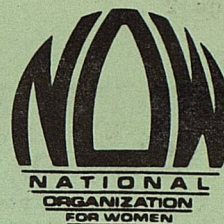


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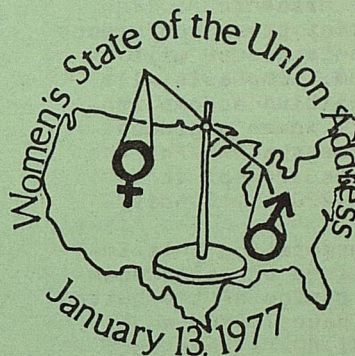


The NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN in Lubbock

January 1976

## Women's State of the Union

On January 13, 1977, Karen DeCrow, National President of NOW, will present the "Women's State of the Union Address" in Washington, D.C. A press conference will be held at 11 am in the House Caucus Room in the Cannon House Office Building at which time Karen will present highlights of the address and will entertain questions from the press. That evening there will be an indoor rally from 7-11 pm where Karen will officially present the "Women's State of the Union Address." The rally will also include the film, "How We Got the Vote"--other speakers addressing the areas of "Women and Work," "Women and The E.R.A.,"



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Buttons with  
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are available  
for \$1.00.  
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"Woman's Right  
to Control Her  
Own Body," and  
"Older Women."  
There will also  
be feminist en-  
tertainment.  
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## no january program

Programs will resume on the regular first Tuesday of the month in February (February 1) at the Wesley Foundation. The topic will be announced in our next issue.

## ALICE'S

Alice Paul will be 92 years old on January 11, 1977. Ms. Paul was an early and adamant leader in the women's suffrage movement. She and her comrades organized disruptions at meetings, picket lines at the White House, and hunger strikes among imprisoned suffragettes. In 1923, three years after suffrage was granted to all women in our country, Alice Paul and the Woman's Party drafted the Equal Rights Amendment. Until the onset of World War II, Ms. Paul kept ERA

## BIRTHDAY

alive before Congress and before many state legislatures. With a resurgence in feminism today, ERA is alive again. We can thank this great woman for her early and continued efforts and our new chance.

Lubbock NOW's Task Force on Education has offered to present a lesson in "herstory" to students of Lubbock Independent School District on January 11 to commemorate Alice Paul's birthday. Public Service announcements on Lubbock radio and television will also celebrate the occasion.  
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# More on By-laws

## State of Union

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Lubbock NOW will celebrate Women's State of the Union Day by lunching together from 11:30 am-1 pm at the Mission Inn.

Highlights of Karen DeCrow's address will be presented during lunch, and a joint press conference with other women's groups will be held at 12:30 pm. Emphasis will be placed on positive accomplishments of Lubbock women's groups. To place your reservation for the luncheon, call Ted Taylor at 793-0275 or 742-2201 by Sunday, January 9th.

Buttons commemorating this important day will go on sale December 31st. The design of the button is sketched on page 1, and each will sell for \$1.00. Place your order for buttons by calling Lubbock NOW at 795-4637. Buttons will also be available at the January 11 Business/Action meeting at 7 pm at the Wesley Foundation.

The current and proposed new by-laws for national NOW appear in the December issue of Do It NOW, along with a ballot that must be mailed by January 18, 1977, and comment pro and con. The principal matter at issue is the proposed delegate system for conventions. Last month this newsletter ran a statement by State Coordinator, Barbara Duke supporting the revision of the by-laws. Other Texas NOW members are opposed. The comments of two other delegates to the October By-Laws Conference, Lynne Mutchler and Peggy Hall, both from Southwest Houston NOW follow:

FROM PEGGY HALL:

. . . The single issue which acted as a barometer for all the points debated was the delegate system. The arguments for delegates to national conventions sound like all the good things we've ever heard about democracy and representative government. The non-delegate supporters spoke in terms of open conventions and responsible voting.

I have attended four national conventions--I do not favor a delegate system.

The people who get to the conferences "want" to be there. They are by definition, the activists.

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## DUES DUE

Many Lubbock NOW memberships will expire on January 1, 1977. A complete list was published in the December News. If you are unsure of your membership renewal status, call Lubbock NOW at 795-4637 or Treasurer, Virginia Saban (days: 762-8922, ext. 262; evenings: 765-9506).

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## SEXISM AT TECH

Blatant sex discrimination in a particularly nasty form appeared openly at Tech early in December. Basketball coach Gerald Meyers refused on December 8 to let University Daily sports reporter Dianne Hiloski travel to an out of town game the next day with his team on grounds that her presence would be distracting.

