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AUSTIN LESBIAN ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER

April 3, 1975

The Austin Women's Center, in which we have held our meetings and various social events, will no longer be available to us as of April 19.

An emergency Board meeting was called by Nancy Van Beek, Coordinator of the Austin Women's Center. This meeting was called as a result of the incident involving the Silver Spurs at our last social. At this meeting (held the Monday following our dance), it was decided to request an interview with Harriette Whatley, President of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

The interview was requested by the Austin Women's Center in order to clarify the Federation's position concerning ALO's use of the building.

It must be noted here why a clarification by the Federation was necessary. The present in-residence acting landlord of the Women's Center, Ms. Leutwyler, presented an ultimatum to the Austin Women's Center: the Women's Center must either disassociate from ALO or move out of their present building.

Harriette Whatley refused the interview requested by the Austin Women's Center. Nancy Van Beek received a letter from Whatley the next day. However, the letter merely stated that the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs wanted possession of the building. No reason was given to the Austin Women's Center for eviction.

The next Women's Center Board meeting will be held at the Women's Center April 10 at 7:00 p.m. Following the meeting, Women's Equity Action League (WEAL) is presenting a movie, We The Women, for \$1.00 admission.

Thesbians and others interested in acting, set design, carpentry, make-up, publicity, etc., for an all-Lesbian theatre group, call Ginny at 476-5051 or KC at 474-2866. The group will meet at 704 W. 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ St., #3, at 7:30 each Wednesday night.

Some members of this group will be appearing in Sugar and Spice and Nothing Nice in Eastwood Park, Sunday, April 20 at 1:00. The play, performed for the first time by Austin Women Workers Theatre on International Women's Day, will be part of an Austin Guerilla Theatre Retrospective. Also included will be a children's play performed entirely by children and excerpts from every Bertolt Brecht production ever.

Bring your own beer.

The Gay Academic Union is holding its first Southwest Regional Conference at the University Y (above Sommer's Drugs on Guadalupe) Saturday, April 12.

This is its founding conference, and if enough lesbian students, teachers, researchers, TA's, etc., show up, we could make it into something pretty useful. The principles of national GAU include opposition to all forms of discrimination against women and gay people in academia.

Until this is achieved, attendance at the conference will be strictly limited to registered participants, and no information regarding any participant will be released without their written consent. You can register between 8 and 9:30 Saturday morning at the Y. If you want to help with registration or offer out-of-town women participants a place to stay, call Art Atkinson at 476-4023.

CITY CANDIDATES STANDS ON GAY RIGHTS

Would you support an ordinance against housing, job or other discrimination against gay people?

Mayor
Jeffrey Friedman
Raymond Donnelly
Bud Dryden

Mentioned us as one of several groups needing protection
Talked about real estate
"I don't think this comes into city hiring."

Place 3
James Joseph Jr.
Emma Lou Linn
Tommy Lawless

Muttered something through laughter
Said gay people should have more rights
"Everybody fiddles around."

Place 6
Luella F. Edgar

Sees no need for an ordinance; who to hire is up to the employer

Would you advocate such a law in your campaign literature?

Place 3
James Joseph Jr.
Emma Lou Linn

Wrinkled his brow, said nothing
Yes

What would you do to ensure equal representation of gay people in city government?

Place 1
Marcel S. Rocha
Margaret Hoffman
Mae Marion
Robert Gray

"I would treat them like any citizen."
"There should be no difference in hiring."
"Homosexuals are usually smarter."
"I've met some in my work on the Human Relations Commission and they are the same as anybody." (The HRC has been sitting on an anti-discrimination ordinance for 3 years.)
"I'll bet some work for the city now and no one knows the difference as long as they are quiet about it."

Fred C. Young

What would you do to ensure proportional representation (e.g., all committees 50% women)?

Place 3
James Joseph Jr.
Emma Lou Linn

"I think the most qualified should serve."
"I think we should have proportional representation of minorities and women, which means each committee would be 52% women."

How would you deal with complaints of discrimination against gay people?

Place 5
Paul Spragens

"I'd talk to them in my office, find out what they want."

John Trevino Jr.

"It's a private matter, but there should be no discrimination."

Lel Purcell Hawkins

"I probably know some and don't even know that's what they are. . . I wouldn't know them if I met them."

How would you prevent invasion of sexual privacy & discrimination as in the Harriet Wardlaw case?

Place 3
James Joseph Jr.
Emma Lou Linn
Tommy Lawless

Wouldn't
Would support a law against all discrimination
"This wasn't discrimination." (Wardlaw lost her teaching job due to pregnancy out of wedlock; the judge said it was not discrimination because an unwed father would have received the same treatment.)

Out of all candidates asked their reaction to a city employees strike, only Mae Marion would support it.

Members of Austin Lesbian Organization asked these questions through a moderator (who sometimes passed them on to the candidates and sometimes didn't) at the March 14 City Council Candidates Forum sponsored by Austin Neighborhood Council & other groups. We were the only organized minority there, and, in spite of a lot of laughter & ridicule, made an impression. Moral: Go Thou and Do Likewise.

ERA hearing will be Monday, April 14 at 1 p.m. in the House Chambers before the Constitutional Revision Committee. People will be testifying for and against Hilliard's recision bill House Concurrent Resolution 57. We need to flood the House with ERA supporters. The hearings will probably last on into the night. Please come.

Our monthly general meeting is this coming Sunday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Women's Center at 2316 San Gabriel. The steering committee composed of one representative from each committee and three members elected at large will meet at 7:00 p.m. to determine the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative is working on legislation in the Texas House of Representatives to repeal Penal Code Section 21.06. Persons are needed to testify before the Subcommittee hearings which are due to be scheduled this month. Another meeting of the Legislative committee will be announced at the general meeting Sunday, April 6.

Communication desperately needs more people to work on the newsletter and publicity. If you are interested please contact Vicky 475-0094 or Alice 476-0094. Also, we encourage everyone and every group to submit information, suggestions, or anything they would to see included in our newsletter to our members every month.

Soccer has officially joined the city league but has no name, no sponsor, or any definite practice schedule, yet. Karin has been made co-director of the Austin Women's Soccer League, so she is the one to call (474-2895) for information in the future. The team can still use a couple of more players.

On March 15 the Austin Lesbian Organization held a dance. Late that evening several men attending a Silver Spurs Formal dance in the adjacent wing of the building attempted to gain entry to the ALO dance demanding the "right" to look for their dates. Several women surrounded them while someone checked the dance area and returned to inform them their dates were not present. One of the men insisted belligerantly that "No one can keep me out of any party I want to go to in this town" and more personal inflammatory remarks were made. They were told it was a private party and slowly began to leave. One of the women present, enraged by their remarks and attempts to intimidate, threw her beer after them. The door was locked and for a moment nothing happened. Then came loud banging and kicking against the door, resulting in the frame breaking. Police were called. The men agreed to settle damages with the landlord (The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs).

Shortly after this incident the Women's Center people (the ones who sublet the hall to ALO) were verbally informed by the landlord (Texas Federation of Women's Clubs) to either disaffiliate from the Lesbian Organization or be denied renewal of their lease. The Women's Center refused and was informed

by mail that their lease is not to be renewed. Several of the members of the ALO wanted to publicize the above mentioned events but in the interests of courtesy and solidarity first inquired if the organizations comprising the Women's Center objected to use of their name. A meeting was held Monday, March 31 where official representatives of NOW, The Austin Women's Political Caucus (AWPC) and Women's Equity Action League (WEAL) were present. One by one they informed the ALO of their sympathy and support. Then they began to state their positions.

The representative of the TWPC informed us her organization did not wish to have their name publicized in support of the ALO because it was close to election time and they had endorsed candidates. Known support with the Lesbians over such an incident might jeopardize the candidates they endorsed. And all the organizations of the Women's Center felt support might jeopardize their efforts to secure federal funds to restore a historical house they are hoping to use as their next Women's center. In conclusion the organizations present voted not to publicly support us either individually (as the AWPC, NOW, or WEAL) or collectively (as the Women's Center). As it happened we also learned that they had been considering vacating the building prior to the incident due to previous hassles with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, which leads one to question if they even walked out in our behalf.

I was present at this meeting, and listened as the rationalizations for lack of support were voiced. At one point I asked them if it had been NOW's party, would they be so reluctant to bring the facts before the public? No one dealt with this question.

Each of these organizations espouses to be feminist, to have the interests of women at heart. They all support the Equal Rights Amendment seeking equality before the law for women. Yet not one of these organizations was willing to publicly support us in this incident, not because they felt we were wrong (their words) but because it was politically unastute and might cause them hardship in obtaining a new center.

Now, lesbians, traditionally are an oppressed group. Our language refers to lesbians in a highly negative connotative sense. Certain jobs are unobtainable to lesbians. Psychologically, they must deal with socially ascribed stigma, culturally inculcated hatred, and legally prescribed punishment. At every level of their lives the attempt is made to punish them for their sexual preference. As women and as lesbians they are all too familiar with the meaning of oppression. Many of us actively work to change oppressive conditions affecting all women, not just gay women. Yet, our so called sisters (and I will refer here only to the organizations that entrusted these representatives to speak for them) seem to be interested in equality for their membership only.

Shouldn't the idea be that oppression, whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head must be challenged. For if we wait until the time is convenient or the social atmosphere more acceptable, we could wait the rest of our lives. This may be an extravagance those who are not directly affected can afford, but for me and many other lesbians the cost is our lives, our opportunities, our dreams. Is the issue equality for all of us or are some of us to be more equal than others? Is only selected oppression of women to be dealt with?

