Editorial

OUR PERENNIAL PROBLEM

There is nothing more dismaying than violence against women, and nothing more tedious than writing yet another report describing it or editorial deploring it. Yet the increasing climate of violence which currently prevails in Columbus demands comment. Women in the campus area have experienced verbal harassment and physical imposition on the streets. Assaults and break-ins appear to be on the rise, and the Lantern has reported a startling incidence of rape in the campus area.

We believe that this upsurge in violence against women -- from the seemingly trivial street insult to the terrorism of rape -- represents backlash against women's independence, mobility, and strength. Response to this alarming situation has been curious to say the least. Reaction to the Lantern's conscientious reporting has demonstrated how devoutly women wish we could ignore our danger. We commend any effort to inform women of problems in a particular locality when that effort encourages women to organize for safety, rather than terrorizes them.

Individual commitment to mutual safety and organizing to change the prevailing atmosphere of threat and indifference are crucial needs. Unfortunately, all women are subject to the annoyance of puerile comments and arrogant, intrusive behavior on the streets as well as to assault -- not just feminists or nonfeminists. We hope that student organizations, dormitory complexes, and high-risk neighborhoods will organize to promote all women's safety without undue promotion of paranoia. We require full recognition of women's needs to attend night classes and events and to work in the library in the evening. Security must not take the form of lock-ups for women. Women and men can resolve to respond promptly and firmly to whistles or other alarms, and to be alert to prowlers in their area.

Such vigilance is necessary, but not an answer to disturbing trends. Women have a right to demand more from men than individual protection and lip service to women's mobility and safety. Many men still find rape trivial or even amusing, or regard it as a form of male prowess. Men who object to generalizations about themselves as beneficiaries of rape are obligated to resist rape actively, challenging sexist attitudes among men and affirming all women's right to autonomy. We expect all members of the campus community to demonstrate commitment to our safety. At minimum, we expect our classroom instructors to refrain from sexist comments and "rape jokes" and our fellow students to examine their own attitudes toward sexual harassment.

Women have made it unmistakably clear that we do not invite or enjoy violence against us. It is in our interests as women to assert ourselves whenever men offend us and to support other women when they challenge the people and attitudes which oppress and terrorize us.
INFORMATION

Multimedia Presentation on Violence Against Women

Women Against Rape and the OSU Rape Education Project have developed a multimedia presentation on violence against women. The presentation was initially developed for a National Organization of Women conference in 1975; it was intended to be a one-time event. However, it was so well received that the collective members performed it at various events until the summer of 1977. Several members initially involved in the production left the area at that time.

Karen Jensen, coordinator of the project, is one of the remaining members. Last winter, upon request of an ad hoc women's committee planning a conference on violence, she led a group which revised, lengthened and improved the presentation. The cast of ten women and two men employs a variety of media: slides, live and taped music, dramatic readings, drama and skits, tableaux and self-defense movements. The theatrical experience is a cooperative group effort.

The multimedia presentation is a fundraising project for Women Against Rape and the OSU Rape Education Project. New participants are welcomed, even if they are not members of these groups.

According to Jensen, the project is designed to give people "an historical documentation of violence against women to allow them to make the connection between street harassment, childbirth practices, rape and other forms of violence against women."

The hour long presentation is designed to provide people with information that can't be ignored. The ultimate message to individuals is that if all women work together, something can be done to alleviate some of the violence projected against them. The connection is made to current political activity and the need for women to organize.

Jensen views participation in the program as being "creative and fun as well as informative."

The program is available to all interested persons and groups for a $100.00 fee plus mileage. Presentation is not limited to the Columbus area. The group members will present it at conferences and other events. Interested persons please call 291-7756.

Rigney to teach "Women and Theology"

Barbara Rigney, associate professor of English/Women's Studies, will teach a new course winter quarter, "Women and Theology". This course will examine feminist alternatives to traditional, patriarchal religious beliefs. Issues such as the influence of traditional theology on the lives of women, the relationship between women, nature, and the supernatural, and the existence and sex of God will be explored through the literature of Mary Daly, Mary Gordon, Annie Dillard, Helen Diner and Margaret Atwood.

