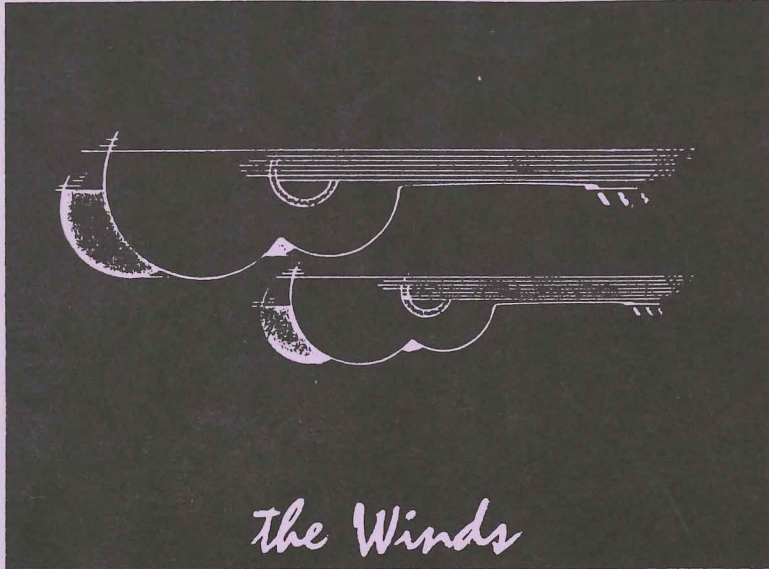


# The HERLAND VOICE

OCTOBER, 1989



## TAPE RELEASE PARTY

Friendships United invites everyone to attend a party celebrating the long-awaited release of the cassette tape, "The Winds."

The party will be held at Gushers on Oct. 22 beginning at 8:30 p.m. Artists who contributed songs and their musical gifts to the making of the tape will be on hand to autograph copies of the tape. The tape is priced on a sliding scale of \$8 - \$10, with all proceeds going to the AIDS hospice, The Winds.

Tapes are available at the following locations: Herland, Starwind, Gushers, Jungle Red's (located directly across from Gushers), and AIDS Support Program.

Tapes are also available through mail order by filling out the order form below. Cost of the tape through mail order is a sliding scale of \$8.50 - \$10.50, which includes postage. Autographed tapes are available for \$15.50, postage included.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to Friendships United/ASP. For more information, contact Palmira at (405) 755-8675.

Please send this form and a check or money order to: Friendships United, c/o Peggy Johnson, P.O. Box 75842, Oklahoma City, OK 73147.

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:  
FRIENDSHIPS UNITED/ASP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET OR BOX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

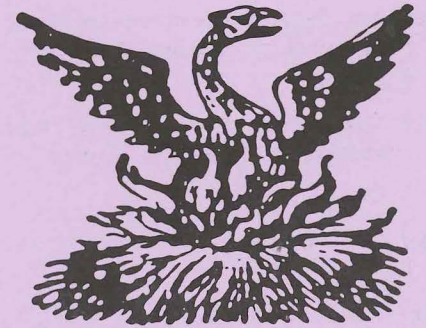
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TAPES ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SYMPATHIES...

Our sympathy and concern go out to Joni T. and other friends of Ruby Todd, who was murdered on "The Strip" on Saturday night, September 30. At this late date HSR was unable to obtain details, except that the decision is being made as to whether the 16-year-old boy who shot and killed Ruby will be tried as an adult. The seriousness of the repercussions of this tragedy is only beginning to be felt by stunned members of the community.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00 a.m. ■



## A NEW SYMBOL OF PRIDE FOR 1990

Lesbian entertainer Robin Tyler has proposed the phoenix as a national symbol of lesbian and gay pride. The mythical phoenix, with its feathers of scarlet, blue, purple and gold, is fabled to live for five hundred years in the wilderness, then to burn itself on a funeral pyre and to rise from its ashes, renewed, to live again.

