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IMPORTANT!

THE VANCOUVER STATUS OF WOMEN HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, THE HONOURABLE GRACE MCCARTHY.

August 5, 1976

Provincial Secretary
Legislative Buildings
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Re: Funding of Vancouver Status of Women

We understand that Vancouver Status of Women received funding from Provincial Secretary because we qualify as a "provincial body" according to your granting criteria. However, we hope that those numerous women's groups who have been denied funding through your department have not been left with the impression that VSW was funded by you as a provincial representative of the entire B.C. women's movement.

We are a provincial body in that we provide legal services, skill-sharing, information and resources to women and women's groups all over the province, as evidenced by our monthly reports to you. But we wish to make it very clear that we are not a provincial umbrella group for all feminist organizations. That is the function of the B.C. Federation Of Women.

While we speak to issues of common concern to women throughout the province, we speak on behalf of VSW only, and not for other women's groups or centres as we have no mandate to do so. In the women's movement, we work towards common goals while remaining independent of one another, as sister groups. VSW does not tell other groups what to do or think. We act only in an advisory capacity when requested.

Moreover, we wish to emphasize that we support the concept of core funding for women's centres throughout the province because they provide vital services to women in the local community which are not available elsewhere. Therefore, we are deeply distressed that a number of important women's centres are closing for lack of funding. We want to make sure that the government does not believe that by funding VSW it is meeting the needs of B.C. women adequately.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Lorri Rudland, Ombudswoman
Karen Richardson, Information Officer
VANCOUVER STATUS OF WOMEN

FILM SERIES

The Vancouver Status of Women and IDERA (International Development Education Resource Centre) will be presenting a film series beginning Wednesday, September 8th. Resource people knowledgeable in the subject of each film will be on hand to lead the discussion. The series will be held at IDERA, 2524 Cypress St, Vancouver on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Registration is $10 for 6 sessions and there is a limit of 20 people so register early. For more information contact Betty-Ann Buss, 732-1496 or Nadine Allen, 736-3746.

The series will consist of:

WAYS OF SEEING, Wed. Sept. 8. Part of a series for the BBC by John Berger, author, art critic. An examination of advertising. How are we persuaded that purchase of certain items will make us glamorous and enviable? What impact do publicity images have on our personal lives and the way we percieve our community? Uses publicity images and news photos.
Resource person: Isis, Women in Media.

BOTTLE BABIES, Wed. Sept. 22. The Nestle Corporation, through a slick advertising campaign and hiring of native public health nurses, has convinced African women to bottle feed their babies rather than breast feed them. This film documents the devastating results. Resource persons: Marie Orph-Pallivicini, until recently doing community work in Kenya, and Dr. Sandi Witherspoon.

UP AGAINST THE SYSTEM, Wed. October 6. "To be poor--no one can understand unless they've been there themselves."

People on welfare are rarely heard. What do they go through? How do they feel? How do concerned social and welfare workers see the system? What is welfare supposed to do? In this NFB film welfare recipients, social and case workers talk about the problems. Resource person: Lee Masters, Ombudswoman for Vancouver Status of Women.

WHO PAYS PROFITS, Wed. Oct.20. Who is responsible for the high price of food in Canada? This slide-tape show looks at pioneer days communal co-operation, rising competition among farmers, and the difficulties of workers in food related industries. The complaints of consumers are looked at in the light of the emerging market power of corporate food empires.

CULTIVATING FAMINE, Wed. Oct. 20. A look at the historical and structural causes of the world food crisis and their most commonly advocated solutions. The show demonstrates the relation between hunger and Third World underdevelopment by focusing on colonialism, inequitable terms of trade, and control by trans-national corporations in food and agriculture. Resource persons: Ann and Tom Hinkle, former co-ordinators of the Marginal Market food co-op.

8 OR 9 IN THE MORNING, Wed. Nov. 10. Part of a film series on Chinese society by British author and fimmaker Felix Greene. This film on the youth of China covers the reorganization of China's educational system since the cultural revolution.-- from kindergarten to university. The next generation will not be a new intellectual elite but those who wholeheartedly 'serve the people'. Resource person: Betty-Ann Buss, part of a group touring China in July 1976.

BUENOS DIAS CAMPANERAS, Wed. Nov. 24. This film, made by a team of Canadian women, takes an intimate look at the lives of 4 Cuban women: a construction forewoman; a farm worker; a housewife; a singer. It shows how the Revolution of 1959 has affected the structure of Cuban society, its aims and attitudes, its view of work and study. Throughout the film shines the undeniable spirit of the women of Cuba. Resource person: Marguerite Reed has visited Cuba twice. She will also speak on the new Family Code in Cuba.

VSW A-V Library

VSW AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY

Video tapes (½ hour, ½ inch) of the Vancouver Status of Women television show WOMAN ALIVE may be borrowed from the VSW Audio-Visual Library. Cost is $1 per tape to cover postage. The following titles are available. Send for the new up-dated detailed A-V list.(2029 West 4th Ave. Vancouver).

Downtown Eastside Women's Centre
Policewoman
IWY Van
Women and Christian Feminism
Men's Liberation
Verbal Self Defense
Our Hidden Heritage, Part I & II
History of Women in the Work Force in Canada
High School Women
Abortion
Dr. Henry Morgentaler
Evolution: Women & Art
Media Images of Women
Children in Groups
B.C. Human Rights Code
Matrimonial Property
Rape
Women's Studies
Male Nurses
Day Care
Sex Discrimination in Public Education
Labour Legislation
Women in the Clerical & Sales Fields
Feminist Counselling
Feminist Newspapers
Immigrant Women in the Labour Force
B.C.T.F. Status of Women
Women and Community Groups
Men in the Women's Movement
March 8, 1976 International Women's Day Rally
March 22 Rally in Victoria
Women's Rally for Action
Women in Government
Women and Poverty
A Look at the Power Structure (1 hour)
Women Look At Psychiatry
The Labour Movement and Women

LAINIE IS GONE

Why is there no Lainie to kiss me awake in the morning?

Monday August 9th, 1976 I dropped my five year old daughter off at St. Alban's Day Care Centre in Burnaby. There was no Lainie to pick up Monday night. Monday night Lainie was in Winnipeg. I was at work that day so I am able to only relate what happened as it was told to me.

The husband who I have been separated from for almost three years, arrived at St. Alban's in the morning. He presented identification and a court order which was certified in Manitoba to the assistant supervisor of the day care. She called the supervisor to ask what to do, and was told to wait...the supervisor would come. At some point in time the chairperson of the day care centre board was called. I was told later that the "waiting" done that day was on her instruction.

The court order was read by the day care centre over the phone to the police. They said it was legal and the appropriate action to take was to release the child. Lainie left the day care centre at about 11:30 a.m. with her father. At 2:30 p.m. I was called at work and informed of what had happened.

Three hours had passed from the time Lainie left until I was called.

I left Manitoba in March with legal custody of my child, leaving no forwarding address. My reason for leaving was to establish a new life for Lainie and myself. I had spoken with the day care centre supervisor in June telling her that there was the possibility of Lainie's father finding her and attempting to take her. Our discussion concluded with her assurance that should this happen, I would be called immediately. Given the opportunity, I may have been able to prevent Lainie's going, as there is some question about the validity of a Manitoba court order in British Columbia.

Why didn't St. Alban's call me before releasing Lainie in her father's custody? Why did they wait three hours after she was gone to call me? What about the effect this will have on Lainie? Why is she in Winnipeg with no clothes...none of her prized possessions? Is our legal system truly making the welfare of my child a priority? I have no answers.

I miss my Lainie. She's my daughter. She's my friend. We grocery shop, cook meals, clean house; together. We walk in parks, talk about her day at school, my day at work, our future; together. We work, play, and love; together. And we used to live together.

Why is there no Lainie to kiss me awake in the morning?

- Erin Williams

U.S. WOMEN

WHY DON'T WE HAVE GROUPS LIKE THIS IN CANADA COLUMN?

The COMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND THE WORKING WOMAN, makes suggestions and recommendations to the federal government about the impact of federal income taxes on women. In recent years, it has lobbied against tax discrimination affecting married women with jobs who are more heavily taxed than single women. The Committee has proposed that married women should be able to pay taxes at the single rate and is also working to increase tax deductions available on childcare expenses. Contact them through the New York Women's Bar Association, Mary Wenig, St. Johns University Law School, Fromkes Hall, Jamaica, New York.

FIRST WOMAN'S BANK, has a full range of services offered by other commercial banks, including checking, savings and lending, and bonds courses and workshops designed to help customers control their own financial affairs. Among these are money management, investment, income taxes and wills, as well as a recent seminar to help women starting their own businesses. Contact them at 111 East 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

PENSION RIGHTS CENTRE, functions as a clearinghouse on pension information, advising women on actions to take if they feel their pension rights have been denied, and referring them to lawyers. The Centre is developing a women's pension coalition of all persons involved with women and pensions. Contact them at 1346 Connecticut Avenue NW, #1019, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. 20036.

TASK FORCE ON WOMEN AND CREDIT aim to help women regain financial independence through their right to borrow money on the same basis as men. The task force lobbies for state laws that protect a woman's right to equal access to consumer credit and educates women about their rights under federal law and about the necessity of establishing and keeping a credit record in their own names. Contact them at NOW, 5 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. 60603.

WOMEN UNITED FOR ACTION, a national group of working and welfare women aiming to combat high food prices, utility rates and other economic inequities to create a mass consumer movement. Contact them at 58 West 25th Street, New York, N.Y., U.S.A. 10010.

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NEWS

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME....

In Ontario, an amendment to the Vital Statistics Act has made it legal for a couple to give their child a hyphenated name, combining both the father and mother's surnames, providing the father's name comes first. This applies also to children born out of wedlock. Under the old law, children had to take the father's name, even in cases where the mother was using her maiden name and wanted to pass it onto her children. Previously, children born out of wedlock would take the mother's name unless the father swore paternity, in which case case the child's last name would be the father's surname. (KR)

MS. GENERAL!

France has named its first woman army general. General Valerie Andre, recently promoted to the rank of general, is a physician and helicopter pilot. She has made 21 parachute jumps and piloted 496 medical missions under combat conditions.

WOMAN FIGHTER-PILOT

Margaret Littlewood of Edmonton has been awarded the Amelia Earhart medallion. Ms. Littlewood was Canada's only woman fighter-pilot trainer during the Second World War.

WOMEN OUSTED

From THE WOMEN'S OFFICE, U.B.C.

Old Address: Box 85, SUB
U.B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

New Address: WOMEN IN FOCUS
#4 - 45 Kingsway
Vancouver, B.C.
(Phone: 872-2250)

As of July 16, 1976 the Women's Office has been evicted from the Student Union Building, Room 230, U.B.C.

The reason that was given for this eviction by the Student Administration Committee was that the space occupied by the Women's Office was, "untenably excessive (sic) for a non-subsidiary of the Alma Mater Society". The issue of space allocation was not discussed at the meeting which was attended by representatives of the Women's Office wherein the motion of eviction was passed.

Over the past six years, the Women's Office has been frequently hassled and undermined by some members of the A.M.S student executive. There is a basic conflict between running a 'Women's Centre', remaining sensitive to what is in the best interests of women, and continuing to attempt to conform and work within a bureaucratic structure that is made by and organized with the interests of those in power (i.e. a patriarchal society). About this particular topic, I hope to write more in the near future.

In spite of the severe problems of being constantly harrassed by male student executives, sporadic and insufficient funding, and working within a university that has never acknowledged or supported the very important work achieved by the many women who have mostly donated their ideas and labour to The Women's Office of U.B.C., we have managed to operate in what we consider to be the interests of women.

Some of the many achievements by members of the Women's Office Collective include the following:

A. A non-credit Women's Studies Course offered yearly over the past five years. This program consisted of many topics and mainly took the form of discussion and lecture groups. This non-credit Women's Studies Course led to the instigation of the Women's Studies credit course now available at U.B.C.

B. The 'Women's Action Group', which combined with 'The Women's Grievance Committee', did much work on campus fighting the most overt signs of discrimination against women. W.A.G. also researched and published the widely used and well-reputed, "A Report on the Status of Women at the University of British Columbia". This report has led to the formation of the U.B.C. Committee for wage parity. This committee allows the women who teach at U.B.C. recourse to correct wage disparity that may exist between themselves and their male peers.

C. 'The Women's Research Collective' researched and published the student's experience of discrimination in "The Voices of Women Students". This booklet has been requested by hundreds of colleges, universities, and libraries across Canada.

D. The Resource Library. Over the past six years, we have collected a large amount of books, publications, newsletters, magazines, research papers, newspaper clippings, etc. which are all carefully catalogued and available for the use of interested persons. In fact, an impressive literary resource on many topics ranging through the political, social, economic, and "cultural".

