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National Organization for Women

In Lubbock
October 1979

NOW Flourishes; Money Rolls In

Marchers March

Lubbock NOW celebrated Women's Equality Day with a walk down Broadway on Saturday, August 25. The purpose of the walk, held in conjunction with those of other NOW chapters throughout the United States, was to solicit pledges for the National ERA Ratification Fund.

Seventy-five enthusiastic marchers recorded almost \$1000 in
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Chapter Banquets

The annual Lubbock NOW banquet took place September 10, at Orlando's. The banquet was attended and enjoyed by more than 65 members and friends. Drinks and an Italian smorgasbord were followed by a showing of Lina Wertmüller's film "Swept Away."

Cathy Allen, banquet coordina-

October Calendar

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| 2 | Tues.: Program Meeting, 7:30, Community Room, Plains National Bank, 50th and University (south side of the bank) |
| 10 | Weds.: NOW Lunch, 12-1:00, Orlando's, 24th and Q |
| 11 | Thurs.: Action-Business Meeting, 7-9:00 PM, 2512 45th |
| 18 | Thurs.: Feminist Study Group, 7:30, 2432 22nd |
| 24 | Weds.: Happy Hour, 5-7:00 PM, J. Patrick O'Malley's, 1211 University Ave. |

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS
FOR THE PROGRAM MEETING!

tor, recognized the following incoming officers: President, Cathie McWhorter; Vice-President, Marge Blackburn; Recorder, Lynn Clark; and Treasurer, Rachel Williams.

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Garage Sale Soars

This year's garage sale doubled the profits of last year's. When at last we rolled down the big door, we had raised a net total of \$187.88 for Lubbock NOW.

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President Exhorts

We are off to a fantastic start! The ERA Walkathon, the garage sale and banquet-cinema, were successful beyond our expectations. All of these activities required huge expenditures of time and energy from dedicated NOW members Marge Blackburn
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Business Trials

The October NOW program will be given by Barbara Hurt of the Small Business Administration. Ms. Hurt will speak on the trials and tribulations of going into business, and on the ramifications of women becoming involved in business. She will furnish insights into the problems and successes of Lubbock businesswomen.

The meeting will begin at 7:30, Tuesday, October 2, in the Community Room of the Plains National Bank, 50th and University.

Marchers March

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pledges, and at the same time, provided visible and vocal support for ERA ratification. In a pre-march rally, Carolyn Lanier, Director of the Lubbock Human Rights Commission, spoke on the progress being made on women's rights issues, and Cathie McWhorter, Lubbock NOW President, gave a rousing sendoff to the marchers.

Our thanks go to Ms. Lanier and Ms. McWhorter, Mayor Dirk West, Rick Childers of the City Council staff, NOW members and families, and the many supporters who gave their time and money to make Lubbock's first ERA Walkathon a tremendous success.

--Marge Blackburn

PRESIDENT EXHORTS

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Alison Seidel and Cathy Allen, respectively, who chaired and organized these events. Many thanks to them and to the people who worked behind the scenes. Edna Gott, Naomi Elliott, Gene Blackburn, Marie Tedesco, Rachel Williams, Ted Taylor and dozens more made posters, marched, collected ERA pledges, donated merchandise to the garage sale, helped set up the sale, and sold banquet tickets.

It is important to maintain our momentum. New committees are forming for the coming year and there is a need for action and involvement from each of us. Each NOW member is an invaluable resource in the struggle to create a more just society. If we truly want to realize our feminist vision of freedom and equality for all, then we must all work together to create that world.

--Cathie McWhorter

Garage Sale

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I'm sorry that I can't thank the many generous donors who took the trouble to bring us clothes, household items, books, appliances, and furniture: I don't know their names. Every category of goods sold well. But we can thank the volunteers who worked with such spirit: Pam Brink, Joanne Grubbs, Debbie Martin, Cathie McWhorter, Susie Sappington, Judy Sokolow, Tina Strouble, Marie Tedesco, Marcie Wenzler, and Rachel Williams.

The Fundraising Committee's next project is the 1980 Lubbock NOW Babysitting Directory. One thousand copies of the Directory will be sold to Lubbock parents. Babysitters and child-care organizations who wish to be included should send a \$1.00 listing fee, along with the name, address, phone number, hours available and ages accepted to: Naomi Elliott, Editor, 2432 22nd St., Lubbock, 79411.

--Alison Seidel

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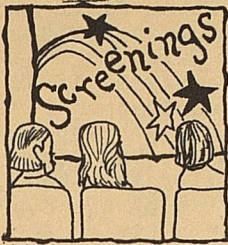
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Screenings



Lubbock is reputed to be a "good movie town," a place where people will pay to see almost anything. There is, apparently, one exception to this rule, for Lubbock movie theaters do not show foreign films. Well, they almost never do.