The phoenix has become an emblem of immortality and reborn hope, and as we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, it indeed seems like a suitable symbol for our movement. ■

## HSR — CALENDAR OF EVENTS — OCTOBER

- Oct. 9** - Oklahoma Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus meeting, 7 p.m., Resource Center.
- Oct. 11** - National Coming Out Day, group discussion, 7 - 9 p.m., Resource Center.
- Oct. 12 - 13** - Domestic Violence Awareness Conference, Baptist Hospital conference room.
- Oct. 12** - Peggy Johnson and Mary Reynolds performing at the Domestic Violence Awareness Conference, Baptist Hospital conference room, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13** - Friday Night Video, "The Women of Brewster Place, Part II," 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15** - Board meeting, 2 p.m., Resource Center
- Oct. 15** - Last day for submissions for the newsletter.
- Oct. 15** - Masquerade Ball, the Port-hole, 8:00 p.m. \$3 admission, fundraiser for the concert fund.
- Oct. 21** - Peggy Johnson performing at the Cantina del Paseo, 3007 Paseo, 9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 22** - Friendships United tape release party, Gushers, 8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29** - Volunteer Orientation, 2 p.m., Resource Center
- Nov. 4 - 5** - HSR Garage Sale, 8-6 Sat., 8-4 Sun. 2024 NW 20th.

PUBLISHED BY: Herland Sister Resources, Inc.  
2312 NW 39th, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

EXECUTIVE EDITOR:  
Sondra Metzger

NATIONAL NEWS EDITOR:  
Karen Lewis

CITY NEWS EDITOR:  
Sondra Metzger

TYPESETTING: Rhonda S.

CIRCULATION: 700

GENERAL INFO: (405) 521-9696

ADVERTISING: 521-9696

DEADLINE on all advertising and submissions is the 15th of each month.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the HERLAND VOICE are free upon request.

## Around the Country

### GROUPS PRESENT BRIEFING ON STUDENTS AND SEXUAL IDENTITY

In September, a coalition of leading gay and lesbian civil rights groups and education organizations presented a special Senate and House staff briefing on the importance of providing students with positive information and counseling concerning their sexual identity.

The briefing comes in response to attacks in Congress against programs that educate and counsel youth on sexual identity, and to a recent Health & Human Services Report that revealed gay and lesbian teenagers are significantly more likely to attempt suicide than other youth.

"We want to educate and inform Congressional staff on adolescent sexual identity issues and help dispel common misperceptions about gay and lesbian students," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). HRCF, the largest national gay and lesbian political organization, was a sponsor of the briefing—one of the first of its kind in Congressional history.

"Perceptions that young gays are 'just going through a phase' about their sexuality, are maladjusted and mentally ill or are 'recruited' into homosexuality are extremely dangerous to the health of American youth," said McFeeley. "These perceptions—combined with the lack of positive education programs on sexuality—fuel homophobia and gay and lesbian teenage alienation."

Gay and youth advocates realized the need for a greater awareness of gay and lesbian youth issues when, during last year's debate on the Labor, Health & Human Services Appropriations bill, Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) offered an extremely anti-gay amendment aimed at students.

The amendment, killed in conference committee, attempted to ban funding for school districts when materials, curriculums, or programs "promote or encourage homosexuality" or use words stating that homosexuality is "normal," "natural," or "healthy."

Support of positive programs aimed at student sexual identity is widespread. During its 1988 national convention, the

National Educator's Association passed a resolution stating, "Every school district should provide counseling for students who are struggling with their sexual/gender orientation."

The HHS Youth Suicide Report recommended that "training programs for health professionals should focus on groups at high risk for suicidal behavior . . . includ[ing], as training components, sensitivity to various cultural groups, language differences, and sexual orientation."

Besides the Human Rights Campaign Fund, sponsors of the congressional briefing were the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles (MECLA), National Association of State Boards of Education, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Parents and Teachers Association, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Congressional cosponsors were Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Alan Cranston (D-CA) and James Jeffords (R-VT), and Representatives Ted Weiss (D-NY), Henry Waxman (D-CA), George Miller (D-CA), Gerry Studds (D-MA), Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Donald Payne (D-NJ). ■

### NRCF NAMES DIRECTOR OF NEW PROJECT

Long-time activist and Capitol Hill insider Kathleen Stoll has been named to head the Human Rights Campaign Fund's (HRCF) new Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project.