The course, Comparative Studies 315, will be offered at 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday.

Ohio Historical Society Exhibit on Changing Role of American Working Women

The changing role of American working women is the topic of a new traveling exhibit now available through the Ohio Historical Society. Topics covered in the exhibit include the transition from home to factory, 1800-1860; women and collective action, 1870-1917; women and the war efforts, World War I and II; the feminine mystique compared to feminine reality, 1945-1979; and others. Lavishly illustrated with a variety of silk screens, "Women and Work: America's Working Women 1800-1979" is designed for display in public locations such as lobbies or shopping malls. It is freestanding and easily assembled. Created under the auspices of the Ohio Labor History Project, the exhibit is shipped in its own crates from the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus. To reserve the exhibit, contact the Ohio Historical Society at (614) 466-1500.
DR. REYNOLDS TO SPEAK

The Association for Women in Science of Central Ohio will sponsor a lecture on Wednesday, November 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Chemical Abstracts Service, 2540 Olentangy River Road.

W. Ann Reynolds, Provost, Professor of Anatomy, and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Ohio State University will speak on "Biological Differences Between Men and Women."

Dr. Reynolds' presentation is open to the public. An informal reception will follow the lecture. For more information, contact Elizabeth Gross, Department of Microbiology, The Ohio State University, 422-9480 or Susan Cook, Department of Zoology, The Ohio State University, 422-7811.

COLUMBUS NOW CHAPTER NOW-COMERS NIGHT

November 7th has been scheduled as Now-comers night for new and old members interested in the Columbus Chapter of the National Organization of Women.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for individuals to meet the new officers and participate on committees. Positions for assistance are available on the seven maintenance committees: newsletter, program night, budget, membership, speakers bureau, public relations, and fund raising. There are eight issue committees: ERA, right to choose, homemaker's rights, battered women, divorce, education, media and sex discrimination on the job.

All meetings are held at the First Unitarian Church, 93 W. Weisheimer Road at 7:30 p.m. Child care is provided. For more information, call 276-5017.

WOMEN'S SERVICES EVENTS

Women's Services Events

Women's Services will present a workshop "Exploring Career Potential Through Non-Verbal Communication" on November 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Scarlet and Grey Room, lower level, Ohio Union.

Our non-verbal communication shows what kind of work is satisfying to us. According to the action profile system of non-verbal coding studied in this workshop, people can become more successful and optimize stressful situations when able to recognize their own characteristic movement patterns and how they interact with others. For this session, please wear loose fitting clothing and bring your lunch.

Gretchen Gudenkauf will facilitate this workshop. To pre-register call 422-8473 by November 15th.

On November 28, 6-7 p.m. Women's Services will sponsor a poetry reading by Rich and Billie Barbara Masten in Buckeye Suites D and E, third floor, Ohio Union.

These two poets from California, married to each other for twenty years, will present their unusual and exciting work on relationships, gender-roles and the "middle aged crazies."

PROGRAMS AT HILLEL FOUNDATION

On November 14, at 8:00 p.m. Lee Ann Smith of Columbus Infant Formula Coalition will present a filmstrip, Formula For Malnutrition and discuss the issues. Free Admission.

WOMEN'S PLACE COFFEEHOUSE

December 1, at 8:30 p.m. relax and enjoy a coffeehouse with a feminist atmosphere. Margo and Betsy will be the featured entertainment. Munchies will be served. The admission is $1.50.

Both the above events will be held at The Hillel Foundation, 46 E. 16th Avenue, Columbus, OH. For more information, contact Sora Newman, 294-4797.
CONFERENCE REPORTS

Conference on Black Women


The conference sessions will cover a wide range of topics representative of the present level of scholarship in Black women's history. NCNW plans to publish a selected number of conference papers in the Aframerican Woman's Journal.

