Press Hostile to Press Freedom

In the last issue of the Lubbock NOW Times we ran an article which revealed the discriminatory actions of Duncan Press against the Gay People of West Texas newsletter. As a consequence of its policy, we terminated our business with the press and took our newsletter to Quik Print for reproduction. Initially, Quik Print took the job, but after its manager read our article castigating Duncan Press, he refused our work, explaining that his decision was based on a revulsion at the idea of printing an article that singled out one of his competitors for wrongdoing.

He insisted that his policy was not anti-feminist nor anti-gay, and (continued on page 2)

Gay Rights & Feminism

Gay Rights and Feminism will be the subject of the NOW June 6, 1978 meeting at the Wesley Foundation at 7:30 pm. Paula Greenlee, Director of Gay People of West Texas, along with Donna Seay and Allen Dandy, will hold an informal discussion on gay rights, gay lifestyles, and their views on feminism.

Feminists, gay and straight, have much to share and learn from each other, so this meeting will be a learning experience for all of us. (continued on page 2)
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we will give the Quik Print manager full benefit of the doubt for his reasons, but not without pointing out, however, that in themselves they are reprehensible.
We feel a deep responsibility to our reading public to inform them about all racial and sexual discrimination going on in our community, yea, even if it comes from the hallowed reproductive services of this town. And the implications of this decision are terrifying to imagine in a nation which assumes that freedom of choice is based on the possibility of receiving information. How can people make intelligent choices if the means of communication are censored? And Quik Print's refusal to print our newsletter was most definitely an effort at censorship.
We are lucky and greatly relieved to find that not all printing services in Lubbock feel the same twinge of misdirected loyalty as Quik Print. (continued on page 1)

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Feminists, Pundits, and Fools

For many Lubbock NOW members, the past few weeks have provided an opportunity to participate and to learn about the political process and to become aware of the duty to this process that extends past the voting booth. We have run for office, worked for candidates, voted, attended precinct meetings, and finally the County Democratic Convention, both as delegates and observers, and NOW members will go to the State Convention in September. But not without strain.

By this time it is no news that the Democratic Party of Lubbock passed resolutions against the known interests and needs of the women of this country. Resolutions were passed against ERA extension, abortion, and child care for working mothers, and isn't it appropriate that this information was published on Mother's Day?!

democratic dicta

Still, individual and collective behavior is interesting to watch, and one thing is very evident to those of us who work actively toward bettering conditions for women: many persons in all levels of the Lubbock Democratic Party simply do not have a full understanding of what the women's movement is all about. Here are a sample of remarks that were overheard at the County Convention:

---"Problems concerning this country make the women's rights issue a moot issue."

---"Women's rights and killing unborn babies go hand in hand."

---"Feminists must have a very low opinion of themselves if they think that women are second class citizens under the law."

A confusion of more specific issues followed this same irrational pattern. There seems to be no meeting of the minds, no ground for communication with the Right to Life group. These people have now decided that they too support a woman's "right to choose"—the right to choose whom she will have sex with is her contribution to her own reproductive freedom.

Once again the blame for unwanted pregnancy is placed on the woman while protecting the "rights" of the father. If a woman's body and reproductive system can't be controlled one way, then it can always be controlled another, but under no condition should a woman be the one to make the decision, except by choosing who she will sleep with!

middle morals

Since many of those who advocate this idea are middle and upper middle income folk who know that they have many options open to them (even the monetary option to change their moral stance when faced with an unwanted pregnancy themselves!), their main thrust is at poor women. They support no federal funding of abortions, and interestingly enough, many of these same people do support forced sterilization, a program aimed primarily at minorities and the poor.

1000 Children

In Lubbock alone, approximately 1000 children wait for a place in a day-care center while their mothers struggle to eke out some sort of existence. In Texas, "in home" day-care was recently removed from the funding programs. And Texas places fourth from the bottom of the scale in welfare programs, a fact that many citizens seem to be proud of.