UD Editor, Melissa Griggs, immediately announced that no other reporter would be assigned to the game in question or to other out of town games. If Hiloski was not allowed to travel with the team, the UD would not cover away games (UD, December 9).

On December 9 the team left without Hiloski. But later in the day on an order from President Cecil Mackey separate arrangements were made for her to travel to the game. Mackey's action, though a welcome rebuff to Meyer's sexism, is hardly a fully satisfactory solution to the problem. What will happen in the future will not be clarified until February 1 when the UD plans to send Hiloski to cover a game in Houston.

## That's NOW Business

- ♀ Judy Giffin has been appointed to the Board of the ACLU
- ♀ Deanna Fitzgerald recently appeared as a guest on the Alice French Show to discuss recent Supreme Court decisions.
- ♀ The January issue of Living in Lubbock will quote parts of Shirley Wright and Michele Stanton's talk to the media.
- ♀ Elaine Bagley and Deanna Fitzgerald attended the NOW State Council meeting in Austin in November.
- ♀ Any messages for the membership should be relayed through Ted Taylor, Internal Communications Chair (793-0275).

## TASK FORCE REPORT: TITLE IX IN LUBBOCK

Title IX enforcement in Lubbock schools appears to be deficient, according to the results of a recent poll of most NOW members by the Education Task Force. Various forms of sex discrimination, prohibited by federal law under Title IX, evidently persist, and there is an obvious need for further investigation.

In the coming weeks the Task Force will focus its attention on the problem of legally banned discrimination. An "Information Seminar on Title IX" will be held at the next Task Force meeting on Tuesday January 18, 7:30 pm at Beverly Boucher's (3204 45th St.). Ann Morgan, Director of International Programs at Texas Tech, Jeannine McHaney, Tech's Director of Women's Athletics, and Debbie Martin, a law student, will lead the seminar.

The Task Force is also considering a community forum/workshop on Title IX to be led by Dr. Eddy Landers. Dr. Landers works for the Texas Education Agency; her primary responsibility is Title IX enforcement.

Present members of the Education Task Force are: Elaine Bagley, Beverley Boucher, Daisy Breedlove, Dinah Coble, Edna Gott, Joan Kelly, Ruth Lauer and Barbara Ward.

## First-Timers

Lubbock NOW wishes to extend a hearty welcome to these first-time attenders at the December Program Meeting. Please join us again:

Carren Glover, Leslie DeVore, Marianne Andrews, Avinash Tilak, Tina Moody, Sandy Muthersbough, and Carla Hatfield.



# Cowboys, Raiders, and Sex

That there is something sexually peculiar about all-male team sports in our society should be obvious to anyone who has watched a telecast of a Dallas Cowboys football game. (The same conclusion could be drawn from observation of other football teams, professional, college or high school, or teams in other sports; but the Cowboys and football provide the quintessential example).

At a Cowboy home game the perimeter of the field is ringed by a bevy of cheerleaders, beautiful women, who might better be described as half-naked than half-dressed. Indeed, the effect of the costuming on your typically salacious male is probably as erotic as nudity would be. Cheerleaders in abbreviated costumes are, of course, commonplace, but in Dallas they are stripped down to a minimum.

In the course of a telecast, during time outs or other lags in the action, the TV cameras return again and again to undulating bellies and gyrating bottoms, while the announcers make comments that are a toned down version of those most often heard at construction sites. For example; "I wouldn't mind that at all," or "Umm-umm." One would imagine that the players on the field would be driven to distraction, even as the announcers seem to be. But strangely neither the players of both teams, nor their coaches and trainers can ever be caught even looking. Their attention and their eyes remain riveted on the field and the action of the contest. In fact, they seem to avert their gaze from the cheerleaders, even during time outs or when they leave or enter the playing area.

Admirable concentration on the task at hand, the game, it might be supposed. But the always male group, within the perimeter of half naked,

nubile women engaged in erotic dancing, displays blatantly sexual behavior that in any other circumstances in our society would be stigmatized by most of the male and female fans of the game as "queer," that is, homosexual. The players of the same teams continually pat each other on the ass to encourage or reward excellent performance. Occassionally the gesture occurs between members of opposing teams, evidently to show good will or respect. Scores or exceptional defensive plays are frequently the signal for almost orgiastic outbreaks of mutual embracing. At the same time, many players regularly call attention to their genitals by "adjusting" their jock straps.

