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## FIGHTING FOR PEACE

By Mel Goertz

Eighteen-year-old Sarah Graham is already well known as a peace protester in England. And she is becoming known in the US as well, for her courageous stand against nuclear weapons. In the past men have left home to go to war. Sarah Graham represents a new generation of British women who are leaving home for peace.

Graham grew up on the Plain of Salisbury, near Stonehenge, just one-quarter of a mile from Westdown Plantation, where the US practices nuclear war games. She has seen the military take over the south of England. She has watched the destruction of the rolling open land and ancient, sacred sites by tanks and trucks and convoys of military vehicles. Artillery ranges, garrison towns, NBC (nuclear, biological, chemical) exercises, "no trespassing" signs, red flags, barbed wire. Fence by fence, the Plain has been cut up into pieces, off limits to people, so that the military can practice and prepare for another war.

Two years ago, Graham became involved in the Cruisewatch network, a group in southern England who track, monitor, and protest the presence of nuclear convoys on the roads and throughout the country.

"I went out with a Melksham-based group to the Amesbury roundabout (traffic circle) and saw a convoy, and was so horrified by what I saw that I couldn't believe my eyes," she said.

What she witnessed was a US nuclear convoy, a quarter of a mile long, carrying cruise missiles in 58-ton launchers from the USAF Greenham base to the Plain of Salisbury. It came thundering along a small English road at 60 miles an hour in the middle of the night.

For Graham, there was no turning back or stepping aside, once she had seen the convoy. Since then, she said she has been on a quest to find out what's really going on in her country. And, to do what she can do to stop the war machine.

When Cruisewatch stopped a convoy on route back to the Greenham Common base last November, and disabled the launcher with a pair of hardware store clippers, Graham did not step back to the edge of the road. She climbed up on top of a cruise

control vehicle, the electronic center which issues the orders to fire the missiles, and broadcast the event on her CB radio.

When two trucks carrying Polaris nuclear missiles in a British convoy slid off an icy road in January, Graham did not wait to hear the official newscast. She set off across the fields and hedgerows, avoiding police, to get in close to the scene of the accident. She got within 50 meters. One truck had turned over. A soldier pushed her to the ground, and held a rifle to her head. Graham learned that contrary to official statements, a truck carrying dangerous materials, nuclear depth charges, had crashed.

During one blockade of a cruise convoy, she said she saw a US guard seize the "Red Box" from a launch control vehicle and run with it under armed guard to the lead command car. "They were extremely panicky," said Graham, "thinking we might grab the box, which we know from reliable sources contains tapes giving targeting instructions."

According to Graham, a lot of people she meets are scared at the prospect of nuclear war and keen to learn

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of what she does. She urges others to make a stand.

Interrupting her formal education at Trowbridge College and taking up freelance journalism and photography, Graham has tracked many convoys in her native land. During her two-month trip in the US this summer she continued her protest with Nuke-watch, the US equivalent of Cruisewatch. She tracked an H-bomb truck convoy clear across the state of Texas, 600 miles, from the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas to Shreveport, Louisiana. She also participated in a peace camp set up beside a Minuteman nuclear silo in North Dakota, and visited the Lawrence Livermore laboratory in California, which designs nuclear weapons.

On July 8, 1987, Sarah Graham returned to England from the US. Later that same day she took part in a demonstration protesting the movement of 7 launchers and 4 control vehicles from USAF Greenham to the Salisbury Plain, and was arrested for being on top of one of the support vehicles.

"I think I have done everything I possibly can to stop nuclear war. I can't do anything more than that," she said.

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NEXT COLLECTIVE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 1987

4:30 PM  
at  
HERLAND

FALL RETREAT IS IN THE MAKING

Wimmin from all over Oklahoma and surrounding states will gather at Robber's Cave State Park October 23, 24, and 25 for a weekend of fun, games, fabulous food, wonderful music, relaxation, and sisterhood. There will be workshops Saturday morning, and the traditional Open Mic that afternoon, with the popular, everything-goes (and does it ever!) Pot Luck dinner, and the incredible, extraordinarily-beautiful music of special guest performer Nancy Day on Saturday evening (see announcement on page 6).

Herland provides coffee and tea for the weekend, and you bring your own food, which is kept fresh in a huge refridgerator provided by the group camp. Bring any beverages you wish, toiletries, musical instruments, games, flashlights, campfire goodies (ie. marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars), sporting equipment, and don't forget the sleeping bag.

Volunteers for various duties are much needed, and anyone who would like to take part in this essential and greatly-appreciated group of wimmin may do so by calling Laura at 672-4141 at your earliest convenience.