The project—one of the first of its kind in the nation's capitol—will address the political and policy issues of the lesbian community and develop strategies to advance those issues through federal legislation, education and advocacy.

In her new capacity at HRCF, Stoll will develop policy positions and legislative proposals and integrate them into HRCF's political, lobbying, media and constituent mobilization operations.

She will also design and implement outreach programs to inform the lesbian and women's community of political developments and to provide feedback to HRCF on women's issues; and build coalitions within the lesbian community and with progressive women's groups.

continued from previous page

HRCF is the largest national gay and lesbian and AIDS political organization. HRCF lobbies and advocates for full gay and lesbian civil rights and responsible AIDS policy, and makes contributions to pro-gay candidates for U.S. Congress. ■



## NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY, OCTOBER 11, 1989

National Coming Out Day is a call to action! It is a day to be truthful, powerful and liberated. It is a day for each of us, and each of our organizations, to take our next step in the process of coming out.

National Coming Out Day is designed to encourage lesbians and gays—and their families and friends—to enlarge the circle in which they are “out” about homosexuality and the issues that concern the lesbian/gay community.

If the AIDS epidemic has taught us anything, it has made it clear that **we will only achieve equality under the law if we are out and visible.** We will only be treated with respect and dignity if we expect and demand it. This cannot be done from the closet. Our ability to “pass” and to hide has perhaps been our greatest liability. Most people don’t think that they know anyone who’s gay, and that’s what we get for hiding.

**Start today by planning your activities on an individual basis, with your local organizations, on a political level, and with your family and friends.**

- You might immediately choose to:
- Develop legislation and lobby for gay rights in your city or state.
  - Write a check or contribute your time to a lesbian/gay organization.
  - Come out to your family, friends or co-workers and elected officials.
  - Resolve any personal issues that inter-

fere with your accepting and loving yourself.

Whatever your next step is—discover it, declare it, take it! You personally make a difference!

We are everywhere! National Coming Out Day is about demonstrating and celebrating that fact.

For more information call or write:

**National Coming Out Day**  
Post Office Box 15524  
Santa Fe, NM 87506  
(505) 982-2558 ■

## GLA NEWS

The OU Gay and Lesbian Alliance meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union. The October schedule is:

Oct. 11 — candlelight march on campus for National Coming Out.

Oct. 12 — no meeting

Oct. 26 — Sally Jesse Raphael show on anti-gay violence.

Call 325-4GLA for details and room number. ■

## Heaven's Gate

*I've never asked for much, just a "hello" every now and then when we meet in passing.*

*I watch you rush off to do your duty and tears roll down my face because in your eyes I've seen the boredom of the years of strange situations and unfamiliar friends.*

*At night when I watch you sleep, as the clouds surround the house, and the rain calmly falls, I see how we have grown fond, and how we've come so far. How we came to realize that we are still being tested. Then I smile to myself and give way to sleep.*

*One night, when I watch you sleep, as the clouds surround our house, and the rain gently falls, when that night comes and the light in your eyes dims, I'll watch you quietly sleeping and I'll hear the rain beckoning, I'll kiss you lightly on the cheek and shed a tear, then I will peacefully and willingly die, with a slight sense of what heaven on earth really was.*

D.S.P.



## Letters to the Editor

Dearest Herland,

Hi girls. I finally rested up enough to write! I recently met a woman named Helen who's from Norman, so I wrote her about my upcoming Labor Day Weekend birthday. I was a little ruffled at turning 30, so I jokingly asked her to bring a car-load of women down to celebrate my birthday. Imagine my surprise when she gleefully told me about Herland's upcoming retreat, right here at home!

