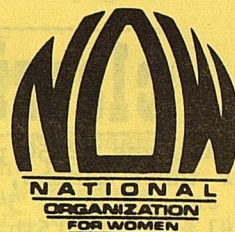


MAY NEWS

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The NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN in Lubbock

May 1977

VICTORY IN AUSTIN

Robbins Helps

Texas is secure: The House Committee on Constitutional Amendments voted 5-3 on Wednesday, April 13, to bury the ERA recall in subcommittee. Rep. Joe Robbins voted with us. Write him and thank him. The Assoc. of W's lobbied him hard and heavily. He took lots of heat both at home and in Austin.

We were outnumbered at the hearings easily 3 to 1, including a sizeable group of W's from Lubbock. But our small representation was critical and very effective: Connie Marks, Susie Sappington, Martina Strobel, Shirley Wright

NEW LEADER

Effective May 1, Lubbock NOW will undergo a change in leadership. President Dinah Coble will be moving to El Paso and will be replaced by Elaine Bagley, present Vice President. Susan Hill will assume the new responsibilities of Vice President.

There is no way we can truly express our appreciation for the leadership Dinah has provided during the past 8 months, but we will miss her. Her contributions have been many and her efforts untiring. Good luck, Dinah in your new endeavors!

and Pat Bruno.

They visited with Attorney General John Hill for over an hour. He wanted to know what else we want. They discussed a Status of Women Commission, Displaced Homemaker legislation, appropriations and political realities. He stressed being informed, and the power of our special interest lobby. He says our biggest clout in Austin is anything linking politics and children.

Testimony, a 3½ hour ordeal of 20-minute intervals for each side, was on legality, morality, family

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May Program: Shake & Bake Blues

The feminist as homemaker: frustration or freedom? For the many women who have struggled with the pressures of family, as well as community, career, or volunteer activities, this question has been omnipresent. A panel of NOW members who have dealt with these complex issues will share their feelings and findings with us at the May program meeting. Barbara Noblin, Elaine Bagley, Ruth Lauer, and Susan Olbekson represent a vast variety of life choices and experiences, and their ideas should create a stimulating learning session for everyone. The meeting is to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 1977, at the Wesley Foundation, 2420 - 15th Street.

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sexual cycles

The School of Social Work of the University of Texas will sponsor a workshop entitled "The Impact of Sexual Cycles in Adulthood on Values and Decision Making" in Lubbock May 26-27. Sites and program schedule are to be announced. This workshop will provide information on adult sexuality and the sexual cycles adults experience. In addition, it will examine the impact of these cycles on life crises, values, and decision making. The focus will be on techniques for leading a small group discussion on human sexuality, with an emphasis on group leader communication skills and the use of value clarification methodology. Registration fee is \$50.00; \$55.00 after May 12. For further information on registration, write Continuing Education Program, Center for Social Work Research, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas 78712. You may call 512-471-4387 or Tex An 821-4387

TEXAS WOMEN

The Texas Women's Meeting June 24-26 in Austin, leading up to the National Women's Conference November 18-21, 1977, in Houston, offers an unprecedented, publicly funded opportunity in this International Women's Decade to recognize the contributions all women have made to every aspect of national life and to recommend ways to remove the barriers that prevent many women from making their fullest contribution.

The meeting will be held at the LBJ Library and Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, Austin, Texas, June 24-26. For further information, write Barbara Langham, Executive Director, Texas Commission on the Observance of IWY Decade, Federal Building G-161, 300 East 8th St., Austin, Texas 78701. You may call her at 512-476-9098.

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ERA EMERGENCY

Austin Win

In view of the setbacks that the federal Equal Rights Amendment has suffered recently, National NOW has declared an ERA emergency and is urging individual members, NOW chapters and state NOW organizations and other groups committed to equality for women to give the ERA ratification effort.

We are urged to become more knowledgeable and articulate on the Equal Rights Amendment and to take advantage of every opportunity to stress the positive impact that the ERA will have on the family.. We are also urged to raise funds for the ERA.

National NOW urges members to write to President Carter and to the Chair of the Democratic Party, Kenneth Curtis, emphasizing the need for their greater involvement and stronger commitment to the ERA. Also remind them that the Democratic Party platform includes support for the ERA and that Democrats have control of the state legislature in all unratified states.

-Antoinette d'Oronzio
San Antonio NOW

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ties, scripture and the heart, by the "Right." Pro-ERA witnesses included Liz Carpenter, among many legal experts. But the highlight was a 20-year Dallas lawyer representing business and professional women, Hermine Tobolowsky. Her knowledge of recent Court interpretation of state ERA's was a disarming blow to the absolute interpretationists. She gave the coup de grace.

The Resolution came to a vote at 10:15 p.m. with a motion to send HCR 35 back to subcommittee. Then R. Smothers substituted a move to send the bill to the full house for a vote. It was narrowly defeated 4-3. Joe Robbins stuck with us. The final scuttle of HCR 35 in committee was definitive. We've won. The Senate could take up the matter, but it will die a natural death. Many thanks are due. Write Joe Robbins; also Sarah Weddington who organized and presented our witnesses; and Froy Salinas who was most helpful. Barbara Vackar was constantly visible and vigilant on and off the floor. Then, after you've written your thanks, breathe a sign of relief.

