you register for the course Stronger Women this is included as one of the classes). Call Cynthia Williams, UVic, 721-8463, for information and registration.

## FEBRUARY 5-6, Friday-Saturday

SWAG Retreat. The retreat is a chance to look at the year ahead. Objective this year: produce policy sheets. Open to all SWAG members. At the Pacific Centre for Human Development, 3221 Heatherbell. Contact SWAG Coordinator for information.

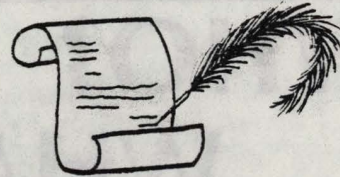
## FEBRUARY 16, Tuesday

Victoria's Art Circles and Victoria's Women, 1932. An afternoon with two Curators. A comparison of two women artists of this period. 1:00-4:00 p.m. \$10.00. To register phone, UVic Extension, Cynthia Williams, 721-8463.





# Letters



Telegram: 81-11-16  
Bill Bennet  
Pierre Trudeau  
Women demand equality in the  
constitution.

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05 November 1981  
Dear Mrs. Blackstone:

Re: Public Hearing on Religious  
Broadcasting

I acknowledge receipt of the letter forwarded on behalf of 3 signatories submitting comments with respect to our Public Hearing on religious broadcasting.

Your comments are noted and will be brought to the attention of the Commission.

Jacques Lalonde/Director/Public Hearings

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November 06, 1981  
Dear Mrs. Vickery:

As you know, the Office of the Minister of Justice has referred to us your recent petition, co-signed by others, requesting an amendment to the Indian Act to end discrimination against Indian women.

Let me assure you that the Federal Government shares your concern in the matter, and that it is committed to ending all the discriminatory aspects of the Indian act.

This is reflected in Section 15 of the Charter of Rights, which would guarantee equality before and under the law, and the equal protection and benefit of the law. The Indian Act, however, will have to be amended before the Charter of Rights is implemented. Mr. Munro is working towards introducing such legislation. Any amendments, of course, will have to consider the reinstatement of individuals who involuntarily lost their status because of the discriminatory aspects of the Act.

Although the Government would like to act quickly it realizes the profound effect that any revisions to the membership sections would have on the Indian community as a whole, and that there is no consensus among the Indian people on how these sections should be amended, or even that they should be revised at all. Continuing

consultation with the Indian society is therefore needed and care must be taken that any change is not thrust upon the Indian people but evolves with and through them.

Roy T. Jacobs/Special  
Assistant/Portfolio

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November 16, 1981  
Dear Miss Blackstone:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Status of Women Action Group in which you comment on recent changes in income assistance policy.

I have read your letter with interest and have noted the points you have raised. I must, however, clarify your concerns in this respect.

First of all, your Group does not appear to be realizing the potential of our clients. Over 62% of single parent clients have high school graduation or other specialized training that fits them for the job market and many of the remainder have additional on the job training that enhances their job skills. Only 3.5% have no labor market experience before becoming dependent upon income assistance - 51.9% have worked in the six months prior to coming to us for help, 64% have worked in the previous year and 78.4% have worked in the previous two years.

This government believes strongly that employment offers greater opportunities than does dependency upon assistance and the figures I have quoted prove that our clients are able to be self-supporting, contributing members of the community if given the support and encouragement to re-enter the labor force.

I recognize that such support can be of vital importance to some. These are the clients who need help in upgrading or developing their particular skills or in simply enhancing their feelings of confidence and self-worth. This was the reasoning behind the introduction of the Individual Opportunity Plan last year. The assistance provided through this plan is not purely resume-writing, interview techniques and grooming as you have stated. The first priority is choosing a suitable career, and then undergoing training if required.

The program has proved most effective



and I was very pleased to be able to announce that it has been expanded through the employment of additional staff throughout the province to provide further services to our clients.