E. A 'Women's Music Library' consisting of 30 cassette tapes of music composed and performed by women. The range of styles includes jazz, blues and classical.

F. An 'Audio Tape Library' made up of many guest speakers. The list is too long to include here, approximately 35 tapes. Anybody that is interested please write to us for a brochure (see new address).

G. Our last achievement is the 'Women in Focus' audio-visual library that we have established over the last two years. It consists of 36 audio-visual tapes, most of which are in colour, are half an hour long and are available for inexpensive rental and resale. These tapes were produced by an all-female team who were trained by 'Women in Focus'. They are on and about women. Through the production of these tapes, women have learned the technical skills of audio-visual production and have been able to present primary research on women in a form that can readily be seen and heard by all women. For further details, please send for a brochure at our new address.

These are the major areas that we have worked in, and so that these various resources can continue to be used by women, we have moved them into the community. Our new address is: #4 - 45 KINGSWAY, VANCOUVER, B.C. (PHONE NUMBER: 872-2250). "Come up and see us sometime". We are fortunate to be able to share an office with 'The Women's Research Centre of the B.C. Women's Studies Association'.

Through the 'Women in Focus' audio-visual tape library, we hope to make ourselves economically viable in order to continue making this series. During the last year, 'The Women's Office' was not funded at all. We have approached many agencies for funding, any kind of funding, but like so many women's groups we have found that there is a little money for 'innovative' projects, but very little to sustain a long-term program. Grace McCarthy's office of the Provincial Secretary has not as yet acknowledged our funding proposal sent to her in February 1976. This kind of treatment makes it very clear to women what they can expect from this government.

We hope that you can help us maintain our office. We need your emotional and economic support. Please feel free to make use of the resources listed above, and let us have any new ideas that you may have for future programs for our television series. We would also be happy to talk to people on the problems and joys of working in the media.

Thank you for your support in the past and we hope that you will continue to support us in the future.

Marion Barling Nicola Sumner
Co-coordinators of The Women's Office

apprenticeship training

The British Columbia Department of Labour, Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Branch, has issued the following announcement:

WOMEN'S EXPLORATORY APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

An exploratory course in apprenticeship training for women has been established by the Women's Employment Bureau of the B.C. Dept. of Labour.

These courses are open to women interested in entering the non-traditional skilled trades as apprentices.

Course Description
The 8-12 week course enables women to explore various trade areas, and to develop primary skills. Training includes: safety procedures; use of hand and power tools; reading and making simple drawings; selection and use of appropriate materials for various projects; preparatory experience in selected trade where applicable.

Admission Requirements
Grade 12 preferred -- school transcript. Women who do not possess the educational requirements, but have relevant experience will be considered.

Fees and Allowances
Applicants selected for training will have their tuition fees paid. A training allowance will also be provided; a travel allowance, where applicable.

Commencement
Staggered intake. Starting September 7th, 1976.

Location
Haney Educational Centre.

Information and Application Forms
Director, Women's Employment Bureau, 4211 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. OR

OR

Apprenticeship & Industrial Training Counsellors, B.C. Dept. of Labour Offices in Cranbrook, Dawson Creek, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Nelson, Prince George, Terrace and Victoria.

OR

Haney Educational Centre, P.O. Box 3000, Maple Ridge, B.C.

WOMEN UNIONIZE

bank

The Service Office and Retail Workers Union of Canada (SORWUC) applied to the Canada Labour Relations Board for Union certification for the Victory Square Branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Vancouver. The application is the first in the history of the Bank of Commerce.

There are twenty employees at the Victory Square Branch. Eighteen are women. The starting salary is about $600 per month. An employee at the Branch tells why they decided to unionize: Though we work for one of the largest and most profitable employers in the country, we make some of the worst wages in the work force. We can barely live on the salaries that we are making. Inflation takes its worst toll on the unorganized worker. The Bank is now using the excuse of the Anti-Inflation Board to keep any wage increase at an absolute minimum. Today more than ever we need the protection of a Union contract."

The Service Office and Retail Workers Union of Canada (SORWUC) was formed in 1972 by women workers in Vancouver who are committed to eradicating the unfair difference between male and female wages. The Banks are well-known for discrimination against their female employees. In the last several years there has been some improvement in promotion opportunities for women, but the vast majority of women in the Bank are concentrated in the lowest paid categories. 72% of all Bank employees are women. Yet in 1975, of the 67,000 women who were working in the eight largest chartered banks, 48,600 made $585 per month or less. (See Employment in Chartered Banks, Marianne Bossen, published by Advisory Council Status of Women and Canadian Banking Association).

SORWUC sees the application by the Victory Square Branch employees as a major breakthrough in what has so far been a totally unorganized industry. One of the women employees comments: "It is a common myth that banks can't unionize. But after a little investigating we have found the opposite. As employees in banks we fall under the federal Canada Labour Code. This law guarantees us the right to unionize into the union of our choice. It only takes 35% of the employees in your Branch (excluding management) to sign union cards -- then you can apply for union certification. If a majority of the employees have joined the union, you will be certified automatically. If you have less than a majority, the Labour Relations Board can order a secret ballot vote."

"As bank employees in SORWUC we will have our own union Local, we will elect our own Executive and negotiating team, and we will decide ourselves what we need or don't need in our Union contract.

SORWUC is continuing its leaflet campaign at banks and hopes to apply for several more branches in the coming months. They are anxious to talk to other bank employees about unionizing -- the problems and the possibilities. All replies in strictest confidence. Contact: SORWUC, #1003 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver. 684-2834.

house staff

The Service Office and Retail Workers Union of Canada (SORWUC), Local No. 1 has signed its third collective agreement with the Vancouver Resources Board covering employees at Vancouver Transition House.

The union's primary demands were for recognition of "on call" workers. These are relief staff who replace permanent staffers for sick leave, designated holidays and other compensating time off and for vacations. In lieu of fringe benefits, they will be receiving an additional $2.00 per shift, double time for working on statutory holidays and 6% of their gross earnings for vacation pay (equivalent to three weeks annual vacation).

Also included in the collective agreement are clauses providing for International Women's Day (March 8) as a designated holiday, a 4% shift differential since Transition House is a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week operation, and, for employees who do not own a vehicle, a taxi allowance of up to $8.00 for staff transportation between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

The new Agreement provides for wages of $6.99 per hour, including the shift differential.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information and how, why and when S.O.R.W.U.C. was formed see the April 1976 issue of KINESIS or MAKARA magazine, August/September 1976 issue. Or contact S.O.R.W.U.C. at #1003 - 207 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. Phone: 684-2834.

RAPE

RAPE VICTIMS PROSECUTED

Off Our Backs, a Washington D.C. women's news journal, reports that in Australia, two women have been charged with 'false complaint' after reporting rapes. The charge, under the "Vagrancy, Gaming and Offenses Act", is a rarely used one and has never before been applied to a rape case.

One of the women, victim of a gang rape by nine men, was acquitted after outcry by Australian feminists. She had withdrawn her rape complaint when the tremendous strain of an 8-hour-long police interrogation immediately following the rape became too much for her; she was charged shortly after.

The second woman, however, was convicted, given a year's probation, and ordered to pay court costs. The police charged her with false complaint after taking the words of the rapist and his witnesses, BEFORE any court proceedings had even taken place, that no rape had occurred.

A group called "Australian Women Against Rape" will help to fight the conviction when an appeal comes up shortly. As Rosalind Innes, a member of the group, says, "...Not only is it outrageous as an individual instance of the way rape laws operate, but it is setting a very dangerous precedent to stop women even more from reporting rape." She is asking for the support of the Women's Movement internationally.

To protest the use of false complaint charges in rape cases, send letters or telegrams to: 1) District Court Judges, District Court Bldg, North Quay, Brisbane 400; 2) Minister for Justice, c/o Justice Dept, Old Treasury Bldg, Queen St, Brisbane (Mr.Knox); 3) Minister for Police, c/o Minister's Office, 161 Ann St, Brisbane 04000 (Mr. Max Hodges).

- Janet Beebe

ACSW

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The following recent publications of The Advisory Council on the Status of Women are available from Box 1541, Station B, Ottawa K1P 5R5.

A Definition of the Meaning of Equity in Marriage (May 1976)
A Position Paper on the One-Parent Family, S. June Menzies (April 1976)
Indian Women and the Indian Act (April 1976)
A Background Study on Women and the Personal Income Tax System, Louise Dulude (April 1976)
Study Paper on Divorce, Marcia H. Rionx (April 1976)
Maternity Leave & Benefits (a study of federal laws), Elsie Robindaine Saumure (February, 1976)

The report of the study "Employment in Chartered Banks, 1969-75" prepared by Marianne Bossen, under the joint sponsorship of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Canadian Bankers' Association was released in May and is also available.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

vancouver city college

This September, 1976 Vancouver Community College will commence its fourth year of offering a Women's Studies course which provides academic transfer credit to the other academic institutions in the province and as well serves as a general interest course for those who wish to audit it only.

Perspectives on Women: an interdisciplinary team-taught course providing introduction to the study of the status of women, past and present, from the perspectives of history, literature, psychology, politics and sociology/anthropology.

Perspectives on Women (Women's Studies 116) is offered at 2 locations: VCC/Langara Campus, 100 West 49th, Vancouver. Classes start Sept. 7. Mon.&Tues. 2:30-3:30, Fri. 2:30-4:30. Register at VCC, Sept 1,2,3.

YWCA, 580 Burrard, Vancouver. Classes start September 8. Mon.&Wed. 5:30-7 pm. Register at YWCA, 5 pm. Wed. Sept 8.

Fee : $29

The second half of the course, Women's Studies 216, will be given in the Jan.-April 1977 semester.

For more information call: Cynthia Flood at 255-7820 or Pat Buckley at 266-0981.

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES

Langara, 100 West 49th Ave, Vancouver. 324-5323.

Combating Stereotypes in Children's Literature: this course will present parents, teachers, and anyone else involved with children with current materials that offer a different perspective from the prevailing sexism, racism, and classism that exist in so much that children encounter.

10 Tuesdays, starting Tuesday, Sept.21. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Instructor: Bonnie Long. Fee: $20.00.

cap college

CAPILANO COLLEGE

For credit or audit, Capilano College, 2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver, offers:

Women's Studies 104, Contemporary English, Canadian Women Writers: emphasis on West Coast literature and class visits by West Coast women writers.
Starts Monday, Sept. 13, 6:45 p.m.

Women's Studies 192, Women and Theatre: skill training in voice, mime, movement and improvisation.
Starts Thursday, Sept. 9, 6:45 p.m.

For more information and to register call Marsha Trew, Women's Studies Co-ordinator, 986-1911.

sfu

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Women's Studies Courses offered at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, in Fall 1976:

W.S. 100-3. Introduction to Women's Studies: this course will put women as individuals in a social context and give an overview of society that includes contributions made by women. No pre-requisite.

CRIM 311-3. Criminality of Particular Groups: Female Criminality. Pre-requisite W.S. 100-3.

W.S. 200-3. Women's Roles: A Comparative Study. Follows W.S. 100-3.

W.S. 203-3. Female Roles in Contemporary Society. Interdisciplinary study. Pre-requisite W.S. 100 which may be taken concurrently.

For course outlines and complete information about program call General Office 613-800, or Co-ordinator of Women's Studies Program 291-3593.

high schools

WOMEN'S STUDIES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

The following information comes from the Department of Education, Victoria:

"The Department of Education is planning to print and make available for distribution a Resource Guide For Women's Studies For High School Students early in the new school year. On the basis of present time productions we anticipate this material being available by September 30th.

"In addition there will be a Resource Bibliography for Women's Studies prepared and distributed by the Women's Resources Centre, Centre for Continuing Education, University of British Columbia. Final arrangements for this Bibliography have not been completed but I anticipate that it will be ready sometime in the early part of the new school year.

"I appreciate your concern and hope that the above information will be of assistance. I would suggest that specific requests for the Resource Guide For Women's Studies For High School Students be directed to the Publication Services Branch, Department of Education, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4."

kit

WOMEN'S KIT

Vancouver Status of Women has two WOMEN'S KITS available on loan. Each kit consists of a large box filled with about 20 pounds of goodies -- pamphlets, posters, records, postcards, newspaper pages, biographies, short stories, poems, drawings, plays, photographs, historical documents, collages, etc -- all directly or indirectly about women and their socialization. There is also a booklet with ideas on using the Kit. The Kit was basically designed for high school and community college level of study but is suitable for use with any group of people, teenagers through adults, and in many situations besides the classroom.

