

Around the Corner

PRIDE BRINGS OKLAHOMA GAYS OUT OF THE CLOSET

OKLAHOMA CITY - Lead by police escort, Oklahoma's first annual Gay Pride Parade made its way up Classen Boulevard and across 39th Street to the Block Party behind the Oasis Community Center without serious interference on Sunday, June 19th. The one and one-half mile long parade route was lined with well-wishing supporters and curious on-lookers who greeted some 625 lesbians and gay men who stepped out of the closet to march for their civil rights.

A number of marchers carried balloons. According to Darlene Burgess, Director of the Oasis Community Center which was the main sponsor of the parade, each of the 406 balloons, prearranged by the lesbian it represented, symbolized a woman who did not march due to fear - of violence, losing her job, family and/or friends.

Of those gathered along the parade route only a handful were thumping Bibles. Those few verbally harrassed marchers with cries of repentance or held placards of condemnation. The proud paraders' dignity was maintained with little effort, however, and the violent confrontations that some had privately feared never materialized. Five or so Ku Klux Klanners, gathered near the corner of 39th and Penn, rapidly dispersed as the parade drew closer and the number of marchers became apparent.

Banners identified several of the organizations taking part: among others, the Metropolitan Community Church, the National Organization for Women, and the Oaklawn Symphonic Band, a marching band composed of lesbian and gay men from Dallas who demonstrated their support for Oklahoma's first Gay Rights Parade by both their presence and selection of tunes which included "Oklahoma".

Prior to the parade marchers assembling in Memorial Park listened to a number of speakers and entertainers. Among those who spoke were Nathaniel Batchelder and Virginia Jenner. In an attempt to replace Glenn English, Batchelder is running for U.S. Congress and is emphasizing the need for "opportunity and justice for all" which includes "the civil rights of gay men and wom-

en". Jenner is running for mayor of Tulsa in an effort to change the attitude that homosexuals "can't run for public office".

Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma City Police Department were very cooperative and presented no obstacles for parade organizers. Ms. Burgess said there were no problems in obtaining the parade permits and parade police were plentiful and helpful. Organizers were complimented by police on their organizational skills, and Ms. Burgess expects the same cooperation from the city and OCPD next year.

On hand for this historic event was Jeff Levi, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, who spoke at the block party at parade's end. He saluted Oklahoma City's AIDS support program whose accomplishments prompted state lawmakers to pass legislation making Oklahoma the first state in the country to man-

date AIDS education in the public schools. He said this is just one reason for Oklahoma gays to be proud. "This first march is a coming of age for Oklahoma's gay community and is important in coalescing a feeling of community and a feeling of pride. Particularly during the AIDS crisis, it is important to be doing positive things when so many people are sick and dying". He went on to say, "No civil rights movement has been a sprint. It has always been a marathon. And, this movement is no different".

Far exceeding the numbers expected by parade organizers, Ms. Burgess believes the event "unfastened the buckle on the Bible Belt", and said "I can't wait to see what it's going to be like next year". She feels, with the help of various gay publications, the spirit of the march can remain through the year adding, "gay pride does not stop on the 26th of June".



BLOCK PARTY OFFERED FUN AND FOOD

OKLAHOMA CITY - The block party following Oklahoma's first annual Gay Pride Parade offered a seemingly endless supply of hot dogs, baked beans, chips, soft drinks, and beer for hot and hungry marchers.

Some 200-300 people were waiting at the "gay strip" to greet marchers at the end of the parade. Coupled with the 600 plus marchers this made for one big block party, but organizers were well-prepared for their guests and no-one went away hungry or thirsty.

Herland Sister Resources had their mobile bookstore set up for business and offered an array of good books for both women and men. The best-seller at this particular event was The Quilt, a

a beautiful, hard cover book which chronicles the construction of the Names Project's now-famous quilt and details its 2000 panels, each of which represents a victim of AIDS, with vivid color photographs.

