

on our way

the women's center newsletter
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FREE



The picketing at Cronin's continues. There is now a sign-up sheet at the Women's Center so that individuals or groups can find out when picketers are most needed. (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays are now the least covered times.)
Another way to support the waitresses is to go to Courtroom no. 2 at the Cambridge Superior Court from 10 am on this week. To check on progress, call Annie 547-3941 or the Women's Center.

Women's Liberation is Liberating Ourselves and Our Sisters

It looks like the women's movement/center better start concerning itself with some specific women's problems. We can theorize all we want, but we're never going to make revolution, or even change happen, if we don't all have our basic needs taken care of.

- 1) RIDES - There are a lot of us with cars. If you can volunteer to drive, maybe once a week, please call Sue at 491-8756, or leave your name on the list at the women's center. I will try to coordinate, or find someone to.
- 2) Emergency MONEY - A fund has been started to provide sisters with money (maybe up to \$10) when they need it. For instance, there is a sister on methadone maintenance who needs transportation to East Boston every day. We're paying her subway fare right now—a ride would be even better. Please put some of the money you don't need into it.
- 3) FOOD - Bring food to the Women's Center for a food exchange, probably to be set up in the pantry.
- 4) BABYSITTING - If you would like to babysit, or talk about it, please sign the list at the Women's Center or call Sue at 491-8756.
- 5) LAUNDRY FACILITIES - We have a washing machine here. It needs a new plug. What about letting women use it for 5 cents an hour, or free?
- 6) WAITRESSES' STRIKE - The waitresses at Cronin's are involved in a real life struggle. They need sisters to picket. Come to the hearing, donate money to the strike fund, etc. Call Lorraine at 354-7179 or Pat Walsh at 547-6674.
- 7) CLOTHES - There are clothes here, but they need sorting for a real clothing exchange.
- 8) BOOKS - Women are trying to set up a library here. Bring old books, or contribute to buy new ones. Also write a book, or make a non-sexist children's book for the children's room.
- 9) CRASH PADS - It would be good if we could make space for a crash pad here. We need to fully understand the legal hassles and also problems with drugs, etc. If you want to talk about this, please sign at the Women's Center. Also if you can take crashers in your apartment, please leave a notice on the bulletin board. We get at least one call a day from someone needing a place to live.



~ Sue ~

Radcliffe's Where It's At



The Schlesinger Library of Women's History at Radcliffe is open to all women 9-5, Mon.-Fri. It has all the copies, from the beginning, of It Ain't Me, Babe, Ain't I a Woman, Off Our Backs, Everywoman, Up from Under, Women: A Journal of Liberation, RAT (since it became a women's newspaper) and a lot more like Aphra, The Ladder, Hysteria, and The Women's Press that start somewhere after vol. 1, no. 1.

It takes a few days to skim quickly through all of these, but any group that is thinking of getting together a handbook on something (like health, or fix-it) might want to look in these for useful articles. Also, it's really fun just to hang out there and read all the good things we've written.

The library is on Brattle Street about six blocks from Harvard Square, in the same building as the Radcliffe Institute.

Anonymous Suggestion



In the past few weeks with so much going on at the Women's Center, myself and a few others found that there weren't enough nights for us to squeeze in all the meetings we wanted to go to. So one night upon being somewhat out of our normal minds—or were we actually in our right minds—anyhow! Someone came up with this idea of Extraday. We began to elaborate on this thought and decided to give it to everywoman and her sister. Extraday should begin at 12 midnight Sunday and run through 4 am Monday. This would allow 4 hours for people to come to the center, meet and begin to continue on their normal Monday schedule.

Coordinating Committee Meeting - No. 2

Welcoming committee will distribute a monthly leaflet containing a schedule of events and is planning a potluck supper April 2 at 6 pm for women new to the Center or wanting to get in new groups.

Women's library: Donations of good books are requested to get the library started.

Clean-up: groups using specific rooms are responsible for cleaning them
groups represented on coordinating committee will take care of generally used areas (kitchen, halls, stairs, etc.), the responsibility rotating weekly from one group to another



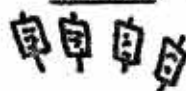
Representatives: Whether three groups—renovations, newsletter and fundraising—should be represented was discussed. If any of these groups want reps they should request it at a coordinating committee meeting. (The general feeling seemed to be that real groups should be represented.)



Available information: It was agreed that each group should write out information about what they're doing. Groups not now represented, i.e. newsletter, renovations, women's press . . . , should do it also. Info will be in a folder in the office and should be kept up to date. If a group wants to speak for itself and doesn't want to be described, that information would be in the folder.



Waitresses: The waitresses are still striking; the Women's Center is not giving much support. (Currently gay male liberation and SDS/PL are giving the most support.) It was felt that the represented groups should commit themselves to picket for a 2 hour time period weekly.



Next Coordinating Committee Meeting: Tuesday March 21 at 6 pm at the Women's Center

Announcements

Middle class lesbians' discussions about class backgrounds, class and race in general will meet in the Lesbian Lounge Sundays (not Mondays) at 8:00.

Emotional Counselling Meeting: Rape Squad, Drugs, Tripping Hot Line, etc. will be on Tuesdays at 8:00.

Four women of 'Women in the Arts' will be reading their poetry Friday March 24 on the Catch 44 television program (channel 44) at 9 pm. They are Mary Damon, Meridith Goldin, Susan Wilkins and Karen Lindsay.



The Women's Hot Line is not yet in effect.

There is a lesbian phone at the Women's Center. The number is 354-8695. Staff is needed for it. Sign-up sheet is at the Women's Center. It's now very irregularly staffed.

Lesbian get-acquainted meetings for new or other lesbians who want to get to know each other. Wednesdays at 6 pm at the Women's Center.

Lesbian Liberation meetings Wednesdays at 8 pm. March 29 business, discussion; April 5 topics 'coming out' and 'macho—what is it—when is it good'. At the Women's Center.

WOMEN'S COURSES AT CAMBRIDGE YWCA

Women—Our Bodies, Our Selves

Home Repairs for Women

Ms Fixit

Self Defense

For more information call Sandy Scott at the Cambridge YWCA, 491-6050.



Begins April 10. Monday eves at 8 pm. For and by women to learn more about themselves.

Begins Wed. March 15, 7:30-9 pm. 8 wks. \$20

Begins Mon. March 20, 9:45 am. 8 wks.

on-going, Mon., Wed., Fri. 1-2:30 pm

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