Listen, to a lonesome Wister, Oklahoma resident, the thought of 100 women ready to camp sounded wonderful. Female company is a luxury here, and I paced the floors till Labor Day—hardly sleeping with anticipation.

The retreat was everything my friend said it would be. Ask Tamera, she's wearing battle scars from the ol' swimming hole!

Friday nite I wandered in at 10:45 p.m. I didn't know anyone, but was immediately welcomed. (See how you are!)

One tent led to another, and I ran home for a shower at 5 a.m. You girls! You just opened up your hearts—and your ice chests—to this smiling country girl. Dallas, what about you?

I made a point to talk with Karen, who is associated with Herland publication. We must have spent 2 hours discussing different things, but she left me with a proud sense of togetherness, sisterhood, and I left into the crowd.

I'm happy to say that I made several new friends at the retreat. (And I got to know an old one better!).

I think I got some good pictures. All the singers were great, but it was the woman that did sign language that impressed me the most. Her movements were so fluid, you'd have to be blind not to hear them!

Who'd have ever thought something so wonderful could touch my section of the world? My only regret is that I didn't get a photo of the two women juggling brightly colored balls the last day of the trip. What beautiful contrast against the green of the forest.

Thank you Herland for one big 30th blowout. Laura and Karen, keep up the good work. I appreciated it enough for all the women.

See you next year, whether it be Wister State Park or beyond. I think you've found another lifetime member . . .

Donna

# Chatterbox

by Sondra Metzger

Warm, wooly hugs to Nancy D., D.S.P. and Pat H. for their valuable contributions to this month's newsletter. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your help. If anyone wants to contribute something, the only rule is that it not be lewd, obscene or erotic in nature. I have the right to edit for grammar and spelling, but not to change ideas or feelings. I can guarantee your contribution will get in the newsletter, but I can't guarantee which issue unless time is of the essence. I'm also not going to pressure you to write more once you've contributed something. I can't make it any easier than that, folks, short of writing it for you....

warmer, wooly hugs to our camp director, Laura, for putting together the biggest and best retreat in Herland's herstory! If you weren't there, you really missed out on some fun times. Many thanks to the following exceptional women, Ann Reed, the Therapy Sisters, Peggy Johnson, Mary Reynolds and Sally B. for their time, talents and equipment; the chefs who slaved over the hot stoves; those who provided workshops; those who did chores and ran errands; and to the campers for their support and energy....

correction on the information regarding *Ache*. I have been told it is a black lesbian journal, not a newsletter, and the correct address is: *Ache*, P.O. Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706, or call (415) 824-0703 for more information. Thanks Skyeward....

*OU Update* is a monthly newsletter published by the OU Gay/Lesbian Alliance. For more information about them or for a copy of their newsletter, stop by their office at 303 Ellison Hall, 633 Elm Ave., Norman. Their telephone number is (405) 325-4GLA....

in response to a "Letter to the Editor" published a few months ago about bisexuality, there is a national newsletter titled *Bisexuality*. For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Gibbin Publications, P.O. Box 20917, Long Beach, CA 90801-3917. There is also a Boston-based newsletter titled *BiWomen*. For information about that newsletter, write: P.O. Box 639, Cambridge, MA 02140....

**ATTENTION ALL BOARD MEMBERS!!!** Please note that the time for the October board meeting has been moved up to 2 p.m. on the 15th to give everyone time to get ready for the masquerade ball....

what masquerade ball?!?!?!? The one at the Porthole on October 15 that you are all invited to! It starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3. Entertainment will be provided by the Mary Reynolds Band, playing rock n' roll and country-western dance music. Events during the evening will include a costume contest and a limbo contest. Proceeds from the ball will go toward the Herland Concert Fund, a fund that will be used to bring more women's music to our area. So, dress up and begin the 1989 Halloween festivities by partying for a "note" worthy cause. For more information, call 528-0020....

there is a book available for anyone who is at a loss as to what to say, think or do when it comes to incest, whether it has happened to them or someone else. The book is titled "Incest: What to Think, What to Say, What to Do," by Elaine Westerlund, Ed.D., and is available for \$10.95 from Incest Resources, Inc., 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA 02139....

while I'm on the subject, mentions in this column about books, tapes, other newsletters, etc., are not necessarily endorsements by me or Herland. We're just getting the information out....