Pre-registration is \$17-20, based upon your ability to pay. On-site registration will be \$25. Persons wishing to attend the concert only, may pay \$5 at the door on Saturday evening. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Please, let us know if the cost would prevent you from coming to the Retreat, and we will work something out with you.

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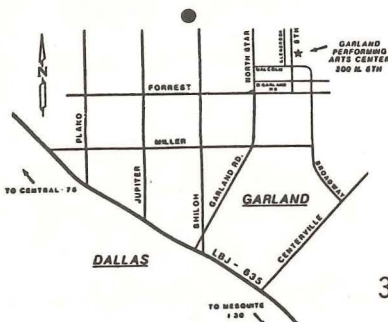
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# LOCAL NEWS

## BENEFIT A SUCCESS, BUT...

Southeast Area Health Center held a fundraising benefit at the Second Fret on August 16, which left the rafters ringing and the spotlights humming at the end of a long, entertainment-filled evening.

As Southeast Area Health Center's Board President explained, the Center is a private, non-profit corporation, which provides primary health care services to low-income people on a sliding fee scale. This benefit was held to help raise \$7,500 to match a challenge grant offered by Oklahoma City Community Foundation, so the Center can continue to pay its physicians.

Headliner Mary Reynolds, multi-talented, OKC singer-songwriter and long-time supporter of Southeast Area Health Center, began the festivities solo. Playing to a packed house, her eclectic repertoire and style of delivery had the audience intermittently howling with laughter and dabbing with kleenex through a first set which lasted close to two hours. Then, Falderal String Band added its version of down-home toe-tapping sounds to the 6-hour-long marathon of music. Little May Avenue capped the night off with an outrageous rock-n-roll band composed of several Shartels and Dada Juan band members. By then, the packed house had thinned to a crowded house, and there was room enough to form a small dance floor. The band played on and enthusiastic dancers rock-n-rolled until 2 A.M.

During the evening, a surprise birthday cake was presented to Mary - who had chosen to perform for SEAHC on her birthday - along with a gigantic card signed (very discreetly while she performed the first set) by most everyone in the audience. A Sony Watchman and a free SEAHC office visit went to the two lucky people whose winning names the darling Virginia Classen pulled from a basket of ticket stubs.

The one drawback of the evening was lack of room for everyone who wanted to take part in the event. Many of those turned away at the door, later returned to join in the fun after others had departed.

The evening's merriment was bolstered by sing-alongs to sing along to, limbo sticks to limbo rock under, and Mary, in traditional fashion, pouring a bottle of beer over her head. A good time seemed to be had by all, which was, of course, one

of the objectives of the benefit coordinators.

Although the benefit was a success, the challenge from OKC Community Foundation remains to be met. "This fundraiser brought our total up to \$3,500, but we still have \$4,000 to go by the end of September", said Jean Kelsey, SEAHC Executive Director. "If we raise \$7,500 by then, the OKC Community Foundation will match it. This money will go to pay the physicians at the clinic. The majority of people seen at SEAHC are women, and children under the age of five, so, one way or another, I've got to raise the money to keep our doctors."

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## OKC NOW PLANS MEETING

Oklahoma City's chapter of the National Organization for Women has scheduled its annual meeting for Saturday, September 12, 1987, at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the YWCA - the Women's Y - at 415 N.W. 5th Street in Oklahoma City. New officers will be elected at this meeting, and new directions and goals for the coming year will be set.

Topics for discussion and consideration will include the possibility of Patricia Schroeder running for President, the election of women to all offices, stopping the Bork nomination - to keep the balance in the Supreme Court, the Oklahoma Equity Fund to help women fight discrimination, custody, and harassment suits, and the Oklahoma NOW Legal Referral Service to give women affordable access to feminist lawyers. Another very important topic is the Equal Rights Amendment.

All women interested in the "personal and political empowerment of women" will want to attend this important meeting.

Free parking is available in the lot west of the YWCA, and refreshments will be served.

More information may be obtained by calling Metro OKC NOW at 528-0400.

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## HERLAND SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

Herland's Board of Directors currently has two vacancies, which the Board is seeking to fill. Anyone who has an interest in Herland and the future of Oklahoma City's organized women's community is encouraged to attend the next meeting of The Board to express her interest. This expressed interest is the only prerequisite for possible nomination. The next Board meeting is Sept. 20, 4:30 PM, at Herland.



