

# Women In Libraries

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ALA/SRRT FEMINIST  
TASK FORCE

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## FTF ENDORSES HORROCKS

The Feminist Task Force endorsed Norman Horrocks for ALA president at the midwinter conference. Both ALA presidential candidates, Horrocks and Carol Nemeyer, attended separate FTF meetings at midwinter to answer members' questions. The endorsement was based on the candidates' responses, their ALA Council voting records, and collective knowledge about them.

A summary of the candidates' responses to questions from FTF members was provided by Diane Davenport, FTF recorder.

### Horrocks

### Nemeyer

Do you support the ALA boycott of ERA unratified states?

Yes. I will continue to support the boycott.

I would not vote to rescind the boycott, but I worry about it as a backlash against women in those states that haven't ratified.

Will you appoint women as committee chairs during your term?

The power of the one-year term is in the appointments. I will appoint a majority of women. 71-78% of the membership is women.

I am aware of the COSWL report on the ratio of men and women on ALA committees. My appointments will reflect my interest in women. I can't appoint unqualified people.

Do you feel that ALA headquarters should be moved out of Chicago?

I'm not sure. Hasn't the Executive Director begun to study this?

It depends on the timing and on the fiscal implications.

What should ALA's priorities be?

ALA's priorities are listed in the Handbook and I support them. Social responsibilities should be first priority.

ALA is in the process of formulating new priorities.

What do you see as the biggest problem facing ALA?

Economics.

To keep the membership large and active enough to accomplish what we want.

The FTF Nominating Committee will compile a list of candidates for ALA Council endorsed by the task force. This list will be published in the next issue (May 1981) of Women in Libraries.

OTHER MIDWINTER ACTION

FTF members were encouraged to express their concern about the omission of "social responsibilities" as one of the goals of ALA in the ALA Planning Committee draft report, which is being used to establish new priorities for ALA. (The words "social responsibility" also were not in the original Survey of Priorities of Members of ALA on which the draft report is based.) The Planning Committee is chaired by Judith Farley, 1301 Delaware Ave. S.E., Apt. N-404, Washington, D.C. 20024.

The FTF Sexual Harrassment Committee, which is monitoring sexual harrassment cases, welcomes any information about such cases and/or actions. Send relevant information to Sarah Pritchard, 1708 Noyes Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

FTF will have exhibit space at the ALA annual conference in San Francisco to display materials from the task force, WEAL (Women's Equity Action League), and other non-profit women's organizations. Materials should be mailed to the Exhibit Area at ALA in care of FTF.

FTF MEETINGS AT SAN FRANCISCO

Five meetings of the Feminist Task Force will be held at the ALA annual conference in San Francisco;

Saturday, June 27	2 pm - 4 pm	Program on women writers
Saturday, June 27	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Business meeting
Sunday, June 28	2 pm - 4 pm	Business meeting
Monday, June 29	9:30 am - 11 am	Program on women and indexing
Monday, June 29	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Business meeting

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ERA PETITION

The ALA ERA Task Force is participating in a national petition campaign for the Equal Rights Amendment. Petitions will be delivered in Washington, D.C. in late April 1981. Page 7 of this issue of Women in Libraries is an ERA petition. Copy it freely, use it widely (and quickly) and return signed petitions to Patricia Scarry, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 by April 20, 1981.



"WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY"

Radcliffe College has received a \$250,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the project "Women in the Community: Where Were They? Where Are They? Where Are They Going?" For this project, the Schlesinger Library will work with seven selected public libraries throughout the country to prepare programs about women - such as lectures, readings, panel discussions, and films - for local audiences.

Programs will be planned by 4-member teams sponsored by a public library in each of the communities selected to participate in the project. Each team must include a public librarian, an academic librarian, a member of a community organization, and a women's studies scholar. Teams will attend a training session at the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Radcliffe in August, 1981, then will return to their communities to plan programs to be held between February and July, 1982.

Travel expenses, room, and board will be provided for each of the participants in the training session, and sponsoring public libraries will be eligible for grants to meet the costs of delivering community programs. For further information, contact Barbara Haber, Project Director, NEH Library Humanities Project, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

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GROWING UP FEMALE

Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) will be updating "Growing Up Female," their list of books for adolescents, in early 1982 and would welcome suggestions from Women in Libraries readers. Contact VOYA editors Dorothy M. Broderick and Mary K. Chelton at P.O. Box 6569, University, AL 35486.

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- PACKAGED FOODS: Libby's
- Stouffer Frozen Foods
- Southern
- Maggi Soups
- Crosse & Blackwell
- Beech Nut Baby Foods
- OTHER: L'Oreal Cosmetics
- Nestle Cookie Mixes
- Kavli Crispbread
- McVities
- Keittler
- James Keller & Sons, Ltd.
- Contique by Alcom
- Iona by Owen Labs
- Lancome
- Pine Hill Crystal Water
- Deer Park Mountain Spring Water

HELP!

