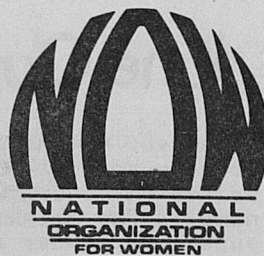


# AUGUST NEWS

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The NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN in Lubbock

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## PINK-LADY THREAT BLOCKED IN TEXAS

The days June 24-26, 1977 were historic ones for Texas women. Three thousand of us came to Austin from all over the state. The Texas Women's meeting was made possible by Congress through Public Law 94-167, which authorized state women's meetings and the National Women's (IWY) Conference. The purpose: to evaluate the status of women and present a report to the President and to Congress, outlining barriers that still prevent many women from making their fullest contributions to American life. Texas women gathered to elect delegates to the National IWY Meeting, and to pass resolutions expressing their goals for American women.

Eight NOW members went, some by car and the others went on an IWY sponsored bus. Those of us who travelled by bus got a real feel of our "grass-rootedness", as the bus stopped first for us, then for old women, young women, black, white, Chicana; at  
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## August Program

NOW parties are lots of fun and our programs are informative, but unless you have been an active member of a task force, you probably don't realize the extent to which our NOW chapter is working to initiate change in the Lubbock community. Our task forces are the guts of our organization -- where the struggle for equality is carried on. They need our support!

At our August program meeting the election of next year's officers will be held. In addition, old and new members alike will have the opportunity to find out what's new at Lubbock NOW. Following the elections, Task Force Chairs will give us an up-date on their activities and many questions may come to mind. If all you've done is thought about becoming involved, our August meeting should give you a shot in the arm. Join us on Tuesday, August 2, at 7:30 P.M. at the Wesley Foundation 2420 15th St.

## GARAGE SALE

Lubbock NOW will have a garage sale Saturday, August 6th at 3407 55th. It's time to clean out your closets for contributions to this fundraising effort. Good items for donation are furniture, small appliances, costume jewelry, and clothing. Donations can be taken to Elaine Bagley's house, 3605 28th or call Susie Sappington at 765-9677 (after 5:00 p.m.) to have items picked up. Susie will also be happy to hear that you can help with pricing or selling.

# Jane Out - Pam In

As you may have noticed, the credits box on this page lists a new editor for Lubbock NOW News. Her name is Pam Brink, and she is a super new member of Lubbock NOW, who is working on her dissertation in Shakespeare. She has accepted the challenge of being your Editor with true grace. (She may not know how hard it is to get you all to hand in items typed on a 35-character line.) Pam is extremely creative, and I believe you can look forward to an even more wonderful Newsletter than you've had for the past year.

Pam says she would really like to see poetry, artwork, book reviews, articles from the membership, so NOW's your chance!

As for me, I have taken over coordinating of Consciousness Raising, and am hard at work on the Household Violence Task Force, so it shouldn't be too hard for me to stay out of trouble.

Thank you all for your great support over the past year.

--Jane

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# MEMBER LEAVING

(Editor's Note: We received the following letter from Ann Morgan, NOW member and Director of Tech's Office of International Programs.)

June 24, 1977

I've accepted a position as Director of the Peace Corps in Thailand and will be leaving Lubbock in August. I expect to be in Bangkok by mid-October. If any NOW members are planning a trip to Asia within the next three years, I would certainly welcome a visit. I promise free room and board and a very practiced tour of Bangkok! You can reach me by writing to: Ann Morgan, Director/U.S. Peace Corps/c/o U.S. Embassy/Bangkok Thailand.

I can also promise a meeting with a group of absolutely fantastic Thai women who are leaders in the indigenous feminist movement. Most of them were educated in France years ago when education for women was an unheard of phenomenon. It was no easy task. One of them for example, took a job as a governess for a Thai family posted to Paris. She quit shortly after arrival, worked her way through medical school by scrubbing floors at night, and returned to Thailand as the first female physician. Unable to practice her profession, she launched a Carrie Nation-type campaign to curb rampant V.D. in the country. As a result of her efforts, there is now a network of government V.D. clinics. She runs her own private clinic, and in her spare time operates a rehabilitation center for prostitutes and one of the largest orphanages in Thailand.

There are many others who have attacked problems with equal energy and with similar sacrifices. Together, they constitute a fascinating group whose stories should be told. It's worth a trip to Thailand just to meet them!