At 5:00 o'clock many of those gathered sat around the television set inside the Oasis to watch the local news, eager to see how or even if the parade was "newsworthy". Delight swept through the crowd as full coverage of the day's events received top billing on each of the three Oklahoma City stations. Their existence positively validated by local news media, tired but happy, Oklahoma's gay women and men could now go home, knowing that their courageous participation in Oklahoma's first Gay Pride Parade had indeed generated a positive turning point in the history of Oklahoma's gay community.

WOMEN WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

OKLAHOMA CITY - Join other women for OKC's first monthly Quaker Lesbian meeting for worship.

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The first meeting will be on Sunday, July 24 at 11 AM, at 2024 NW 20 in Oklahoma City. If you like, bring something for the pot luck brunch which will follow.

For more information call 524-2958.

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Around the Country

BATTERED WOMAN SENTENCED TO 15-YEAR TERM

FAYETTEVILLE, AR - A 21-year-old Si-loam Spring woman accused of first-degree murder in the February 1987 death of her battering husband has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge and received a 15-year sentence with 5 years suspended.

In February 1988 a story about Melinda Key appeared in Arkansas' feminist newsletter Up and Coming. As a result of that story and the networking which followed a New England attorney flew in to Arkansas at his own expense to represent the impoverished defendant. Bob Bracklin, an experienced trial lawyer, hoped to use the "battered women's syndrome" as a defense. However, this has never been accepted as a defense in Arkansas, and the possible sentence for first degree murder should this defense prove unsuccessful, was life in prison.

Fearing the permanent loss of her two children if she was found guilty and received a long sentence, Melinda's anguish brought her to the decision to plead guilty to 2nd degree murder and throw herself on the mercy of the court. She hoped this would insure a sentence that would not be so long that she would lose her children, also battering victims.

At the sentencing hearing, Judge Infield clearly stated that he would not have allowed testimony on the battered woman's syndrome at the trial had the case gone to trial, but that it would be permitted during the sentencing phase and could be presented as mitigating circumstances.

Evidence of the extreme abuse that Melinda had suffered at the hands of her husband as well as expert testimony on the battered woman's syndrome was presented at the sentencing hearing. Judge Infield sentenced Melinda to 15 years in prison, and then suspended 5 years due to these "mitigating circumstances." Melinda will receive credit for 13 months she spent in the county jail in Bentonville which will allow her first parole hearing to be in the Fall of 1989. The judge decided not to terminate Melinda's parental rights because of the potentially short time she will spend in prison.

Meanwhile, now at the women's prison in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Melinda is making the best of her situation by taking clerical courses and studying for her General Equivalency Diploma. Letters may be mailed to Melinda; c/o the Women's Shelter; P.O. Box 2915; Fayetteville, AR 72702.

BILL WOULD ALLOW ABORTIONS IN FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON, DC - For the 44 million women who depend on federally-funded health care, abortion is not an option unless their lives are endangered.

However there is a bill before the U.S. House of Representatives which could change that and provide both the poor and government employed women the option to exercise their reproductive rights.

"Women who are dependent on the federal government for health care do not have freedom of choice, even in cases of rape and incest," Rep. Bill Green (R-NY), one of the bill's co-sponsors, said. "In effect, we have a two-tier system of rights."

If passed, the Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) would restore full federal funding to women whose health plans are administered by the federal government. Congressman Green, Rep. Vic Fazio (D-CA) and 60 House co-sponsors introduced RHEA on March 16. But, this 100th Congress is not the first into which this bill has been introduced. It was also introduced into the last two sessions of congress and failed to be passed.

A spokes person for the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) in Washington said NARAL does not expect the bill to be passed during this session. But, it has picked up an additional 12 sponsors during this session and now has 72 co-sponsors. Supporters are hopeful of its passage in the 101st session of Congress.