For more information, contact Sheila Gardner or Alice Hayes, conference coordinators, NCNW Research Conference, 1318 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

Berkshire Conference Planned

The Berkshire Conference will hold its fifth Conference on Women's History at Vassar College in June, 1981. Proposals in the form of panels, workshops, or papers are invited from interested researchers. Cross-cultural, comparative, and trans-national panel packages are particularly welcome. Proposals should include theme, participants' names, paper titles, names of commentators and chairpersons, abstracts of papers, and vita with address and phone number of each participant. Send proposals by December 15, 1979, with a self-addressed postcard, to: JoAnn McNamara/500 West 111th Street/New York, NY 10025.

Material for Book Solicited

Material is being sought for a book of woman-identified erotica - personal accounts of what women, lesbians, feminists, and woman-identified women find erotic. Graphics and any form of written expression are welcome. Write: Jeanine/c/o Pamir Productions/P.O. Box 40218/ San Francisco, CA 94140.

National Hispanic Feminist Conference

The National Hispanic Feminist Conference Project invites program proposals and abstracts about Hispanic women's issues. Abstracts for papers and proposals for workshops based on working models for Hispanic feminist alternatives to traditional education are particularly welcome.

The project staff wishes also to encourage individuals and groups to submit proposals for workshops. Proposals should include:

1) A description of the proposed activity (Title; statement of the nature and format; time required; equipment required)
2) Name, address and affiliation of person(s) organizing the activity and other participants.

Abstracts for papers should include: title; concise description of subject; and approximate length of presentation.

Individuals and groups wishing to participate in the conference in other ways should send a letter describing their interests to the project director.

The deadline for abstracts and proposal is December 1. The deadline for final papers is February 15. They should be sent to: Dr. Sylvia Gonzales, Project Director Business Tower 456 San Jose State University San Jose, CA 95192

The National Hispanic Feminist Conference, first national meeting will be held in San Jose, CA, March 28-31, 1980.

Manuscripts Requested

Manuscripts are being solicited for an anthology on "Women Writing About the Art of Women Writing." Previously published or unpublished works are acceptable. They can either relate symbolically or literally to the experience of woman as writer. The deadline is January 15, 1980. Send manuscripts with a self-addressed envelope to: Cathryn Daine Miller/ 4615 Filmore Street/Pittsburgh, PA 15213.
NWSA Issues Calls for Papers

The NWSA Convention Committee invites proposals for the Second National Women's Studies Association Convention May 16-20, 1980, at Indiana University/Bloomington. Presentations that use or examine feminist alternatives to traditional educational activities and materials are particularly welcome. Convention planners wish to encourage both the submission of program suggestions and the participation of group and individual members in developing convention activities.

Proposals for program panels, seminars, workshops, presentations, and creative tasks in feminist education should include:

(1) description of proposed session or activity (title; statement of nature and format; time, space, and equipment required);

(2) name, address, and affiliation (if applicable) of person(s) organizing the session and of other participants if designated.

Individual papers and presentations are also welcome; these proposals should be accompanied by an abstract.

Groups desiring to organize related meetings, and groups and individuals wishing to participate in the convention in other ways, should send a letter describing their interests to the Convention Coordinators.

Address proposals and program suggestions, by December 15, 1979, to:

NWSA Convention Coordinators
National Women's Studies Association
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742

Anthology Writing Sought

First-person writing - stories, poems, journal entries - by people who have been molested as children is being sought for an anthology on the subject of child molestation. Writing by other family members and by children is also welcome. All material should be true, although names may be changed or pen names may be used. Please send typewritten submissions to: Ellen Bass/240 Day Valley Road/Aptos, CA 95003.

Women and the Law

The eleventh National Conference on Women and the Law will take place on February 28-March 2, 1980, in San Francisco, CA.

Since its inception in 1970, the conference has grown to become the major annual gathering of women law students, attorneys, and others interested in the legal profession in the United States.