If you would like to borrow a Kit contact the VSW office, 2029 West 4h Ave, Vancouver. 736-3746.

douglas college

Douglas College is a two-year institution offering career programs, as well as general academic university transfer courses, for both full-time and part time students. Campuses are located in Surrey (588-4411), New Westminster (521-4851), Richmond (273-5461) and Coquitlam (521-1911).

For information call the Student Services Centre (Counselling) at one of the above numbers or the Convenor of Women's Studies at 521-4851.

CREDIT COURSES IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Women in Canadian History (HIS 160), Social Issues: Psychology of Women (PSY 110), Role of Women in Society (SOC 240), Images of Women in Literature (ENG 102), Philosophy, Religion and Women (PHI 160).

Courses commence September 13, 1976.

NON-CREDIT COURSES

You're Only Middle Aged Once: looks at concerns of middle aged women.
6 Weds. September 29 - November 3.
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Auditorium, New Westminster Public Library.
Instructor: Sophie Drache. $15.

On Being Single Again: for divorced, separated or widowed women.
6 Mondays. September 27 - November 8.
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Douglas College, Richmond Campus.
Instructor: Lynne Kokke. Fee: $20.

Coming in October: Women at Home -- 4 Tuesday evenings + a one-day workshop.

Assertiveness Training for Women: introduces women to a range of skills for coping with intimidating situations.
Two one-day workshops in October and Novemeber and the following six-week course in September:
September 28 - November 2. 6 Tuesdays.
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Semiahmoo Senior Secondary School, White Rock.
Instructor: Helga Weber, Counselling Psychologist. Fee:$20.

WOMEN OF OUR TIMES

VANCOUVER WOMEN OF OUR TIMES

At this time, when the art of communication has reached a peak never before achieved in human memory, whole nations have been unable to communicate with each other. This shouldn't surprise us because very often two people living in the same house are not able to communicate.

Vancouver Women of Our Times expresses a desperate need to achieve the art of communication -- between nations -- between people in the same country -- the same city -- the same home.

Vancouver Women of Our Times proposes to learn by each other's need and experience how to achieve wisdom and beauty for the benefit of ourselves and the people with whom we come in contact.

Vancouver Women of Our Times proposes to have a very minimal exchange of money, if at all. There will be no raffles, bazaars, etc. There will be no refreshments so that no one will have the responsibility of preparing them.

Vancouver Women of Our Times will learn to communicate with one another -- perhaps in so doing they will learn to what depths they have that need -- to what depths the people around them have that need -- and with practice perhaps they will somehow learn to fill the void.

The first chapter of Women of Our Times will be written in Vancouver and aimed at the age group between forty and sixty-five because it is the group which is most neglected and is suffering greatly, not only because it is beset by personal problems but also because these women feel the lack of communication most obviously.

Later, when we have learned more, we will perhaps enlarge our scope.

For more information about Vancouver Women of Our Times call: Molly at 731-0890 between 9 a.m. & Noon (except Tues. & Thurs.) and between 6 p.m. & Midnight any night, OR Grace at 874-0053.

HEALTH

breast cancer

A report for the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. on breast cancer has been published to help fulfill recommendation 277 of the Foulkes Report -- "That the government promote increased research into the clinical aspects of breast cancer and its treatment."

This report unearthed some startling statistics. They found that breast cancer is the leading cause of death of all cancers in women, and one out of 15 women will contract it. Twenty-one per cent of cancer deaths and 4% of all deaths are due to breast cancer. Women between 35 and 54 are the most suseptible. Here, this disease is responsible for 32% of deaths from cancer and 13% of all deaths, making it the biggest woman killer for that age group.

The report committee agreed that something had to be done. They felt that public education is essential since a breast self-exam and a visit to the doctor is the most important step towards early detection. But there is a problem. Publicity seems to bring out those women who are relatively aware in the first place. The self-exam is important to all women, though. How is it possible to penetrate through the barrier to isolated, unaware women?

Mammography was also considered to be another early detection tool. We must get our definitions straight at this point, since mammography is often confused with thermography, Xeromammography, and mammory duct contrast radiology. Mammography is a safe tissue type of x-ray of the breast using a low kilovoltage. There is no discomfort and the dose is considered acceptable. This instrument may be used as a diagnosis in symptomatic women or as a general screening of the population. However, it does not substitute for a biopsy or a 'palpable lesion'. (Feeling a lump.) If the mammography does not show an abnormality when other symptoms are apparent, it does not entirely rule out cancer. The value of the alternate methods above has not yet been ascertained.

The report came to several conclusions: 1)Expanding B.C.'s screening program is uncertain due to a shortage of funds.

2)To decide how often and at what ages a woman should be screened, B.C. needs a pilot program.

3)The role and contribution of different occupations in the health field regarding early detection of breast cancer requires further examination.

4)Alternate methods of screening need further study.

5)Public education is only reaching part of the population, and further study is required to ensure that the information is disseminated more widely.

6)Screening programs should be operated so that quality is not overlooked for quantity.

A copy of this report may be obtained from the Registered Nurses Association of B.C., 2130 West 12th Ave. Vancouver.

(Reprinted from Kelowna Status of Women Newsletter, July 1976)

the pill

BREAST CANCER AND THE PILL

An article in July 76 Ms. reports that the Journal of the National Cancer Institute says that patients who took oral contraceptives for two to four years have a significantly increased risk of breast cancer-- 2½ times that of women who did not take the pill. Women with a prior history of benign breast lumps increase the risk 11 times by prolonged use of the pill. The statistics were derived from a 3 year case-controlled study at the California State Department of Health. (KR)

pregnancy

TEENAGE PREGNANCY EPIDEMIC

Good Housekeeping magazine, June 1976 reports that in the USA teenage pregnancy is the nations' number one health problem among adolescent girls. In 1974, an estimated 610,000 unmarried girls became pregnant, an average of one or two for every high school classroom. What alternatives did they seek? About 110,000 married hastily. Half of those will probably be divorced in 5 years. 275,000 sought abortions. Currently one out of three legal abortions in the US is performed on an unwed mother. About 200,000 chose to be unwed mothers. The illegitimacy rate increase only in this group. Among unwed mothers at school, half dropped out. National Planned Parenthood estimated that one in every five young women 15 to 19 will become pregnant before 20. According to a Johns Hopkins study, three out of ten who have premarital intercourse, became pregnant.

(K.R.)

long life

WOMEN LIVE LONGER

Latest U.S. government figures show women living almost 8 years longer than men (75.3 years for women vs. 67.6 for men), up from between 2 to 3 years at the turn of the century. Genetic and hormonal differences are often common explanations for this gap. Some scientists thought men had more stress than women which shortened their lives, but among equally cloistered monks and nuns, the nuns live longer. As one scientist said, "Women seem to be built for the longer haul."

(New York Post,1/12/76. Reprinted from Health Right, Women's Health Forum, New York).

A SHORT STORY

I was experiencing my usual spaciness upon hitting a new town. It had been several hours since I had had conversation with anyone, other than "coffee please" and as I sat in the streetside cafe with progressive jazz notes dancing on my coffee steam, I pulled out some nude snap shots taken in a Woolworths booth in L.A. and thought of better days.

My heels were uncomfortable from breaking in my earth boots, and my fingernails were full of tobacco collected from each dive into my phony suede coat's pockets looking for change; and against my better image, loneliness was seeping in through the second hole in my pierced ear. I would have enjoyed anyone's company just then. When I felt I could no longer guiltlessly have another re-fill, I collected myself and my pictures and began strolling aimlessly down the sidewalk. My head was inside the Bla Bla Cafe on Ventura Blvd. when I first heard his voice. It was coming to me by way of Tedda's blues voice who I had heard several weeks previously. When the two meshed, he repeated:
"So you're a tourist,too."

"Yes," I said looking into the eyes of a middle aged businessman in his double knit best. "How did you know?"

"By the way you were walking. You seem to be at a slower pace than most of the people here. Sort of looking around."

Upon his comment, my mind shifted to a scene in a southern California amusement park where a sailor had mistaken me for a hustler because I was "walking slow and sort of looking around". He was so sure of it, that he and his friends pooled their money in front of the double ferris wheel while waiting for me to slink by.

"And you're a tourist, also?" I hear my conversation starved voice saying.

"Yes, I'm in town for a business meeting. Would you like some coffee?"

I thought of the four cups that I had just had and agreed that coffee and conversation would be nice. And so began another incident.

We walked for several blocks before I realized that we had passed several coffee shops and had that not been our agreement? I once again recalled a situation --in San Francisco this time-- whereupon being approached by two young sub-normal looking men, I consented to coffee and a free ride to the airport. Who would have thought that such dorkey lads would have had a small room "on the way to the airport" furnished with girlie photos, bar-bells and whips. My college track training saved my body and my soul that day.

"I don't know, sometimes I just prefer petting..."

What? What had he been saying to me while I time-travelled?

"I think you misunderstood me. I really thought we were going for coffee." Reality closed in.

"Oh, I know. But my car is just down here. Tell me how do you like men going down..."

"I don't like men doing anything." I stopped in the middle of the sidewalk and turned to face his shocked gaze. "You asked me if I wanted coffee, and that was all. I had been sitting in that cafe for hours. I wanted conversation. That's the only reason I agreed to come along. I don't relate to men sexually."

"Oh! You're bi-sexual. How exciting. Where did you say you were from? Los Angeles?"

His entire face lit up, resembling that of a jack-o-lantern.

"I didn't say I was bi-sexual!" I was angry at him for being titilated by my sexuality and angry at me for falling into another trap.

"Oh, I see. So you're not interested at all. I have money. Here, let's sit down and talk about it." He motioned to the bus bench. "I knew two lesbians once," he continued, "let me tell you what they liked. No, better still, what do you like..."

No more. I turned and started walking away and in doing so heard a nauseous voice shouting, "I like it because it's warm and tender and EQUAL! Get it buddy? EQUAL!" I turned immediately into a near-by bookstore and ignoring the questioning eyes of the sales clerk found my way to the travel section. (Knowing he really expected me to go to the homosexual shelf so he'd know for sure.) Why me? Was it really the way I walked? It couldn't be my clothing. Jeans on women were no longer considered a novelty. And he couldn't see my breasts under my jacket. Would travelling alone always make me this vunerable to such otherwise obvious situations?

I thought the person next to me was eyeing me suspiciously, (by now everyone was a lesbian spy) so I grabbed a book off the shelf and stared deep into the black on white, which soon became white on black and then blurred. I finally decided that it really wasn't my problem and that indeed I was just a victim of circumstance, (circumstances being that I was functioning alone as a woman in a non-supportive environment by walking slowly down the street).

I gave the travel section a legitimate check and upon replacing the book I had been holding, chose a new one. The sales clerk smiled as I made my purchase.

The evening fog was coating Santa Cruz as I stepped out the door. The streets were fairly populated. The jazz musicians had just stopped performing. The night looked good. I thought perhaps I'd stop in at Mona's Lounge for a dance or two, later on. I had just begun thumbing through my book while walking down the street when somewhere between "Things to do and see" and "Accomodations in your favorite city" I heard:
"Hey you with the book. Wanna have a drink?"

I didn't look up. I didn't smile. I just went to Mona's an hour earlier.

- Connie Smith

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celebrate

LABOUR DAY THIRD WORLD WOMEN OUTREACH COUNTRY CELEBRATION

A group of women and children living in a wilderness area of Northern California are holding a Third World & Working Class Women Celebration over the Labour Day weekend. Women are welcome to stay longer to explore the land and the possibility of living there.

The celebration is specifically for third world and working class women. and children. Bring sleeping gear, good shoes, food (if you can), musical instruments, cameras, etc.
For information call Lilia, 826-4583 evenings. For info on transportation, child care in city, call Elena, 282-6613 (San Francisco).

quote:

"The mind likes a strange idea as little as the body likes a strange protein and resists it with similar energy. If we watch ourselves honestly, we shall often find that we have begun to argue against a new idea even before it has been completely stated."

- Arthur Koestler, The Act of Creation

NEWS

NEW APPOINTMENTS AT VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

As of August 1, the position of Information Officer at the Vancouver Art Gallery will be held by Dorothy Metcalfe. Ms. Metcalfe has been Special Events Co-ordinator and in recognition of the quality of this programme,she has been appointed to the B.C.- Yukon jury of the Canada Council Explorations Programme, for a two-year term.

Norah Kembar, who has been VAG Information Officer since 1973, will beeome Publications Editor with the responsibility of producing the Gallery's monthly tabloid newspaper, Vanguard.

IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON AT THE OFFICE YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT?

action

EDUCATION ACTION GROUP

It's time for action! Join the EDUCATION ACTION GROUP -- the first meeting will be held September 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the VSW office, 2029 West 4th Ave, Vancouver.

