

The

HERLAND VOICE

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Farewell, Oklahoma!

by Vivien Ng

I started composing this farewell message in my head last December, ever since I accepted an offer to join the Women's Studies Department at SUNY-Albany. Each time I sat myself in front of my computer, determined to pour my heart out, inevitably something would materialize to distract me from my writing. In other words, I kept putting it off, until tonight, when I am only 3 weeks away from leaving Oklahoma for good.

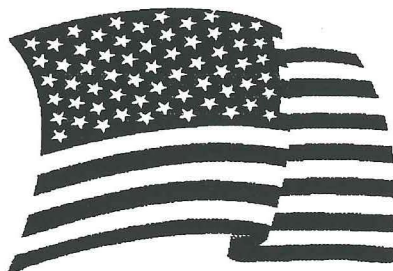
I have lived in Norman, Oklahoma longer than any other place since I left home for college. How do I plumb the depth of my feelings for this place? How do I sum up 13 years of my life in a land that was initially as alien to me as Mars but which has become more familiar to me than any place that I have been? How selective should my memory be?

I remember the time a student came out to me, the beginning of my second semester at OU. She had come to my office to chat about the semester break and as we walked toward the elevators she turned and asked if I had read *Ruby Fruit Jungle*. From that moment on I knew that lesbian radars functioned in Norman as well as in any place that I had been. Since then, I have had the privilege of being the "coming out sounding-board" for many students at OU, most of whom had never enrolled in any of my classes. I will cherish these moments always.

I would like to think that I have made life uncomfortable for some people in Oklahoma by speaking out on issues relating to racism, sexism, and homophobia. Whatever else I remember about my years in Oklahoma, my association with *Herland Voice* will be among my fondest and proudest. Margaret Cox gave me the first opportunity to voice my opinion when she invited me to write something about women in higher education. Later, when Audre Lorde's death moved me to write a column in remembrance of her, I began my two-year stint as a more-or-less regular columnist for the *Voice*. Pat Reaves' tolerance of my tendency to wait until the last possible moment to turn in my essays made it possible for me to contribute to the newsletter. Thank you Margaret and Pat for giving me the opportunity to try my hand at writing opinion pieces. I have become a better writer because of that.

To my friends in Oklahoma and elsewhere in the Herland community, thank you also for sending me nice notes of appreciation. I would like to hear from you in the years to come. Here's my address in Albany, NY: Vivien Ng, Department of Women's Studies, University at Albany-SUNY, SS341, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222. As always, I will be listed in the phone book.

Farewell.



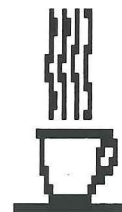
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It's time for another...

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featuring...

Jan Rosenberg



WHEN: JULY 15TH

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: HERLAND

This is no ordinary coffeehouse...this is a coffeehouse with a **cookout!** Herland will provide the **hotdogs** and you are invited to bring a **side dish** sufficient enough to feed several. Soda pop will be available for sale at 50 cents per can.

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DOG SHOW! The Fall Retreat will include a Saturday afternoon Dog Show/Contest. Ribbons or certificates will be awarded in several categories. The judges will include veterinarian Debbie Scott. The entry fee will be \$2 per category. So bring your furry friends to the Fall Retreat for the show. Remember that all dogs must be on a lease and kept out of the kitchen and dining room. For further information contact Linda Stone at 329-6610.

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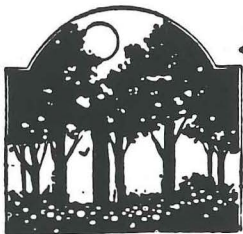


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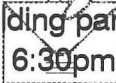
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2 Herland's reading room is a great place to spend a hot Sunday afternoon.	3	4 Have a Safe Holiday! 	5	6	7	8 Ready for a new book? Herland has many to choose from!
9 Herland is open Sundays from 1pm - 5pm.	10 O.L.G.P.C. 7pm, Oasis	11	12	13 P-FLAG of Norman, 7pm, St. Stephen's	14	15 Vol. Train 6pm Coffee House, 7pm, Herland
16 Herland Board Meeting, 4:30pm 	17	18	19	20	21	22 Herland carries the best of Women's music on cassette and CD!
23 Have some time to spend? Volunteer at Herland and feel good about helping Sisters!	24 Deadline for submissions to Herland Voice 	25	26	27 Herland Voice folding party, 6:30pm 	28	29 Herland is open each Saturday 10am - 5pm!
30 Check out Herland's selection of hand-crafted gift items!	31					



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