The policies are not new. At all times it has been understood that long term dependency upon income assistance was not in the best interests of the clients or of their children. Most single parents obviously believe this as well. The majority are working and a study conducted in February, 1980 showed that, of those who have come to us, 57.6% required help for only four months or less with 26.6% of these requiring assistance for one month only. It is apparent that long term dependency on government funds is not seen as desirable by the great majority of single parents.

I should also note that when a single parent re-enters the employment field, my Ministry, if necessary, may cover their medical benefits for up to one year. At the same time day care can be subsidized either through group day care centres or through family and in-home day care and this subsidy which was increased in April has again been increased to further assist young mothers. Effective December 1, 1981, my Ministry will make a 10% across-the-board increase in the day care subsidy rate. This increase, affecting all categories of day care subsidies, follows the average 16% increase implemented in April of this year. This is in addition to the three quarters of a million dollars allocated in August for start-up, expansion and relocating grants to day care societies and expansion of the in-home day care program. These increases in our subsidy rates will go a long way in attracting qualified new caregivers and will also increase the number of day care spaces.

Another provision to improve access to day care entails the addition of new staff positions within my Ministry to ensure the adequate assessment and monitoring of unlicensed day care services, and to speed up the processing of applications from new day care homes. In addition, my ministry will make lists of approved family homes available in all District Offices. The Health Ministry will also assist by posting up-to-date lists of licensed facilities in local Health Units. These lists will provide current information about day care facility vacancies to parents who are seeking care for their children.

I know that these new initiatives will offer additional supports to our clients and particularly to single mothers in their efforts to become independent.

I have answered you at some length because I feel that full information can eliminate the confusion that appears to have arisen about our policies. I believe that our clients can be helped to become independent. We have the programs to assist them to reach their goals. They now need the support of the community. I trust that the members of your group will recognize our clients' efforts and through your interest and good wishes, support our desire to help them to attain a successful and better life for themselves and their children.

I send my best wishes.

Grace M. McCarthy, Minister

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From: Martlet November 19, 1981  
SEXUAL CENSORSHIP  
Editors:  
To Ms. Blackstone and other cases of  
Frostbite:

Your cheap attempt at creating hostility against the campus shop, is as fruitless as your organization. The attitude of your organization (which should be renamed the Moral Mafiosi) is as outdated as Neanderthals. I was hoping our society was growing up and not trying to put sex in a locked vault.

If we have to ban "Playboy" and "Penthouse" what will you want to ban next? Why don't you censor Cosmopolitan for showing ways to be sexually attractive. Let's ban National Geographic for showing naked natives in other countries that don't have your outrageous taboos. Hell, while we're at it let's make everyone look as sterile as your organization so you can't have any sexual feelings at all.

I know I am carrying this to an exaggerated extreme, but I'm fed up with listening to the complaints of a bunch of misfits that just fear sex.

Warren Huxley/Brad Erikson

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November 18, 1981  
Dear Mr. McCourt:

Thank you for your letter of November 2nd, 1981 in reply to my letter of October 20th.

You mention that one of the "puzzling" aspects of the ad was the fact that it was written by a woman who reported to a woman director who in turn reported to a woman manager. As a woman graduate of a male-dominated medical school, I do not find it puzzling at all. A male environment creates tremendous pressures on a woman trying to work in so-called "untraditional" roles. Any woman attempting to climb the Corporate Ladder will quickly learn that she must follow the standards set by her company if she is going to progress.

The ad could have been done so differently for example, both children could have been portrayed facing the challenge of the computer age.

You may, personally, agree that the ad represents "unacceptable sexual stereotyping" but I am forced to interpret the ad as a representation of Eaton's view of sexual roles.

F. Forrest-Richards/M.D., F.R.C.P.(C)

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November 18, 1981  
Dear Ms. Blackstone:

I am writing in response to your letter concerning our toy ad of October 20th.

Let me say at the outset that I agree completely with your point that the ad presents unacceptable sexual stereotyping. Please be assured that this ad does not represent Eaton's attitude toward "sexual roles."