Action is needed by women concerned about the freedom of choice for women whose health care is administered or controlled by the federal government. Those interested may contact their representatives in Washington about HR 4168, by addressing their correspondence to: Representative _____; U.S. House of Representatives; Washington, DC 20515 or by calling (202) 224-3121 and asking for your Member of Congress' office.

NOW SPONSORS LESBIAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

SAN DIEGO, CA - The National Organization for Women will sponsor its first National Lesbian Rights Conference here on October 7 - 10, 1988. The purpose of the conference is to develop a national lesbian rights agenda in cooperation with other organizations which are committed to lesbian rights.

NOW sees lesbian rights as a woman's issue and a feminist issue, and the conference will address a variety of topics in its workshops including legal rights, health care, domestic abuse, lesbian families, sexuality, spirituality, substance abuse, being out in the workplace, visibility, electoral politics, coalition politics, lesbians in the arts and the media, among others.

A featured speaker will be Karen Thompson, the Minnesota University professor who is fighting for guardianship rights to care for her lesbian partner, Sharon Kowalski, who was severely disabled in a 1983 auto accident.

The conference was initiated by a group of lesbians who came to the Nation's Capital for the Gay and Lesbian March on Washington last October, and met to discuss the issues and concerns unique to the lesbian community.

Because of their commitment to develop a national lesbian agenda, NOW has taken on the task of helping to achieve that goal. They are sponsoring this conference to provide a forum for women from across the nation to gather and discuss issues of importance to lesbians and their supporters.

For further information contact: Nancy Buermeier, Lesbian Rights Program Director; 1401 New York Ave., NW; Suite 800; Washington, DC 20005 or call (202) 347-2279. Or call Karen at (405) 794-7464 for a registration form and info.

CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH SHOULD INCLUDE GAY PEOPLE

ATLANTA, GA - The National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have called for the inclusion of lesbian and gay civil rights in an upcoming march being planned by the civil rights community on August 27. On that day a National Mobilization Rally in Washington will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the historic march led by Dr. King in 1963.

At the 20th Anniversary March in 1983, it required significant agitation to gain specific recognition of gay and lesbian rights by march leaders. "In 1988, nothing short of equal status for gay and lesbian issues as an integral part of the mainstream civil rights agenda is acceptable," said NGLTF Executive Director Jeff Levi.

The two organizations ask the gay and lesbian community to join in this call for inclusion of gay/lesbian rights. Letters should be addressed to the organizers: Mrs. Coretta S. King; Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change; 449 Auburn Avenue NW; Atlanta, GA 30312.

LESBIANS AND GAYS ASKED TO HELP UFW

SAN FRANCISCO - The United Farm Workers have called for a boycott of table grapes effective last May, and are asking the lesbian and gay community to support their campaign. They are asking for a ban on five pesticides used in growing grapes and for free and fair elections for farm workers.

In February, the UFW hired Howard Wallace, a longtime gay and union activist who organized the successful Coors boycott, to organize this boycott.

The UFW has worked with and supported the lesbian and gay community for years. UFW president Cesar Chavez noted this when he spoke at last fall's March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. "In 1968 in Delano, California in the San Joaquin Valley, we started a strike for justice. They beat up and jailed our people. No one would come to support us. We were frightened and hungry. We

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15-YEAR TERM



Members of OKC's Metropolitan Community Church convey what Christ said about homosexuality --- nothing.