When a foreign film does appear in Lubbock, therefore, it should be cause for rejoicing. I have rejoiced three times in the past year. I'm ready to quit now, and the reason has more to do with Lubbock theater operators than it does with foreign filmmakers. The problem is the films we have been offered.

Frederick's of Hollywood

Bergman doesn't seem to make it here, neither do Fellini, Bunuel, Truffaut, Bertolucci, Fassbinder, or . . . you get the idea. We just don't get the serious foreign films. What do we get? Janet Maslin, writing in the New York Times, called it "Frederick's of Hollywood feminism."

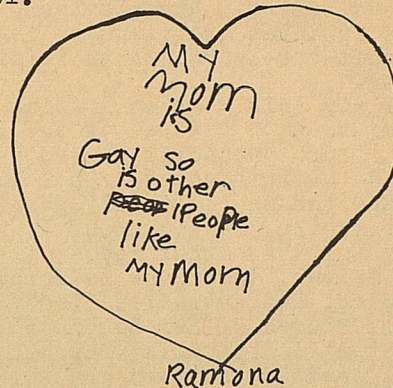
The trend, if that's what it is, seems to have begun with "Deep Throat" and "The Devil in Miss Jones," two frankly pornographic movies which managed to attract mass audiences. Part of this reason, according to their director, was that rather than exploring man's search for sexual pleasure, they took the woman's point of view. Of course, this is arrant nonsense. These women searching for sexual fulfillment were merely hardcore versions of male fantasy.

Soft Core

They are back now, in soft-core versions. Last fall's entry was "Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands," an Argentinian, erotic, soft-core remake of "Blithe Spirit." Dona Flor ends up with (for her) the
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Gay Rights March

Anyone interested in traveling to Washington, D.C. for the October 14 Gay Rights March, should contact Jeannie Minor, Texas Lesbian Rights Task Force, 310 Gardenia, San Antonio, TX 78201. She can be reached by phone at: 512/735-7191.



Chapter Banquets

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The following outgoing officers were extended thanks for their fine work during the past year: Action Coordinator, Cathie McWhorter; Program Coordinator, Tina Strouble; Recorder, Darlene Jones and Treasurer, Joanne Grubbs. A special tribute was offered to Edna Gott in recognition of her hard work and dedication to the cause of feminism.

Cathy Allen



Deadline for Next Month's

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best of all possible worlds: a rich, pleasant husband to share her days, and the virile ghost of her indolent, obnoxious, first husband to warm her nights.

"Dona Flor" is, in fact, a clever film, charming and witty in its direction and script. Nevertheless, its use of feminist trappings to legitimize soft-core pornography is disturbing.

Earlier this year an Italian film, "Wifemistress," offered us the same form. Laura Antonelli played a woman so overprotected by her husband that she became physically paralyzed. He, meanwhile, romped about Italy providing for the sexual needs of every woman he met. Soon, he is forced into hiding, and Antonelli discovers herself "cured." Her response is to romp about Italy satisfying her own sexual needs with every man she meets.

Dandy Idea

"Wifemistress" is a dandy idea for a film. Unfortunately, it lacks the saving charm of "Dona Flor." The idea becomes simply an excuse for an insipid, soft-core porno flick.

At this writing a Lubbock theater is showing "Mannequin." Once again a woman parades through a variety of sexual by-ways in an effort to find release from a sexually sheltered and deprived life. For her it doesn't work. The moral of this French atrocity is that all men are interested in is sex. Certainly, that's all the filmmaker is interested in.

Three films made in different countries do not provide firm evidence of a trend, and I hope that they are aberrations rather than the beginnings of a pattern. But that the only three foreign films to play in Lubbock during the past year are these is evidence of trend on the part of theater operators and distributors. If Lubbock is a good movie town, we should be offered something better. Indeed, we ought to demand it.

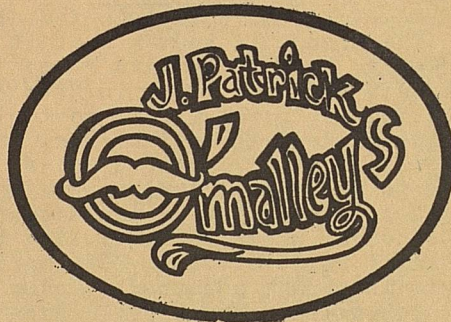
--Jeffrey M. Gamsco

TCLU On SB 117

The August 1979 Texas Civil Liberties Union report of the Voting records of the 1979 Texas Legislature included this analysis of SB 117. The Union noted that on its face the bill does not prevent abortion. Rather, it moves the legal definition of viability from the six to seven month defined by the Supreme Court to approximately two months by a new definition of "born alive." It would appear that the intent of the drafters was to intimidate doctors into refusing to perform abortions for fear of wrongful death action by a disgruntled father to be.