The first meeting will be informational -- people will be present to provide background and data on a variety of issues. In future meetings we will be action orientated -- and there are a lot of places where action is needed! ... women's studies in high schools ... municiple elections this fall ....

Plan to attend!

needed

VSW needs one or more filing cabinets. We have only two filing cabinets in the office despite the immense paperwork we do. Both are communal cabinets. It would be nice to have a few more for individual staff. Does anyone have an old one they don't want? We'd love a donation. Just call Judy at 736-3746 weekdays from 9am to 5pm. Thanks.

JOHANNA

Johanna den Hertog is leaving the Vancouver Status of Women Ombuds Staff after a year's service. Before joining the VSW Ombuds Staff, Johanna worked with Vancouver Rape Relief and Vancouver Women's Health Collective and brought with her a wealth of experience and organizing ability.

Johanna lists the Women's Rally for Action as one of the highlights of her year: "To be involved in one of the biggest political actions ever undertaken by women in British Columbia was for me a tremendous gain in political consciousness and organizational experience."

Johanna feels that she has learned "an incredible amount about the specifics of discrimination against women, and the laws and institutions of B.C., through Ombuds work." But she also mentions the frustration of never having enough time to "sink my teeth into any one issue... of always feeling fragmented."

Johanna (on the right) outside the Women's Headquarters at the Women Rally for Action in Victoria. Photo by Marian Penner Bancroft of Isis, Women & Media.

For many years Johanna has wanted to take the issues that she has learned about and the experience that she has gained and use them to write articles that will bring the information to more women, to research issues in an in-depth way, and perhaps "even work on some ideas I have for a book."

By developing and using her skills in research and writing Johanna intends to continue to work within the women's movement -- but independently rather than within a salaried structure.

We wish Johanna Love and Luck -- but we will certainly miss her clear perception and calm reasonableness and her ability in helping people work together.

music

FEMINIST MUSIC LOVERS....

Buy a Holly Near record! The Chilean Women's Association is selling two Holly Near albums with part of the proceeds going to the Chilean Resistance Movement. The two albums are Alive Album and You Can Know All I Am. The Alive Album contains the song "It Could Have Been Me" which was sung (very movingly) by Connie Smith at the Annual General Meeting of VSW in June. Get your Holly Near record at the VSW office, 2029 West 4th Ave. Vancouver, B.C. $6.00.

send for:

FEMINIST RESOURCE MATERIALS: a booklet telling you where you can get written information on almost anything. Like a shopping guide for building a reference library in your centre or if you just want a few things for yourself. $1.00 from the VSW Office.

GUIDE TO THE B.C. WOMEN'S MOVEMENT: an updated guide to the women's groups and services in the province. 50¢ from the VSW Office.

INDEX TO BACK ISSUES OF KINESIS: Maybe there is a back issue of KINESIS that you would like to have. Send for the Index to 1975 (and up to June of 1976) and see what you missed.

HELP

Last month (August issue) we mentioned some of the jobs around the VSW office that we would appreciate having help with. We are very pleased that a member has contacted us and volunteered to attend Human Rights hearings. This will mean that VSW will always be aware of what is going on at these hearings even when a staff member doesn't have time to attend.

We have also been extremely fortunate during the past few weeks in having the volunteer help of Hiroshima Chakravarti! Hiro has organized the filing system on MPs, MLAs, and Alderpeople and is busy gathering information for each of the files; she answers phones; gives out information; proofreads KINESIS; exerts a calming influence ... and we don't know how we would have managed without her in the last few frantic days!

VIP worker Molly Dexall is up-dating the clipping file and she and Violet Johnson are re-organizing the whole file to make it easier to work with. Remember anyone out there who is doing research -- this file is very useful and is available for anyone to use.

VIP worker Andi Wescott has been getting all our publications in order. (Send for a VSW Publications list.) We were low in stock or had completely run out of some of the materials and Andi has been producing more. She looks quite 'fetching' (not to mention 'winsom') in her canvas printer's apron.

The Office has been extremely busy and it doesn't look like it is going to let up. We get a million ... well an awful lot ... of phone calls everyday and it is a tremendous help to the staff if someone volunteers to do a few hours of answering. So anyone out there ....

Book Reviews -- VSW gets books from publishers for our library if we write and print a book review. Drop by the Office and pick up a book to review.

WHAT IS A WOMEN'S CENTREY

B.C. has possibly the most prolific " "grass roots" women's movement in Canada. The source of its strength lies in the many feminist groups and centres located throughout the province. Each status of women group is unique, developing in response to the needs of community women in each locality. In general there are four types of women's centres:

a) action groups lobbying for specific women's rights legislation, services, etc.
b) drop-in centres with ombudservices, members' activities, public education.
c) transition houses giving temporary crisis accomodation and counselling to women.
d) special interest groups in government and professional women's agencies.

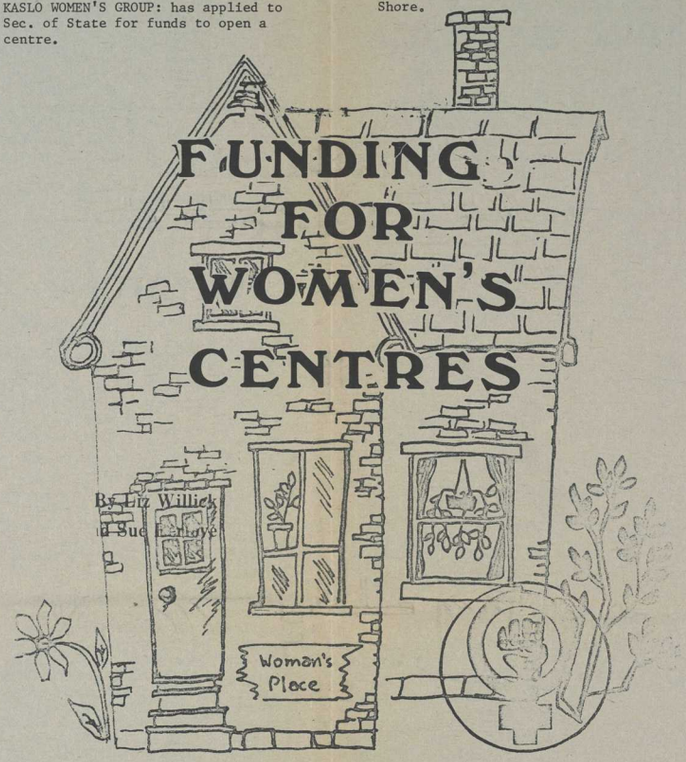
Each women's group is at a different level of development, feminist consciousness and political commitment. Many start as informal consciousness-raising groups, growing through the stages of information and referral, media work, and political action.

Status of women groups are founded on the principle that as long as women are treated unequally in our society, compensatory services such as those offered by feminist women's centres will be required. Feminist groups are engaged in a plethora of activities aimed at eliminating sex discrimination against women, both individually and en masse, in all aspects of our society.

(Reprinted from the Introduction to Guide to the B.C. Women's Movement)

FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S CENTRES

By Liz Willick
and Sue Lafave



Money is tight this year -- sound familiar? -- and it is more important than ever that women's groups maintain contact. KINESIS is received by many women's centres in B.C. or is received by women who are members of their local groups and subscribers to KINESIS. Women all over the province are urged to make use of KINESIS as both a source of information and a contact line. Let KINESIS know what and how you are doing so the information can be shared with other women.

Following is the information that we have received about the funding situation of groups in B.C. If there is more information to be added PLEASE let us know.

CAMPBELL RIVER WOMEN'S PLACE: applied to Provincial Secretary for funds & were refused. Trying to stay alive in one small room on donations.

CHILLIWACK WOMEN'S GROUP: a member of Fraser Valley Women's Coalition & will receive operating expenses as needed from Coalition's Sec. of State grant.

COMOX VALLEY WOMEN'S GROUP: did not apply for funds. They will continue to function as a group & use space at the Crisis Centre for meetings.

CRANBROOK WOMEN'S GROUP:is intending to apply to Sec. of State in the fall.

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE: a drop-in centre for women in Vancouver's East Hastings area. Volunteer at Centre states they have applied to "about 50 different places in the last 6 months -- private organizations, government departments, etc." At present the Centre has an interim grant from Sec. of State to cover rent and utilities. This is expected to run out by the end of November. Volunteers are staffing the Centre. A L.I.P. application is planned in the fall. A request to the Provincial Secretary for an outline of the Office's criteria was never answered.

FRONYA (MISSION WOMEN'S CENTRE): is a member of the Fraser Valley Women's Coalition and will receiving operating expenses as needed from the Coalition's Sec. of State Grant. Fronya received a Sec. of State IWY Grant and has managed to eke it out in order to exist until now.

FRASER LAKE WOMEN'S COUNCIL: application to the Provincial Secretary was turned down. They have received some money from Sec. of State.

FRASER VALLEY WOMEN'S COALITION: a coalition of five women's groups in the Fraser Valley -- Fronya (Mission), Maple Ridge Women's Centre, Ishtar Resource Centre, Port Coquitlam Area Women's Centre, and Chilliwack Women's Centre -- applied to Secretary of State for a grant. The Coalition has received approximately $12,000 to cover operating expenses for the Coalition. A 3-person committee will administer funds to the member groups as needed. The grant also provides for a half-time salary for a worker who will maintain a library, do public relations, publish a newsletter with contributions from the member groups, co-ordinate activities, organize workshops, etc. The grant is until the end of the fiscal year. The Coalition also applied to the Provincial Secretary for $6000 and was turned down.

HOT FLASHES WOMEN'S THEATRE: LIP funding ran out.

ISHTAR TRANSITION HOUSE: the Transition House was forced to close last Spring because of lack of funds. Later money was received from Dept. of Human Resources to start up another House -- the original house had been rented after Ishtar was forced to move out. Ishtar is having difficulty finding a suitable house -- since they will receive money on a per diem rate it is not feasible to operate the House with less than ten beds.

ISHTAR WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE: is a member of the Fraser Valley Women's Coalition and will receive operating expenses from the Coalition's Sec. of State Grant. Staff is voluntary and they have had a summer student working on a Sec. of State Summer Student Project which ends at the end of August. They are considering an application to LIP in the fall.

ISIS, WOMEN AND MEDIA: funding application to Provincial Secretary turned down (see KINESIS, August issue, page 15 for details). Appeal rejected. Provincial Secretary suggested Isis apply to Dept. of Education. Dept. of Education rejected this suggestion. They are desperately trying to find a source of funds. In the meantime booking requests for their services and materials continue to pour in from all over the province. Watch KINESIS for announcement of how they can be contacted after September.

KAMLOOPS WOMEN'S CENTRE: has had Federal, Provincial and Municipal money for the past 4 years. Has no money now.

KASLO WOMEN'S GROUP: has applied to Sec. of State for funds to open a centre.

KELOWNA WOMEN'S CENTRE: has been forced to close due to lack of funds. (See KINESIS, August issue, page 17, for details).

MAPLE RIDGE WOMEN'S CENTRE: is a member of the Fraser Valley Women's Coalition and will receive operating expenses from the Coalition's Secretary of State grant. Maple Ridge also has had a Secretary of State Summer Student Grant for 2 students this summer.

NANAIMO WOMEN'S PLACE: may apply to Sec. of State in the fall.

NELSON WOMEN'S CENTRE: has a student working as a volunteer co-ordinator on a Sec. of State Summer Student Employment grant which will run out at the end of August.

KEREMEOS WOMEN'S INTEREST GROUP: has no funding. Holds keep-fit classes which pay the rent.

KITIMAT: has received a grant of $4852 from the Sec. of State Student Summer Employment Program to survey the needs and opportunities for employment for women in the Kitimat area and to make recommendations to Manpower.

NORTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTRE: applied for Manpower Outreach grant but turned down. Has received $4284 from the Sec. of State Summer Student Employment Program for 2 students to do a survey of part-time and job sharing employment opportunities for women on the North Shore.

PENTICTON WOMEN'S CENTRE: has some money from Sec. of State to pay office rent.

POCO (PORT COQUITLAM AREA WOMEN'S CENTRE): Poco had a grant from the Provincial Status of Women Co-ordinator's Office (this Office was eliminated by the Provincial Secretary in Jan/76) which will end in Dec/76. As a member of the Fraser Valley Women's Coalition they will receive operating expenses from the grant the Coalition received from Secretary of State. This does not cover salary and Poco is intending to apply to the Provincial Government for a salary for one woman for three hours a day.

PORT ALBERNI WOMEN'S CENTRE: did not apply for funds. At present they are using space at the Friendship Centre which has funds from Secretary of State, DHR & Dept. of Indian Affairs.

POWELL RIVER WOMEN'S CENTRE: had a Lip grant to set up the Centre. This has run out and they are hoping to get another LIP grant and may also apply to Sec. of State.