THANKS MERCHANTS

Our sincerest thanks and much appreciation goes to the following merchants for their support in making our Title IX Workshop a success:

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The Feminist as Mother

In 1921, Elizabeth Kemper Adams stated, while talking about two-career households: "Woman can't adequately meet her obligations to her own children without, at the same time, meeting her obligations to other children, and young people of the community, in the school, on the playground, in the home, the store, the office and the factory."

Mother, as defined in the Oxford-English Dictionary is "a woman who has given birth to a child." Feminist, in the same text is "an advocate of the rights of women, based on the theory of equality of the sexes." The Feminist Mother, then, I would suggest, is that woman who has given birth to a child, who advocates the equality of the sexes.

Too often, Mothering is confused with diapering, formula making, feeding, stopping fights and various task oriented occurrences of activities of daily living. It is, rather, providing models for your child. The less restraint placed on that model, the more creative life choices are open to that child. And increased freedom, by any historical perspective, though frightening and more difficult from the onset, is better.

Better, in that present in the feminist household are increased sharing between spouses with child rearing activities. Better because Fathers are closer to their children in equal households. Better because the Feminist Mother chooses to have her children, but does not build her whole life around them. And better, because the child does not feel the effects of a self-sacrificing Mama, but rather builds self-reliance because he/she sees it so activated in their world.

Self sacrifice stinks! And so it is portrayed to us through the media, with nagging, whining, complaining, snippy, catty, suspicious wife/mother so consistently ascribed to women, which occurs as a natural phenomenon whenever people are de-

pendent on others in close, unequal relationships. Similar phenomena occur with soldiers in barracks, slaves in captivity, prisoners in confinement. Hence we may rule out the femaleness of the tendency, to un-naturalness of the settings.

1970 homemaking and mothering tasks are now less demanding due to labor-saving devices, mass production of food and clothes etc., and the effective safer birth control devices. Is this then what caused or at least served as the major impetus to the present era of feminism?

The smaller family is indeed more economical, and the fewer children of the Feminist Mother have undoubtedly caused economic change and a restructuring of political priorities. And change, once again is met with resistance and even scorn.

A New York Times article, during the Nixon administration, stated: "Day Care can result in permanent damage to an infant's emotional development." However in the 1960's, 2/3rd's of new employees were women. And these women were and are returning to work with increasingly younger children, i.e. pre-school age. In 1966, 20% of women returning to work had children 1 year of age or younger; 40% of women returning to work had children between 1-4 years of age; and 16% of women returning to work had children of 5 years age or older.

Benjamin Spock, in the 1950's, when the cult of motherhood was truly back in vogue, counseled that Mothering, in her traditional role was all to the infant in way of stimulation. But how does an unstimulated mother cope with her strains and frustrations?? She "buys a new dress or gets a new image at the beauty parlor." At best, the temperment of the times could allow for a little more than low status part-time jobs which incidently,

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Task Force Report: LOCAL MEDIA SURVEY

From March 1 through March 15 NOW members monitored the 6:00 and 10:00 news on Channels 11, 13, and 28. We also surveyed NOW members and a sample of people who attended the Woman's Fair at Tech on attitudes towards television. The results of the monitoring and the survey were used when the Task Force met with the management of the three stations in late March. The following is a brief summary of the monitoring results:

Reporters by sex:

| | 11% | 13% | 28% |
|---|------|------|------|
| M | 37.1 | 96.2 | 61.4 |
| F | 62.9 | 3.8 | 38.6 |

Reporters by race:

| | 11% | 13% | 28% |
|---|------|------|------|
| W | 91.4 | 99.7 | 99.6 |
| B | 1.1 | .15 | .3 |
| O | 7.5 | .15 | .1 |

Regional Meet

As a result of the new National Bylaws, Lubbock NOW is part of the South Central Regional NOW Conference. Our first regional conference will be held in El Paso at the El Paso Convention Center, May 27-29. The convention hotel will be El Paso del Norte Hotel with rooms ranging from \$17 plus tax per single occupancy to \$27 plus tax for quadruple occupancy. Nancy Kohutek, President of El Paso NOW, may be contacted for further information: 6420 Tizarro, El Paso, Texas.

An added feature of the Regional Conference is that arrangements have been made for the Texas State NOW Council to meet in El Paso during the Regional Conference. Lubbock delegates should begin to make plans to attend. Further details available at the May 10 Business/Action Meeting.