One of the puzzling aspects of this whole issue is that the ad was written by a woman who reports to a woman Creative Director, who in turn reports to a woman Advertising Manager. Under the circumstances I am not sure how such an ad could have been written or approved. I can assure you, however, that we will not be producing another ad with this type of connotation.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us.

Senior Vice-President/Pacific Division

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November 25, 1981  
Dear Mr. Tabor:

I am writing on behalf of the Status of Women Action Group to express our support of the women on strike in BCGEU Local 69 and CUPE Local 401. The issues of this strike address the basic concerns of all workers, but women in particular.

The Librarians demand of union security is essential to the maintenance of the union. If workers are to have the power to negotiate reasonable working conditions they must have this security. Given that this group of workers has no medical, dental or pension benefits the working conditions they seek to negotiate cannot be construed as anything other than basic. We support their right to maintain their union.

The issue of part-time workers addressed by the CUPE strike is clearly a women's issue. Women have traditionally been the overwhelming majority of part-time workers. Denial of benefits to these workers is a form of discrimination. The underlying assumption that part-time workers are less qualified or valuable is demonstrably erroneous. The widespread hiring of part-time workers for the benefit and convenience of the employer is evidence of their value. Any user of the Library system can attest to the depth of knowledge and experience of these workers.

As an organization that knows the value of library service we are dismayed that you, the management, have allowed the people of Vancouver Island to go for two months without this service. Your refusal to bargain seriously and the lack of involvement of the whole Board have contributed to the length of this strike.

We urge you to bargain seriously with these two unions. We urge you to restore library service and give your workers a just settlement by returning to the table immediately.

Catherine Winter/Editor, SWAG Newsletter

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December 5, 1981  
National Action Committee Executive:  
Dear Women:

The Victoria Status of Women Action Group would like to call a special meeting, pursuant to Rule V, Section 3 of the NAC constitution, to be held



January 9, 1982. We would like to see one voting delegate from each member group present at this special meeting and would therefore urge that travel funding be allocated to that end. Given the difficulty and expense of such travel we would suggest that each delegate unable to attend the special meeting be sent a complete accounting of the special meeting. That the account is accurate and complete must be verified by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates attending the special meeting. The delegate unable to attend would then be allowed her vote based on the information available. On no account should the delegates attending the special meeting finalize a settlement without this extended vote.

We endorse the agenda outlined in the "Urgent Memo to Members Groups and Executive Members on Pensions and Procedures," sent by Marilyn Keddy, Lynn McDonald and Kathy Moggridge.

With all due respect to all members of the executive who are working very hard on our behalf, we consider this situation serious and do not wish to see these pension and procedural issues brushed aside with technicalities. We consider the urging of the three women named above to have been directed at member groups and quite within the spirit of the constitution. Without their memo we would not have been aware of the depth or content of the dissension to which the president, Jean Wood, alluded in her letter in the October/November NAC MEMO.

We hope that at least nine other member groups agree.

In the struggle for sisterhood, Yours truly,

Shirley Avril/NAC liaison for SWAG

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## ARTICLES

### BCFW November 6-8

This year I was the SWAG delegate to the BCFW Conference. BCFW is a federation of feminist groups in B.C.

The central focus of the conference this year was the adoption of a new constitution. This was the culmination of two years hard work by the Structure Committee. Although there were amendments the Constitution adopted was essentially that proposed by the Committee.

Important aspects of the new Constitution are:

- 1) New responsibilities of member groups are (a) attend at least 1/2 of regional meetings, (b) address the needs of women with children for child care.
- 2) For the first time there are individual memberships. The duties of individuals are considerable and will not be taken on lightly.
- 3) Regions will now ratify new members.
- 4) At least a 2/3 majority is required to pass any motion at convention, in a regional meeting or at coordinating collective. The aim is to reach consensus whenever possible.

New policies accepted at convention deal with Child Care (amendment and former policy), racism, Take Back the Night, anti-imperialism, and an Action Day for Choice on Abortion. The racism policy requires member groups to take certain actions. For that reason I am including it in full so that all SWAG members will be aware of them. The policy on Choice proposes an action day in May 1982. This will be discussed at the first regional meeting. be prepared to work on this.