PRINCE GEORGE WOMEN'S CENTRE: have managed to still have a bit of money left from a grant in IWY from the now defunct Provincial Status of Women Co-ordinator's Office. May apply to LIP in the fall.

PRINCE RUPERT OPTIONS FOR WOMEN: has a grant from the Sec. of State Summer Student Employment Program for 2 students to survey women and work in the area. Did not apply elsewhere.

PRINCETON WOMEN'S GROUP: received $300 from Adult Education for workshops. Did not apply elsewhere.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS: the Queen Charlotte Islands Society for Continuing Self Development received a IWY grant of $3000 from the Provincial Government. They have now received more funding from the Dept. of Human Resources for community resources development.

QUESNEL WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP: gets a small amount of money from Adult Education for a course they give on women's roles in society. Hope to get some funding from Sec. of State and may also apply for a LIP grant.

RAPE RELIEF: Rape Relief Vancouver joined with Rape Relief Victoria & Rape Relief Kamloops to form the B.C. Coalition of Rape Relief Centres. The Coalition applied to the Provincial Dept. of Health for $166,000. It received $75,000. Their appeal seems to be bogged down. The Coalition is now trying to work out a contract with Dept. of Human Resources whereby any funds they can raise (donations, private foundations, etc) will be matched by DHR. They are also considering an application to LIP in the fall. In the meantime, a spokesperson at the Vancouver Centre says they have had to let 2 staff go, they are frantically searching for funds, they have had 50 rape cases come to them in the last 2½months, they are trying to organize a training program in the Police Academy & they are very very tired!

SALMON ARM: has a little money left from an IWY grant from the now defunct Provincial Status of Women Co-ordinator's Office and from an old Sec. of State grant. Office is open one day a week.

SECHELT/ROBERTS CREEK WOMEN'S CENTRE: LIP grant ran out in June. No other funds.

STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION GROUP (SWAG) VICTORIA: had a grant from the now defunct Provincial Status of Women Co-ordinator's Office to set up their office. This money ran out in June. Volunteers have been staffing the Office and a summer student has been working on a project on a Sec. of State Summer Student Employment Grant which will end at the end of August. SWAG applied to the Provincial Secretary for funds and was turned down. They appealed and were told the Provincial Secretary had no time to meet with them. They have applied for Sec. of State funding for a conference to be held in October and will also apply for LIP funding in the fall. Unless money turns up they will have to close their Office in October.

TERRACE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION: received money from Sec. of State for a Northern Women's Conference held in May. Have a Summer Student Employment Program grant from Sec. of State for 3 students for the summer.

VANCOUVER STATUS OF WOMEN: received interim funding from Provincial Secretary on month to month basis for the period April 1, 1976 (when previous Provincial Secretary grant ended) to July 30, 1976. On June 24 recieved word funding granted from July, 1976 to end of fiscal year in March, 1977. $75,000, based on previous year's budget, not the budget for the current year. VSW was refused funds by Canada Council, Sec. of State Summer Student Employment Program, Vancouver Foundation, United Way, Dept. of Justice, and has an application in to Vancouver City Council that has not been decided on yet. VSW is being forced to cut back staff at a time when demands on the organization's services are increasing enormously.

VANCOUVER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLECTIVE: applied to the Provincial Dept. of Health and received $60,000 for the period of August to March, 1977. The Provincial Dept. of health arranged to have the funding cost shared with the Federal Government. The Vancouver Women's Health Collective is hoping to re-new their funding for the next fiscal year on the same basis.

VERNON WOMEN'S CENTRE: received $2000 from Sec. of State, $500 from the Dept. of Health.

VICTORIA WOMEN'S CENTRE: have managed to make a grant they received from the now defunct Provincial Status of Women Co-ordinator's Office last by paying rent but no salaries at their office. They also put some of the money into a Storefront collective to sell women's crafts but that is having problems getting off the ground. The Centre has apllied for funds to the Provincial Secretary, the Municipality, and Sec. of State, but have been turned down. They are having to re-organize and re-vamp in order to survive.

WEST KOOTENAY WOMEN'S COUNCIL (Castlegar): has applied to Sec. of State for funds for their newsletter Images.

WESTERN CANADIAN WOMEN'S NEWS SERVICE: did not apply for funding this year in view of the funding situation.

WILLIAMS LAKE WOMEN'S GROUP: had money from Sec. of State last year, will apply again in the fall.

GRAPHIC is from the cover of Building the Women's Movement: From One Centre to Another, published by the Kitchener-Waterloo Women's Place. Copies are $1.25 from K-W Women's Place, 25 Dupont St, Waterloo, Ontario.

YOU & THE LAW

Family Court Orders

The first and second column explained Family Court support orders and orders relating to custody of and access (visiting rights) to children. This column will discuss legal separations, restraining orders, possession orders and family assaults.

The Court can make an order that the couple live separate and apart. The husband and wife cannot force the other to live together. The Court can also make an order as to possession of the family home. A spouse can be granted the right to live in the family home, irrespective of who owns the home. For example, where the wife has custody of the children, she may be given possession of the home. This order is effective until the family property disputes are legally settled, in a superior court.

If one party has been harassing the other, the Family Court can also issue a restraining order requiring that person to stay away from the family. Even if the family home belongs to the offending spouse, the Court can require that spouse stay away from the family. A restraining order is valuable in that it gives the police the authority to remove the offending spouse if he breaks the terms of the order; if you have no order the police have no authority to act.

Family Court also deals with criminal assault cases which involve family matters. During the hours that the Court is open, family assault complaints should be filed at the Family Court. In the evenings and on weekends, the complaint can be filed at the regular police station. The Court staff are often unwilling to take family assault complaints as they are sometimes dropped after the heat of the moment has passed. Be insistent.

If your complaint is proven in Court, the Judge can order the spouse to post a bond (a sum of money) that he will keep the peace in the future. If he breaks the terms of the order, i.e. threatens you or assaults you again, he forfeits the money to the Court. Also, if you are not living together, he can be ordered to stay away from your family. The Court order is useful if future incidents are likely to occur because the police then have legal grounds to keep the spouse away.

For more information about Family Court call the Vancouver People's Law School and order the Family Court Procedure booklet. Or contact your Family Court:

Vancouver	255-5131
Burnaby	525-6461
Richmond	273-1044
North Vancouver	980-1044
West Vancouver	926-7521
Surrey	584-8111
Delta	946-7694

people's law school

Learn about your laws through the Vancouver People's Law School's series of FREE law classes. All courses and materials are free. To pre-register call: 681-7532. Note: each course takes a full three evenings.

VANCOUVER PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

Industrial Health and Safety Standards: Compensation
Sept. 13, 14 & 15.
Instructor: Connie Sun
Location: Vancouver Public Library, 750 Burrard St, Vancouver.
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Industrial Health and Safety Standards: Prevention
Sept. 20, 21 & 22.
Instructor: Craig Patterson.
Location: Vancouver Public Library.
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Wills and Estates
Sept. 27, 28 & 30.
Instructor: Paul Beckman.
Location: Vancouver Public Library.
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

canadian women

REGISTRY OF CANADIAN WOMEN

The Media Club of Canada has received a $5,000 grant from National Health & Welfare to compile a registry entitled Canadian Women of Note, Computerized. The public is invited to submit names of women (dead or alive) for inclusion. Send names to CWONC, Media Club of Canada, Box 504, Station "B", Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5P6.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE

Women in Public Life 1974-1975 is a list of 2500 Canadian women who are ambassadors, consular officials, judges, Indian chiefs, members of boards or commissions, mayors, reeves, MPs and other elected officials. Copies are $1.00 each from Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, 56 Sparks St. Ottawa, Ontario. (KR)

QUALIFIED WOMEN ROSTER

The Canadian Federation of University Women is preparing a Roster of Qualified Women from across Canada who are suitable candidates for appointment to government boards and commissions. The list now consists of 550 names of well qualified women in every province as well as the Northwest Territories. Personal letters have been sent to all cabinet ministers informing them of this new service. The CFUW will be keeping a current record of all appointments by order-in-council and the dates when vacancies are about to be filled on federal boards and commissions. If you would like to be listed or know of someone who should be listed write to: Anne Cleghorn, CFUW, 209A, 151 Slater St. Ottawa, Ontario. (KR)

network

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

One of the recommendations that came from the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women, which took place March 4-8,1976 in Brussels, Belgium, proposed this communication system: "An International Feminsit Network will be formed to facilitate the mobilization of women's movements on an international scale when such mobilization could be of help to sisters in need of such support in different countries. Such international mobilization occurred, for example, in support of the Three Marias in Portugal. Without this kind of support they might not have been acquitted. Organizing support of this kind, whether in the form of fund raising, publicity, demonstrations, etc. will be greatly aided by a network in which at least two women in each country will take on the task of mailing information sent to them by or about sisters in need of international support, to all the feminist/women's groups in their countries. The Coordinater of this international feminist network is Nicole Van de Ven, 165 Bvld. General Jacques, 1050 Brussels, Belgium. Volunteers are now being sought from each country. An International Feminist Newsletter will be published every 3 months from information collected at ISIS (cas postal 301 - CH 1227 - Carouge, Geneva, Switzerland)."

quote:

"Raising children is important work but it is not respected work. If it were, men would want to do it as well as women."

- Radcliffe commencement speaker, 1976

housing

HOUSING FOR SINGLE PARENTS

Through the Vancouver YWCA, private and shared accomodation for mothers and children under 4 years of age is available. Subsidized child care can be arranged to allow the single parent to work or continue her education.

HOUSING REGISTRY

The YWCA has a list of inspected, low cost housing in various parts of the city for men, women and families.

BOOK REVIEWS

Book reviews are going well. We have now ordered and received about 50 free feminist paperbacks as review copies from publishers and now have a backlog of reviews to publish. I was happy to receive an offer from Hellie Wilson of Ottawa to do reviews of two books she read about in Kinesis. Hello Hellie if you are reading this month. Thanks to Angela Page and Heather Kellerhals for this month's reviews. (KR)

BOOK REVIEW

The Suffragette View
by Antonia Raeborn 1976

Reviewed by Heather Kellerhals

Essentially a picture history of the early suffragette years, the idea for this book began with the author's discovery in 1964 of an album of suffragette photographs. By gradual additions to this collection and interviews with surviving suffragettes or their relatives, the author has been able to piece together a fairly complete record of the times.

The book begins with a brief sketch of the personalities involved in the founding and initial organization of the Women's Social and Political Union in 1903, notably the Pankhursts and Pethick Lawrences. It ends with the beginning of the first world war and a postcript on women's war effort. Chapters are well organized: the historical background is presented first, followed by clearly labelled photographs.

The photographs, many of them available for the first time, dispel the still widely held notion of the suffragettes as a bunch of wild-eyed women. From these pages a striking collage emerges - women from all walks of life being drawn together, skillfully organized and radiating courage, determination, and a calm beauty from their faces. Many of the photographs stand as a contrast to the often lurid newspaper descriptions and artistic renditions of the suffragette movement.

Generally, and I think wisely, the author reserves personal comment and allows the photographs to speak for themselves. On one occasion however, she states "...it is difficult to understand why so many of them were willing to sacrifice their families and their health by submitting to imprisonment and forcible feeding. Such stoicism and suffering seem an excessive price to pay for the sake of the Parliamentary vote" - a somewhat naive comment when one looks at the history of the human race.

Altogether a fascinating book to read or browse through, with a haunting cover portrait of a woman that is repeated on the last page. Pity it was felt necessary to add Malcolm Muggeridge's name on the front in print as large as the author's. He writes a two page preface!

BOOK REVIEW

Laura Secord
by John M. Bassett and A. Roy Petrie in The Canadians series published by Fitzhenry & Whiteside, Don Mills Ontario 1974.

Reviewed by Angela Page.

This series of textbooks is presumably aimed at the Grade 4-7 age group. It includes Emily Carr, Marion Hilliard, Agnes McPhail and Elizabeth Simcoe - five women to twenty-three men plus the Group of Seven - as well as Laura Secord.

Her story is outlined in dramatic terms, with rather irritating imaginary conversations and the odd chapter on details of domestic life or the practice of slavery. There are sketch maps, drawings and reproductions of documents: an effort is made to convey the flavour of the time as well as its military history and the story of Laura's heroic walk through unsettled country bearing news of the enemy. She comes out of it as more than a chocolate box heroine (is it uniquely Canadian to turn popular female figures into brands of candy?), and a good deal is made of her and her husband's efforts to gain financial recognition for the service she had done her country. I had not realized before that she was born in Massachusetts and did not come to Canada until she was eighteen, nor that the only official acknowledgement of her bravery in her lifetime was one hundred pounds in gold from the Prince of Wales in 1860, nearly fifty years after her walk.