I found a story in a national newspaper about a House representative from CA who decided he would include a graphic description of homosexual lovemaking in the *Congressional Record*. Supposedly, other representatives took great offense to this and have asked the House ethics panel to look into having the comments expunged from the bound version of the *Record*. I don't know about you, but "expunged" sounds worse than whatever his comments were. The description begins on page H3511 in the June 29 issue, if you're curious....

Nancy Day dropped us a line to tell us that she has finished work on her latest tape, "Survivor." It is a tape to help survivors of violence, especially sexual abuse and rape, heal from their experiences and to raise public awareness about these issues. As with Nancy's other tapes, "Daylight" and "By Request Only," "Survivor" will be available from Herland in the near future....

if you are interested in working with the Older Women's League (OWL), write to 1325 G Street N.W., Lower Level B, Washington, D.C. 20005. The league focuses on issues affecting older women such as Social Security, retirement, health insurance and unemployment. They provide educational materials on all these issues....

*On Target* is a computer-generated newsletter for women over 40 and friends. Published in Connecticut, it is available in large print or on cassette for visually impaired or differently abled only. Subscription rates are \$12/year (more if you can, less if you can't). A sample copy is available at the Resource Center. For more information, write to "On Target," P.O. Box 386, Uncasville, CT 06382....

Campuses for Choice is being organized on the OU campus in conjunction with the Campaign for Choice Rally to be held at the Oklahoma state capitol on Sunday, November 12. This rally coincides with the National Pro-Choice Rally in Washington, D.C. More information on the rally will be published in November's newsletter. For more information about Campuses for Choice, call Vivian Ng at 325-6002....

I have been remiss in not welcoming Ginger M., Pat R. and Mary R. to our board. Ginger and Pat were past board members who came back for more punishment (only kidding, sister board members). Ginger is now in charge of all advertising for the newsletter and Mary is head of the program committee. Welcome, Ginger, Pat and Mary!



## FALL RETREAT BIGGEST SUCCESS EVER

by Nancy D.

The 1989 Fall Retreat at Lake Wister State Park in Southeast Oklahoma was the most successful retreat Herland has had to date. Not only was it four days rather than the usual three, but 131 wimmin from Oklahoma and Texas attended.

Many activities were designed to appeal to a broad spectrum of interests. Concerts included Peggy Johnson, who opened for Ann Reed Saturday night, and the Therapy Sisters, who performed music and comedy Sunday evening (preceded by our own Sally B.).

A special thanks goes to Laura and all the board members for this event, and especially those volunteers who cooked the meals for all the campers. And, as always, the pot luck dinner was a success.

Workshops at the retreat included tarot card reading, creative writing, AA, ACA, discussions on spirituality, and the very well-attended sign language class. Softball was played Saturday, with the Moldy Oldies losing to the Cheap Nylons, 13-12.

In addition to these activities, there was a more important, unscheduled function going on—the bonding of wimmin from a multitude of backgrounds and interests. As wimmin gathered together, the sharing of hopes, dreams and fears abounded. No matter if you lived in Oklahoma City or Dallas, there was a commonality of seeking equality and recognition that out-

weighed the distance and rivalries. Conversations ranged from who the first woman president would be to hopes for a more open society. A comment was made that men perpetuate the rivalries of football teams between Texas and Oklahoma, but wimmin from these two states can come together, share jokes, and also share a love and understanding that men could not comprehend.

So, if you have never been to an HSR retreat, I strongly encourage you to do so. The wimmin from Texas have said they will attend the Spring 1990 retreat with the largest flag they can find. ■



## Meet the Board

### MEET CINDY B.

By Sondra Metzger

The hardest part of these interviews is finding the right headline. Sometimes I try to make it descriptive of that board member. Sometimes I'm rushed and just let it go with a "meet so-and-so." Sometimes I just can't put it into a few words.