What, pray, is going on? Are football players (or basketball players who behave quite similarly) all gay? Presumably not; it is unlikely that there are many more homosexuals among football players than in society at large. What we have here, it would seem, is an essentially antagonistic display of male solidarity against women by the only visible means at hand, a show of apparently homosexual physical affection that would be impermissible in another social setting. The contrast with the shunned overt heterosexuality on the perimeter of the field drives the point home. It is doubtful that the contrast is consciously planned, but the libidinal motivation seems clear. Now physical affection among men is by no means a bad thing, and our society would no doubt be much better if such shows of affection were not proscribed. Our point is that in team sports where alone pats and embraces are permitted among men, the function is to demonstrate the absolute exclusion of women.

It follows that many men use team sports--in particular football with its

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# Why A Refuge For Battered Women?

In the famous Kitty Genovese murder case, thirty-eight people witnessed a woman being stabbed and beaten to death without going to her aid, many because they thought the killer was her husband.

Wife beating is not a husband's right. It is assault, and a crime in every one of the United States.

Wife beating, like rape, evokes shame in the victim and therefore goes largely unreported.

Wife beating occurs at all levels of class, income, and education.

One out of eight murders in the nation involves a spouse killing a spouse.

When a wife kills a husband, it is usually after repeated assaults on the part of the husband.

The criminal process is not an effective way of dealing with domestic violence.

Police do not like to answer domestic disturbance calls because of the high risk to the officer, and because of difficulties encountered in trying to prosecute.

Frequently, a wife cannot press charges because with the husband in jail the family would be left without financial support.

Angered by arrest, an offender may cause even more serious harm to the victim upon his return to the home situation.

## A Women's Center Would:

---Provide battered women with a place of safety on a twenty-four hour basis, hopefully reducing the incidence of injury and homicide.

---Provide access to medical care and community services, in an atmosphere of calm where the woman can realistically evaluate her situation and that of her children, who have often also been assaulted.

---Provide a sign, in a society that supposedly values human life, that it is not all right for a man to abuse, cripple, or even murder a woman, whether or not she is his wife, daughter, or girl friend.

## Home Violence Task Force

On December 10 Dannie Botros and I met with the women responsible for the funding and initiation of the shelter for battered women in Albuquerque, New Mexico. These women gave us a tremendous amount of information on how to obtain data, community support, police support, and financial assistance. There are many tasks to be undertaken in Lubbock, but now we do have excellent guidelines. At our Task Force meeting in January (to be announced) we will break up into committees and begin to tackle some of these tasks.

Also, on December 7, several NOW members participated in a Battered Women Workshop sponsored by the Interagency Action Council. Margaret Elbow, Director of Family Services did an excellent job of providing the participants with "Awareness Problems." All participants were given a chance to deal with their attitudes and biases toward battered women.

The most evident problem was that there is a great need in Lubbock for crisis housing for battered women and their children. If you are interested in working with the Task Force on Household Violence, please contact Dannie Botros, 797-8748, or Deanna Fitzgerald, 742-3367.

-Deanna Fitzgerald  
Co-Chairperson



## COWBOYS

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demands for extraordinary size and strength--whether consciously or not as a symbol of masculine dominance--of a purely masculine world from which women are to be excluded. In such matters exclusion implies ritual purity; again the Cowboys don't look at their cheerleaders--and that brings us to recent events.

Elsewhere in this issue we report the refusal of Tech basketball coach Gerald Meyers to let University Daily sportswriter Dianne Hiloski travel with the team to an out of town game on grounds that the young woman "would be too distracting to the team." (UD, December 9) Hiloski eventually went, but on a separate flight. Meyers contended that the presence of "a young lady" would make it difficult for members of the team to accept disciplinary reprimands. And finally; "I just object to her traveling with the team, since we're always in such close quarters with each other." Indeed--the presence of a woman, Meyers implies, would be a pollution. The coach had no reason to suspect that Hiloski's conduct would be less than professional or that she intended to seduce his players; what he feared, evidently was that her presence would produce feelings of heterosexual attraction. The Cowboys must ignore women. Meyers doesn't want his players thinking about them. His argument from discipline was probably a sham--the only thing he could think of at the moment.

In any case, there is a pervasive myth that heterosexual contact, or even thought, somehow impedes male athletic performance. Rumor has it that Texas football coach Darrell Royal required even his married players to refrain from any sexual contact with women for seventy-two hours before a game. Royal is probably not an

atypical coach, and Meyers clearly belongs in the same category. It hardly need be added that there is no rational basis whatever for the myth in which Royal, Meyers, and many other male coaches and athletes believe. It is but another symbol of male chauvinism and the oppression of women. If male athletes must be protected from contamination by women, it is because the latter are thought impure and, accordingly, inferior.