The Union report went on to say that SB 117 appears to be unconstitutional in light of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Colautti v. Franklin on January 9, 1979. This decision prohibits the states from using any single factor to determine viability. SB 117 included a number of single factors, e.g. a pulsating umbilical cord, none of which taken alone would indicate viability.

--Submitted by Edwina Smith



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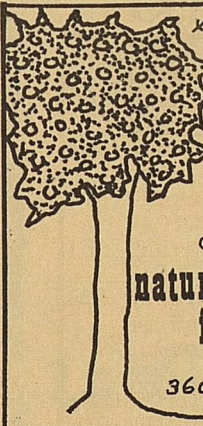
Editor's Goof. Last month's first installment of the following book review did not include either the book title and author, or the review author. The book reviewed is "Doctors Wanted: No Women Need Apply" Sex Barriers in the Medical Profession, 1835-1975. The review's author is Lynn Joachim.

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In addition to the historical perspective that Walsh provides for women in medicine today, she contributes significantly to the history of women in medicine. She brings to light several first-rate female doctors who played important roles in nineteenth-century medicine. These "invisible professionals" who hitherto have been neglected include Dr. Harriet Hunt who became "the first woman to practice medicine successfully," and, as the first female applicant to Harvard Medical School, launched the campaign to penetrate male medical colleges. Dr. Marie Zakrzewska was a faculty member of the first women's medical college, founded the first female-staffed hospital, and was an early champion of clinical training for medical students and strict standards of cleanliness in hospitals.

As Walsh analyzes the rise of women doctors in the nineteenth century, she corrects a fundamental misconception about women in medicine. Many scholars have maintained that the nineteenth century witnessed a decline of women in medicine as growing professionalization and certification forced them out of the field. Walsh strongly refutes this traditional interpretation, citing Massachusetts legislation to show that licensing laws had little effect on them. She also contends that women demanded certification in order to prove their professional competency. Furthermore, Walsh insists that the period of intensified professionalization in the latter half of the nineteenth century coincided with the tremendous increase of female physicians. But, Walsh neglects to balance her examination of professionalization with the inevitable negative effects it had on female doctors. Stricter standards undoubtedly restricted

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State Council Backs D.C. Gay Rights March

The Texas NOW State Council meeting was held September 8 in Corpus Christi.

It was reported that the National NOW Board voted to support the Gay Rights March, to be held October 14, in Washington, D.C. Jeannie Minor was appointed to head the Texas Lesbian Rights Task Force, and to attend the Gay Rights March. It was voted to pay Ms. Minor's plane fare from state general funds.

Nancy Frank, Title IX Task Force Coordinator, reported that the Supreme Court has ruled that private lawsuits under Title IX are legal. Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), Joseph Califano, had a hold order on all lawsuits of this type, but with Patricia Harris now heading HEW, it appears, according to Frank, that suits can be processed.

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the number of practitioners and erected new, institutionalized barriers which served further to exclude women, and to reinforce the dominance of male doctors.

One theme which threads throughout the study involves the essential role played by the feminist movement. Although only a small number of women were active in feminists' political struggles, many women took less dramatic approaches to emancipation. Walsh attributes importance to the establishment, across the country, of women's physiological institutes, where women could learn about their bodies through lectures and demonstrations. Through such organizations, the feminists movement provided important psychological support for women physicians.

Walsh concludes with a discussion of current expanding opportunities for women in medicine. She concedes that a strict parallel cannot be drawn between the past

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Tips on surviving matrimony:

- 1) Leave a husband alone when he's watching baseball and he'll leave you alone when you're watching the Miss America Pageant
- 2) Always watch the Academy Awards and the Super Bowl together so you'll have something to talk about.
- 3) If you want to get a husband out of the house chasing divorcees and widows always read a Gothic novel at the dinner table

From the University Daily, July 27, 1979. Submitted by Elizabeth Ferrens



One department store cashier in Washington, D.C., where the Susan B. Anthony dollar was first circulated, says flatly: "I reject it on the grounds that it is not paper and it's got an old woman on it."

From Forbes, August 6, 1979. Submitted by Sherrill Taylor

Dear Ann Landers: If you read high-brow literature, you'd know Manu, the Hindu prophet. He said "The father protects the woman in her childhood as something delicate and precious. The husband protects her after marriage. The son protects her in old age. Woman should not be left alone to take care of herself."

I wish every woman's libber in the world would think about this. Life would be simpler, and the American family would not be falling apart if they listened to Manu. I am. --- Concerned

From the Avalanche-Journal, August 29. Submitted by Elizabeth Ferrens.