I recognize that certain interests may be specific to certain groups. This is only natural. But there are certain interests all of us as feminists share. And one of these is an end to sexism in any form. These are the questions and issues the women comprising the Women's Center had better deal with, for these very questions and issues are a result of a feminism they have compromised.

Karin Bonicoro

AUSTIN LESBIAN ORGANIZATION

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Steering Committee members

Political Action -- Bek Runte 447-8445

Social Committee -- Lynn Burson 478-2331

Soccer Team -- Karin Bonicoro 474-2895

Communications Committee -- Vicky Killgore 476-0094

Mother Tongue -- Ginny Martill 476-5051

At Large -- Janna Zumbrun 444-2549
A. K. Campbell 453-5506
Nina Wouk 476-8058

Political Action Committee

The political action committee met on April 16th. Since there is no action to be taken at present on House Bill 759, committee members discussed possible political projects to begin working on. These possibilities include: (1) working for the enactment of an equal opportunity ordinance which would include gay people, by the new city council. The committee will begin this project after the May 3rd run-off election; (2) studying the Texas Family Code to find those sections which are discriminatory to Lesbian couples (such as property laws). The committee will then determine the feasibility of attempting to have the discriminatory portions amended by the Texas Legislature; (3) Jeff Friedman is reportedly committed to establishing a City Commission on the Status of Women. He is considering appointing an open LESBIAN to this commission. He wants a paper written by LESBIANS explaining why a LESBIAN should be appointed.

The committee also discussed inviting the city council candidates who are in the run-off election to speak and answer questions at our next meeting. These are Margaret Hoffman, Bob Gray, John Trevino, and Jay Johnson. Two purposes could be served by this action. First, the candidates would be made aware that a large LESBIAN organization exists in Austin. Secondly, candidates could be pinned down about their stand on issues that concern LESBIANS. All steering committee members were contacted. They approved putting the candidate forum on the April 27th agenda. There were some misgivings about scheduling this forum as some ALO members are not interested in, or do not wish to be involved in electoral politics. In view of this, the forum will be first on the agenda and will last only about 25 minutes.

Anyone wanting to join the political action committee should call Bek at 447-8445, or Janna at 444-2549.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee met on April 8th. As the newsletter is becoming a larger production with each issue, a number of decisions were made to facilitate the committee's work. A newsletter will be received by ALO members on the Thursdays before ALO general meetings (which are held on specified Sundays). Deadline for all newsletter copy is at 7:00 p.m. on the Sunday one week prior to each general meeting. Please give newsletter material to the following persons - (1) committee reports and announcements - Malorie Tolles - 447-2711, (2) Classified ads - Vicky Killgore - 476-0094, (3) editorials and comments - Janna Zumbrun - 444-2549, (4) news about other women's or Lesbian groups and activities - Alice Woods - 476-2569. Corrections and additions to the ALO mailing list should also be given to Alice. Each time a committee meets, it is responsible for writing a committee report.

The Communications Committee will take minutes at general meetings in order to include a synopsis of the meeting in the newsletter. Out-of-town Lesbians may receive the newsletter free. Straight women may receive the newsletter for a subscription fee of \$2.00 per six months. Newsletters will be exchanged with other Lesbian or feminist groups. No newsletters will be sent to men.

MOTHER TONGUE THEATER

Mother Tongue Theater is meeting regularly at 710 W. 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ St., #3 at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. On April 20th Mother Tongue performed one skit with the Bertold Brecht Memorial Theater Troupe and Austin Women Workers in a day-long program of street theater in Pease Park. "Mother Tongue Television (M.T.T.V.)" was a smashing success with their skit, as were all of the brilliant troupes that performed.

Mother Tongue hopes to have continued performances at all meetings of ALO and other Lesbian functions. Any interested Lesbians are encouraged to come to the Theater's meetings.

LESBIAN MOTHERS

For Lesbians who want children in their lives---A new Lesbian Mothers Support Group has been formed by Lesbians who want to spend time with and learn from children, as well as help Lesbian mothers with day care. Activities include taking the kids for a day at the park, swimming, hiking, or any activity that would expose the kids to Lesbian lifestyles as opposed to the heterosexual programming they get every day at day care centers. If interested, contact Debra at 447-5305.

The Lesbian Mothers Committee is having a potluck supper on Friday, April 25th at Nancy Lee's house, 400 E. 41st St. Bring a pot of food or drink. Again, call Debra for more information. The supper will begin about 5:30 p.m.

Social Committee

Anyone interested in joining the social committee should call Lynn Burson at 478-2331.

The stereo speakers which were lent to ALO for the last dance are missing. They were MGA speakers, about 2' high and 6" wide. If anyone knows anything about their whereabouts, please contact Jean McCray or Heide Zobel at 477-3247. If the speakers do not turn up, ALO needs to discuss the possibility of replacing them.

Soccer Team

The soccer team thanks ALO for the \$25 raised at the last dance which covered the referee fees for the team.

If anyone has suggestions for a name for the team, please give your ideas. One suggestion was a compromise between "Amelia Earhart" and the "Amazing Amazons." What came out was "Amelia's Amazons."

If anyone knows a business or individual that would like to contribute \$10 or so to the team, please contact them or call Karin at 474-2895 or Nancy Lee at 452-8747. And the team can always use more players!

Classified Ads (are free)

FOR SALE--1973 Yamaha 100 LT3, \$375.00. Call Ellen at 471-5270. Includes new license and inspection.

I NEED A ROOMMATE to share my 2 BR duplex in South Austin. Or, I would be willing to move in with someone who needs a roommate. I need a place with a fence for my dog. Call Janna at 444-2549.

I AM EAGER to learn and enjoy international folk dancing with other women. Anyone similarly interested or with information regarding a prospective teacher or with access to records, please call Flying Clouds at 476-0358.

JOB NEEDED by responsible, neat, dependable Lesbian. I want a job that takes up about 32 hours a week or less. I don't mind shit-work but need to clear about \$75.00 a week. Have lots of experience in different areas including mental health, the restaurant business, secretarial work, electrical worker, maid work, and childcare. Call Malorie at 447-2711.

(FOIA) CONFIDENTIAL ALO GENERAL MEETING

ALO held a general business meeting on Sunday, April 6th at the Women's Center. Significant decisions made and business discussed follow:

-We voted to affiliate with the Texas Gay Task Force and to pay dues of \$10 per year, submit news items to their newsletter, receive their newsletter, send a voting delegate to their House of Delegates which meets twice a year.

-We voted not to ask Austin NOW to send a representative to discuss affiliation with NOW as a Lesbian Task Force.

-Lynn Burson announced that ALO has opened a bank account at Capitol National Bank. Lynn, Alice Woods, and Nina Wouk are authorized to sign checks in the name of ALO.

-We voted to have a dance in the Women's Center April 12th.

--We voted to co-sponsor, with Gay People of Austin, the Gay Academic Union conference held April 12th.

-We voted to hold our next meeting Sunday, April 27th at 4:00 p.m. at the University Y, 2330 Guadalupe, above Sommer's Rexall. The meeting time has since been changed to 5:00 p.m.

-We voted to disaffiliate from the Austin Women's Center effective April 19th and officially appointed a committee of volunteers to write a letter explaining our decision.

-We voted to give the soccer team \$25 from the dance proceeds.

-We voted to give Mother Tongue, the Lesbian theater group, status as a committee with a representative on the steering committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NEXT MEETING of ALO will be Sunday, April 27th at the University Y, 2330 Guadalupe at 5:00 p.m. Steering Committee members please come by 4:30.

Judy Grahn is a Lesbian-Feminist from Washington, D.C. who has been actively involved in the Lesbian movement for many years. She is well noted for her writings and poetry, especially "Edward the Dyke", published by the Women's Collective of Oakland, Calif.

She is taking her first tour through Texas this week and has agreed to stop in Austin for an evening. She will read her works at Becky Allen's house, 1206 Fernwood, Friday, April 25th at 8:00 p.m. Becky is moving, so bring your own pillow and drinks. Judy is not charging us anything for coming here, but any contributions toward covering her expenses would be appreciated. There is an article about Judy Grahn in the May issue of MS. magazine.

Lesbians from Houston, Galveston, and Austin are planning a statewide Lesbian campout to be held the last weekend in May, the 30th, 31st, and 1st at Paleface Park. Paleface Park is a park here in Austin off of Hwy. 71 West where the Pedernales River flows into Lake Travis. Further details have not been worked out yet, but the full information on the campout should be in the next ALO newsletter. Meanwhile, spread the word and plan to join us. For more information, call Tina at 476-5051.

On April 14, 1975, the House of Representatives Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence held hearings on House Bill 759.

House Bill 759, sponsored by Craig Washington, would delete Section 21.06 of the Penal Code which makes homosexual sex acts a Class C misdemeanor. Six persons testified in favor of H. B. 759; none testified against it. Those testifying were Rev. Kuhn, Associate Minister of University Methodist Church, Austin; Darrell Blakeway, Defense Lawyers Association, Austin; Randy Beitel, Third-year law student at SMU, Dallas, and Co-Chairperson of Legal Committee of Texas Gay Task Force (TGTF); Lela Abernathy, Austin; Neil Parker, Lobbyist for TGTF, Austin; and Jane Elioseff, organizer of Women in Counseling and Therapy, Austin.

The Committee could not vote on the bill, as there was not a quorum present. So the committee voted to send the bill to a subcommittee to be named by the chairman, Craig Washington. It is assumed that Washington will appoint a "friendly" subcommittee which will report the bill back to the committee. Hopefully, the committee will vote to send the bill to the House.