Newsmakers by sex:

| | 11% | 13% | 28% |
|---|------|------|------|
| M | 88.9 | 95.0 | 94.2 |
| F | 11.1 | 5.0 | 5.8 |

Newsmakers by race:

| | 11% | 13% | 28% |
|---|------|------|------|
| W | 87.4 | 81.3 | 74.6 |
| B | 8.8 | 16.3 | 18.7 |
| O | 3.8 | 2.4 | 6.7 |

Here is a small sample of questions from the survey and the responses:

Do you think the images of women presented on TV are believable and truthful?

| | YES% | NO% | UNDEC'D% |
|------------|------|------|----------|
| NOW | 0 | 94.9 | 5.1 |
| Woman's Fr | 4.5 | 72.7 | 22.7 |

Do you feel that women are abused and ridiculed by media more often than not?

| | YES% | NO% | UNDEC'D% |
|------------|------|------|----------|
| NOW | 84.6 | 2.6 | 12.8 |
| Woman's Fr | 63.6 | 27.3 | 9.1 |

Do you feel the relationships and roles on TV shows mirror women's lifestyles?

| | YES% | NO% | UNDEC'D% |
|------------|------|------|----------|
| NOW | 5.2 | 84.6 | 10.3 |
| Woman's Fr | 4.5 | 77.3 | 18.2 |

Next month more survey results and results of monitoring advertisements.

-Cecilia Owens-Beckham

Action/Business

The next Action/Business meeting of Lubbock NOW will be held at 7 P.M., Tuesday, May 10, at the Wesley Foundation, 2420 15th Street. All paid NOW members are welcome to attend.



HOGWASH

Send contributions to Jane Twyman, 3407 55th, Lubbock 79413.

House Majority Leader Jim Wright, asked to state a broad rule for avoiding congressional sex scandals, responded: "The Wright broad rule is that broads ought to be able to type."

from the Wall Street Journal, December 31, 1976, submitted by Edna Gott.

In ancient Rome, a wife caught stealing the keys to her husband's wine cellar was subject to the death penalty, legally sentenced by the husband himself.

from I.M. Boyd, "Pass It On," The Avalanche-Journal, March 23, 1977, submitted by Richmond Flowers.

CALL LIST ADDITIONS

The following information was omitted from the most recent Lubbock NOW Call List which is available to all Lubbock NOW members by calling the NOW office at 795-4637:

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from UpDate, April 20, 1977, submitted by Jane Twyman

FEMINIST MOTHER

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meshed with well with the demands of the labor market during this period.

And oh how Roosevelt attacked the woman who left the home in pursuit of professionalism as "selfish." His oft-termed "large family sentimentality" then, was to be an excuse for the blatant double standard, for there is no challenge to the selfishness of men who avoid children.

Germaine Greer, speaking on the family, and to her unconceived offspring states, "My child will not be guided at all because the guidance offered him by this society seeks to lead him backwards and forwards and sideways all at once. If we are to recover serenity and joy in living, we will have to listen to what our children tell us in their own way, and not impose our own distorted image upon them in our crazy families."

Yet the crazy beat goes on. In order to stop abusing our children, we must stop abusing Motherhood. We must scream to her that the "inborn mystique" of maternalism which fails her and exploits her child and creates dependency not love on both parts, can be freed with the essences of growth nurtured bilaterally.

Peoples' attitudes have lagged behind the changing reality of women's participation in the work force and society. Feminism crystalizes a discontent, a frightening one to the misinformed. Many feminists' groups' interest in "children's liberation" illustrates their genuine concern for their children's welfare. For example, a group from New Haven commented: "Although most of us are rejecting the Freudian notion that only fulfillment of a woman's life is her children, many of us see children as a beautiful and important part of our lives. We want to be able to provide settings which will allow our children

to grow and develop happily."

But what do we do with children left behind from increasingly suicidal mothers, pill popping mothers, powerless-penniless mother? If we supply instant identity to the woman by Motherhood, then what do we say to a thirty-two year old "retiree," with the youngest child off in school and forty years of lifetime ahead?

And what do we say to the child who's supposed to meet all needs but doesn't, to a child named Sam who likes to play with dolls, to a father who's expected to strive for success but feels no ambition?

We free them.

We martyr no one. We challenge all. We make it harder for everyone. We humanize. We scare at our changing selves. But we share the scare.

- Sandy Shadwick

NEW MEMBERS

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

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- _____ \$4 receipt of Lubbock Newsletter only (non-member)
- _____ \$3 receipt of Texas NOW Newsletter, (appears quarterly)
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WE'LL MISS YOU, DINAH

As most of you know, our president, Dinah Coble, is moving to El Paso. She has been a super leader, and we'll miss her sorely. (Just what is her sorely?) Seriously folks, wouldn't it be great to give her a big send-off? A gold watch, flowers, the whole bit? Yeah, it would be great, but we can't afford it. So what do we do? WE HAVE A PARTY. . . .

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE FIRST ANNUAL DINAH COBIE SEND-OFF PARTY

DATE: Sunday, May 8, 1977

TIME: 4 pm

DRINKS: 30¢ Beers

FOOD: Bring a covered dish. Please call Elaine at 795-1156 or Jane at 799-3789 and tell us what you can provide, so we don't end up with 30 salads, 25 green bean/mushroom soup dishes, and 1 pie.

** SEE YOU THERE **