As this is a textbook as well as a biography of a famous Canadian, I suppose it is fair enough to put in frequent questions between the text and pictures to make sure the reader is still awake, but I prefer the simple way in which the story of Deborah Sampson was told for children in a recent issue of Ms., without so much educational padding to disguise the lack of information about the actual woman involved. This book could be valuable in reminding children and teachers that women as well as men can be brave, independent and resourceful, especially in time of war, but the point is not put across clearly enough for me.

BOOK

Emily Carr
by Rosemary Neering
Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd. 1975

One of a continuing series 'The Canadians'.
Reviewed by Heather Kellerhals.

Though these short books - in this case 61 pages - are designed for school use, they are of interest to the general reader and may serve as stepping stones to a more detailed examination of the individual's life and work. I read Emily Carr with great interest, relating what was in it to the artist's own journals Hundreds and Thousands (published by Clarke Irwin, 1966) or some of her other writings such as Klee Wyck.

Rosemary Neering writes well and organizes her material clearly so that a vivid portrait of Emily Carr, the artist and person emerges. The various influences on her artistic development are noted; early trips up the B.C. coast, art schools, voyage to France, meeting with the Group of Seven. The author avoids most of the pitfalls inherent in such a short work and does not repeat the mistakes seen in some of this series. For example, most of the questions asked of the reader are relevant, although I did find one rather surprising query, "Can you think of any reasons why she (Emily Carr) might have preferred animals to people?" I was glad to find the questions at the end of each chapter, instead of alongside the text which was confusing. There is a good selection and use of detail, with the occasional lapse here and there. For example why is it necessary to mention not once but several times Emily's intense dislike of a certain Victoria family.

All in all an interesting book, containing many photographs of Emily Carr and reproductions of her work. Read it for yourself and give it to your children.

BOOK REVIEW

Loving Women
by the Nomadic Sisters, illust. by Victoria Hammond. Available from P.O. Box 793, Sonora, California $3.50 plus 25¢ postage, or the Women's Bookstore, Vancouver

Reviewed by win.

A beautifully illustrated and sensitively written sex manual by Lesbian feminists.

Topics include "masturbation, vibrators, water play, penetration, environment, foreplay, oral sex and manual stimulation".

It includes plenty of personal notes like, "I guess there are a lot of people who think lesbians just climb on top of one another and pretend they have penises." A great myth dispeller.

"Women have not been encouraged to feel good about their sexuality...Our hope is to develop a sense of pride in ourselves and one another and feel good about all female sexuality."

"We thought it was time to expose the joyous, natural side of loving women and of sexual love between women."

A book by, for and about women - a good healthy source of information to promote understanding. Good follow-up to the more general discussion of Lesbianism in "Our Bodies, Ourselves". HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

the avid articler

CHATELAINE, August/76. How To Chart Your Ups and Downs, by Jo Galka. Biorhythms will help you learn about your own personal cycles -- physical, intellectual & emotional. You can then pace yourself, anticipate lows, etc.

MS., August/76. A whole section on Battered Wives -- articles, legal remedies and court procedures, situation in various areas, books, research, conventions, list of people and places dedicated to meeting the specific needs of battered women. Information is slanted to U.S.

BRANCHING OUT, July/August/76. Feminist Philately, by Helen Fitzpatrick. If you are a stamp collector this is a real treat! Ms. Fitzpatrick looks at all the Canadian stamps that have featured or honoured women. Portuguese Revolution, by Eloah F. Giacomelli. Eloah is a member of VSW and visited Portugal in October,1975 and again in March,1976. She discusses the attitudes of women and the attitudes about women in Portuguese society today.

MAKARA, August/September/76. A couple of articles on women and sport. Ladies of the Court, The Edmonton Grads 1915-1940, by Nora Delahunt Randall. A meeting between girls and basketball that turned into "a 25 year event in Canadian history". Given a Sporting Chance, Renate Wilson interviews Barb Robertson, MA student in Kinesiology at SFU, Women's Athletic Co-ordinator at SFU, Women's basketball coach, and past member of Canadian Basketball Team.
MAKARA, published in Vancouver by women for people, can be found on better bookstands, or write: Pacific Women's Graphic Arts Co-operative Association, 1011 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B.C. $1.25.

LIFE MAGAZINE, SPECIAL REPORT, REMARKABLE AMERICAN WOMEN - 1776 - 1976. 116 pages, great pictures. A 13 page section on women "who have devoted their lives to the struggle for women's right." $2. If not on stands, try Time Inc, Time and Life Building, 541 North Fairbanks Court, Chicago, Ill.

VSW member Carol McQuarrie sends in the following:

Emergency Librarian magazine has an excellent 11-page article on Rape and its literature in the July-August '76 issue (Vol. 3 No. 6). There's a very complete listing of available books and films on the subject of rape. Author Audrey Eaglen evaluates the materials listed. You might be able to borrow Emergency Librarian from your friendly public librarian and copy the pages. If your friendly librarian doesn't subscribe to E.L. then give her/him the facts. A small Canadian bi-monthly library journal that now has over 1000 subscribers, E.L. gives you news, reviews, bibliographies, and covers areas missed by the 'regular' journals. The last couple of issues have featured multi-sub-cultures (May-June '76) which included a resource list on the Gay sub-culture, and prisons (March-April '76). Supported in part by an Ontario Arts Council grant, the subscription rate is reasonable. $7.00 a year will bring you six issues. Write to B. Clubb, 697 Wellington Cres, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 0A7 for subscription information.

Note in passing: One of the women involved in the production of E.L. is Sherrill Cheda who, among other things, writes the Hotline on Women column for Chatelaine magazine.

SCI—FI

FEMINIST SCIENCE FICTION

THE WITCH AND THE CHAMELEON reviewed by Ruth Dworin.

Do you read science fiction? Do you find yourself frustrated by the stereotypically stupid roles women play in most science fiction books written by men, and, unfortunately, in many books written by women? Have you been drawn to the works of feminist writers such as Joanna Russ, Suzy McKee Charnas, or Vonda McIntyre? Are you looking for good feminist analysis of science fiction? Then perhaps its time you discovered The Witch and the Chameleon, Canada's (and perhaps the world's) first and only feminist fanzine.

The Witch and the Chameleon, published "irregularly" (three or four times a year) contains fiction, poetry, graphics, book reviews, and numerous letters to the editor. The latter often reveal a fascinating dialogue between science fiction writers about their politics. The writing is consistently top-notch. I particularly value the short stories. Any of them can match or top the quality found in the average science fiction anthology or magazine: however, in most of the stories the subject matter is too radical (i.e. feminist) for the average editor. If you are interested in learning more about the political motivations behind the books you read, you can follow the ongoing debate between Joanna Russ and Marion Zimmer Bradley about their perceptions of feminism that has spanned the last several issues. If you want to find out about new science fiction books by women writers, the review section provides an excellent start; not only does it include good feminist analysis of books published, but the reviewers themselves are often established writers. Also, the graphics and overall layout of the magazine (especially those in the recent double issue) are superb.

Amanda Bankier has been quietly struggling in the wilds of Hamilton to produce this heroic effort singlehanded. It's obvious that there is a great need for a fanzine of this sort, as she gets a lot of support from some of the better-known women science fiction writers. Articles by Joanna Russ, Vonda McIntyre, Kate Wilhelm, Marion Zimmer Bradley, and Suzy McKee Charnas, among others, appear in The Witch and the Chameleon.

If you want to read this wonderful magazine, you'll have to write to Amanda, as it's not likely you'll find it on your local newsstands. Sample copies of back issues are 75¢ (the recent double issue is $1.50 and is highly recommended). A year's subscription is $4 (for three issues). She also welcomes manuscripts and graphics. Write to: Amanda Bankier, 2 Paisley Ave. S. Apt. 6, Hamilton, Ontario.

(Reprinted from The Other Woman, July-August).

newspaper

WOMEN IN PRISON NEWSPAPER

Tightwire is a publication about women in prison written by prisoners. It comes out of the Kingston Women's Penitentiary. Subscriptions are available at $2 per 6 issues from: Tightwire Box 515, Kingston, Ontario.

magazine

ROOM OF ONE'S OWN is a Canadian feminist journal of literature and criticism which began publication in 1975.

Published quarterly, Room of One's Own concentrates on the work of new women writers and welcomes all submissions of unpublished materials -- poetry, short fiction, critical essays.

All editorial, production and distribution is done by volunteer labour of the Growing Room Collective. The Collective would appreciate help in distribution.

Subscriptions are $6 per year, $2 per copy. For more information contact: The Growing Room Collective, 1918 Waterloo Street, Vancouver, B.C.

CHILDREN

Canadian Children's Magazine

Publisher: Evelyn Samuel
4150 Bracken Avenue
Victoria, B.C.

Price: $5.00 per year (4 issues)

If you haven't seen Evelyn Samuel's first issue of Canadian Children's Magazine you should! Watch for the coming fall issue. The magazine is distinctly Canadian and distinctly good--chock full of cartoons, jokes, illustrations and interesting facts about our country.

Kids are invited to write in about their hometowns, grandparents, jobs and there are contests for them too. There is something to interest the whole family inside those covers, so look for it at the bookstore or send away for a subscription at the above address.

Heather Kellerhals

poco

Port Coquitlam Area Women's Centre, P.O. Box 243, Port Coquitlam, B.C. 941-6311.

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP

If you would like to join a CR Group being co-ordinated in September contact the Centre.

WOMAN TODAY

This course, programmed by the Poco Women's Centre, has proved very popular in the past. Sign up!

Woman Today is designed to examine the changing roles of women today and to provide an opportunity for questions, discussion and information on how the changes affect you as an individual or society at large.
Ten Thursdays beginning September 30.
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Registration September 30 - 9 a.m.
Place: Hyde Creek Centre, 1397 Laurier Ave. Port Coquitlam.
Cost: $5.
Babysitting: available but inquire early -- Women's Centre 941-6311 or 942-0285.

The first program, September 30, will be The Role of the Homemaker with Joy Bradbury.

prince george

Prince George Women's Centre, 1306 - 7th Ave, Prince George. 562-1762. There is a lot going on at the Prince George Women's Centre! -- and more women are needed to help keep the projects going. If you live in Prince George and can spare a few hours call the Centre.

REFERRAL SERVICES
The Babysitting Referral System has had incredible response. If you need a babysitter or can do babysitting phone and be registered & if you can give some time to help co-ordinate the service it would be appreciated.

The Doctor Referral Service is coming together but help is needed here too.

TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE
A 24 hour answering service is needed at the Centre to handle crisis calls. and emergency situations. The caller can be connected immediately to the right person. Categories will include rape line, abortion referral, counselling lines, doctor referrals, babysitting service, women on welfare, general information. A great amount of committed woman power is needed. Workshops will be held in the fall to develop skills in handling the calls.

WOMEN IN POVERTY
The group is trying to establish an Ombudswoman. Workshop is also planned for the fall. Call Terry Chaney, 962-6869 or Sharon Bradshaw, 562-7808.

WOMEN IN PRISON
Call Marie at the Centre for information on visits to P.G. Institution and possible workshops.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS
A new group. Call Margo Henry at 564-7922 or call the Centre.

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING
A new group starting in early Sept. Call Emily at 563-5181.

PICTURES NEEDED
The artistic endeavours group is building a picture film. Donations of quality pictures that could be used to make effective posters, stationary, etc. would be appreciated. Call Margaret Spicer at 562-4671 or the Centre for more info.

MOM & KIDS DROP IN
Various programs in the fall. Call Bernie at 562-5669 for info.

CARPENTRY WORKSHOP
Scheduled for September. Leave your name at the Centre.

SISTERS

cap college

The Women's Resource Centre will be opening at Cap College in September. First floor of the Tower building, Lynnmour Campus. Open to all North Shore women the centre will offer workshops and seminars of interest to women including auto mechanics, divorce, assertiveness. Marsha Trew, Women's Studies Co-ordinator, 986-1911, welcomes suggestions on how the resource centre can best serve you.

north shore

North Shore Women's Centre, 3255 Edgemont Bvld. North Vancouver. 987-4822.

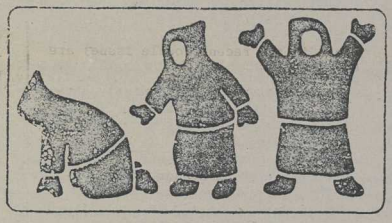
Pub Nights start again in the Fall! Same location -- North Shore Neighbourhood House, 225 E. 2nd St., North Vancouver. They will be held the FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, September come and hear your North Shore MLAs. Ask questions, get answers.

BUMPER STICKERS!

Buy a feminist bumper sticker at the NSWC. Black on white, $1.40 for strip of 4 signs, 35¢ for individual sign.