Anyone interested in joining Women in Therapy and Counseling (WICT) notify Jane Elioseff at 474-5408. Their next meeting will be May 4 at the University Y, 2330 Guadalupe, at 7:30 p.m. in the Free Space Counseling Center. The number there is 472-3053.

The Austin Women's Center Board met Thursday, April 10. Bek Runte read the official ALO statement to disaffiliate from the AWC, which follows this article. Some members of the AWC Board expressed dismay about our disaffiliation.

They claimed that there has been a misunderstanding on both sides. The Lesbians charged that the AWC was not supporting ALO in fighting their oppression as Lesbians. Some of the straight women insisted that not allowing ALO to use AWC's name publicly was simply a matter of publicity--not a denial of support. They maintained that they do support ALO as evident in that AWC has absorbed flack from the public since ALO's first organizational meeting, and that they have vacated the Texas Federation building rather than disassociate themselves from ALO.

Cathy L. Bonner stated that in Austin two previous Women's Centers have dissolved due to this same divisive issue (Lesbianism). Her idea was that feminists must come to terms with Lesbianism if they are to develop the strong basis of unity necessary to overcome sexual oppression.

Martha Smiley proposed, (and it was generally accepted) to table further discussion on incorporation until perhaps some reconciliation with ALO is made. An informal discussion group between Lesbians and heterosexual women was set up in order to determine if there are any mutual grounds on which the two groups can meet and work together. All who are interested in participating in such a dialogue are encouraged to meet Saturday, April 26th at 1 p.m. at 609 Guadalupe.

In addition, Nancy Van Beek announced her pending resignation as Co-ordinator for the Austin Women's Center. Anyone who would like to assume that responsibility, please contact Nancy at 836-0848.

No decision was made concerning publicity about the eviction. Micheline Fountain, public relations director for NOW, did express the opinion that it is a bit much for ALO to disaffiliate from AWC and then expect AWC to support Lesbians in publicizing their oppression in the eviction case. The implication here is that she does not feel obliged to support Lesbians unless we are part of AWC and force her support, even though she calls herself a feminist.

To the Austin Women's Center:

This statement reflects the consensus opinion of the Austin Lesbian Organization and is written by officially designated representatives of that organization.

The ALO, in a general meeting Sunday, April 6, discussed the stated reasons that the Women's Center gave in voting not to support the ALO publicly in the incident involving the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, the Women's Center, and its member organization, the ALO.

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs' unofficial reason for refusing to continue to rent its facilities to the Women's Center was the Women's Center's decision not to disaffiliate from the ALO in connection with events related to the incident occurring on March 15, 1975 at the ALO dance.

The Women's Center's refusal to disaffiliate from the ALO does not constitute support of us, because we already exist as members of the Women's Center and are not subject to expulsion by the Women's Center.

Your decision not to publicly acknowledge support is based on two reasons: 1) The Austin Women's Political Caucus's feelings that to do so would jeopardize political candidates they supported; and 2) The other constituent groups' feelings that to do so would jeopardize the Women's Center's possibilities of being granted federal funds for restoration of an historical building for use as the Women's Center's future home. These reasons evade the real issue; that the Lesbian women were being denied, on basis of sexual prejudice, equal access to the facilities, and that the Women's Center was refusing to deal with obvious discrimination.

Had the incidents of March 15 involved the rights of NOW, AWPC, or WEAL, we feel certain there would have been no hesitation to publicly support exposure of the events that had transpired. By refusing to deal with this issue, by attempting to keep us out of sight and sound, you are functioning as women oppressing women--refusing to acknowledge our status as equal human beings and perpetuating this condition by failing to challenge it. Lesbians have never qualified their support of the feminist movement on the basis of sexual prejudice. We have fought oppression of all women based on the belief that as long as any of us are denied basic human rights, based on our sex, none of us are truly free. To continue to allow selective oppression of LESBIANS to exist because you feel that challenging it jeopardizes your own interests is a blatant example of acceptance of sexism for some, in return for privilege to others. Ineffect, you have compromised your concern for all women in the hopes of reaping benefits for the select few comprising your membership (AWPC, WEAL, and NOW). This is a betrayal of the whole concept of feminism (women united against the oppressive nature of sexism whatever its form) at the cost of the life opportunities of the other women. We no longer intend to be the sacrificial lambs of your movement. Until you recognize that we are human beings, entitled to equal rights and regard, we cannot in good conscience continue to affiliate with your organizations. We consider it regrettable that you, so called feminists and sisters, have become a source of oppression. Therefore, we have voted to disaffiliate ourselves from the Austin Women's Center effective April 19, 1975.

A program titled "The Church and Homosexuality", which is produced by the University of Minnesota Medical School will be shown on national ABC TV (Channel 24) Sunday, May 18th. The time is not yet known. Check your local TV listing for that week.

FBI Harrassment of Lesbians

During the past several years, the FBI has been unsuccessful in its attempts to locate a number of radical underground fugitives, many of them women. Late in 1974, however, a man tipped off the police that two of the wanted women were possibly two women he had known to be living in the Lesbian community near the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Since then, the FBI and three federal grand juries have been harrassing and questioning members of the Lesbian community and the radical women's movement. The result of these tactics has been the arrest of three fugitives in March, 1975, and the imprisonment of six women who refused to testify to the grand juries.

Arrested were Patricia E. Swinton, Cameron D. Bishop, and Susan E. Saxe. Saxe is allegedly a Lesbian and was wanted in connection with a 1970 Boston bank robbery during which a policeman was slain. After questioning Lesbians in Lexington, the FBI questioned feminists in Conneticut, which led them to Philadelphia where Saxe was arrested. Saxe was spotted as she walked down the street hand-in-hand with another woman. Still at large is Katherine Power, also allegedly a Lesbian. Also unapprehended, of course, is Patricia Hearst, who possibly has received shelter from Lesbians.

There is speculation that the FBI planted an informer in the Lesbian or feminist underground communities. Saxe is being held on \$350,000 bond in Philadelphia. She has pleaded not guilty. The above information was taken from an article in the Houston Chronicle on Sunday, April 13, 1975.

Addition to ALO Directory:

Kathleen Hattaway
2712 Nueces, Apt. E
Austin, Texas 78705
476-0094

Women's Studies at U.T.

Courses to be offered in the Summer Session, 1975:

Non-credit courses - Registration, June 6-10 in the AC foyer.
Registration times - Friday - 9-4 and 6-9, Saturday - 10-12,
Monday - 9-4 and 6-9, and Tuesday - 9-4. For more information
call 471-5653.

"Private Journals and Women" - Seven sessions on Wednesdays.
June 18-July 30, Fees -. \$16 for U.T. students, \$18 for
others. Not limited to women. Instructor - Patricia Kirkpatrick.

"Poetry and Prose Poems", a writing workshop. Six sessions,
on Tuesdays, June 17-July 22, 7-9 p.m. Fees - \$14 for U.T.
students, \$16 for others. Instructor - Patricia Kirkpatrick.

Credit Courses -

"Women in Administration" - Graduate School of Social Work.
Instructors - Martha Williams and June Oliver.

CFE 350 - "Sexism and Racism in American Education".
Cultural Foundations of Education. Instructor - Bonnie
Freeman.

His366N - "Sexual Stereotypes" - Instructor - Dr. Doris Ladd.

Courses to be offered in the Fall Session, 1975:

American Studies

-AMS 310 - "American Civilization Now" - This intro. course
always includes discussion of sex roles. Three sections
offered. Instructors - Ms. Sheets, Ms. McDonald, or
Ms. Lundy.

-AMS 323 - "The Artistic Woman in America." Instructor -
Ms. Buckley.

Anthropology

-ANT 324L - "Sex Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective."
Instructor - Mary Sanches.

Cultural Foundations of Education

-CFE 350 and 385 - "Racism and Sexism in American Education."
Instructor - Bonnie Freeman.

English

-E 314L - "Intro. to Lit. II: The Image and Role of Women,
19th-20th Century Novel." (Note: Misprinted, "The Western
Novel" in the catalogue). Instructor - Jan Swearingen.

-E 376L - "The American Eve." Instructor - Rosemary Cutting.

Government

-312L - "Politics in America." Instructor - Mr. Hirsch.

-335M - "Politics of Love and Altruism." Instructor -
Mr. Edwards.

-381L - "Adult Socialization." Instructor - Mr. Hirsch.

History

-366N - "Topics in History: Women, Traditional Views."
Instructor - Dr. Doris Ladd.

Sociology

-333K - "Sex Roles." Two sections. Instructors - Judy
Tully or Joe Feagin.

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 A. K. Campbell -- 453-5506
 Nina Wouk -- 444-3441

New Committees

Education Committee -- Alice Woods -- 476-2569
 Softball Team -- Vicky Killgore -- 476-0094
 Lesbian Mothers -- Debra Gustafson -- 447-5305

Treasurer -- Lynn Burson -- 4768-2331

THE RITES OF SPRING -- A LESBIAN CAMPOUT

Yes, your wildest fantasies are coming true! The Lesbian communities of Austin and Houston are planning a state-wide camping trip for the last weekend in May, starting Friday the 30th. Meet new friends, share our experiences, relax, entertain each other--the possibilities are endless! We will gather around 11 p.m. Friday night to meet each other and coordinate activities. The location will be on the banks of Lake Travis, inside Paleface Park (see map for details). There are no facilities except for a few toilets, so come prepared. A word to the wise: Put your name on everything you bring. Also, bring bags to help clean up trash, this must be a collective effort.