WHEREAS this society divides people (women) by class and by color and says (women) people are individual and alone.

WHEREAS aboriginal women and East Indian and Oriental are punished by this society for trying to keep their traditions (culture) and live in their traditional (cultural) ways.

WHEREAS Third World Women experience oppression as women but also bear the oppression of racism and classism.

WHEREAS a large proportion of women in Canada and British Columbia are Third World Women.

BE IT RESOLVED:



1. That every individual member of B.C.F.W. and of member groups of B.C.F.W. be:

- a) recognize and report the ways in which she/they are personally outside the boundaries of acceptability and therefore not safe. Ex., lesbian, poor, working class, feminist, single mother....
- b) recognize the similarities and differences between their experience of oppression and of others who are oppressed for different reasons.
- c) recognize the racist events of history, not as abstractions but as real events that happened in your family, city, country.
- d) look at how they compromise themselves for the sake of safety. How is it possible or not possible for Third World Women to do this.
- e) ..a, b, c, d.. to be looked at and acted upon, as a group and be reported to regional meeting and to coordinating collective and into the newsletter.

2. That member groups address classism and racism in order to work towards unity by:

- a) actively working toward getting more third world women participating in member groups in B.C.F.W.
- b) educating themselves within their groups on the effects of institutional and individual racism.
- c) educating themselves on the effects of class and white privilege.
- d) educating other non-third world people (women on the effects of institutional and individual racism).
- e) reporting in coordinating collective meetings of successes and of problems in each region.

The issue of incorporation was dealt with in the report of the Incorporation committee. The recommendation that BCFW not incorporate was accepted by the convention.

During the convention I became aware of how minimal SWAG's participation in BCFW has been in the last year. This is an issue we must discuss if we intend to maintain our membership. We need at least one member who is willing to spend time and energy on BCFW.

-Catherine Winter-

#### DR. SYLVIA GELBER BELIEVES WOMEN KEY TO THIRD WORLD

Speaking at UVic recently Dr. Sylvia Gelber, Vice President of the United Nations Association of Canada, said that the key to the problem of over-population in Third World Countries lies in improving the status of women.

In any of the Third World countries female status is linked to child-bearing capacity. Women have value to their communities so long as they reproduce. While such values prevail population will continue to increase. In Dr. Gelber's opinion, the solution to population control lies in the education of men and women. International studies have shown that there is a direct statistical correlation between the level of education and family size. As education rises, reproduction drops.

But the problems in implementing this solution are manifold. Dr. Gelber pointed out that there are applicable U.N. covenants but cultural and semantic differences between the Third World and the West have made interpretation extremely difficult. Already some black nations have expressed their opinion that population control is an invidious form of cultural genocide being perpetrated by the white West.

And changing the customs and traditions of centuries in any country is a task fraught with enormous difficulties and implications for the entire social structure. Even if educational facilities can be provided what stimulus will there be to educate women and to change their role? In addition to child-bearing, women are also food producers, working in the fields or doing other "donkey-work" which keeps them away from classrooms.

Dr. Gelber noted that the world's population will double in the next generation. At the same time, the old "checks" on population such as plagues, diseases, and epidemics have almost vanished. At one time it was necessary to have 12 to 15 children in order that three or four might live to provide for one's old age; now most of those 15 children may survive. But they are unlikely to thrive as long as food scarcities prevail in these countries. Dr. Gelber said that if she were a mother with hungry children, without food, that she would feel war-like, and asked how people could be expected to remain peaceful in these circumstances, particularly



when our over-stuffed way of life can be viewed by them through the medium of TV.

(Now in her 70's and retired, Dr. Gelber is best known as Director of the Women's Bureau in the Canadian Dept. of Labor from 1968 to 1975. She was also a member of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women and Deputy Leader of the Canadian Delegation during the U.N. International Women's Year Conference. Her activities, awards, honors, and degrees are numerous.)