PROGRAM HELP NEEDED

The NSWC would like suggestions from the women on the North Shore about the types of programs they feel are needed for women. Call them.



"OUR TIME IS NOW"

Copies of the poster designed by the N.W.T. Status of Women Action Committee for IWY are available for $1.25 from Eya Lewyeky, Site 5, Box 20, Yellowknife, N.W.T. The poster is brown on sepia-toned beige with the words "Our Time is Now" under the design.

help

FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT NEEDED

WOMEN IN FOCUS have moved to #4 - 45 Kingsway, Vancouver. 872-2250. They are in need of any kind of office furniture and equipment -- desks, chairs, bookshelves, old typewriters, whatever. If you have anything you could donate please contact them.

art co op

WOMEN'S INTERART CO-OP

165 West Pender St. Vancouver. 255-1823. Established 1975 as a feminist art studio with functions open to all feminists including meetings, classes, etc.

Sept.1, 7:30 p.m. Slides and Talk on Barbara Hepworth, British Sculptor by Maggie Shore. 738-9454.

Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m. Plastic Molds. Workshop instruction by Candy Head on piece molds and cast molds. Held at 666 Alexander. Call 254-8805.

Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting & Critique.

Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. Women Fibre Artists Karen Chapnik(684-9008) will talk about her work in coloured fibre constructions and show slides on other women's work.

Sept. 25, 2-5 p.m. Open Poetry Reading by women. Everyone welcome. If you are interested in reading call Ellie 255-1823 or Maggie 738-9454.

A life drawing workshop will be starting in September. Call Judy Lynne at 876-7831 for more information.

maple ridge

Maple Ridge Status of Women, 22558 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge, 467-1633.

Maple Ridge Status of Women is sponsoring a one-day workshop "Breaking Into Print -- Problems of the Writer" on October 16th, to be held at the Maple Ridge Art Centre. Registration $1.00.

For more information call Ann Wood, 463-8462, evenings.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

radio

THE BATTERED WIFE, a CBC Radio documentary first aired in May will be heard again on CONCERNS, September 1 at 9 p.m. on CBC. The program was researched and composed by two VSW members Arlene Gropper and Eve Johnson and features discussions with women who have been beaten, policemen and lawyers. It's good!

l.i.p. help

LIP GRANT APPLICATION HELP

Thinking of applying for a LIP Grant? Need Help?

Kits House is holding workshops on preparing applications for LIP Grants. Wednesday, Sept. 1 and Wednesday Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at 2325 West 7th Ave, Vancouver. For more information call Mr. Chris Walmsley at Kits House, 736-3588.

karate

FEMINIST KARATE

The Feminist Karate Association offers year round courses -- Mon. Wed. & Fri. evenings. Beginners welcome. $15 for a 4-month semester.

Contact Marsha or Lorraine at 263-7452.

ywca

Vancouver YWCA, 580 Burrard St, Vancouver. 683-2531, local 222.

Vancouver YWCA offers a vast range of courses, sports activities and games, language classes, crafts, Health Info workshops, Special Events, and workshops on everything from Colour Communication to 10-speed bike repair and maintenance, to Building Self-Worth, to The Cooking of the Philippines. Ask for the Fall Program.

Some YWCA offerings of special interest to women are:

JOB FINDING WORKSHOP: Fee: $10. Brief "how-to" course for women reentering the job market, looking for the first time, or seeking a change. Thurs. Sept. 23 & 30. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Resource: Suzanne Bolton & Patti Lowery

MANAGING OUR TIME: Fee: $18. Learn how to handle procrastination make decisions, prepare for career & life-style changes and find the time for self-development & leisure. Wed. 5:30-7:30 p.m. starting Sept. 22 for 4 weeks. Resource: George Wong.

LIVING IS FOR EVERYONE (L.I.F.E.)

L.I.F.E. is a group of widowed, separated and divorced women who have learned from personal experience the many problems both practical and emotional that a woman may face when she is left on her own.

L.I.F.E. meets every Wed. at 1 p.m. at the Vancouver YWCA. Membership is $5 annually. Group leader is Elsie Palmer. For more information call : 683-2531, local 248 or 254.

WOMEN IN TRAINING
A YWCA job training program sponsored by Canada Manpower and the Department of Education for immigrant women. Bilingual instructors provide training in skills, English language, and cultural orientation. For further information call 683-2531, local 223.

north shore

NORTH SHORE FAMILY SERVICES

LEARNING FOR FAMILY LIVING PROGRAMS

North Shore Family Services' new brochure lists programs of a "preventive and educational nature aimed at individuals and families who wish to help and support each other to maintain and improve satisfying relationships within their personal and family lives. Programs include: Couples -- Preparation for Marriage, Marriage Enrichment; Parenting -- Learning to Live With Toddlers, Parents and Preschoolers, Effective Parenting Programs, Teens (Youth) and Their Parents, Parents in Crisis, One Parent Families; Personal Development-- Shifting Gears for the Middle Years, Born to Win, Time To Be Me.

For more information call the coordinators at North Shore Family Services, #204, 133 East 14th St. North Vancouver. 988-7128.

cable tv

WOMEN IN FOCUS

WOMEN IN FOCUS is seen on Cable 10 Monday nights at 9 p.m. Members of WOMEN IN FOCUS can be reached at Box 85, S.U.B., UBC. The programs for

September are:

September 6 -- Holiday

September 13 -- "The Women's Suffrage Movement in Canada."

September 30 -- First tape of New Series

woman alive

The Vancouver Status of Women TV show WOMAN ALIVE is seen on Vancouver Cable 10 TV Wednesday evenings at 9:30 p.m. Video tapes (½ inch) of the shows are in the VSW Audio-Visual Library and can be borrowed for $1 per tape (to cover postage). See P. 9 this issue.

Programs for September are:

September 1 -- A Look At The Power Structure (Part II)
Julia Goulden and Gary Onstead examined the power structure and decision making mechanisms in society and why and how women are excluded from positions of power in Part I (shown August 25). Part II explores the necessity for the development of alternate methods of decision making.

September 8 -- Evolution:Women and Art
Cathy Stewart discusses problems women have had in gaining recognition in the field of art, the response they get when they draw men. Examples are shown.

September 15 -- High School Women
Host: Diana Bissell.
Theme: The frustrations of women in High Schools. A very relaxed discussion of the position of women in High Schools. The problems remain undefined but the general sense of frustration comes across strongly. The women discuss courses, dress, career counselling, and the image of women.

vecc

Vancouver East Cultural Centre, 1895 Venables St. Vancouver. 254-9578.

YOU NEVER WROTE A SONG FOR ME

An original comedy concert with Valri Bromfield and Marek Norman. Marek Norman plays a struggling songwriter who is constantly disturbed and interrupted by his crazy neighbours (all played by Valri Bromfield).
September 30 - October 2. 8:30 p.m.
Tickets: $3.50.

chile

CHILEAN SOLIDARITY

It is 3 years since the coup in Chile and the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights in Chile are holding a 10 day "solidarity with Chilean people". During this time a film/discussion will take place at IDERA, 2524 Cypress St. Vancouver, on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. The film, "To the People of the World" features interviews with 2 Chilean women -- Laura Allende and Carmen Catillo.

The Committee for the Defence of Human Rights in Chile, formed by Chileans and Canadians, has opened an office at 207 West Hastings, # 906, phone 669-5545. Anyone who would like more information is welcome to call.

vag

VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

September 30 - October 24.
Lynn Hughes: Rank Beginnings -- Sculpture
The first public exhibition of Vancouver born artist and recent graduate of the Vancouver School of Art (honours ceramics).

RESOURCES

The following materials are, or soon will be, on hand in the VSW library for reference, weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Donations of material are welcome. Please let us know if you come across something you think we should have. A list of topic files in the library is available free. Ask for our publications list too.

Among many other things, the VSW reference library has a collection of back issues of approximately 70 feminist magazines, newsletters and periodicals from all over B.C., from each province across Canada, from the States and England. If you are trying to find something you vaguely remember reading last month, or last year, drop in and look through the collection. KR

Credit and YOU: Women's Access to Credit: booklet on women's right to equal credit based on Ontario guidelines. Advantages and disadvantages of credit, how to obtain it, how separation, marriage, etc. affect women's credit. Free from Info.Services, Ministry Consumer and Commercial Relations 555 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Women and the Skilled Trades: a pamphlet profiling nine women in non-traditional jobs: machinist, woodworker, plumber, motor repair mechanic, welder, etc. Free from Info Services, Ministry Colleges, Toronto, Ontario.

Why Am I So Miserable If These Are The Best Years of My Life?: by Andrea Boroff, a feminist teenage advice book for anyone who works with parents and adolescent girls. Covers relations with boys, birth control, vaginal infections, legal rights of young women, etc. $6.95 from J.B. Lippincott.

How To Start A Rape Crisis Centre: $3.50 in advance, from Rape Crisis Centre, P.O. Box 21005, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. 20009.

Affirmative Action for Women in Employment and Academia: selected bibliography, 5 pages, free from Ontario Ministry of Labour, Women's Bureau, Toronto, Ontario.

Mathematics and Sex: a 30-page pamphlet studying the stereotypes about women's capability to understand mathematics and factors affecting this, including situation in elementary and secondary school, teacher attitudes, sex differences in mathematical training in university, women in the math profession, etc. Free from Math Dept., University of California, Santa Barbara, U.S.A.

About Face: Towards a Positive Image of Women in Sport: 30-page booklet by Olympic athlete Abby Hoffman on the need for equal opportunity in sports and recreation, myths about female athletes, non-sexist physed, making sport a political issue and recommendations for change. $1.00 from Ontario Status of Women Council, 801 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Journal of Reprints of Documents Affecting Women: quarterly journal of up-to-date legislation, on equal rights for women. True copies useful in litigation, mediation, management-decision making, research. Good for speechwriting and workshops and essential to women's studies courses. (American) Send $36 to Today Publications, National Press Building, Washington, D.C. U.S.A. 20045. (One free review copy). Wish we had a Canadian one.

High School Feminist Studies: 157-page paperback giving textbook analysis of women in history, teaching ancient history from feminist perspective, feminine image in literature. $2.50 from Feminist Press, Box 334, Old Westbury, New York, N.Y. 11568.

RMPP Publications Sample Pack on Sexuality: aimed at young girls and boys. Includes selection of "So You Don't Want to Be a Sex Object", - "This Is You" (feminine hygiene) - "MCP Colouring Book" - "Perils of Puberty" - "Vasectomy" - etc. $1.00 from RMPP, 2030 East 20th Ave., Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. 80205.

Women's Agenda: monthly publication of Women's Action Alliance aimed at sharing knowledge and skills about lobbying for changes in the status of women. June 1976 issue includes: "Inside Affirmative Action - Women From Nine Major Institutions Tell How It Is - And Is Not - Really Working" - "Is Your Union Behind You? Checklist For Women" - etc. $10 per year. Women's Action Alliance, 370 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. U.S.A. 10017. Based on the U.S. National Women's Agenda - goals for women set during IWY.

Women and Credit: "Borrowing Basics for Women" is a free booklet explaining to women how to: establish credit, get a mortgage, eligibility for loans, report credit discrimination, make sure your credit history is fair and accurate. While the material is American, it will be of general use to Canadian women. First National City Bank, P.A. Dept. WB, 399 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

The Community Survey of the Status of Women: is a "how-to" kit containing guidelines for conducting an investigation of the occupational and institutional status of women on a community basis. It is designed for use at the local level for pinpointing local problems and inequities. Available for $2.00 from the Population Institute. Write: Organization Liaison Division, Population Institute, 110 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, U.S.A.

Family Law: Report of the Law Reform Commission of Canada, 73-page bilingual paperback with the findings and recommendations of the Commission on unified family court, dissolution of marriage, economic readjustment and children. $3.50 from Information Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Women, Money and Power, by Phyllis Chesler and Emily Jane Goodman, New York: William Morrow and Co. Inc., is about the psycho-economic condition of women, why they do not control wealth, how they feel about money and power, what they do to survive.

The Women's Guide to Starting a Business: by Claudia Jessup and Genie Chipps, New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1976, a step-by-step guide to starting any type of business, whether retailing, service or manufacturing, including stories of individual women who are running successful ventures.

Status of Women Employed by the City Of Ottawa: 150 page report of IWY Task Force giving specific findings on women employed by municipal government and recommendations for change including affirmative action program. Free from Equal Opportunity Program, City Hall, Ottawa, Ontario.