Volunteers are needed to listen to and transcribe tapes from the 1980 preconference "Women in a Woman's Profession - Strategies II" so the proceedings can be published. If you can help, contact: Betty-Carol Sellen  
Brooklyn College Library  
Brooklyn, NY 11210

## SOURCES & RESOURCES

Single copies of the Winter 1981 issue (Vol. 4, No. 2) of the University of Michigan's LSA Magazine with its article on "Women's Work: A Selection of Fifty Non-Fiction Books by American and British Women, 1800-1980" by Carlton F. Wells with Rose Vainstein, are available while supply lasts from Nelvia Van't Hul, Editor; LSA Magazine, Office of the Dean; College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; The University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Requests for permission to reproduce the list also should be requested from the editor. The compilers of the list would welcome reader comments and suggestions.

Call toll free - (800)225-3088 - to be placed on the mailing list of the Women's Educational Equity Act Publishing Center. Their "Resources for Sex Equity 1980-81 Catalog" is a handsome listing of multi-media materials for all age levels. A spring supplement will be issued.

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The Fall 1980 issue (Vol. 3, No. 2) of In the Running lists all colleges and universities throughout the country which had received complaints of sex discrimination in athletics. The list was compiled by SPRINT - (800)424-5162 - a national clearinghouse of information on sex equity in sports, from Department of Education data. In the Running is a free quarterly newsletter published by SPRINT, a project of the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL) Educational and Legal Defense Fund, at 805 Fifteenth St., N.W., Suite 822, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Other WEAL materials currently available include a Title IX Packet by SPRINT, a WEAL Fund Kit "Women and the Military," a packet with material about career opportunities, analyses of issues, and extensive bibliographies (\$3.50), and a WEAL Fund Guide "Internships in Washington, D.C. with a Focus of Women." Contact WEAL for a complete list of materials and publications.

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"Where Have All the Publishers Gone? Gone to Conglomerates Every One..." is a 4-page tabloid update to The Passionate Perils of Publishing, 1978, by Celeste West and Valerie Wheat. The tabloid, featuring a centerfold chart showing who owns who in publishing, is available for \$2 a copy (with low bulk rates available) from Booklegger Press, 555 29th St., San Francisco, CA 94131.

The Program on Women at Northwestern University publishes a series of Occasional Papers and distributes other publications of interest to women's studies scholars and activists. A publications list is available from Program on Women, 617 Noyes St., Evanston, IL 60201.

An attractive up-to-date 30-page booklet "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Due: Women and Appropriate Technology" (October 1980) is distributed by Women and Technology Project, 315 S. 4th E., Missoula, MT 59801. For information on the Women and Technology Network, send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The next issue of COMMENT will feature interviews with Virginia Allan and Arvonne Fraser, the only two members of the U.S. delegation to the Copenhagen conference in July, 1980 who also were delegates to the Mexico City conference five years ago, with their observations on the position of women internationally. Subscriptions to COMMENT are \$12 for three issues prepaid; limited numbers of back issues are available for \$2 each. Contact COMMENT, Office of Women, American Council on Education, One Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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WOMEN'S COALITION BUILDING

The ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship is developing a Directory of Library Information Profession Women's Groups. The directory will include descriptions of groups, contacts, and conference dates. Any level of organization will be listed. Information is needed for national, state, regional, town or even single library groups which address the status of women. Please fill out the following form for any group in which you are involved or for any group that you know of. Duplicates are welcome as they will allow cross-checks. The committee plans to issue the directory at the ALA annual conference in San Francisco.

Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) and name(s) of contact person(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership (e.g. librarians, support staff) \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of group \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and locations of meetings, conferences, get-togethers through June, 1982 (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Kathleen M. Heim/COSWL Directory  
University of Illinois  
Graduate School of Library Science  
410 David Kinley Hall  
1407 W. Gregory Dr.  
Urbana, IL 61801

We believe ratification of the EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA) is essential for women to have full rights under the laws of the United States, its various states and local governments. We support the EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT as the only means to put women's rights beyond the reach of politics. While we support all measures which have inched women toward equality under the law, we also recognize that these steps are tenuous, and do not address the fact that women are the forgotten majority in this country. If women are to become full citizens of the United States, we must have the EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT.

NAME ADDRESS CITY/STATE ZIP TELEPHONE NUMBER

Table with 5 columns and 10 rows for contact information.

the equal rights amendment to the u.s. constitution

Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

Sponsored by Organization for Women as part of a national campaign coordinated by ERAmerica and the National

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NOTE TO SERIALS STAFF

The January 1981 issue of Women in Libraries was incorrectly numbered; it should have been Volume 10, Number 3.

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"...the greatest area of progress in the schools as far as women's opportunities are concerned has been in sports.... In 1972, when Title IX passed, for every one girl in a high school interscholastic team there were 12 boys. Now the ratio is down to two-to-one male-to-female. Women are now 33 percent of the high school students in interscholastic sports, a tremendous rate of progress."

-Holly Knox, Director of the Project on Equal Education Rights (PEER) of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, quoted in "Sex Equity in American Education," Educational Leadership, January 1981.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - May 1, 1981

WOMEN IN LIBRARIES is published 5 times a year from September to June. Subscriptions are \$4 for individuals and \$6 for institutions (prepaid) and \$8 for institutions (invoiced). Make checks payable to WOMEN IN LIBRARIES and send to Michele Leber, 4927 Gadsen Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032.

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