-Lyn Gough-

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#### WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT SURVEY (From SWAG Conference)

Unfortunately, the sample responding was too small to be conclusive about anything. Only 30 responded. Of those, 20 were gainfully employed. Here are the findings:

##### Not Working:

Average age, 31. Average number of years worked, 8. Of the group of 10 who were not in paid work, 3 were full time students, and 1 was an artist. Of the remaining 6, 3 had high school diplomas, and 3 had degrees (7 among them). This latter group attributed problems in getting work to lack of experience, strong competition, and high unemployment. All were dependent on employment for income.

##### Employed Women:

Average age, 36 1/2. Average number of years worked, 13 1/2. Of the 20 employed women, 12 had worked in the same job for less than 30 months; 9 of the 12 had been in their present position for one year or less. When averaged, the figure for the group as a whole was 3 years in present employment.

One of the objectives of the survey was to determine not only unemployment but under-employment and the fit between qualifications and job. Eleven of those employed said they were in work related to training. There were a couple of obvious cases of status disjuncture: an RN working as a library clerk; a B.M. as a (paid) home care worker; another B.A. as a receptionist. One secretary said B.C. did not recognize her professional qualifications but did not indicate what these were. Another office worker said she had been trying to make a career change for three years.

Seven of the twenty working women were earning over \$20,000 per year and 6 of these said education was the most important factor in getting a job. Two earned between \$16,000 to \$20,000 per year; four between \$11,000 and \$15,000; and six under \$10,000 (one did not indicate). Thirteen were totally dependent on their jobs, 4 partially, 1 not at all and 1 other did not indicate. The high earners were engaged in teaching, staff training, physiotherapy, program coordination, and photo-journalism.

The most helpful factors in getting a job cited in order of frequency were: persistence, education, friends and personal connections, resumes, references, knowledge, skills, flexibility, and willingness to work hard.

##### Day Care:

This question was incorrectly typed and should have included #6, ages of children. Two unemployed women and 1 student said day care was a problem; 13 of the employed had not found day care to be a problem; 3 said it had been; and only 1 said it was.

##### Summary:

Average age of the entire group: 34. 55% were in work related to qualifications and/or training. 63.3% said they were totally dependent on paid work for income. Almost half of the employed group (45%) had been in their present jobs for one year or less. 20% of the sample were unemployed.

-Lyn Gough-

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#### WOMEN'S RIGHTS

(To Webster who did not understand Aboriginal or Women's Rights; and how could he!)

We will not be silenced.  
We claim aboriginal right to our bodies and our minds.  
We claim aboriginal right to our culture and our heritage.  
We claim aboriginal right to celebrate in our own name, with our own song.  
We claim aboriginal right to potlatch to share with our sisters and to honor our foremothers.  
We claim aboriginal right to Mother Earth and her living entrusted to us.  
We condemn the invader who made broken treaties to love and to honor.  
We condemn the invader who spreads his



diseases and his lies.  
We have stood between the Founding  
Father and his insatiable gluttony.  
And we will stand.  
For we hold our rights in trust for  
our daughters.

-Josephine-

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for wives.

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Thorough and easy to read.

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"Menopause" - Health Right, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010, USA. 25¢ each.

"Menopause" - San Francisco Women's Health Centre, 3789 - 24th St., San Francisco, Cal. 94114, USA. 50¢ each.

"Natural Menopause" - Prime Time  
-Contact your local Health Office to obtain.

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## Films

There are no current, up-to-date films on menopause. Most films we viewed were depressing, patronizing and pro-estrogen.

-Susan Moger-

# \*\*\*\*\* Announcements \*\*\*\*\*

## Rides to Meetings (SWAG)

If you would be able to give other women a ride to the SWAG general meetings please let us have your name, number and area of the city you live in. We would like to put a list in the Newsletter each month. Call Catherine 598-3620 or 692-1281, extension 378.