Student participation is solicited. For more information, contact Judy Bloomberg, Marilyn Endriss or Ellen Shapiro at The Golden Gate University School of Law, 536 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105. (415) 442-7000.

Papers Solicited by FRONTIERS

FRONTIERS is soliciting papers for an issue focusing on Chicanas in the national landscape - past, present, and future. Articles dealing with all aspects of the Chicana experience are welcome, along with creative work, photographs, and graphics. The Consulting Editor for this issue will be Cordelia Candelaria, Assistant Professor of English and Chicano/a Literature at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Deadline for submissions: March 15, 1980. Please send two manuscript copies to: FRONTIERS/Women Studies/University of Colorado/Boulder, CO 80309.

Cash Award Offered for Manuscripts

The Center for Women Scholars in San Francisco is offering a prize of $500 for the best article of not more than 5,000 words on solutions to the problems of the woman scholar. "Problem" topics might include those that are personal and domestic as well as those that are job-related and/or social. The winning article will be published in the 1980 edition of The Woman Scholar's Handbook: Strategies for Success, a project of the CFWS.

Manuscripts should be typed in black ink, double-spaced, on white 8½" x 11" bond paper. The return of manuscripts may be requested by enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope, but cannot be guaranteed. The deadline for submission is December 31, 1979. Write to Monika Kehoe, Editor, Center for Women Scholars, America's Behavioral Research Corp., 300 Broadway, Suite 23, San Francisco, CA 94133.
GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Lena Lake Forrest Fellowship and BPW Foundation Research Grant

The Business and Professional Women's Foundation announces the Lena Lake Forrest Fellowship and BPW Foundation Research Grant programs, which support research pertaining to working women with special emphasis on economic issues. Special consideration will be given to topics concerning comparable worth, occupational segregation, organizational structure, role models, mentoring, and networking. Awards range from $500 to $3,000.

Eligibility

Applicants must be doctoral candidates or post-doctoral scholars whose proposal for research has been approved by academic authorities in an accredited graduate institution or persons able to demonstrate that the proposed research will be conducted under standards of scholarship recognized at the doctoral level. Applicants must be citizens of the United States.

Application Procedure

Applicants are required to write a preliminary letter requesting an application form and including a concise statement about the proposed research subject and the applicant's academic level. If the project meets the program criteria, an application form will be mailed. The application form, a complete summary of the proposed research, budget requirements, a graduate school transcript, and four letters of recommendation must be submitted.

Deadlines

Applications must be postmarked before January 1, 1980. Those received after that date will be returned. Only completed applications with the required supporting data will be considered. Candidates will be notified by April 1, 1980. Research is expected to be conducted from approximately September 1980 to June 1981.

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Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute Fellowship Program

The Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College, formerly the Institute for Independent Study at Radcliffe College, is accepting applications for its Fellowship Program from women in academic and professional fields, in creative writing, and in the arts. Fellows may be at all levels of career development; postdoctoral applicants must have received their degrees before 6/30/79. The program provides full-time appointments to professional women to pursue their independent projects as members of an interdisciplinary community of scholars and artists. Appointments are for a year and require residence in the Boston area. A stipend of $12,500 is being paid to the 1979-80 award recipients. Deadline is 10/15/79. Non-Tenured Women Faculty Fellowships provide opportunities for junior faculty women to work on projects that make significant contributions to their fields and which enhance their opportunities for tenure. Appointments are part-time for 2 years and residence in the Boston area is required. The award includes a stipend of $15,000, research expenses of $3,000, and travel expenses up to $1,000 per year. Applicants may be nominated by their institutions by 10/15/79, or direct application may be made by 11/15/79.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Phoenix House/Choices for Victims of Domestic Violence is seeking an Executive Director.

Qualifications include possessing a master's degree in Mental Health or the equivalent and a commitment to and experience with women's issues.

Interested applicants need to possess skills in the areas of administration, program, supervision, fiscal management and grant writing.

Send resumes (no phone calls please) by November 16th to:

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