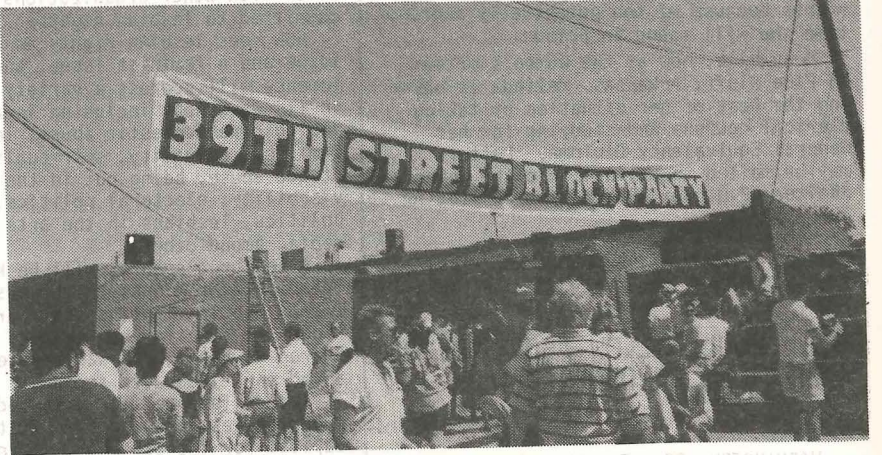


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Marchers gather at Memorial Park.



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PEOPLE
MARCH SHOULD

The National Coalition
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Lesbian Task Force have
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"Lesbians and gay people came from San Francisco to help us. We shall never forget that. That started a solidarity and a cooperation between our two movements."

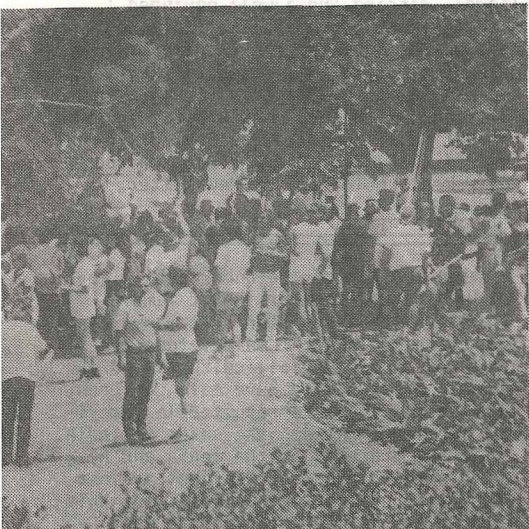
Chavez said, "We also suffer from discrimination." To help fight this discrimination he asks for help in boycotting fresh grapes - not wine or raisins, but "do not eat the grapes."

The UFW is calling for a ban on five pesticides used in growing grapes: Captan, Parathion, Phosdrin, Dinoseb, and Methyl Bromide. It charges that these have caused many health problems for farm workers, including cancer and birth defects. They are also a danger to the environment and to consumers, for a number of them are oil-based and do not wash off with water.

Ralph Nader and the local Consumer Action have endorsed the boycott.

The other UFW grievance centers on elections for union representatives. The Agricultural Labor Relations Board has repeatedly blocked UFW elections that were successful in the fields.

The Harvey Milk and Stonewall Demo-



cratic Clubs have already endorsed the boycott, with the Alice B. Toklas Club expected to in the near future. Wallace plans to get the word out through networking, mailings, the gay press, and street fairs, among other avenues. There is also a 15-minute videotape, "The Wrath of Grapes", available free to anyone who will show it at a community group meeting.

For more information, contact Howard Wallace; 240 Golden Gate Avenue; San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 441-5008.

HUNDREDS MARCH FOR GAY RIGHTS IN DUBUQUE

DUBUQUE, IA - Nearly 600 lesbian and gay activists and their supporters marched in the Second Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride March in Dubuque, Iowa in what one organizer called "a dream come true." March-

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March organizer Stacey Neldaughter told the cheering crowd, "They said it couldn't be done. They said Dubuque can't be changed, but we will change Dubuque. This day is a dream come true for me."

Neldaughter reminded the crowd of the terrifying events at the first pride march last September 19, 1987, in which 30 marchers were pelted with obscenities and eggs by about 300 angry counterdemonstrators while local police wathed. This year's marchers were heckled by a few observers, but police officials adequately staffed the event and discouraged any outbreaks of violence.

Police reported that 16 eggs were confiscated during the day. One man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for an egg-throwing incident at last year's march and was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon at this year's event.