Sincerely,  
Ann

# HELP NOW: SEND MONEY!

The following NOW members and friends have made a monetary pledge or donation to Lubbock NOW: Charlotte Guinn, Edna Gott, Elaine Bagley, Jane Twyman, Susie Sappington, Jayme Sokolow, Dorothy McLarty, Briggs Twyman, Judy Atcheson, Ruth Lauer, Melissa Lattimore, Elizabeth Hrnrcir, Joe Terry, Robin Smith, Dr. Jane Winer, Virginia Grief, Vicki Crider, Alice Broderick, Anne Daghistany-Ransdell, Nancy Barr, Nota McCullough, Barbara and Sam Ward, Marge Blackburn, Lynn Buechele, Blanche Buechele, Pat Bruno, Nancy Armes, Susan Hill, Angela Shepherd, and Judy Jackson.

Won't you help? Lubbock NOW needs more than your moral support: it needs your financial support too. Help NOW realize its goals. They are our common cause. Please send your pledge or contribution today. A bank draft form is reproduced below for your convenience.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Bank \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Draft Service

You are hereby authorized to charge my account and pay all drafts drawn by \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ each month for one year, until otherwise instructed by me in writing. I understand and agree that said bank neither incurs nor assumes any liability and shall be held harmless against any and all claims which may arise in connection herewith.

Your Bank Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to make a pledge at this time, but have enclosed a contribution in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make checks payable to Lubbock NOW and mail to Susie Sappington, 1523 24th Place, Lubbock 79405.

# Lesbian Network

From NOW OR NEVER, newsletter of the Denton County NOW Chapter:

Texas is currently the first state to attempt to set up a state-wide Lesbian/feminist communication network. This network will consist of a closely guarded mailing list, controlled by the circulation editor of the Austin Wimmin's publication, GOODBYE TO ALL THAT, which can be used to send out news releases that must reach Texas Lesbian/feminists within a very short period of time. Legislative updates, candidate bio's, concert or rally notices, calls to action, and other quick news items of relevance to Lesbian/feminists

can be printed and mailed to the network's address, where the network's committee will address them all from the confidential mailing list, send them out, and charge the originator only for mailing costs and a nominal addressing fee. The network will be known as the LONE STAR LESBIANS and will exist only through your energies and donations. If you want your name on this mailing list (and it should be--it will be a direct line to all important events in the state), send it to Lone Star Lesbians, (LSL, c/o Kathleen Coyne, P.O. Box 3301, Austin, Tx 78764.) Tell all your friends about it. If you want more information or if you would like to be a contact woman for your area (one of the people sending in information), write Kathleen and express your interests. This is a major step toward Lesbian/feminist unity in Texas--spread the word!!

## First-Timers

The following people were first time attenders at the July Program Meeting: Gena Huber, Polly Lackey, Donald Crenshaw, Donna Norman, Mark Norman, and Nancy Arthur. Lubbock NOW welcomes you and we hope to see you again soon!

# Pink-Lady Threat Blocked

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Post, Snyder, Sweetwater, Abilene, Lampasas and Stephenville, We greeted each other rather cautiously at first, because we had word that many anti-rights women would be in Austin. Those women soon became easy to identify, however, because they very carefully spoke to no one.

## pink tactics

Once at the Conference, however, the Pink Ladies became very vocal, as did the men who had come to tell them how to vote. As the final counts showed, pro-rights women were in the majority, but there were also many hundreds of anti's in attendance. They moved from workshop to workshop during the first day, attempting to block votes on issues such as childcare, abortion and the ERA. In a "Status of Homemakers" reaction session, a vote to encourage legislators to "get on with Displaced Homemaker Legislation," the vote was 104 to 104. A Catholic nun broke the tie for our side.

## pro-rights victory

Fifty of the 58 delegates chosen to represent Texas women at the National IWY Meeting are pro-choice, pro-ERA women. Among the resolutions passed at the general business session where those calling for President Carter to appoint women as Supreme Court Justices; for enforcement of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Texas Credit Code; for the defense of Lesbian civil rights by law; for swift ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and for a requirement that Federal agencies disseminate information on grants for training programs among minority women.

The Anti-rights women have charged that the Conference was railroad-

ed by pro-rights people, and are bemoaning the fact that none of the conservative resolutions were passed. It has been observed that had they not tried to pass their own resolutions in a block, their chances for passing at least a few might have been strengthened. Most rational people, however, would have found it difficult to vote for a resolution which objected to the language of child abuse laws, in that it was contended that these laws undermine parental authority.