Such is the case with Cindy B. In the year I have been on the board, I have found her to be many-faceted, and the most misunderstood because of it. I couldn't wait to do this interview to see which side I was going to be able to show you.

Cindy showed me a calm, 26-year-old who busses tables at the Classen Grille. Up to this point in time, she has been a sound technician and booking manager for the Sisters of Swing/Shartels, played bass for the Three of Hearts and has given much of her spare time to Herland's board, the Oasis Community Center board and OK Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus. As of this writing, Cindy has "retired" from all of that.

"I need a rest," she said. "I did what I could for the board (HSR) and could probably do more, but I have never spent any time on just myself for as long as I can remember. All the energy I have needs to be put into myself right now."

Cindy went on to explain that for the past two years, she has had to go somewhere constantly, whether it be a meeting or function, a gig or a fund-raiser. This is something I'm sure a lot of us can relate to.

Those of you who have followed the Shartels are probably well aware of one of Cindy's other sides, her alter ego Rusty. Cindy considers Rusty an incredible woman who would get away with doing and saying things that she herself never would. She claims that Rusty was never turned down or rejected.

"I think that whole experience can teach a person a lot about attitude," she said. "If you have that attitude and you envision positive things, positive things happen. Rusty thought she was God's gift to women and that's the way women treated her. She did stuff that I would never dream of doing."

Cindy went on to explain that Rusty was the uninhibited part of herself, that she only let people see what she wanted them

*continued on next page*

continued from previous page

to see, which was what Cindy did a long time ago. Nowadays she's feeling more comfortable with herself due in part to a supportive circle of friends.

Along with playing bass, Cindy also played trumpet and french horn. She loves the music business and would like to be a roadie for a big-name female performer someday.

Cindy is another one of those board members who heard about HSR from Barbara Cleveland. After going to the store and buying several books, Cindy didn't become sold on Herland until after the first retreat.

"I live for retreats," she said. "Retreats provide a great chance to recharge and be around good energy. Every woman should go to a Herland retreat at some point in her life. Where else could you go to eat and sleep, be entertained by nationally known performers and be with 130 other women for three days and four nights for just \$30? It's the best deal in the country."

Before she found out about Herland, Cindy thought the gay community was limited to the bars. She had no understanding of anything else.

"When I found Herland, I woke up and smelled the coffee," she said. "Deep down I think I knew it had to be there. Something kept me alive for all those years. It was great to be around positive women who didn't have to go out and drink all the time. Women I could learn something from as well. I felt I had things I could bring to the board, but I didn't know what they were at the time."

Cindy is also a past Sister 1, who considers that as the most stressful time of her tenure on the board because of having to sign her name to the contract for the property on 39th street.

"That was a major goal, to have our own property," she said. "We were all kind of scared. But, it worked out for us. I think there's still a lot of good things in store for Herland."

Cindy envisions Herland becoming a major women's organization in this part of the country. She also sees the retreats becoming a major festival and feels the only thing blocking the way is attitude—a willingness to reach out and to grow.

Even though Cindy has resigned from Herland's board, she highly recommends getting involved with the organization. She feels it's the only thing to do if someone really wants to give something to the women's community and get something

back in return. According to Cindy, it's not all give-give-give; you do get something back.

"I was given so much through Herland," she said. "I have so many close friends now. I feel close to a lot of women on the board and have been friends with them for years. They have helped me grow and have helped me get through some pretty rough times."

Cindy feels confident that any woman who wants to get involved but doesn't know what she has to offer Herland will find out with help from the women on the board. She sees Herland as a positive facet of the community, giving women an opportunity to grow, live, love and learn.

"This board is so diverse," she said. "All the women are so different. They have different personal lives, they're into different things, their personalities are different, they have different ideas. That's what makes it so wonderful. It does cause some problems, but if everyone keeps an open mind and doesn't try to push their own personal issues and listens to others' ideas, it will work. It *does* work. We are all in it for the same thing—we all love Herland. And that's the bottom line. That's why it works."