Rep. Tom Jochum (D-Dubuque) addressed the rally, condemning acts of violence against lesbians and gay men. "I stand here before you today calling for an end to violence and an end to discrimination because I believe in justice. The Constitution is not negotiable."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's representative to the event, Sue Hyde, told the crowd, "We gather in Dubuque today so that none of us, not one lesbian and not one gay man, ever again feels afraid to walk this city's streets. We have come to Dubuque to challenge it to be the best city it can be and to recognize and welcome its lesbian and gay citizens. We will return to Dubuque every year until we no longer need to."

The Dubuque Human Rights Commission has agreed to consider amending the city ordinance to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Commission chairperson Ken Hindman said in the Des Moines Register, "It's a tough problem all over Iowa. There's a real need for good workshops on homophobia."

HATE CRIMES ACT PASSES HOUSE A VICTORY FOR GAYS

WASHINGTON, DC - A nearly six-year campaign by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to obtain a federal response to anti-gay violence led to passage on May 18, 1988 of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill marks the first time either Congressional body has passed a bill favorably addressing a gay and lesbian issue.

The bill, which passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 383 to 29, requires the federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice based on "race, religion, homosexuality or heterosexuality, and ethnicity." A companion bill, S 2000, awaits further action in the Senate.

Passage of this important bill is a result of long-term, intense lobbying efforts by the NGLTF.

According to records maintained by the NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project, anti-gay harassment and violence is on the increase with 7,008 incidents reported from across the U.S. in 1987 as compared with 4,946 incidents reported in 1986. Incidents included harassment, intimidation, assault, police abuse, vandalism, arson, bomb threats, and murder. NGLTF cautions that these statistics account for only a small fraction of the actual total due to low rates of reporting by victims and the lack of systematic data collection throughout the U.S., which prevents a measurement of the problem's full scope. It is unclear whether the 42% rise from 1986 to 1987 is due to increased incidents, increased reporting or both.

Passage of the bill is the first step in regulating statistics collection on hate crimes in order to determine the extent of the severity of this problem. Director of NGLTF's Anti-violence Project, Kevin Berrill said, "Regardless of the group targeted, any attack motivated by bigotry is intended to violate and isolate not just the victim but all those who are different." The problem must be identified and exposed. Only

then will a plan and laws for the resolution of anti-gay and lesbian violence be developed.

**HOMOPHOBIA CONFERENCE:
OBJECTIVE IS TO CHANGE ATTITUDES**

WASHINGTON, DC - The first Global Conference to End Homophobia drew over one-hundred leaders in the field of homophobia education to the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland on May 20 - 22, 1988.

The Conference was called by the Campaign to End Homophobia, an organization formed two years ago by members of the Gay Rights and Homophobia Task Groups of the National Organization for Changing Men, (NOCM). It was co-sponsored by over 25 national support and activist organizations including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Fund For Human Dignity, The AIDS Task Force of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, the American Psychological Association, the Lesbian Rights Committee of the National Organization for Women, and the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Conference attendees included educators, clergy, mass media professionals, and health and sexuality education specialists from across the U.S., Canada, Israel, England and other countries. This was the first conference ever to formally address homophobia education.

During the 2-day working conference, published works, educational models and already-developed printed and audio-visual materials were exchanged. Also, plans and strategies for promoting positive images of gays and lesbians in the mass media were presented.

Joe Norton, 69, long-time gay activist said, "The solution to the problem of homophobia is education. But it's not enough to simply identify the solution, something has to be done to effect it. Now it becomes important to send the message and expand the work worldwide."

The conference brought together mainstream lesbian and gay organizations with mainstream homophobia education groups. This linkage is expected to create a long term benefit.