SPORTS: Possibilities include softball, soccer, swimming, Volleyball, fishing, hiking, football, running, and more. If you have any equipment you would like to bring, do so.

ENTERTAINMENT: Mother Tongue, the Austin Lesbian Theatre Group will be presenting a show Saturday at 6 p.m. Be sure and see it. They are great!

CHILDREN: There will be a number of children with us, and we strongly encourage everyone to help take care of them, be responsive to their needs, volunteer to take them swimming, play with them, help them get and eat food, keep them out of danger. This help will be greatly appreciated by the Lesbian mothers, as it will give them an equal chance to be free of worry and have some fun, too. (Our whole community will reap the rewards of caring for and loving our children.)

FOOD: Bring at least enough for yourself. We will probably have one group meal, so bring a quantity of some vegetable or fruit and we can throw together a big salad or stone soup. Austin Lesbians did not have time or energy to plan a lot of group meals. If you have any grill tops, big pans, utensils, charcoal or wood, bring them.

DIRECTION FROM AUSTIN: Go south on Lamar (290/71) until Hwy 71 West splits off to the right. There will be a Lesbian sign. Take 71 west to Ranch road 2322. Immediately before you see Rt. 2322 there is a large sign on the right advertising the Pedernales Country Club. It's about twenty minutes on 71 West to 2322. There will be an old, red store on the corner of 71 West and Rt. 2322. Take a right, follow this road about ten miles, past a motel, an LCRA sign, a girl scout camp, and a Baptist encampment. Finally you come to two signs, one saying "Paved Road Ends" the other pointing right "To Park Ranger". Go left, on the dirt road. By this time you will be seeing fluorescent pink circles along the way which will lead you to our campout!

If you get lost, need information, lose your map, need directions, call Flying Clouds at 476-0358. At the campsite there will be an information and first-aid table, where you can sign up

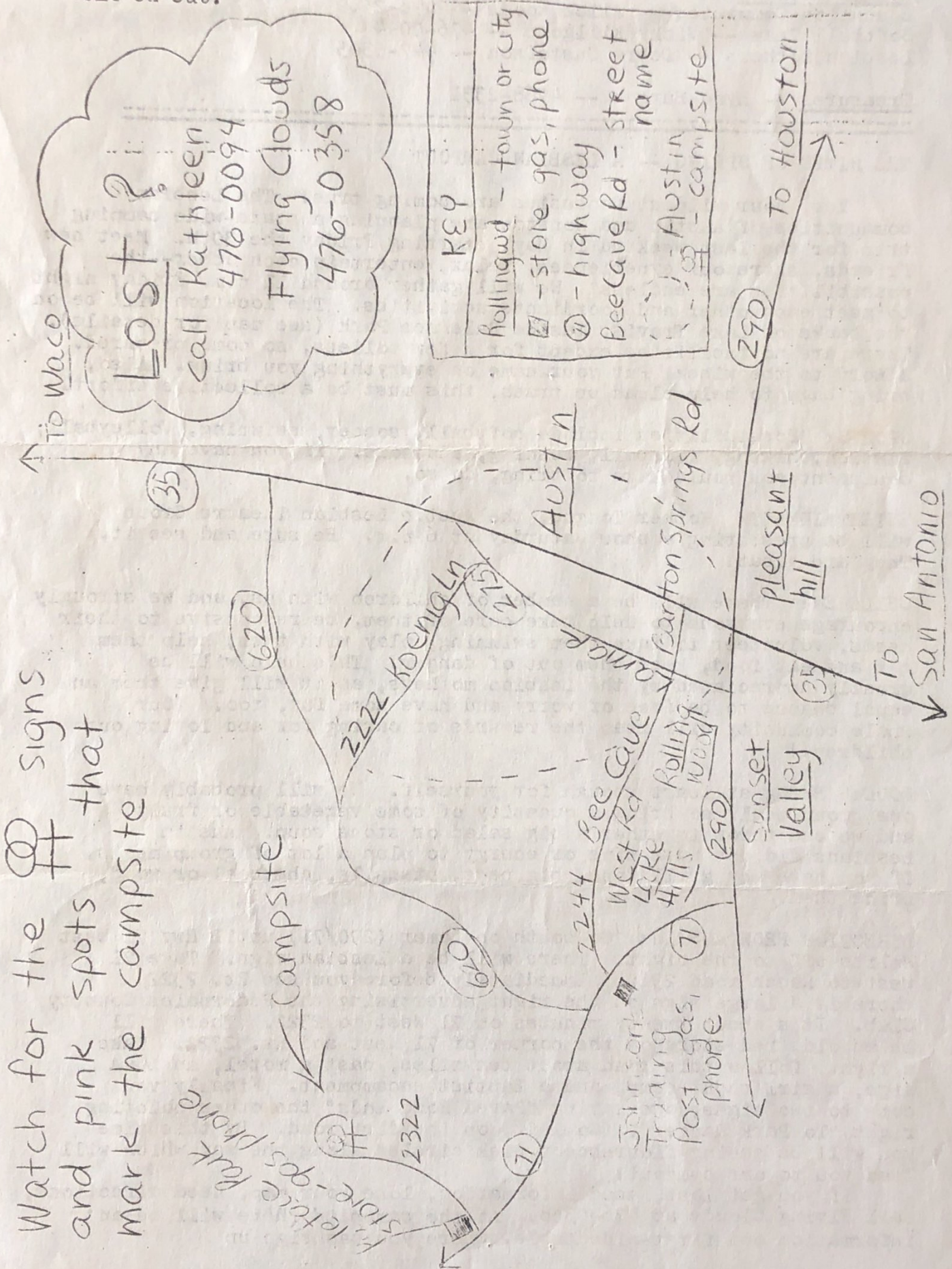
for newsletters, child care committees, leave messages, information about workshops, etc. Here is a list on things you might bring:

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| Sleeping-bag | Toilet paper |
| Blanket | Trash bags |
| Water | Flashlight |
| Insect repellent | Food |
| Matches | Address book/pen |
| Charcoal/Wood | Candles |
| Sports equipment | Eye of newt, toe of frog, cauldron |
| Cup/bowl/knife | |

TENTS ARE NEEDED!!

Another Camout Note:

For anyone wanting to come to the campout ealier than Friday night, women will be out at the campsite starting Thursday evening. Come on out.



Watch for the FF signs and pink spots that mark the campsite

World Premiere:

Austin Lesbians to Appear on Television

The A.L.O. has obtained time on two segments of the For Your Information television show, a public interest interview program moderated by Mel Pennington of Channel 36 KTVV. The show will be taped Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the KTVV station at 908 West Martin Luther King Blvd. (formerly West 19th St.) and will be aired at 6:55 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. Thursday, June 12, and Friday, June 13. Each segment will be different, so be sure and watch both shows. The station will permit anyone interested to watch the taping, so just show up a few minutes before taping time on Tuesday. Anyone interested in appearing on this show meet with the education committee at the campout, or call Robin at 474-2834.

ALO Members to Present Program to NOW, WEAL, AWPC

ALO has been asked to present a program on Lesbianism to a joint meeting of National Organization for Women, Austin Women's Political Caucus, and Women's Equity Action League. This meeting will be held Wednesday, July 2, at 8:00 p.m. at Farm and Home Savings, 1400 Lavaca. Anyone interested in participating in the planning and/or being on the program is welcome to work with the Education Committee. See "Committee Reports" for times and places of their meetings. Everyone is invited to attend the program.

Socialists/Feminists to Plan Ohio Conference

There is going to be a socialist/feminist conference on July 4, 5, and 6 in Yellow Springs, Ohio. There will be a meeting on Monday, June 2, at 6:30 to discuss what Austin women can do towards sending some people and ideas to this conference and thereby getting some feedback afterwards. This will be the second meeting and will be at the home of a woman named Glenn Scott. The address is 3400 Duvall (NW corner of Duval and 34th) and the phone number is 474-5497.

At the first meeting the discussion brought out questions that we decided to discuss at the next 5 Monday meetings before the conference. This week we'll talk about what socialism/feminism means. What is feminism? What dimension does it add to socialism? Is it a new kind of socialism?

Other questions asked are: What has been the practice of socialist/feminists and what should it be? What divisions such as class, race, sexual orientation and political divisions exist in the women's movement? What should be our strategy?

There's a lot of literature on the convention itself at Glenn's house (and she said it was alright to publish her name as someone to call). This week we'll also be discussing transportation and what we'd like to see the conference do. Bring pertinent literature if you have it.

-Pat Zabolio

WOMEN FOR WOMEN:

A Forum Between Lesbian and Non-Lesbian Women

After the confusion that came from the disaffiliation from the Women's Center, Lesbians and heterosexual women who were interested in making an effort to understand each other's lifestyles, needs, and attitudes (political and otherwise) met and discussed how to come to such an understanding. This resulted in the formation of a friendly group called Women for Women, consisting of lesbians and non-lesbian women. Possible goals for this group include rap groups for women who want to deal with their feelings in coming out; discussions for parents, husbands, other relatives and friends finding difficulty in coping with women-identified feelings; and establishing better and more solid communication in general. Anyone interested in Women for Women please attend our next meeting which will be at the Austin Women's Center, 320 West Sixth St., on Monday, June 2, at 7:30. For more information contact co-chairpeople Charlene Bennett at 459-8991, or Alice Woods at 476-2569.