Thanks, Cindy, for caring and giving so much of yourself to Herland. Your time and energy came through when we needed it most. ■

## INVISIBLE LIVES: A BOOK REVIEW

by Karen Lewis

*Invisible Lives—The Truth About Millions of Women-Loving Women*, a long-awaited book by Martha Barron Barret, has finally been published by William Morrow and Co.

Two years ago, Barrett, author of two novels, *Maggie's Way* (1981) and *God's Country* (1987), traversed the United States from New England to California and back again interviewing 120 women from all walks of life. In both major cities and rural towns, Barrett gathered data for this composite of biographical sketches of today's lesbian lives. The book is, for the most part, written in the words of those interviewed.

During her fact-finding tour, Barrett and her female traveling companion, Sandy—to whom the book is dedicated—spent time in this reviewer's home in Moore, where she interviewed a living-

room full of local women. The result is a chapter devoted to Oklahoma, Herland Sister Resources and the stories of several Oklahoma lesbians.

The book is structured into thirteen umbrella categories, each describing a different aspect of the multi-faceted lesbian lifestyle. Covering such topics as who we are, the secrecy with which many of us find it necessary to burden ourselves, being out in the open, discrimination, youth, sexuality, women's music/books and working for social change, Barrett's work runs the gamut of today's lesbian life.

In one chapter, Barrett discusses the subtle, yet devastatingly repressive differences that society imposes upon adolescent lesbian relationships as opposed to heterosexual relationships. These differences give birth to secrecy which "corrodes from within." This poisoning of the self can be neutralized only through revelation of the secret(s).

Throughout the book, interviewees make reference to the repression, oppression and discrimination associated with the lifestyle—and counter it with the liberation felt in acknowledging and living one's true identity.

There is a very poignant chapter on Rose Mary Denman, a Methodist minister turned Unitarian who suffered ungodly discrimination at the hands of the Methodist church after she revealed her lesbianism. Hers was the first church trial in over 100 years and the first of its kind ever.

In her coverage of women working for social change, Barrett addresses the National Organization for Women, the YWCA and women's shelters, the Michigan Organization for Human Rights, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and a number of other organizations—all through the eyes and voices of the women involved.

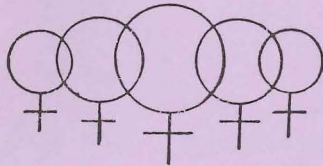
While this reviewer is impressed with the finished product, a few shortcomings in the book have been perceived: 1) coverage of the black lesbian experience is minimal; 2) there is little indication of the socioeconomic differentiation among the women in the book; 3) there is a lack of representation of the differently-abled and hearing-impaired, many of whom are part of the lesbian community; and 4) no mention is made of either the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force or the National Campaign for Human Rights, two organizations working for legislative changes on gay and lesbian issues on a national scale. However, even with the deficits the con-

Continued from previous page

tent is very worthwhile reading based upon the wealth of information it does include.

In *Invisible Lives*, Barrett has interwoven individuals, issues, relationships, organizations and social change efforts with the mastery of a true artist to create an enthralling text encompassing virtually the entire range of lesbian experience and its associated complexities, both joyful and sad.

An enriching addition to any women's library, *Invisible Lives—The Truth About Millions of Women-Loving Women* is for sale in hardback for \$19.95 at Herland. For readers living in the Oklahoma out-reaches or in another state, the book may be mailordered from Herland for \$22.45 (to cover postage and handling). ■



YES! I want to be a Friend of Herland. My minimum donation of \$12 allows me use of the Herland Library and a 10% discount on store purchases over the next 12 months. (My \$12 is enclosed.)

YES! I want to help Herland with a donation to the New Building Fund.