"Over the years, the gay and lesbian movement has become very inwardly focused," according to Jeff Beane of West Hollywood, CA, a member of the Steering Committee of the Campaign to End Homophobia. "The Conference and the interest in homophobia education say that we're stronger and perhaps at a new level of recognizing our internalized homophobia - not liking ourselves - and we're ready to educate the larger community."

"The conference called together people from a variety of backgrounds who are deeply interested in and deeply committed to changing attitudes" said Paullette Goodman, President of the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in Washington.

Plans are under way for the second conference to be held next summer. For additional information, contact Betsy Crane (607) 273-1526 or Jeff Beane (213) 273-6375.

Potpourri

CUSTER'S REVENGE REDUX

Do you remember Custer's Revenge, the vicious video "game" which glorified rape and domination of women? Many of us wrote letters of complaint, which eventually resulted in its suppression. Now we need to do it again to help our English sisters. As part of a "celebration" of the 100th anniversary of Jack the Ripper, England has a new "Jack the Ripper" computer "game". It uses photos (not even computer graphics) of models with their throats cut. Yes. The government has graciously said that the "game" should be restricted to adults.

British feminists are asking for protests to be sent to the maker of the "game": CRL Group PLC, 9 Kings Yard, Carpenters Road, London E 15, England. Also effective might be letters of outrage to Margaret Thatcher, 10 N. Downing Street, London.

From OKC NOW Newsletter, June 1988

MISSOURI PLANS WIMMIN'S FESTIVAL

Missouri women are planning their 15th Midwest Wimmis Festival for August 26th to September 6, 1988.

This year's festival will be held at

Camp Rising Sun in the Lake of the Ozarks State Park near Osage Beach, Missouri. The site includes a large gathering hall, a wonderful natural amphitheater, and a more private (well enclosed) lake access than a campsite they have previously used for the festival.

For more information on the M.W.F write to M.W.F.; 8739 Bernadett Ave.; Kansas City, Kansas 66112

WOMEN'S MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL

CAMP LAKELAND, NY - Women bikers are poised to gather here on August 25 - 28 for the fourth Women's Motorcycle Festival. Located in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains an hour south of Buffalo the facility provides an excellent environment for touring and technical workshops plus alot of crazy, all-in-fun competitions as well as recognition of long-distance bikers and customized bikes.

Entertainment for the weekend will be Alix Dobkin in concert Saturday.

All meals are prepared for the festival's guests, and there are hot showers, lake swimming and boating, pingpong, billiards, dancing and a well-equipped stage. Some lodging is available, but most guests are expected to camp.

Participation is limited to the first 200 pre-paid registrants. For more information write the Women's Motorcyclist Foundation; 7 Lent Ave.; LeRoy, NY 14482 or call (716) 768-6054. Also, ask about the Women's Motorcyclist Newsletter, Chrome Roses's Review.

Expressions

SHE'S ONLY A GIRL

In an ideal world the safe birth of a healthy child of either sex would be an occasion for joy and celebration. For a great many people it is so today. However, that is unfortunately not always the case. In many cultures to give birth to a boy-child brings great honour to the mother while the birth of a girl-child is seen as a disappointment.

To be born a girl is to be born with the burden of being disadvantaged in many ways, merely by virtue of one's sex. This disadvantage may be great indeed. Often the stereotyped view of a girl is that she is a financial liability on the family. When choices are made about using scarce resources to find education, food, or medical care it is the sons who are given priority. The custom of fathers and sons taking their meals before mothers and daughters is found in a number of African and Asian societies and is one of the practices that contribute to the malnourishment and poor health of the female members of the family.

A technique called amniocentesis, which is used in developed countries to check for genetic defects, is reported to be increasingly used in India to de-

termine the sex of the unborn child, opening the way to abortion of female fetuses. It is reported that many women choose to abort female fetuses because of severe social, cultural and economic pressures to have male children, a situation that has resulted in numerical imbalance between the sexes in India.