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## Nominating Committee (SWAG)

We elect new officers in January. If you are willing to work for SWAG contact a member of the Nominating Committee. They are: Stella Lord, 595-2542; Lynn Gough, 384-7825; Sylvia Watson, 382-3914.

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## Health Sharing

As regional reporter for Health Sharing (a Canadian women's health quarterly), I am always looking for women's health items in Victoria to report. Anyone with knowledge of legislation, a new program or something of note/interest pertaining to women's health that you would like the rest of the country to know about shared, call Susan Moger, 592-4215.

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## Status of Women News

Status of Women News from NAC is back publishing. It is a quarterly and costs \$8/year for an individual. The Fall issue has an interesting article on the new Quebec Family Law whereby women keep their surname all their life. To subscribe: National Action Committee on the Status of Women, 40 St. Clair Ave. East, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M9.

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## UVic Women's Extension Courses

For more information on any of these courses call Program Coordinator, Cynthia Williams at University Extension, 721-8463.

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## Women at Work in Canada

We'll explore the important contribution of women's work to Canadian Society from pioneer days to the present. 6 sessions, Thursday, January 21 to February 25, 7:30-9:30. \$25.00. Instructor: Stella Lord.



### New Roles: Women in Six Cultures

Examines attempts by groups of women in six cultures to improve their life opportunities. 6 sessions, Tuesday, January 26-March 2, 7:30-9:30. \$26.  
Instructor: Lee Ann Johnson.

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### Stronger Women

UVic will again offer this course, in the Spring, and this time it will incorporate a showing of Judy Chicago's film on the creation of the Dinner Party. Course topics include Feminist language and practice, building sisterhood, politics and power, and becoming wild! Give registration in this course to a sister for Christmas!! 6 sessions, Wednesday, January 20-February 24, 7:30-9:30. \$25. Instructor: Josephine Payne O'Connor.

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### ALSO OFFERED:

Self-Exploration Seminar for Women, with Susan Mitchell, M.A., 6 sessions beginning January 18, \$32.

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Basic Financial Management for Women, with Lynne MacFarlane, 4 sessions beginning January 19 (section "A") and January 23 (section "B"), \$28.

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More Financial Management for Women, with Lynne MacFarlane, 4 sessions, beginning February 16 (section "A") and February 20 (section "B"), \$28.

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Computers: An Introduction for Women, with Iain Cooke, Ph.D., 8 sessions beginning January 18, \$30.

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Women in Management: Issues and Attitudes, with Bonnie Russell Brockett, M.A., M.Ed., Suzanne Savard, M.Sc., February 4, 5, 6, \$75.

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Women in Management: Process and Operations, Suzanne Savard and Bonnie Russell Brockett, February 18, 19, 20, \$75.

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### Watch Out for the Toy Soldier

An advertising campaign by the "Right to Life" scheduled to appear around the Christmas season, features a toy soldier with a tear in his eye. The copy reads;

"Some toys will have less children to play with this year."

and below the picture of the soldier, the words;

"Some 65,000 aborted children less."

This ad is scheduled to appear on the subway cars in Toronto and probably in transportation systems in other communities across Canada. It will probably appear in magazines as well. Watch for it, and when you see it protest its appearance vigorously.

The insensitivity of the ad is its most memorable feature. It is insensitive to women who have had abortions, or miscarriages, to families who may have lost a child. It callously ignores the thousands of children in this society who have no toys to play with because their parents cannot afford to buy them.

The prime motivation of all anti-choice advertising is to inspire guilt in women and to devalue them as persons by elevating the rights of the embryo above the rights of the unwillingly pregnant women.

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### Lacks Power to Ask Lawyer to Defend Fetus, Judge Says

London, Ont. (CP) - A family court judge ruled yesterday that he does not have the authority to request the appointment of a lawyer for the fetus of a 15-year-old girl seeking an abortion.

Judge Maurice Genest said he studied the matter during the weekend and found the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that a fetus does not have the right to counsel. But he added that the issue needs to be looked at again.

The girl, a ward of the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto, was scheduled to have an abortion last Thursday at University Hospital in London. However, the hospital cancelled the abortion after the Catholic group threatened legal action.