# September Moon 1987



Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 N.O.W. METTING ↓
6	7 Full Moon	8	9	10	11 Tulsa Campout →	12 NOW mfg. 12:30 pm @ Women's Y
13 Tulsa Campout	14 Last Quarter Moon	15	16	17	18 Peggy Johnson @ Kerr Park 11:45-1:00	19
20 Herland Board Meeting 4:30 pm	21	22 New MOON	23	24	25 Women's Dance w/ the Shartels @ Unitarian Church	26
27	28	29	30 First Quarter Moon			

## A Herland Calendar

Listing events sponsored by various organizations presented as a community service by Herland.  
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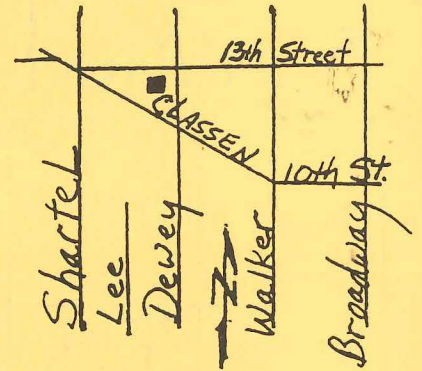
THE SHARTELS

Wonderful  
WOMEN

friday SEPT. 25  
9pm - ?

admission \$ 5.00

1st unitarian church  
13th & dewey



If you're ready to bop, rock and be bad, then the time to "get down" is 9 PM, Friday, September 25. That's the night that Little May Avenue, Virginia Classen, Francis Lee Robinson, Grace Grand, Harvey Parkway, Linwood Rockwell III, and Sunny Lane --- in other words, THE SHARTELS --- will be rockin' the night away at the 1st Unitarian Church, 600 NW 13th (13th & Dewey). We're talkin' some "bad" music here, so get ready for some high energy fun with some of the hottest music in town. Be there.....



## SECOND FRET CLOSES

The Second Fret, 3009 N. Classen, a cornerstone for the creative expression of local and imported musical talent, has closed its doors for the last time. According to the owners, Mark and Monica Falk who opened the Fret three years ago, the club has fallen victim to the difficult economic times.

However, Mary Reynolds and friends were not about to let the Fret's "swan song" go unheard. So, they planned and executed one dynamite grande finale which many will remember for a long time to come (see related story, page 4).

To those of us who frequented the Fret, it will be remembered as a warm space with a coffeehouse atmosphere where we could relax, hang loose, be ourselves, and enjoy a variety of good, live music - some feminist, some traditional - by very talented wimmin. There were Hawkins and Delear, Jasmine, and Nancy Day; and our very own regulars, Peggy Johnson, Mary Reynolds and the Sisters of Swing.

The Second Fret was a place to experience, and it will be missed - by clientele and performers alike.

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## ONE MORE TIME!

Due to technical difficulties, Herland's annual yard sale has been postponed until September and , giving you all one more opportunity to turn your junk into someone else's treasure. Yes, fate has arranged a little more time to do that backlogged spring cleaning, and get those things you really don't want anymore over to the bookstore.

Also, if you would like some free retail sales experience (at the yard sale), Laura would be glad to hear from you at 672-4141.

Remember, last year's sale was a tremendous success, because of YOU! Your continued support of Herland's fundraising efforts is helping YOUR bookstore and resource center to expand. So, take the opportunity fate's given you, and get your "stuff" out to Herland, any weekend through the morning of the yard sale.

You'll be glad you did.

## AUTHOR MAKES STOP IN OKC

Martha Barron Barrett, author and feminist journalist, found the road to Oklahoma City last month.

Ms. Barrett, who was travelling across the United States collecting information for a book she is writing on lesbian life in America (see August issue of HSR Newsletter), pulled into OKC to be surrounded by the lives she is most interested in. And, was truly surprised to find the lesbian lifestyle flourishing "in Oklahoma!?!?".

Arriving from Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she interviewed similarly, she wasted no time setting to work compiling data from a number of wimmin gathered for the occasion at a local home. After several hours of taped interviewing, the group adjourned to a popular OKC nightspot, where the author met the second shift, and was able to interview further.

Later in the evening the author and travelling companion, Sandy, took time to relax and do a little stepping out on the dance floor. Ms. Barrett later commented that she had "never had so much fun in a bar before", and "it was the people that made it so".

Ms. Barrett made it clear that in her book anonymity would be strictly honored for those who desired it. She also expressed her feeling that advancements in society's view of homosexuality will be made only when homosexuals "come out of the closets". She was, therefore, very pleased when some of those interviewed were willing to have their real names used in her upcoming book. At one point she mused, "If 10% of the population is gay, then every household in the country must have one at every Christmas dinner table". She went on to suggest that if each of these persons would come out to their families at Christmas (or Hannukah or whatever) dinner, then every American would simultaneously know that s/he has nothing to fear, that gays are a part of every family, they are the person sitting next to you, they are just people like everyone else.