No clearer evidence of the last point could be found than a recent choice of adjective by University Daily sports editor Kirk Dooley commenting on the University of Maryland football team. The team's schedule of games, he wrote, was "feminine." Despite irate protests from more than one woman, Dooley continued to maintain that "feminine" was an appropriate synonym for "weak" (see the UD, December 2). But obviously Dooley intended a graver insult to the "boys" at Maryland (Dooley calls himself a "boy"). Reference to a "weak" schedule is an ordinary form of criticism; Dooley, whether he knew it or not, meant to challenge the manhood of the Maryland team by suggesting that they played with women. A peculiar paradox, isn't it?

--Richmond Flowers

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They are the folks who will wind up doing the work. This is true of all groups; it is part of the human nature we all share. The solution to the problem is not to send delegates, but to devise financial help for those who really want to go and work.

The implementation of a delegate system would so profoundly alter the structure of NOW that it would cease to be a change agent in this society.

We cannot model ourselves after institutions which maintain and enforce sexist values! We must do it our way!

Do not ratify the Kansas City  
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## Paul Birthday

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Individuals are encouraged to show their gratitude to Ms. Paul by writing letters to legislators in states that have not ratified the ERA. Please send copies of your letters to these NOW ERA coordinators:

Florida: Emilie Wilson, 1242 Brandt Drive, Tallahassee Fl. 32303.

Illinois: Mary Ann Lupa, 1648 W. Sherwin, Chicago, Ill 60626

Indiana: Barbara Albert, 334 S. Emerson, Indianapolis, In. 46219

Missouri: Susan Danielsson, 3324 Redbud Ln., Springfield, Mo. 65804

Nevada: Marsha Doble, 2182 N. Pecos, Sp. No. 10, N. Las Vegas, Nev. 89030

North Carolina: Elsie Thull, 4315 Leesville Rd., Apt. 18-G, Raleigh, NC 27612

South Carolina: Pat Callair, 103 Downing, Columbia, SC 29209

Please send second copies of your letters to Lubbock NOW, 2605 47th St., Lubbock 79413; they will be forwarded to Alice Paul on her birthday. Happy Birthday, Alice!!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lubbock NOW welcomes the following new members: Please clip and attach to your NOW Call List:

Cathie McWhorter 3616 59th Street Lubbock, Tx. 79413 795-6898	Angela Shepherd Women's Athletics Texas Tech University Lubbock, Tx. 79410 742-3360
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## by-laws

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by-laws. Vote NO when the mail ballot is submitted to you.

FROM  
LYNNE MUTCHLER:

. . . All the crucial votes were very close; the small majority was from the less radical, and they voted to implement the delegate system, and to elect National Board members from regions based on geography, with no regard to numbers of NOW members in the region. Both measures are designed to limit the influence of NOW members in states where there are relatively large numbers of them, and to throw the power in the organization to the midwest and far northwest. I am opposed to both these propositions, the delegate system and regions based on geography, because in a voluntary organization, members with little influence and power will drop out--why should I continue to bust my ass on the firing line if my vote doesn't count? Therefore, by limiting access of members to the business of the National Conference where all priorities and policy are set, the heart will go out of the organization. . . . I want the conferences to remain open to any member who shows up, with each woman's vote counting the same as any other woman's. If the conferences rotate throughout the regions, everyone will get a chance each few years for the conference to be cheaply accessible to them. The other reason I want the conference to remain open is that no other organization I know does it that way, and I think it makes NOW strong. It is imperative that we not accept the new by-laws if we do not completely agree with their major premises. Vote NO on ratification of the Kansas City by-laws.



# HOGWASH

Send all HOGWASH contributions to Jane Twyman, 3407 55th, 79413.

"Her incredible beauty was unclassifiable. What had always drawn him to her, like a sailor steering helplessly toward a siren on the rocks, was a sweet air of corruption. Just looking at her, you knew that she had done unspeakable things and would do them all again because she liked them, that she had a dark and fundamental knowledge of the underside of life, and that she would always know more about sex--in both its beautiful and ugly manifestations--than any man could ever know."

from Dean R. Koontz, After the Last Race, submitted by Mary Kay Bray.

"Unlike American tomatoes, most Russian females do what men tell them."

"In the USSR a girl does not go to a good school so she can become an interesting wife and a sparkling conversationalist at dinner parties for the boss. Dolls do not matriculate at Slavic-type Vassars to learn how to storm headquarters of the Soviet secret Police."

from Andrew Tully, Avalanche-Journal, December 1, 1976, submitted by BLT.

"Don't argue with your wife, dicker."

from a bumper sticker on a pickup truck, submitted by Judy Harley.

## NOW JOIN NOW!

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out and return to: Virginia Saban, 2232 Auburn, #22, Lubbock, Texas 79415.

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$21 year's membership (National, State and Local dues) or renewal

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