Recent protests in the media and by women's and civil rights groups against widespread use of amniocentesis for this purpose has called attention to what some see as a technological aid to female feticide. They want the government to ban testing for this purpose, and to launch a campaign to publicize the fact that the sex of a child is determined by the father and not the mother.

A paper produced by WHO/UNICEF suggests measures which may be implemented to combat such devastating practices against women. In "Health Implications of Sex Discrimination in Childhood steps are offered to "root out son preference from societies". These include anti-sex discrimination laws, the abolition of dowries and bride price, improved access to education, and official recognition of the value of women's work.

Because research by UNICEF has found that the two fundamental causes for the disadvantage of girls are poverty and the virtually "universal undervaluation of females", it is vitally important that the recommendations put forward in the WHO/UNICEF paper are taken up so that the girl-child can be freed from the handicap of prejudice and valued in her own right.

From the World Goodwill Newsletter 1988, No. 1, and The NOW Times April, 1988

HERLAND SEEKS INTERPRETER

OKLAHOMA CITY - Herland is seeking an interpreter for the hearing impaired to have available for future Herland-sponsored events.

Because Herland wishes to extend itself to all women it is necessary to construct various avenues by which Herland may be made available to differently-abled sisters.

If you are a hearing-impaired inter-

preter or if you know one who would like to be available for the interpretation of women's concerts and other women's functions, please call Laura at 672-4141. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

HSR BOOKSTORE AT HI-LO CLUB

OKLAHOMA CITY - On Sunday, July 10, Herland Bookstore will be open for business at the Hi-Lo Club, 1221 NW 50th (at NW 50th and Classen Blvd) from 5 pm - 10 pm.

Area women have been asking for the Bookstore, as have some area men, as well. Because the new building is still not habitable, Herland is setting up shop in designated, alternate places until the new building is ready.

June, owner of the Hi-Lo Club, has generously offered a space for this purpose on July 10. So, if you are in need of a book fix, mark your calendar and join Herland volunteers at the Hi-Lo Club for a good book.

will be gathered at the new store site July 9 (Saturday) to do yard clean-up and wall repair work. Persons who would like to volunteer to help fix up the new store would be very much appreciated.

Tasks on the schedule for Saturday, July 9th include removal of discarded wood and paneling from the building to a city dump, repair of cracks and holes in plaster and lath walls, and painting of interior walls.

Hours of repair work will be from 8 am until 8 pm. Come when you can for any amount of time that you can spend. Hope to see you at 2312 NW 39th Street!

HERLAND YARD SALE ASKS FOR YOUR STUFF

Herland is in the preliminary planning stages for its annual yard sale, which will be held sometime in late Summer or early Fall. Unfortunately, no definite plans can be made until the new building is ready for habitation.

But, there WILL be a yard sale, and Herland wants you to know that your discards and junk are Herland's treasures. So, please start saving up your "stuff", and this Newsletter will let you know the details on the Yard Sale just as soon as they are available.

Herland takes this opportunity to extend its THANKS to all of you who have supported the Yard Sale in years past.

NEW BUILDING NEEDS HELP !!

OKLAHOMA CITY - Herland Board members

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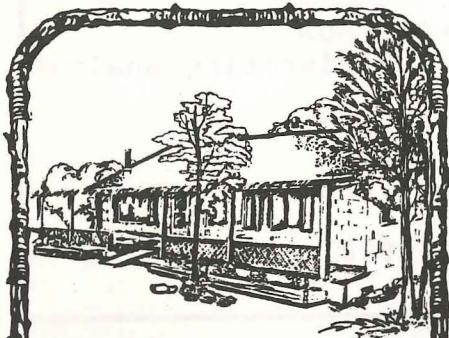
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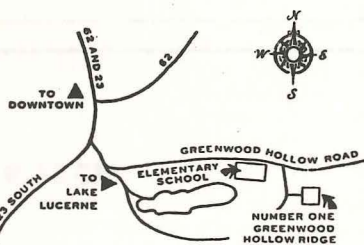


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