As Ms. Barrett was unable to interview everyone personally, she has drawn up a survey form for anyone who would like to contribute her own experiences to the book. This survey form may be picked up at Herland or by calling Karen at 794-7464. Anyone who has questions concerning the form may contact Karen at the above number.



# NANCY DAY

## In Concert

SATURDAY NIGHT  
at the  
HERLAND FALL RETREAT

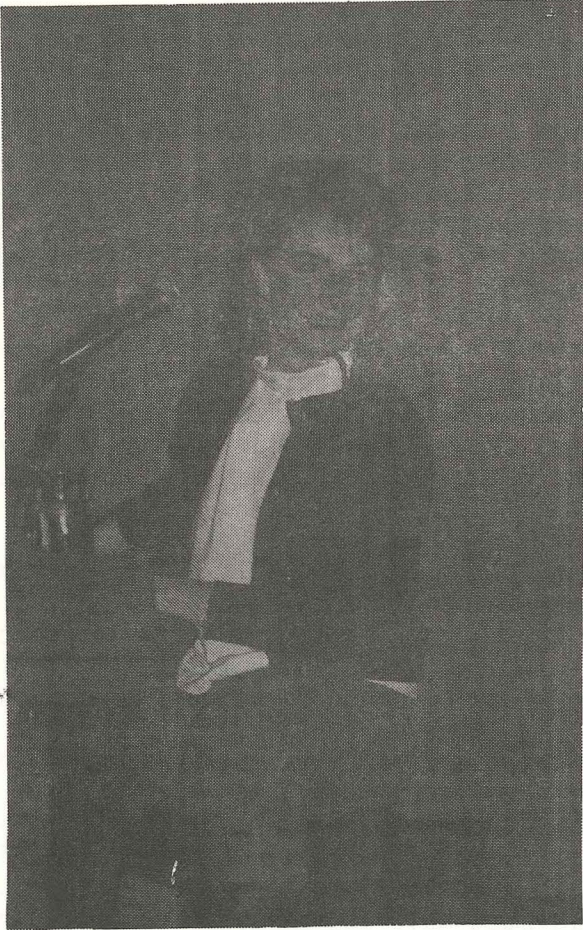


Photo: K. Lewis

Nancy Day, March 1987, performing for a gathering at the Second Fret.

DAYLIGHT, a tape of nine musical compositions by Nancy Day, is available by writing Nancy at 739 South Braddock Ave., No 5, Pittsburg, Pa. 15221; \$12 includes tape and postage.

Once again we will be honored with the amazing talent of Nancy Day. Nancy performed magnificently for us in the spring of this year, playing to a packed house at the Herland Benefit Music Concert, which was presented in conjunction with the South Central Women's Studies Association Conference.

Nancy Day, Pittsburgh's pianist of the year for 1986, has performed at many Women's Music Festivals in the United States and in Canada. On May 3 of this year she performed at the First Sunday Event of the National Organization of Women, Los Angeles Chapter.

In an article from The News, published by The News Company of Los Angeles, Sandy Dwyer describes the First Sunday Event by saying .."It is obvious that Day genuinely enjoys performing. She has fun and is not afraid to show her own sensitivity and vulnerabilities to the audience." She goes on to say .."Day's compositions and lyrics reveal a great variety of emotions-love, anger, pain and compassion-which, because she is open, involves the audience as participants, not just spectators."

The Nancy Day performance is included with your retreat registration. If you only wish to come to the concert you may purchase a \$5 ticket at the door.



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**Oct. 11th**

ASSEMBLE: 9:00 am at the Ellipse, 17th St. & Constitution Ave. [Behind the White House] March starts 12 o'clock pm. Rally at the Capitol, West Terrace!

**National March on  
Washington for  
Lesbian and Gay Rights**



**PLANNED EVENTS:**  
FRIDAY, OCT. 9:  
NATIONAL LOBBY DAY  
MARCH AGAINST DEATH AND VIOLENCE  
SAT., OCT. 10:  
THE GAY WEDDING  
LESBIAN & GAY BANDS OF AMERICA CONCERT  
SUN., OCT. 11:  
VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE  
AIDS MEMORIAL PROJECT  
THE MARCH  
MON., OCT. 12:  
NATIONAL LESBIAN & GAY RIGHTS CONGRESS  
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