## it's all true

Those of us from NOW who attended the conference were, I think, somewhat surprised to learn that all we had heard about the Pink Ladies was true. Our innate sense of charity toward all women combined with the idea that surely all women want to be free had caused us to harbor sisterly feelings for even the anti-rights women. It is our belief that we are fighting to make life better for every woman who lives under the American flag, and yet we are being fought every step of the way by the Pink Ladies. They are surely reaping rewards of our hard work when they apply for and get a credit card in their own name; or gain entrance to law school; or even are able to leave their children in someone else's care while they to Austin to fight for unequal rights.

## now participants

Attending the Conference were Elaine Bagley, Daisy Breedlove, Virginia Grief, Carol Haber, Linda Bailey, Kathy Teague, Jane Twyman, Edna Gott and Nota McCullough. They urge you to join them on the Freedom Bus to the National IWY Conference in Houston November 18-21, 1977!

# HOGWASH!

Send contributions to Pam Brink,  
2123 17th, Lubbock 79401.

"The Director of something called the Gender Identity Clinic at the University of Texas-Galveston has been quoted as saying that attitude, not anatomy, determines a person's sex.

'The only consistent and common-sense notion is that a person is the sex they think they are,' he opined.

At least he's consistent: His grammar is as bad as his reasoning."

Kenneth May in the Avalanche-Journal  
June 18, 1977, submitted by BLT.

"Charm schools are back; and high time too, we don't mind saying.

The 60's--0 sleazy decade!-- just about finished off such schools, which were concerned, not with telling their pupils where its at, but with reminding them that well-brought-up young ladies say 'where it is.'"

from a Fort Worth newspaper, June 1977, submitted by Judy Jackson.

"Female activists have men scared. It is time that our men get starch

## New Members

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

Camillia A. Martin  
4345 28th, Apt. 31  
Lubbock 79405  
799-4610

Cecilia Owens-Beckham,  
1514 29th Place Apt. 4  
Lubbock 79405  
747-0029

in their backbones and stand up to the women's lib movement."

Nellie J. Gray, Washington Attorney, in an AP article in the Avalanche-Journal, July 15, 1977, submitted by Susie Sappington.

"I have heard the repeated charge, 'My husband is an animal. All he thinks about is sex.' I smile  
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## mail ballot

If you will be unable to attend the August 2nd Program Meeting during which the election of new officers will be held, please mail this absentee ballot to Susan Hill, 2216-B 15th, Lubbock 79401 no later than July 29, 1977. Be sure to put your return address on the envelope. Without this, your vote cannot be counted.

### ABSENTEE BALLOT

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CHARLOTTE GUINN \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

# HOGWASH ANNEX

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at that. That poor wife doesn't realize she is to blame. Her toleration of his needs serves only to heighten his appetite."

from a religious tract, submitted by Elaine Bagley

"From minutes of the annual meeting, April 17, 1876: the ladies of the parish have contributed \$1279.54 for the organ. . . (Election of officers followed). The question having been previous to the balloting as to the right of women to vote in the election, it was settled that according to the charter they had no such right, therefore they refrained from voting."

from the Bulletin of St. John's Cathedral, Denver, July 4, 1976, submitted by Frances Marye and Maydelle Seaver.

# That's NOW Business

- ♀ Shirley Wright will be leaving soon to take a position with the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in St. Louis, We will miss you, Shirley, but wish you much happiness in your new job.
- ♀ Cecilia Owens-Beckham and Susan Hill will take over as co-Chairs of the Media Task Force.
- ♀ The Household Violence Task Force is going strong, but still needs a Chair. Anyone game?
- ♀ Elaine Bagley, Linda Bailey and Jane Twyman spoke with various segments of the media concerning the Texas Women's Meeting.
- ♀ Elaine spoke to the Methodist Women on July 18 about the growing problem of household violence.

# JOIN NOW NOW

## MEMBERSHIP FORM:

Please fill out and return to Susie Sappington, 1523 24th Place, Lubbock Texas 79405.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$21 year's membership (National, State & Local Dues) or renewal
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$12 special membership may be elected by those who cannot pay more (such as some retirees, and some students, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$6 to join Lubbock chapter; already a member of National NOW
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$4 receipt of Lubbock Newsletter only (non-member)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$3 receipt of Texas NOW Newsletter (appears quarterly)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 and up Friends of NOW (for information call 795-4637 )

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