Judge Genest approved the placement of the girl at a Toronto group home as an interim measure.



The girl's lawyer, John Benson of London, said the situation raises two main issues. The first is whether the teenager can act on her own behalf and give consent.

The second issue is whether the society has the power to stop her from having an abortion, Mr. Benson said. Under the Child Welfare Act, the society must act in the best interests of the child, which includes providing proper medical treatment.

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#### Coalition for Choice Petition

Collated into this issue is a petition prepared by the Coalition for Choice. The wording is very cumbersome. This is done to make it possible to have the petition put in the Provincial Archives. The intent of the petition is to have the Minister appoint hospital boards to prevent their takeover by one-issue interest groups. The Coalition found that the Minister is not in favor of open elections and so is going this route. Please sign and have others sign this and then send it to: Coalition for Choice, 531 Quadra Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 3S4. The Coalition also needs your financial support.

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#### You, Too, Can Get Involved

NAC lobbied Health & Welfare Canada to make money available for pension seminars and the Minister came through. If you can get a representative group together, you, too, can enter into a contract with Health & Welfare to run a pensions seminar. \$5,000 is available for each seminar application, if approved by the Ministry.

Contact: Freda Paltiel, Senior Adviser, Status of Women, Health & Welfare Canada, Room 2100, Jeanne Mance Bldg., Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K9

NAC is happy to provide any support it can if you decide to move on this. The Pensions Committee has prepared an educational kit (available in French and English).

The NAC kit is the ONLY educational piece of its kind in Canada. This could be the basis for your seminar. Cost of the kit is \$6.00. Please order from the NAC Office.

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# ARCHIVES

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

### Feminist Newsletters

RAG - F.L.A.G. Newsletter (September 1981).  
B.C.F.W. Newsletter (October 1981).  
Vancouver Women in Focus Society (List of Activities).  
Women's Self-Help Network (Courtney).  
Leftwords (v.2 #7)(December 1980), (v.3 #4)(October 1981).  
Communiqu'elles (v.7 #7)(September 1981).  
KINESIS (September/October 1981).  
The Radical Reviewer (x2)(Spring 1981).  
SPIRALE (A Woman's Art & Culture Quarterly)(v.1 #1)(Summer 1981).  
The Ontario Committee on the Status of Women (Fall 1981).  
ACTION (Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women)(v.8 #8)(October 1981)(v.8 #9)(November 1981).

### Non-Feminist Newsletters

Women's Bureau Newsletter (Ontario Ministry of Labor)(v.6 #2)(August 1981).  
Human Rights Commission of British Columbia (v.3 #2)(August 1981).  
Canadian Human Rights Commission Newsletter (v.4 #3)(May/June 1981) -  
RELEASE on: Canadian Human Rights Commission seeks amendments to Income Tax Act.  
Canadian Ecumenical News (v.5 #8)(December 1980).