Pointblank Times: New Houston Lesbian Paper Formed

For those of you who have not seen the new Lesbian/feminist paper coming out of Houston, you are in for a nice surprise at the Rites of Spring when copies of the Pointblank Times will be available. Our third issue has been off the press about a week now. In it are articles about Religion and Gay oppression, Rites of Spring, Judy Grahn, Rape, and more.

Pointblank Times is published by a collective of Houston feminists who have a lot of dreams about women's media. This is the beginning. Vol. 1 No. 1 is now a collector's item. (Some people on the collective do not have a copy.) Our second issue is available. Sorry I did not get the third issue to Austin sooner than this weekend. We sell copies for 35¢ and one year subscriptions for three, five, or ten dollars or whatever you can afford. We need your money, but we also need your drawings, photographs, letters, poems, articles, reviews and all other contributions. Send all submissions and subscription orders to Pointblank Times 1241 W. Bell #4 Houston, Texas 77019. All written subscriptions must be typed; if return is desired enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Pat Parker, a black Lesbian feminist poet from Oakland, California will be in Houston Thursday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Center. Judy Grahn says she reads very well. For any more information call 713-523-2051. Rumor has it that Pat might be convinced to come to the Rites of Spring, so if anyone thinks positively about it, maybe she will.

Wumpy

ALO To Meet June 8

The next ALO meeting will be Sunday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at 1107 Fieldcrest in South Austin. To get there, go south on South Lamar. Turn left on Oltorf. Take the first right on Havenside, and Fieldcrest will be the second street on the left.

Minutes For The Last Two Meetings

The Austin Lesbian Organization held general business meetings on Sunday, April 27 and Friday, May 9, at the University Y. Generally, the minutes are as follows:

For the April 27 meeting:

- * When the steering committee was formed, it was to be reevaluated after three months. The time limit has passed and a discussion of structure is needed in the near future.
- * Someone is needed to pick up mail of interest to the ALO from the Gay People of Austin post office box. Talk to Lynn Burson.
- * Discussion was postponed on creating a Lesbian center.
- * An education committee was formed (see committee reports). This committee will discuss internal education, alliance, outreach, counseling, study groups, a library, and a speaker's bureau, as well as any other topics women care to bring up.
- * Judy Grahn left some books at Grok Books.
- * Hotline would like to train Lesbians to work as volunteers.
- * The ALO has decided to accept collective responsibility for Jean and Heide's speakers. Lynn was directed to use money from the treasury and from the next dance.
- * Gay Pride week is coming up.

For the May 9 Meeting:

- * June 16-20 th Texas Union will exhibit work on women artists.
- * The cost of Jean and Heide's speakers was \$64.00.
- * The treasury contains \$68.00

When you move . . .

Please call any member of the communication committee and give her your new address and phone number. Also, give us names of any Texas Lesbians who would like to join the ALO and receive the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report -- Lynn Burson

As a treasurer's report, I am making the ledger public. We are not in extremely good financial shape right now, but the only debt we still owe is to Jean & Heide for the balance of the speakers.

INCOME		OUTGO	BALANCE
1 March	Coffee House 44.32		53.97
2 March	Meeting 9.65		49.72
2 March		Communication Supplies 4.25	39.72
3 March		Rent 10.00	37.22
3 March		AWC for Coffee House 2.50	22.72
3 March		Legal Committee 12.00	10.72
3 March		Communication Committee 12.00	6.72
15 March		Dance Expenses 4.00	90.82
15 March	Dance 84.10		88.82
15 March		Dance Expenses 2.00	80.82
18 March		AWC for Dance 8.00	78.73
21 March		Treasurer's Supplies 2.09	66.73
7 April		Communication Committee 12.00	97.29
7 April	Meeting 30.56		87.29
7 April		Rent 10.00	77.29
12 April		Dance Expenses 10.00	44.40
12 April		Dance Expenses 32.89	
14 April	Dance 98.24		167.64
	Donation to Joanne Little 25.00		
14 April		Southern Poverty Law for Joanne Little 25.00	142.64
15 April		Dues to TGTF 10.00	132.64
15 April		Soccer Team 25.00	107.64
May		Bank Service Charge 1.67	105.97
3 May		Reimbursement for 1/2 price of speakers 32.00	73.97
5 May		Y Rent 5.00	68.97
17 May		Dance Expenses 42.60	26.37
19 May	Dance 54.69		81.06
19 May		Softball Team 25.00	56.06
20 May		Y for Dance 5.00	51.06
23 May		Communication Supplies 6.54	44.52
23 May		Communication Committee 12.00	32.52

So, our last balance is \$32.52, but, as mentioned previously, Jean and Heide still have not been paid the \$32 we owe them.

Additions to A. L. O. Directory

Ann-Holland 6209-Landscape Dr. 78746 288-2011	Flying Clouds 1704 Francis Ave. 03 476-0358	Vicky Killgore Kathleen Hattaway 2306 Lafayette 22 476-0094
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mother Tongue to Appear at Campout

Mother Tongue Theatre will be at the campout!!! We will perform on Saturday from six to seven p.m. We have written a new skit especially for the Campout. After this play we will start work on our "Days of Our Dykes" series. We are looking for clothing (like old dyke shirts, military stuff, or cutie-pie dresses) props, hats, make-up, etc.--anything we can find. We are starting from nothing and putting a lot of energy into our community theatre. We need your support. We are also looking for any material (plays, skits, stories, personal experiences, etc.). Anything you would like to share with us, please do so! Contact Norma at 452-8747 or Sandra at 441-0980. See you at the Campout.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Com Com Contacts:

Classified Ads--Vicky Killgore 476-0094
Committee Reports--Malorie Tolles 447-2711
Comments, Editorials--Janna Zumbrun 444-3441
News from outside ALO--Alice Woods 476-2569
Poetry, Book Reviews--Ann Holland 288-2011
Sports--Kathleen Hattaway 476-0094
Miscellaneous Information--Norma Randall 452-8747

Any of the above women would be pleased
to accept contributions or information.

The ALO newsletter needs a name! We have decided to have a contest. The prize will be a trophy from Pflugerville Welding Company and judging will be by the members of the communication committee. All entries are welcome. Please give entries and ideas to communication committee members: Alice, Kathleen, Janna, Vicky, Ann, Norma, and Malorie.

Alice Woods and Kathleen Hattaway have contacted every radio station in Austin and all the local newspapers in an attempt to publicize ALO. So far, response has been poor, but Bobby Nelson has agreed to represent us in any legal dealings with the media. Anyone with questions on obtaining free publicity in the media, or with helpful information, call Alice at 476-2569, or Kathleen at 476-0094.

Questions have arisen about charging for the newsletter. The communication committee has decided that any member of the ALO may receive a free copy of the newsletter while non-members will be charged \$2.00 per six month period. We defined a member of the ALO as any woman in the state of Texas who identifies herself as a Lesbian. No men may receive a newsletter. We will exchange newsletters with other feminist groups.

LESBIAN MOTHERS

Lesbian Mothers are fighting back!!! One of the more vicious forms of oppression Lesbians have to face in this society is custody suits, being declared "unfit mothers" by the law, and having our children taken away from us. Our children are part of our bodies, our lives, our community. When they are suddenly and violently torn away from their home and friends they trust, it is an extremely destructive and frightening experience for both mother and child. At this point we are faced with a Lesbian mother custody case in which we have to prove to a male-dominated, sexist, straight court system that we are more fit to raise children than our ex-husbands or the state. Along with this comes the problems we all face: public scorn, personal isolation, loss of jobs, discrimination against us in the court and in other state agencies, and personal harassment. In addition to this, there are outrageous court costs. The lawyers do not just take the case. They want \$500.00 for a retainer fee and \$40.00 an hour; expert witnesses go for \$500.00 an hour and are hard to find. You call all over the country because you cannot win without them. If you have little education and a poor paying job, these kinds of bills are just staggering, on top of knowing your children need new shoes and a warmer jacket. Some child custody cases have gone over \$10,000.00. Lesbian mothers need your help. We are organizing here in Austin to fight back against oppression, and to defend our sisters and our children. You

can help by contacting the Lesbian Mother's Support Group, which organizes day care so that we have time to do legal research, meet with lawyers, write articles, etc. Also, you could help organize a benefit to support a lesbian mother who is fighting a custody suit here in Austin. If interested call Debra at 447-5305.

Letter to the Austin Lesbian Community:

To all my sisters who helped me through my crisis a couple of weeks ago, I want to express my deepest thanks, for your continued support, understanding, and sisterhood. I have experienced this paranoia and fright many times before, always feeling alone and burdened, but this time with the immediate support of the lesbian community, I was able to analyze the situation more correctly and to take decisive action--this time I was able to take the offense instead of the defense! You took the burden off me and spread it among yourselves, enabling me to rally legal and women support I needed to defend my (our) case. Without your support I would have been just another woman being fucked over by a man and the court system backing him. Only through the use of our collective power were we able to protect my child and fight back against a system that is so often fatal to lesbians and lesbian mothers! I am hoping that every lesbian who reads this takes the time to identify our real enemy (ies)--is it really just men?--and to commit herself to understanding how we are oppressed as women and lesbians, how we oppress others, and how we can work the most effectively within our lesbian community and with our sisters.

In Strength, Struggle and a Beautiful Sisterhood
(name withheld)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee met Thursday nights, May 15 and 22 with thirteen women present. The focus of the Committee's endeavors were defined as follows:

1. Internal education among members of the Committee. Weekly meetings will be held to discuss our personal experiences and political ideologies of lesbianism/feminism and the interaction between the two. Initially, we will be reading and discussing specified issues of Quest, A Feminist Quarterly. (Copies of Quest are for sale (\$2.00) at Grok Bookstore or may be borrowed from Robin, 474-2834). We decided to read the issue entitled, "The Selfhood of Women," first, and discuss what being a Lesbian means to each of us. We hope more ALO members will see the need for these learning sessions and will be able to attend.