These very women to whom abortion is denied are also denied any reasonable aid for child care while they work. Thus, they are expected to pay out almost all they (continued on page 7)
"Wives aren't like fishermen. They brag about the ones that got away and complain about the one they caught."

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"Insurance Man: 'We won't give you the money, but we'll rebuild your barn.'"

"Farmer: 'If that's how you do business, I'm cancelling the life insurance policy on my wife.'"

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"Mrs.: 'It says that this new elixir of life will make a man live for two hundred years.'

Mr.: 'If I was a bachelor I'd buy a bottle.'"

All from Optimist Magazine, April 1978, submitted by Jane Twyman.

A student response to the following question on a teacher evaluation: "What changes could be made to improve the teaching or content of this course?"

Please remember one thing: clean up your act. You are a woman, so dress and act like one.

submitted by Jinny Samuelson

"More babies multiply a woman's joy." Phyllis Schlafly The Power of the Positive Woman.

submitted by Cathie McWhorter

PRACTICAL PLANS

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undoing the previous "anti" resolutions. This was the last resolution of the day and it left us on a confident and determined high.

The learning process has begun and the necessity for political awareness, organization and action is clear. What will happen at the State Democratic Convention in September remains to be seen, but feminist women and men will be going as delegates because they got involved at the precinct level. This is just the beginning of a politically viable West Texas minority learning to operate within, around and over our ultra-conservative environment.

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a loyalty that places personal camaraderie in business over essential human rights.

If a community cannot sustain minority opinions, there is no possibility for healthy human diversity which, in this editor's opinion, constitutes the essence of human freedom and therefore the essence of the American Dream.
Where Are You Col. Quantrill?

(from the Wichita Eagle-Beacon "Public Forum," April 1978)

In his haste to dedicate a new era of progress for the University of Kansas, Gov. Robert Bennett dropped a lead weight on the women's struggle for respect and equality. During the dedication of the new KU law school Bennett told an audience, which included former President Gerald Ford: "I can remember we used to sit on the steps of old Green Hall and whistle as things went by, marvel at God's creation and occasionally perused the dean's tort book." Bennett's remark is significant because it is a prime example of the kind of two-faced treatment given women by politicians in particular and men in general.

For years Green Hall has been something of a proving ground, and as a result—a thorn in the side of most women.

A letter presented by women at the KU Law Day on April 26, 1971, recognized the "daily crowds of men who, sitting on the steps of Green Hall, shout out numbers which evaluate the bodies of women passing by."

The "tradition" began "in the good old days" when it was fashionable for men to walk with canes. Women students were given a sex appeal rating by a secret code tapped out with the tip of the cane.

Before the recent move to the new law building, women would deliberately avoid walking past Green Hall rather than subject themselves to crass.

The Bookshelf

Casey, John. An American Romance. Atheneum. $10.00. This novel is an ambitious portrayal of the uncertainties that modern men and women experience as they redefine "romance." The female protagonist is assertive, goal-oriented, and ambitious; the male is maternal, attuned to primordial movements and feelings. Traditional gender roles are reversed, but each character progressively, and often with resistance, adopts traits of the other. The author foresees a blending of gender roles that will be both the cause and effect of the reforming of male-female bonds.

Manville, W.H. Goodbye. Simon and Schuster. $8.95. Also available in paperback. Goodbye is also about the ambiguities of relationships as gender roles change. It is the story of the mysterious and violent death of a young woman in the wake of her struggle to control her work, her marriage, and her personal development. But Manville also follows her alcoholic husband's efforts to determine his contributions (direct and indirect) to her death, yielding a rounded picture of their relationship and of an adult male.

Markson, David. Springer's Progress. Holt, Rinehart Winston. $8.95. This work is distressingly reminiscent of recent American novels about men in mid-life crisis. The principal character is a writer, unable to write. What makes this book different is that Markson's failed writer delights in the superior literary talent of his various female lovers. The latter women (continued on page 7)
NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

Please retain this page for easy reference.