\$15       \$20       \$25  
 \$50       \$100       \$\_\_\_\_\_

Bookstore volunteer     Building volunteer

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Herland Sister Resources, Inc.**  
2312 N.W. 39th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112



## ANNOUNCES

### NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

October 11 - 7-9 p.m., Resource Center  
Discussion group on coming out experiences

### FRIDAY NIGHT VIDEO

Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. - "The Women of Brewster Place, Part II"

### MASQUERADE BALL

October 15, 8:00 p.m. - \$3 admission  
Entertainment by the Mary Reynolds Band

### BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2:00 p.m. - Resource Center

### FRIDAY NIGHT VIDEO

October 13, 7:30 p.m. - "Nuts"

### VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

October 29, 2:00 p.m. - Resource Center

### COMING IN NOVEMBER

**GARAGE SALE** — November 4, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Nov. 5, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., at 2024 NW 20th. If you would like to donate items, please drop them off at the Resource Center, or call 521-9696 if the items need to be picked up.

### HERLAND HOURS

Sat.: 10 - 6; Sun.: 1 - 6; Wed. Evening: 6:30 - 9

### EDITORIAL POLICY!

The HERLAND VOICE is offered as an open forum for community discourse. Materials printed herein reflect the beliefs and opinions of the authors of the articles or letters, and not necessarily those of the Newsletter or the Herland Board.

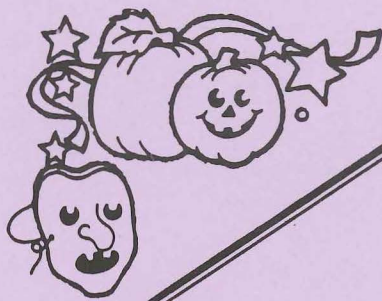
Letters to the editor must be signed by the writer with full name. Letters will not be printed with name unless writer requests it. Editing may be necessary for space or to avoid obscenity, libel, or invasion of privacy, but ideas will not be altered. Publication of all materials is at the discretion of the editors. Anyone having a complaint about the content of this newsletter may contact the editors at 521-9696.

### HERLAND IS . . .

A non-profit corporation composed of a collective of wommin — open to any womyn who wants to be a part of it — which works to maintain a feminist library and bookstore, sponsors workshops, retreats, concerts and other events for YOU. Herland's reason for being is to provide a framework for a variety of projects for the support and enjoyment of the area wommin's community. It is a place to learn and grow, meet other wommin, develop lasting friendships, receive support and nurture the positive self-image that societal attitudes sometimes make illusive to us. Herland exists to serve YOU.

Your donations are used to pay the mortgage and utilities on the resource center, and printing and postage for the monthly HSR Newsletter and Friend of Herland cards.

All of Herland's services are free, including the Newsletter. This is why your donation is so important. It is Herland's lifeblood.



**SH** 848-5429

**SHIRLEY M. HUNTER, M.A.**  
 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR  
*Emphasis on the problems of gay people.*  
 PENN PARK OFFICE COMPLEX • SUITE 102  
 5009 N PENNSYLVANIA • OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73112



TREAT YOURSELF TO THE "TOUCH OF GOLD."  
 Treat your special someone, too, for \$10 off her massage!

**Touch of Gold**  
 HEALTHFUL • STRESS RELIEVING MASSAGE  
 by  
**Melanie J. McKiddy**  
 MASSAGE THERAPIST  
 360-6945

Special discounts available to all Herland readers!

"Portable" massage table available for your convenience.



**Designs With Lettering**  
 Custom Signs and Lettering  
 359-1900

HSR would like to thank the women of DWL for their generous donations of signs for our new building.




**KEMCO PRINTING INC.**  
 340-4301  
 1601 S. Broadway, Unit D • Edmond, Okla. 73013



**M. COLEEN WOODY**      **MARILYN D. BEST**  
**ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW**  
 General Practice  
 405-525-2174

1518 N.W. 29th St.  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73106



**Sam L. Nicolosi, D.V.M.** 

**ABC Mobile Veterinary Services**  
 Medicine, Surgery and Vaccinations  
 OKC Area House Calls  
 Phone: (405) 947-5545

By Appointment