2. Education among ALO members as a whole. Out of our discussions and readings we hope to evolve a political ideology of some consensus to present to all ALO members in written form to aid in establishing a basis of unity among ourselves. We feel such a basis is essential to creating a viable alternative to male-dominated heterosexual society. In addition, the committee proposes to periodically present for discussion by the general ALO membership statements of policy which we feel will both reflect and facilitate reaching our common goals.

Such a proposal will be presented at the next general meeting. It is as follows: That all activities of ALO and meetings of its committees be assumed to be open to Lesbians only unless otherwise specifically stated. We feel that the adoption of this proposal is necessary to insure that our Lesbian community claims vital space for itself in a society that is hostile to us, space which is crucially essential to our personal and group well-being.

3. Education among society at large. Because of the importance of contacts with the media, other groups, and the public in general when we present ourselves as a group, we need to have control over selection of Lesbians and content who represent us. Some immediate examples are the upcoming KTVV four-minute spot in June, the July program on Lesbianism for the other feminist groups in Austin, requests for speakers, and statements to the press. We want to use the information, policies, priorities and directions formed from our readings and discussions as a guide to our representatives in dealing with external education of all sorts. This, of course, would not apply to Lesbians speaking for themselves as individuals.

The Education Committee will hold a meeting Sunday morning at the campout to decide who will represent us on the two 4-minute talk shows scheduled for June on channel 36 television. All people interested in joining us in this decision watch the campout bulletin board for the time of this meeting. We also need to decide what we would like the

content of these talks to be. The next meeting of the Education Committee will be on Thursday, June 5, at Nina and Jana's house on 1107 Fieldcrest St., at 7 p.m. We will continue to discuss the article "If All Else Fails, I'm Still a Mother," by Lucia Valeska in the issue of Quest entitled, "The Selfhood of Women."

SPORTS

Soccer Team Still Trying!

Margaret Nunley of the Haircut Store on the drag has donated \$10 to the soccer team. We appreciate this very much, and welcome any other donations from individuals or businesses. Thanks, Margaret!

The soccer team welcomes beginning players, as well as those with experience. We practice every Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Pease Park Soccer field (at M.L. King Blvd. (W. 19th) and Lamar). If you are interested, come to a practice or contact any team member.

The soccer team finally has a name--Lavender and Leather. We also have received our uniforms--purple jerseys.

The players on the team would like to thank our coaches, Karin, Linda, and Patsy, for all the work and time they put in for us all; especially Karin, who is also the co-director for the league.

Spectators at our games are welcome. We generally play on either Saturday or Sunday of every weekend. Contact any team member for specific times and places. We still haven't won a game!

Lesbian Softball Team Formed

There is now a new all-Lesbian, slow-pitch softball team formed with twenty-one women signed up. Despite a short notice for payment, the summer playing fee was paid May 19. Sharon Scott donated \$5.00, Vicky Killgore \$56.00, \$2.00 was received from the last dance, and the ALO donated \$25.00. The fee is payment for ten games, an umpire, and a scorekeeper. The final team roster must be taken (in person) to the Austin Parks and Recreation Department by June 23.

There is considerably more information to be obtained concerning practice times and places, game times and places, equipment, rules, etc., We should have this information by Tuesday, May 27, so it is most important that all team members get together soon.

There will be a meeting Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Les Amis (corner of San Antonio and 24th). All women interested, and particularly those signed up, please attend. The sooner all the organizational b.s. is clarified, the sooner practice and competition can begin.

Contact Vicky at 476-0094 or Lynn at 478-2331 for more information, if you cannot make it to the meeting, or if you can donate any equipment to the team. Equipment is really needed and will be greatly appreciated.

LITERARY REVIEW

Book Review: The Female Man, by Joanna Russ (Bantam paperback, \$1.25)

If you can get past the title and the cover art, you'll not regret the dollar and a quarter you shell out for this book. It's a Fredrik Pohl selection, sci-fi fans, and that's probably the only way it managed to see print as a science-fiction work from a big-name publisher instead of as a feminist, Lesbian book out of a printing collective in somebody's garage. The science-fiction elements are there, all right, and if you're a reader of time-travel stories you'll love the neat way the paradoxes of the past-affecting-the-future problem are so neatly done away with. But the book is not about time travel. It's about being a woman, right now.

Janet, the engaging traveller from Whileaway--an Earth where men (males) have long since been killed off by a plague and the affairs of the world go on (better) with women doing everything, including marrying, conceiving daughters by the merging of ova, fighting, dancing, running the government, etc.--seems to be the main character in the beginning of the book. But, before long, Jeannine appears, a woman whose world expects her to Get Married to a Nice Man who's Going Places, and she becomes the dominant character for awhile. And then there's Joanna, who is openly the author of the book (or the author's spirit), and you wonder if she's the protagonist, after all.

Then toward the end of the narrative comes Jael, female assassin from a world where the battle of the sexes has transpired in actual combat. There are so many different "I's" in the story that the sci-fi reader looking for a galaxy-buster or the strait male deluded by the title and looking for titillation will be at sea more often than not just trying to keep them all in some meaningful order.

It's easy when you know the secret. You have to be a woman to catch on. And you have to confront the fact that you can identify with something in each of the characters. Put them all together and you're looking at yourself in the bathroom mirror.

This book is not a novel. Nor is it autobiography. Nor any other male literary form we're familiar with. This is something new, female, real, funny, angry, delightful--and with men (males) it has simply nothing to do. Russ brings women literature a step closer to its maturity, and you can almost hear Woolf, Stein, Bronte, Millett, and the rest applauding in the wings. Criticizing, but applauding. If you can read this book and then say, But I'm not like that, read it again.

--Ann Holland

ON LETTING GO

I can't carry her like
a scar like
a bottomless stomach like
a sticky spinning spider like
a saran-wrap trap like
a goal I can't attain like
I gotta learn to like

her.

---Anonymous

Classified Ads
(Free. Contact Vicky 476-0094)

PFLUGERVILLE WELDING offers a 10% discount on labor to ALO members. If you have anything metal that needs repair call 251-3116 or bring it to First and Pecan St. in Pflugerville--a charming place to visit, too!
Ann Holland

FOR RENT to any Lesbian. Efficiency apartment at 1519 W. 31st. \$90, plus electricity. Furnished and AC. Will be available June 1st. Contact Alice immediately at 476-2569.

I NEED AN unfurnished apartment or house, preferably in South Austin for one person. I have a cat, so pets must be allowed. I would like to pay \$100 or less, including bills. If you know of anything, Call Malorie at 447-2711.

AT THE LAST DANCE at the Women's Center, I lost two of my records, "Joy of Cooking" and "Hally Near". Any information about them, call Tina at 476-5051. Thanks!

ROOMMATE OR HOUSE wanted to share with other woman. My roommate is moving out on June 1 and the rent is \$75 per person, plus bills. I have cats and a job at U.T. that does not pay much. Call Pat Zabolio, 700 W. 31st., 451-3938. Call after 5:30 p.m. weekdays or on weekends. BECKER COMMUNITY SCHOOL has the equipment and facilities to give instruction in upholstery. There will be a minimal fee for the course which will begin classes this summer, provided ten people enroll. If you are interested, please call Alice Woods at 476-2569.

Methodists May Keep
Gays From Church Positions

The Central Texas conference of the United Methodist Church will consider a resolution stating that "there be no United Methodist funds granted to support homosexual causes" and that the United Methodist Church should not employ known homosexuals for activities which affect the lives of church members. This proposed action is in response to a United Methodist Church in San Antonio which voted April 13 to recommend that the conference permit an avowed homosexual to serve in the pulpit. The four-day conference convenes June 1 in Ft. Worth. (From Austin American-Statesman, May 26, 1975).

AUSTIN LESBIAN ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, June 23, 1975

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Steering Committee Members

Political Action--Bek Runte 459-8961
Social Committee--Norma Randall 452-8747
Soccer Team--Karin Bonicoro 474-2895
Communications Committee--Kathleen Hattaway 478-0539
Mother Tongue--Sandra Marilyn
Education Committee--Alice Woods 476-2569
Softball Team--Vicky Killgore 476-0094
Lesbian Mothers Support Group--Debra Gustafson 447-5305
Treasurer--Lynn Burson 478-2331
At Large--Janna Zumbrun 444-3441, A.K. Campbell 453-5506, and
Nina Wouk 444-3441

GAY PRIDE WEEK - JUNE 22-28

For the first time in Austin's history, a large number of Lesbians will celebrate Gay Pride Week with a series of activities culminating on Saturday, June 28th with a Gay Pride March and Rally. Gay Pride Week began as a response to the persecution of gay people, specifically the police raid of the Stonewall Bar in New York's Greenwich Village in June 1969. Gay people fought back against police intimidation on the streets and in the bars. Today Gay Pride Week will be celebrated across the nation by Lesbians and gay men as a time of unification, self-awareness, and pride. Following is a schedule of activities that the Lesbian community is invited to attend:

- *Monday, June 23--The Amazons, ALO's softball team, will play the "Ms. Fits" at 9 p.m. at the New Bartholomew field, 51st and Berkman Dr. Everyone interested in organizing the GPW march will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of A.K. Campbell, 5606B Fireside Dr.
- *Tuesday, June 24--ALO is sponsoring a panel discussion of legal rights to be conducted by Vernell Pratt, Legal Worker, and Barbara Hines, Attorney. Topics of discussion will include civil rights in relation to confrontations with hostile elements in our society, civil rights in relation to police, FBI, and grand juries, child custody cases involving Lesbian mothers, and much more. The discussion will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Travis County Courthouse, 1000 Guadalupe, Courtroom #2, on the second floor.
- *Wednesday, June 25--Lavender, ALO's soccer team, will play a city league game at 6:30 p.m. in Pease Park.
- *Thursday, June 26--The ALO Education Committee is sponsoring a meeting to plan the program entitled "Lesbianism - Feminist Theory in Action" which will be presented to a joint meeting of NOW, WEAL, and AWPC on Wednesday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Farm and Home Savings, 14th and Lavaca. All ALO members interested in helping to plan and/or being on the program are encouraged to meet at 1704 Francis at 7 p.m.
- *Friday, June 27--A sack lunch picnic will be held in Zilker Park from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. To find the picnic area drive west from S. Lamar on Barton Springs Rd. Upon crossing the bridge and entering the park, the picnic site is on the immediate right. Take the first right turn and curve back to the site. Bring food, drinks, and recreation equipment. At 8:00 p.m. there will be a poster and banner painting party (for the march) at Malorie Tolles' house, 606 Fletcher St. Bring posterboard, magic markers, paints, butcher paper, etc.
- *Saturday, June 28--ALO and Gay People of Austin have applied for a parade permit. We will assemble in the 100 block of West 2nd St. between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. The march will begin at 1:00 pm. We will march north on Congress Ave. to the Capitol Building grounds. At 2:00 p.m. we will hold a Gay Pride Rally on the Capitol Building grounds featuring local speakers and musicians. It is important to have a large crowd at the march and rally! The legal rights discussion and picnic are strictly women's functions. We will be joining our gay brothers and all sympathizers for the march and rally.

The next ALO General Meeting will be on Sunday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. at 1519 West 31st St. The Steering Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Lesbians Under Twenty

A few of us have been thinking of getting together one or two times just to talk about some things that have happened in our lives and not in the lives of people in their mid-twenties and up. Let's get together at a picnic Friday the 27th. Look for Bumpy, Hope, and Stillwater about 6 p.m.

Texas Gay Conference II

Approximately 125 Lesbians and gay men met in San Antonio, June 20, 21, and 22 for the Texas Gay Conference II. The conference was sponsored by the Texas Gay Task Force, a loose organization made up of individual members and representatives of Texas gay or Lesbian groups who are member groups. The conference theme was "Gays--Loving, Living, Learning Together."

A. K. Campbell was the delegate from ALO and thus attended the House of Delegates meeting on Saturday after noon. Eight other Austin Lesbians attended part or all of the sessions.

The conference was somewhat alienating to me as a Lesbian feminist. Friday night after registration there was an entertainment time which mostly consisted of several female impersonators! They were good performers, but the atmosphere of a drag show has always felt sexist to me. In general, the conference was male dominated and many of the issues discussed were very male-oriented. Some women felt that when they spoke, some of the men were not really hearing them.

In contrast, there were several highlights worth mentioning. On Saturday evening, twenty-eight women caucused to discuss what we were feeling. The women were divided as to whether sexism was apparent at the sessions. But when we began discussing what to do, I felt for at least a short time that we were really communicating and established a real togetherness. Later on in the evening about twenty women joined arms around each other on stage during a general assembly to express our feelings and make an attempt to educate the men. Many of the men appeared to be touched and were very receptive to what we had to say.

Other highlights included singing and guitar playing by a woman named Dee, and a poetry reading on Sunday. Also, Carolyn Innis, co-founder of the Gay Nurses Alliance, spoke on Saturday about organizing. Her talk was both inspiring and practical. I felt more convinced of "Lesbian power" after hearing and sharing with her.

Two Lesbian mothers attending the conference from Dallas, Mary Jo and Ann, will be involved in a child custody case beginning June 30. Mary Jo has a seventeen year old son and a ten year old son. She has had custody for the five years since her divorce. Her ex-husband has decided to challenge the custody since he found out she is a Lesbian. The conference members shared much moral support with the women. Ginny, however, very eloquently reminded us that more than moral support was needed. The hat was passed and about \$130.00 was collected. Gay Organization of Dallas and Gay Organization of Corpus Christi both pledged \$50.00 to Mary Jo and Ann's legal fund.

Other speakers at the conference were Morris Kight of the Los Angeles Gay Community Center and Gene Leggett, a suspended Methodist minister, and San Antonio gay activist.

Several incidents of apparent discrimination occurred at the Rio Lado Hotel where about 18 conference members stayed. The Rio Lado is next door to the San Antonio Country and receives much business from Lesbians and gay men. The San Antonio gay community is very competently dealing with this matter. Actual details of the incidents and results of the redress efforts will be publicized when the word gets to us.

Next year the Texas Gay Conference III will be held in Houston on June 18, 19, and 20. Planning is already underway to provide much more Lesbian/feminist content.

Janna Zumbrun

Poetry Reading

A women's poetry reading is being organized for Friday, July 11th. Readings will be done by Lesbians and other women. All women are invited to attend. To find out the time and place, or if you wish to do reading, please contact Donna at 441-0980 or Deanna at 447-7366.

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Women For Women

Women for Women is rapidly becoming a rap group between Lesbian and non-Lesbian women rather than a group to create some alliance between the Women's Center groups and ALO. We have been meeting in Wooldridge Park, 9th and Guadalupe, at 7:30 p.m. on rotating days (i.e., Monday one week, Tuesday the next, etc.). This week the group will meet on Wednesday, June 25. If it is raining go to the Austin Women's Center, 320 West 6th. We need older Lesbians and Lesbian mothers to attend. For more information contact Alice Woods at 476-2569 or Charlene Bennett at 459-8991.

Campout Thoughts

We come with our individuality and our defenses--some loud, singing, active, building a fire, putting up tents; some quiet, waiting to see what will happen when all Lesbians get together away from the world--all needing to feel the miracle of us together. I expected miracles and was not disappointed.

Saturday--no clouds, not one--women shedding shirts, children in the water, rafts come out, we take turns on the canoe. Women are everywhere doing things, each in her own time. Some are throwing softballs, or passing a football--some sitting--some swimming--stretching. We are like felines, taking care of ourselves, and anxious to get the campout going. Saturday is funtime--clothing is shed, piece by piece, person by person--each newcomer is amazed at the skin--has to adjust to our world--free--the slogan of the day is "do your thing"--some have planned meetings--but structure is impossible--who would do it?--We relax, take our time, in our space, ours.

Houston women on the other side of the water?--it is mentioned with a question in the voice--we go over to have lunch with them--it is a little awkward, people greet each other--announcements are made--old friends hug each other--slowly, we drift back to our separate camps--needing our time with our people, now. Later, Mother Tongue brings us together again to laugh--we drift off again--everyone doing exactly what she wants.

There are the outsiders, the curious--they come and leave, eyes opened a little wider--word gets around--one woman in a car asks, "Are you the Lesbian campers?"--she is speechless to our "Yes".

And violence. Men, drunk, ugly, threatening--we add spice to their game by laughing at them, challenging them, threatening back; but it is not really a game to them or us. Where is our own space? Why is the time spent opposing them? We get more angry, and as a crowd we back their trucks up--they leave--shouting impotent obscenities. They come back four times, and they will come back again.

It is time for that meeting to happen--structure out of necessity. Feelings are so strong we have trouble listening to each other--we finally make a decision of what to do, just as the intruders return. This time, we are more together, trying not to play into their game--some women stand by for medical assistance--the children are removed, two women go in a boat to call the police. Most of us deal with the men--arguing and stalling--trying to get them to see what they are doing--or to see us as human beings--the inevitable happens, and the men turn against each other--but they also push us in every way--insulting--shoving--shouting--we support each other in trying to be calm--we talk to each other constantly--trying to act together--focusing all our energy on handling this situation. The situation is getting worse--the tension is building to a peak--suddenly, a sister is kicked and hurt--and we still hold ourselves back as all the anger that has built up for so long rises to the surface.

We will not back down, but we know the danger of responding with violence--so, we are terrorized again, we are injured again, we are strong again.

We have to get the injured sister out--it seems to take hours. Finally, the men decide to leave, hurling rocks--we are afraid, but amused at the childish tactics. And they are gone. We hold each other--comforting, trying to relax some, to think about what is happening--will they come back? Some of us go back to the camp, others patrol the road. Feeling confused and angry about our vulnerability, some discuss how to handle situations in the future--we talk of weapons, self-defense, non-violent resistance. The police come, and we report the details, not hoping to get much help. We try to calm each other--then the news comes that the men, have been caught and are going to spend the night in jail on drunk charges--we don't trust it completely, but for the moment, we are safe--we will go down in the morning to press charges.

Victory. We are singing together around the campfire--more together than we have ever been--we are swaying, arm in arm, in a circle, and singing spirituals that seem to embody and express the wonderful energy there--some sisters make up verses--we are flowing together--love is in the air--some pass a bottle, some a pipe--it has been a climactic night, and we are gently, softly bringing each other down, filling each other's hearts--giving and taking--we have grown out of our struggle--we are one.