The Newsletter staff welcomes your generous contributions to the Lubbock NOW Times. The more information we receive from our varied membership, the more constructive and interesting our paper will be. However, we must beg your assistance in managing our publication.

This page contains the basic Newsletter guidelines to be followed when you contribute any kind of written information to the Lubbock NOW Times.

We ask you to abide by this format for lay-out purposes. Although the Newsletter is totally re-typed for printing, it is crucial that we have articles in correct form when we set up the pattern for this final typing; THEREFORE, we cannot accept anything for publication unless it adheres to the following guidelines:

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easily separate sexual from emo-
tional ties, and this is the di-
mension of their characters that
Markson stresses. For some fem-
nists, the novel may contain more male
fantasy than understanding of con-
temporary women.

Markson's interpretation of and
emphasis on female sexual liberation
was disturbing to me. But, along
with Goodbye and An American Romance,
Springer's Progress is interesting as
an attempt by a male novelist to
treat women in a new and realistic
fashion. More importantly, each
author has transcended conventional
literary stereotypes to present ca-
pable, self-reliant, and significant
female characters.

These three novels, all written
by men, were reviewed favorably in
the March Ms. The reviewer, Sheila
Weller, praised the full character-
ization of women in each work. All
three are available at the Mahon
Public Library. They deserve the
attention of feminists as examples
of changing male literary images of
women.

Submitted by Marietta Morrissey

WHERE'S QUANTRILL?

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comments.

The move to the new building,
which is located far west of the main
campus, relieved much of the on-campus
annoyance, and was seen by many as a
change for the better.

That all went out the window with
Bennett's ill-timed message.

There is no such thing as an
"office hour" women's libber. The
contradictions will surface easily,
either at home or in front of a micro-
phone, as in Bennett's case.

There are many vital issues of
concern to women confronting the
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Feminists, and...

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make for the care of their children,
they are also expected not to be on
welfare, not to be a drain on the
taxpayer, not to choose to have sex,
not to complain, and above all, not
to become feminists.

Arguments against ERA extension
were familiar and expected. Extension
would set a precedent by "changing
the rules of the game," but equality
is no game, and yes, women are indeed
intent on changing the rules, the
spoken and unspoken rules that ex-
clude over half the adult population
of this country from participating
fully in constructive public and pri-
ivate activities. Women are intent on
changing the rules that exclude them
from serving.

Congress has the power to set
time limits to amendments, to deter-
mine whether a proposed amendment
has lost its vitality through lapse
of time, and to extend the period
for ratification if it seems that it
is warranted. The time limit was
set to prevent a proposed amendment
from becoming "outdated" through lack
of interest, and the ERA does not lack
interest! Congress has this power and
no rigid time limit can, or should,
be set on equality.

It is apparent that many do not
use logic, history, or even their
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Quantrill

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state legislature. A progressive, open-minded governor is needed to see those concerns changed into law.
A politician, intent on living in the past, does not deserve to serve office in the present.
--Cath Clinger, Leesa Duby, Diane Erickson, Sheri Gilmore, Katherine Harris, Jennifer Roblez, Margaret Stolz, CONCERNED WOMEN AGAINST SEXISM, Lawrence, Kansas.
--Submitted by Midge Herd, Coldwater, Kansas

Feminists

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own experiences to make decisions that concern them and their children. Instead, they reject their individual judgment, their intelligence, their compassion for others, and accept the bias, selfish, discordant comments against the woman's movement propagated by unthinking minds; however, there is still a wee glimmer of light.

Although an Avalanche Journal reporter wrote that one Democrat at the convention wondered if he hadn't wandered into a John Birch Society meeting by mistake, two resolutions concerning ERA rescission were passed, one to rescind and the minority resolution NOT to rescind!
The minority ERA resolution was so expertly and intelligently worded that it made sense to many of those very people who had supported the earlier vague and emotion laden proposal, and it renews slightly one's faith in the community when reason at least runs irrationality a close second.

---Elaine Bagley

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