*Shirley Ann Aveii*

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Faculty Art Show*

*Maltwood Gallery  
University Center - University of Victoria*

*November 20/81 - January 10/82*

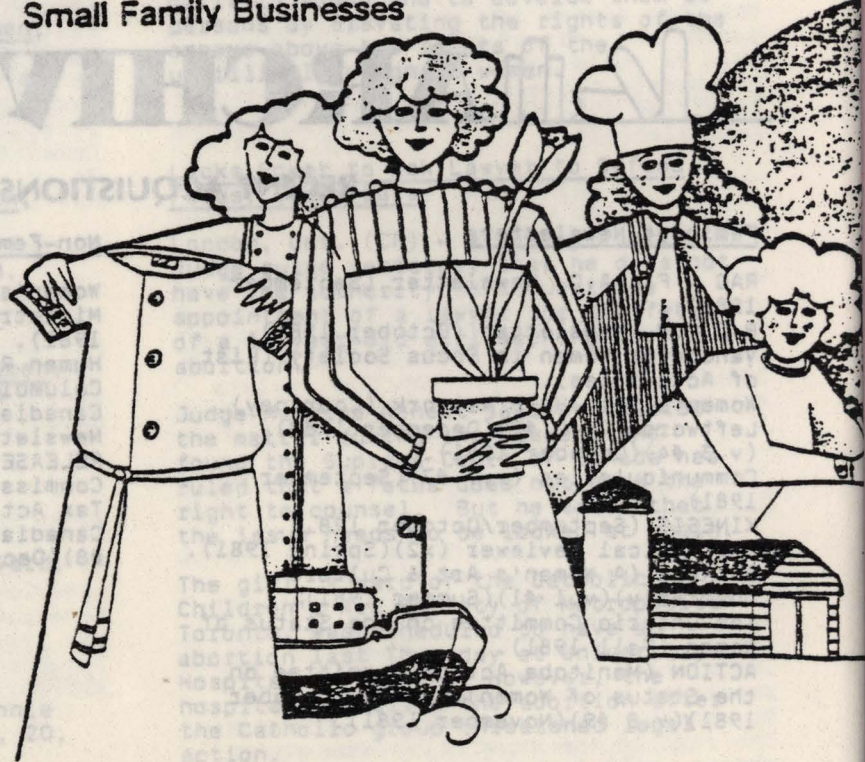
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## Another Step forward

Protection for Spouses in Small Family Businesses



ED. NOTE: NAC LOBBIED FOR THIS!!!!



To the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Legislature assembled.

The petition of the undersigned resident voters of the Province of British Columbia, and other concerned citizens humbly shewth:

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wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass legislation to allow appointment of representatives of the community at large as hospital board members in order to prevent extremist group takeover.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray

NAME

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Registered B.C. Voter  
YES NO

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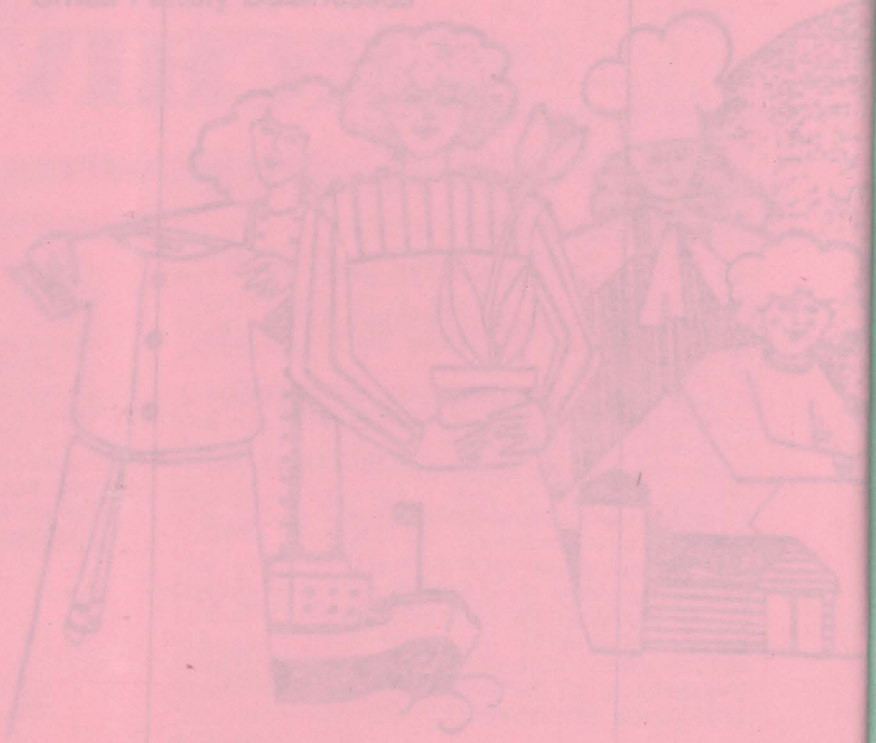
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*I'M TIRED OF HEARING HOW MEN ARE THREATENED.*

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