Campout Thoughts - Con't

Sunday flows and flows--words are fewer, everyone gets the attention she needs--children, dogs, too--haircuts, backrubs, talks, discussions of the night before and how we will handle it in the future. We are more relaxed, taking our time--we are reassured that there is time, our time--we can learn to protect and defend ourselves. We understand each other--it is O.K. to be who we are--each different. We begin to open up to each other--trusting we will be loved and accepted as we are.

And there is so much more than is written here--this is only one person's experience of our campout. Austin's energy is very high. We are surely going places we have never been, and, to this one person, it seems our community has really been born on these two sunny days and one long night at Paleface Park.

Malorie Tolles

Penal Code Follies

Have you wondered what happened to House Bill 759 by Craig Washington to delete Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code (which makes homosexual "deviant intercourse" a misdemeanor)? The bill was heard before the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and referred to a subcommittee where it died a natural death. Washington, however, resurrected the issue of gay rights on May 29.

The Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 127, which consisted of a number of revisions of the Penal Code. S.B. 127 then went to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, which under Washington's leadership added a section to repeal 21.06. Senate Bill 127 was debated on the House floor at 2:00 a.m., May 29. Washington led a fight to keep the added section of the bill intact.

Representative Joe Spurlock of Ft. Worth moved to amend S.B. 127 to delete the 21.06 repeal section. Washington moved to table Spurlock's motion. Washington's motion to table failed with 16 ayes, 112 nays, 21 absents and 1 present not voted. Then Spurlock's anti-gay motion passed with 117 ayes, 14 nays, 21 absents, and 1 present not voted. A tape recording of this debate is in Texas House Proceedings--May 28 (29), 1975 (tape 56, side 2 at 0508), and may be listened to in the Committee Clerk's office.

The Travis County delegation split on the vote. Representative Gonzalo Barrientos voted for the gay rights on both motions. Rep. Wilhelmina Delco was absent on the first vote, but voted for gay rights on the second vote. Rep. Ronnie Earle voted against gay rights on both motions. Rep. Sarah Weddington was allegedly on the House floor approximately 30 seconds before the first vote. However, when the votes were taken, she was suddenly absent!

The F.B.I. and You

If you are ever approached for information by the FBI/CIA/Police, you have the right to refuse to talk to them. If you should choose to talk, anything you say may later be used as evidence against you or someone else; even saying you know nothing can leave you open to charges of perjury if they later obtain evidence that you had information they wanted. So do not talk to them. Deal with officers/agents civilly, do not antagonize them unnecessarily, but at the same time, do not trust anything they do or say. Contact your lawyer immediately (or ask the ACLU for a referral), and stay cool--there are a lot of people behind you.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT FOR AUSTIN! An Equal Employment Opportunity Ordinance presented by the Human Relations Commission will be brought to a vote Thurs. at the City Council meeting at 1 pm. The ordinance prohibits any discrimination in employment practices "on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or physical disability. The ordinance effects any employer (except the state), including the city with more than 15 employees. Complaint procedures, enforcement, and penalties are clearly spelled out in the ordinance. However, maximum penalty to a discriminating employer is only \$200.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mother Tongue Theatre Group is still working (hard?) on our new play. We have no presentation date as yet, but it will probably be ready within the next four weeks. We are also working on structural changes and reorganization based on information brought back by Nina from women's theatre groups in Washington. We would like criticism from people who have seen our productions--anykind of feedback, good or bad.

Lesbian Mothers Support Group. I would like to see us come together as a group more often--to really explore where we stand in relation to children as mothers and non-mothers. Come to the Gay Pride picnic, Friday, June 27, in Zilker Park and meet at 7:00 p.m. Look for me. Lynn Manning, 477-4275.

Communications Committee. The Com Com has decided that the ALO cannot financially support the newsletter. In light of our dire monetary straits, we are asking that every Lesbian or household of Lesbians send \$3.00 for a one year's subscription to: The Austin Lesbian Organization Newsletter, 1519 West 31st, Austin, Tx. 78703. Make checks payable to the ALO newsletter. Of course, any Lesbian who cannot afford \$3.00 is asked to send what she can. Likewise, any Lesbian who would like to donate more than \$3.00 is welcomed to do so. Please inform us if you cannot afford to pay anything, and we will keep you on the mailing list. The current newsletter is being financed by a donation. We would like to express our appreciation to this generous Lesbian.

The Com Com has received several entries in our newsletter naming contest. However, we have decided to wait for more entries before making a final decision. Please give all suggestions to a Com Com member or send them in with your money. Do not forget the prize: a trophy from the Pfluger ville Welding Company.

Putting out the newsletter is a considerable amount of work if only a few women help. All labor is donated, and each month a small number of women spend hours of their time working on the newsletter for the entire Lesbian community. The newsletter performs a vital function by disseminating information on events, names, times, and places of interest and concern to Austin Lesbians. The newsletter reaches approximately 200 women, most of whom would have minimal contact with other Lesbians if it were not for the newsletter. Please notify any member of the Com Com if you can give a few hours each month or maybe only once to the newsletter. We need help gathering information, writing articles, typing, collating, and addressing. Please notify any member of the Com Com if you have a change of address.

The deadline for all articles for the next ALO newsletter is Tuesday, July 29.

Committee Reports--Malorie Tolles 447-2711
Comments, Editorials--Janna Zumbun 444-3441
News from outside ALO--Alice Woods 476-2569
Poetry, Book reviews--Ann Holland 288-2011
Sports--Norma Randall 452-8747
Classified Ads--Heide Zobel 477-3247
Miscellaneous Info--Kathleen Mattaway 476-0539
Address for correspondence--1519 W. 31st St., Austin, 78703
Any of the above women would be pleased to accept contributions or info.

Education Committee. On June 12 a meeting was held at Robin Bird-feather's house and the topic discussed was motherhood, and our mothers. This discussion was based on Lucis Valeska's article in Quest called "If all Else Fails, I'm Still a Mother." There was a wide range of feelings expressed during this meeting, including feelings about raising boys in a Lesbian community. Another meeting was held on June 19th at Alice Woods' house. We discussed "Self-definition and Political Survival", an article by Charlotte Bunch, also from Quest. We examined different points made by Ms. Bunch in the article and then discussed our own definitions of self. We had planned to meet at the picnic Friday, June 27 to plan the July 2nd program on Lesbianism, but decided to go ahead and hold our regular meeting on Thursday since the event for that night failed to materialize. Come Thursday, June 26, to 1704 Francis at 7 p.m. to plan the Lesbianism program.

X The Education Committee is setting up a library of Women's literature. We need a room for the library which we could share with the newsletter people. We welcome all donations and loans of all books written by women. Please give them to Flying Clouds (476-0358) with your name in each book being loaned along with a list of the books you are loaning the library. Also, included in the library will be Lesbian feminist periodicals for sale. Our first bulk order will be from Quest: A Feminist Quarterly. We hope to receive a few copies of past issues if they are available.

The Amazons

The Amazons, the slow-pitch, Lesbian softball team, are off to a great start in the City League summer season. Thus far, the Amazons have defeated the Ball Busters 6 to 3, and Pat's Sheet Metal, 14 to 10.

There are six more games until the league championship tournaments, and the times and locations for these championship tournaments shall be announced at a later date.

The Amazons practice three times a week (every Thursday, Friday, and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Shipe Park at 45th and Avenue G), and feel quite confident in being winners in this summer season of play.

Regular Scheduled Games (pinto League)

1. Monday, June 23 Amazons vs. Ms. Pitts
9:00 p.m. @ New Bartholomew Field (51st and Berkman; In 35 North, right on 51st, left on Berkman)
2. Monday, June 30 Amazons vs. Comrades
7:00 p.m. @ Barton Field (South of Barton Springs rd. on Robert E. Lee rd.)
3. Monday, July 7 no game
4. Monday July 14 Amazons vs. Ball Busters
9:00 p.m. @ Krieg II (Longhorn Dam and Pleasant Valley rd. go East on 1st St., right on Pleasant Valley rd.)
5. Monday, July 21 Amazons vs. Pat's Sheet Metal
8:00 p.m. @ Wooten Field (lazy Lane at Dale; off of Anderson Lane)
6. Monday, July 28 Amazons vs. Ms. Pitts
9:00 p.m. @ Barton Field see instructions above)

The Amazons need and want all the support possible. Get yourself a city map and make it to the games! For more information call Vicky at 476 0094, Hope at 476-2569, Melita at 451 2991, or any other team member. See you Mondays?!?!?

POINT BLANK TIMES

Well, folks, the PBT needs you! Send articles, stories, poetry, graphics, and anything you would like to see printed (no guarantee). July issue will feature campout photographs so send those right away. The PBT address is 1241 West Bell, #4, Houston, Tx. 77019. The deadline for the July issue is July 10. Please type all submissions. Unfortunately, we are unable to pay contributors yet.

Last month (#3 issue) had pitifully bad Austin circulation. I think we will have more this month. If you need a copy call Wumpy at 472-4823. ALO gets 10% for each copy we sell in Austin (except bookstores copies). The PBT is 35% per single issue. Subscriptions are \$3, \$5, 10, or what you can afford. PBT is short of \$\$, too!

CLASSIFIED ADS

I have a bag of articles left at the Campout. If you are missing any things, give me a call. I may have it. Nancy Lee 452-8747.

Elaine Noble to Speak in Texas

The Annual Conference of the Metropolitan Community Church will take place in Dallas, Texas, July 29-August 3 at the Adolphus Hotel. MCC was founded by the Reverend Troy Perry, a gay minister, in California, with the principle purpose of ministering to the gay community.

One of the keynote speakers will be Elaine Noble, who ran as an open Lesbian and won a seat in the Massachusetts State Assembly.