Women In Future Priesthood Now: This report on a conference by the same name, provides background data affecting the ordination of women and an account of the proceedings of the conference. Free from Deliberation, Box 5678, Coralville, Iowa, U.S.A. 52241. $1.00

Infiltration of the Women's Movement: A Feminist Critique of the Young Socialists. A pamphlet available from Box 2827, Station A, Edmonton, Alberta. 20¢

FCC Action Kit: How to negotiate with your local broadcast station on employment and programming for women is the subject of an action kit by the National Organization of Women. It includes a model agreement between a women's group and a broadcaster, tells how to monitor T.V., where to get station employment records, how to challenge license renewals and a timetable for it all. The kit is American but will be applicable to Canadian women. From N.O.W., 5 South Wabash, Suite #1615, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. 60603.

Isis' Women's Media 1976 Catalogue: 50 page booklet outlining videotapes, audiotapes, slide shows, print packages produced by Isis and others, also list of media resource centre relevant to women. Free from them at 2185 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. or call 731-3324.

Therapeutic Abortions 1975 Advance Information: 6-page pamphlet summarizing the abortion statistics for all of Canada, published December 1975, the latest figures available. Free from Carol Soukup, Info Canada, 800 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C. or call 666-3881.

Women in Federal Politics: A bio-bibliography compiled by Gerwynneth Evans. Stories of the 27 female MPs and 14 female senators of Canada. Price unknown. From the National Library of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Female Artists, Past and Present: annotated international directory/bibliography of women artists, architects, art historians, critics, etc. 1974/$7.00 plus 1975 supplement/$4.00, from Women's History Research Centre, Inc. 2325 Oak St., Berkeley, California, U.S.A. 94708.

Women and Health Care: Bibliography With Selected Annotation by Sheryl K. Ruzak, $3.00 plus 50¢ postage from Program on Women, Northwestern University, 619 Emerson St., Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A. 60201.

t-shirts

Mom's Repairs now have T-shirts available! They have a circle on the front with "MOM'S REPAIRS, THE WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL GARAGE" inside it. The T-shirts come in purple, brown, black, light blue and navy. Small, medium, large. $5 donation. Phone 876-0635 or 732-7753.

media action

playmates?

We received a copy of the following letter from a VSW member. It refers to an advertisement for stereo equipment produced by S.H. Parker Co. Ms. Matheson sent her letter to Maclean's Magazine, where she found the ad, and to the Advertising Standards Council. We suggest you also send a copy to S.H. Parker Co. Addresses are supplied below.

Ms. Matheson"s letter is short and to the point -- you may want to add more details about why you find the ad offensive.

"Dear Sirs:

I refer you to page 51 of the August 1976 edition of Maclean's -- an advertisement for stereo equipment. I take strong exception to this form of sexist advertising. Please clean up your act!

Yours truly,

S.J. Matheson

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Routes May Soon Be Open!!

THE COLUMBIAN BEHIND THE TIMES!

VSW member Doreen Rutka has sent us a form from The Columbian Newspaper in Coquitlam which unfortunately is too faint to be reproduced here. The form is from the Circulation Department of the Columia and is labelled "Columbian Carrier Salesman Application" (underlining is ours). The form continues:"If you are 11 years old or older, dependable and courteous, now is the time to get your name on the waiting lists for routes the older Columbian carriers may be giving up soon. * Columbian carriers are junior business men learning to sell services and collect and pay bills, (underlining ours again) and sure enough there are drawings of two of these "junior business men" with their little Columbian paper carrier bags slung across their boyish chests.

Anyone who feels so inclined can try nudging The Columbian towards present day reality.

olympics

OLYMPIC COVERAGE SEXIST

During the Olympic Games the Vancouver Status of Women joined women across Canada in protesting certain aspects of the CBC coverage of the games. Objections were voiced concerning the lack of female sportscasters, the use of the term 'girl' instead of 'woman' or sportswoman', and the final outrage -- Gary Lauten's "gluteus maximum (sic) awards" where Lautens gave awards to the breasts of female competitors that most appealed to him.

Protest was immediate -- phone calls to local and telegrams to local stations and CBC Toronto, and even small demonstration in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Saskatoon.

A public apology was issued by CBC and VSW received a letter from CBC president Johnson assuring us that "we issued an apology to our audience and instructions to our production teams that no further lapses of taste such as this item would be tolerated."

Secretary of State Hugh Faulkner wrote that he "very much regretted that it proved offensive to you and to other viewers across the country, owing to its manifestly sexist implications." (KR)

failure

UPI Admits Failure to Cover Feminist News

Mr. H.L. Stevenson, Editor-in-Chief and Vice-President of United Press International, a large international news service, admitted in May 1976 that the newsmedia have been too concerned with bra-burning, 'chairperson' and 'Ms.', and thus have missed the bigger women's stories. "We missed the real significance of the civil rights movement in its early stages," he noted, "Let's not do it with the women's movement." (KR)

contest

Women in Media Contest

Women students are invited to submit a proposal for a course on women in the media, comprehensive or any aspect of the topic. Should include course outline, description and reading list. Deadline for entries is December 1, 1976. Prize $300. Submit to Media Report to Women, 3306 Ross Place NW, Washington, DC, U.S.A. 20008. (KR)

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Members unable to contribute financially will receive KINESIS on a complimentary basis.

KINESIS is published monthly be the Vancouver Status of Women. Its objective is provide an open channel of communication between the members of the organization, and to provide information for interested individuals, groups, and members of the government and media in order to promote understanding about the changing role of women in society.

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Letters

KINESIS:

In August's Kinesis' excerpts from Hansard, Rosemary Brown said, "there are a couple of other serious things I wonder if you're looking at, and that's the whole business of women in prisons." As New Zealanders say, "Good on you Rosemary".

And now I wonder if Ms. Brown would also look at women in mental hospitals? I have witnessed an assault upon a young woman of eighteen by a rough, intimidating male orderly in the Intensive Care Unit at Crease. So habitual and unwitting is the sadistic behavior of certain members of the staff they did not cover up their behavior in the presence of visitors.

I was told by the consulting psychiatrist, "I demand two males to each female nurse in this unit." At the time of my visit there were four attendants for three frightened patients, one of whom had had his teeth knocked out; the two other patients were women.

Alas, this fear of and planning for violence--and for male nurses to handle it, is unbecoming in a psychiatrist, shows lack of trust in his patients, communicates itself to staff. The staff, we observed, acted as jailers and indeed evoked fear and violence in the patients. A young woman locked in solitary in the unit beat on the door and screamed all during our visit one day. We were told by an aide she had screamed all night.

In a back issue of Kinesis, under Policewoman Can Handle Violence, it was stated that "women are less likely to resort to unnecessary force in citizen encounters and are more likely to diffuse volatile situations". The assault I witnessed was on a pathetically frightened young woman who had broken out of her solitary (which, unlike prisons, does not have a toilet). If the nurse does not respond to the patients beating on the door--as has been documented in Crease, the patient may resort to urinating on the floor.

I would like Ms. Brown to investigate psychiatric abuse. When Ms. Brown was chairperson of the Legislature's Select Standing Committee on Health, Human Resources and Education, she made no mention of mental patients. Perhaps now that she has more time for research she might rectify this omission and start looking into the status of the most neglected, most mistreated, and most pathetic members of our society--not prisoners, but mental patients.

Therese Spitzer

KINESIS:

An article appears on Page 11 of the July issue of KINESIS under the HANSARD heading dealing with rug ranking in the Civil Service.

Your readers will be interested to know that to all intent and purposes rug ranking has been abolished. Under a banner headline in the Public Service Alliance of Canada newspaper (May 1976) an announcement was made that a two year agreement was reached early in April of this year.

The agreement provided "for the much talked about re-classification of secretaries to get rid of the rug ranking prevalent in the Federal Public Service where secretaries were classified according to the work of their bosses and not according to their work." The agreement was made retroactive to January a2, 1976. It has affected over 15,000 persons, most of whom are women.

More information is available on this subject from P.S.A.C., 233 Gilmore St. Ottawa K2P OP1.

Sincerely,
I.L. Mitchell (Mrs.)
Co-ordinator, Women's Employment,
Pacific Region.

KINESIS:

We have been in Calgary for 2 years and even after all that time away from Vancouver, I could not do without KINESIS. And I share the "magazine" with gals here.

Olivia Wilson
Calgary, Alberta.

KINESIS:

My August issue of Kinesis arrived today and I note that two articles look like free advertising. I would like to know your policy on this; I refer to p. 5, "Women Need Insurance" and p. 20, "CCEC".

If Ms. Gedroff is an insurance agent, I think this should be indicated and also it is your duty to edit her article. That any of your staff could allow the publication of that old myth "women control 70% of the nation's wealth" is incomprehensible to me; inasmuch as it is proven on p. 22 of The Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada" that women actually control about 20% of the nation's wealth.

Also I would like to know what CCEC stands for. I have read the article twice and can't unravel the secret. Is it a secret?

Patricia M. Russell, Vancouver

Ms. Gedroff is indeed an insurance agent. She inquired if KINESIS would be interested in an article about the need of women to insure themselves as men dO -- to protect their futures. I felt that it would be of benefit to KINESIS readers to draw attention to this topic and so printed the article. Ms. Gedroff has offered to hold a workshop for women to explain the need for insurance and the various options.

As for the "women control 70% ...." -- you're quite right, it did slip by me & is probably entangled with the other old myth about spending most of the money. I'll try harder.

A spokesperson for CCEC gives the following explanation; " The CU Charter from the Provincial Govern-

ment is in these initials. The initials come from the name of the original society which was the Community Congress for Economic Change. The Credit Union grew out of this society and exists seperately from it. The CU has as its main aim the providing of low cost credit to those traditionally discriminated against by the conventional credit granting institutions. Enquiries are welcome at the office, 125 East 8th, Vancouver. Phone: 876-0910." As women and single parents are in the above mentioned group I felt the article would be of interest to KINESIS readers. Also VSW and BCFW are members of the CCEC and therefore members of those two organizations are eligible to apply for credit.

- Editor

KINESIS:

Enclosed please find my cheque for $22.08 (the amount of the Family Allowance cheque I receive for my daughter). Please put it towards another year's membership in VSW and another year's subscription to Kinesis.

I can't think of a better way to "invest" my daughter's F.A. cheque in a better future. Keep up the good work.

Joyce Hamilton, Burns Lake

KINESIS:

In response to Geoffrey L. Riddebough, the question may well be asked if the cause of feminism is menaced by the ignorant hysteria and lurid rhetoric of men. I cannot answer Dr. Smith's challenge for her, but I can comment on the 'choice' Mr. Riddebough gives women.

It is very curious that he perceives only two choices open to women--to accept men as fellow sufferers or to regard them as 'the enemy'. It seems, somehow, a rather common patriarchal offer. Has he never heard of separatism--a very sane and human position whereby men are neither accepted or fought against, but merely ignored?

Janice Summer

KINESIS:

WHY CAN'T THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT WOMEN'S CENTRES ARE??

As a volunteer at the Richmond Crisis Centre I am only too aware that most of the calls are from women. These women have problems with family, welfare, health, loneliness, and insecurity. The list is endless! These women are not nagging and complaining, they are scared and they need a place to go where they can feel wanted, make friends, and gain confidence.

This kind of support and the experience gained can only come from a women's centre. Not from a community centre, a crisis centre, or a family centre. This is why women's centres are so vitally important.

Finally, we have a women's centre in Richmond (The Richmond Women's Resource Centre), so before we lose it, let's enjoy it and let's use it.

Lesley Taylor

general meeting

VSW QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

The Quarterly General Meeting of the Vancouver Status of Women will be held September 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the YWCA, 580 Burrard St. Vancouver.

There will be a panel presentation by members of the B.C.F.W. Sub-Committee on Lesbian Rights. All VSW members are urged to attend.

festival

WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

There will be a Women's Festival at Camp Elphinstone (near Langdale) on October 8,9 and 10. For more information contact: SFU Women's Centre at 291-3670.

KINESIS

KINESIS is a little thinner this month -- 20 pages instead of the usual 24. A combination of there not being enough woman-hours in the day and the flow of contributions dries up to a trickle in the summer. But now that we are heading into Fall (not that we really had any Summer) I hope to see articles, essays, humourous pieces, personal experiences, ideas, whatever, come pouring in.

If you would like to write something for KINESIS, please do! It will make the editor very happy, it will make the readers very happy, and it will make you happy too! Try it and see!

"I sew, cook, iron, clean house, nurse children — yes, I am a working woman."

SEPTEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WOMAN ALIVE TV -- Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. Cable 10, Vancouver. See Page 16 for September programs.

ORIENTATION MEETINGS -- Thursday September 9th and Thursday September 23rd at 7:30 at the VSW Office. Come and find out what VSW is all about.

LESBIAN DROP-IN -- Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at VSW Office.

EDUCATION ACTION GROUP MEETING -- Wednesday, September 15, 7:30 p.m. at VSW Office. First meeting of new group. See Page 9 for details.