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and the present increase of women physicians because today's heavy Federal aid to medical schools, together with affirmative action programs, assure a place for females. Yet, employing questionnaires which contain responses from male physicians and medical school administrators, as well as statistics which provide percentages of males and females within high-level administrative positions, Walsh documents the persistence of sex discrimination in the medical establishment. Recognition of such discrimination, and the lack of commitment to the education of female doctors which it reveals, is the major purpose of her study. Just as sex discrimination prevented nineteenth and early twentieth-century women from capitalizing on their gains in the medical profession, Walsh cautions that today's breakthrough similarly could be rendered meaningless by the persistence of male opposition.

--Lynn Joachim



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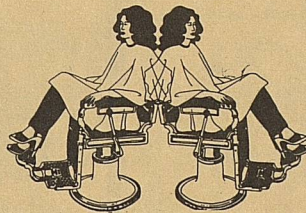
Women's Health Care 2nd Class

"The plain, indefensible truth is that . . . women are second-class citizens in all aspects of the health care system." -- so Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) opened the August 1 hearing before the Senate health and scientific research subcommittee on women in health and science. Kennedy lambasted current health insurance programs that "often tie coverage of married women to their relationships with their husbands." He then cited recent studies in the Journal of the American Medical Association (241:2186-87) showing that male physicians take medical illness more seriously in men than in women, and that they give men more extensive medical examinations. Finally, Kennedy condemned the condition of women scientists in the United States, where unemployment among them is five times higher than among their male counterparts. "Less than 10 percent of the nation's physicians, 3.4 percent of the dentists, and only

11.9 percent of the pharmacists are women," Linda Ray Murray of Chicago's Cook County Hospital.

Sidney M. Wolfe, head of the Public Citizen's Health Research Group, took Kennedy's criticism of women's health care a step further. He said that the over-prescription of "minor tranquilizers" including Valium, and of the hormones estrogen and progesterone "have the potential to and actually succeed in making healthy women sick." Women aged 20 to 39 are given 2.2 times more tranquilizers than men the same age, he said. The continued prescription of DES (diethylstilbestrol), a synthetic estrogen used both as an emergency contraceptive and to prevent miscarriage, and believed to cause cancer in women and their children, "is an open and shut case of malpractice," he said. The Food and Drug Administration had included a warning in DES packages against possible
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 hazards, but Wolfe called these warnings inadequate. He went on to condemn the use of estrogens and progestins in general. Women using these hormones appear to have higher rates of cancer, blood clots, hypertension, gall bladder disease and, as reported in the July 21 Lancet, higher cholesterol and triglyceride levels that could lead to heart attacks.

Author Barbara Seaman, co-founder of the National Women's Health Network, agreed with Wolfe on the dangers of using hormones as birth control. She accused the FDA of ignoring "harmless methods of contraception," such as the cervical cap (widely used in Europe), which is safe, cheap and convenient. The cap fits over the cervix and acts as a barrier to sperm, as does the diaphragm, but the cap has one important advantage -- it requires little or no spermicide. For that reason, Seaman says, U.S. companies that manufacture the diaphragm are not interested in developing the cap. Spermicidal jelly is the profitable feature of the diaphragm, she says. Further, the cap could be fitted by a paramedic or a nurse, eliminating costly visits to a doctor. An FDA panel on contraceptives has classified the cap as "not to be used as a contraceptive . . . because its effectiveness for this use has not been proven in the United States." Research is now underway in many states.

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It was related that New Woman magazine has moved to Florida: members are urged to write to the editor to protest the move to a state which has failed to ratify the ERA.

Suzanne Floyd, State Coordinator, revealed that a new state-wide fund-raising venture is afoot. She has purchased a button machine, and will sell the buttons wholesale to state chapters. Some of the buttons bear interesting slogans: God Is Coming And Is She Pissed; The Majority Of Us Belong To Some Minority Group; and The Only Thing A Woman Cannot Become Is A . . . Sperm Donor.

Finally, it should be noted that the next State Council meeting will be held in Fort Worth, November 17. And the 1980 Texas State NOW Convention meeting will be held in Huntsville in May.

--Lynn Clark

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Seaman also added to Wolfe's testimony on drugs, noting that neuroleptics (anti-schizophrenic agents) such as Thorazine, Mellaril and Prolixin, have been associated with a seemingly permanent nerve disorder known as "tardive dyskinesia" in about half of the patients who use them. Two-thirds of the prescriptions for neuroleptics are written for women, she says.

Eleanor Smeal, NOW President, blames the "male domination of the medical establishment" for the situation. While the high frequency of certain operations unique to women--hysterectomies, caesarian sections and radical mastectomies--is only beginning to be questioned, she warned that continued sex-stereotyping of women in medicine affects their families as well--women are the medical "brokers" for them also.

From Science News, August 11, 1979. Submitted by Marie Tedesco.

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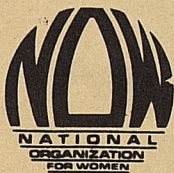
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