

# Breaking the Silence

a newsletter on feminism in social welfare  
research, action, policy and practice

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What I've observed is that the empowerment toward speech is contagious, that as women speak up, other women speak up. There's a silence and somebody breaks it or some group of women breaks it and then what you find are, very gradually, in their own ways, individual voices speaking to universal experience.

Andrea Dworkin,  
quoted in Broadside, Vol. 3, No. 9, August 1982.



## UPDATE ON BREAKING THE SILENCE

The quotation that appears above by Andrea Dworkin captures the essence of what we're trying to do with Breaking the Silence. We want to inform women about issues and action, connect women together, empower women to speak, to make our voices heard. Each of us, through speech and action, can make a difference for all of us.

It seems as though we're on our way with the first issue. The response has been very gratifying. About 300 copies were mailed out directly to individuals and distributed to friends, colleagues and at conferences.

Breaking the Silence was aimed primarily at women in the Ottawa area, but has reached out across the country. We note that an article about us appeared in the Ottawa Citizen, as well as a mention in the NAC Memo.

Among other things, these resulted in requests for more copies and made it necessary to do an extra print run of 150.

We would like to expand our mailing list to ensure that everyone who wants to receive the newsletter regularly can do so. Please use the form at the back of the newsletter to tell us how many copies of each newsletter you wish. It's free, but all donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you ...

- \* to all those women who took the time to respond so positively to the first issue. We want to continue to receive feedback so that the newsletter will be as useful and informative as possible.
- \* to the women and women's groups sending financial contributions. It's a real boost to feel so much support from our readers. We are by no means self-supporting as yet, relying as we do on small grants from the Carleton School of Social Work and the Student Union. But with donations, our financial constraints are somewhat eased.
- \* to Lucie Gagnon, who designed the masthead and laid out the first issue
- \* to all the contributors who made this issue possible.

We hope you like the new format and find the contents useful!

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## THE FEMINIST CAUCUS

The Feminist Caucus is now installed in its new office space at the School of Social Work, after this received unanimous approval by the Departmental Board in the Spring.

The group has been meeting throughout the summer to produce the newsletter and make plans for the school year beginning this fall.

We are looking forward to an active year, meeting incoming social work students, and expanding our group of active feminists.

Please watch for notices of orientation activities sponsored by the Feminist Caucus. A pot-luck supper is planned.

If you are interested in attending one of the Feminist Caucus meetings, please call the School of Social Work at 231-3677 and leave a message for the Feminist Caucus.

## ON THE POLICY FRONT

### Government Response to Wife Assault - A Critique

A number of factors have recently brought the issue of wife assault into the public arena for debate. This is due in no small measure to the continuous push by the latest wave of the women's movement to raise public awareness of the conditions of women generally, and particularly, to incite the government to respond to the problem of wife assault.

It must be emphasized at the outset that the very existence of service to directly assist women in Canada has been, and continues to be the result of work done by women creating feminist alternatives to societal and state irresponsibility and criminal neglect.

Government response, in the face of a perceived increase in public awareness of the issue, and having itself indirectly generated a body of information and research documenting the prevalence and persistence of the problem (Linda McLeod's, Wife Battering in Canada: The Vicious Circle) was to set out to gather yet more information, and do more research.

The most visible response to date has been from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, who recently held hearings on "intra-family violence". Although it is encouraging to see some attention being paid at the federal government level to the serious problem under discussion, we would like to point out some implications and share our reactions about the report.

In spite of the House having passed a unanimous resolution about the desirability of investigating the problem of "wife assault", the Committee entitled its hearing "intra-family violence". This is a reflection of much federal-level policy on the problem which tends to mask the specific issues of wives being beaten by husbands by referring to it as a problem of family violence.

The Standing Committee published their recommendations recently, with some publicity -

but what have these efforts really accomplished?

Although some important factors, such as the economic dependence of women and the lack of adequate shelter space are addressed in the report, it begins by almost apologizing for examining only wife assault, and immediately acknowledging the Committee's concern with abuse of the aged, children and husbands.

Although the opening comments somewhat acknowledge the systemic nature of violence against women, this is not reflected in many of the recommendations.

The Report prefaces its recommendations with the jurisdictional limitations of Parliament and says that the "Committee respects and upholds the privacy of the family, however, in the case of wife beating, society is justified in intervening to assist the family." The fact that it is females who are the victims of violence is once more denied.

Four recommendations related specifically to the female victim, and five to the assailant. The primary recommendation for the assaulted woman is to provide protection for her. It is suggested that this could be realized by arresting the assailant as an "effective recourse and not a harsh one". The low rate of imprisonment is rationalized in terms of the lack of rehabilitative effects of such imprisonment.

The proposed long-term solution to wife assault is to "refer the batterer to a treatment program, if one is available. We have strong reservations about proposing "rehabilitation programs" for individuals as a long term solution to the crime of wife assault. Men who assault their wives are not committing acts which our society has taught them are unlawful in the same way as murder or assault of a stranger. Their action is at worst the extreme end of a range of acceptable behaviours considered normal - they are controlling their wives, their children, people who legally and socially fall within their area of authority.

We suggest that although group rehabilitation programs might change the behaviour of a few individual men, what wife assaulters, and all men need, is to be taught that hitting women is totally unlawful, and thoroughly condemned.

What appears particularly inappropriate is that in these times of limited funding and service cutbacks which are placing existing shelters in an even more precarious financial position, spending money on services to the perpetrators rather than the victims should be a major recommendation.

Let us not fall into the easy trap of fearing the charge "reverse discrimination" if we recommend that all available funds be directed to services for women - we have been victims of assaults for hundreds of years - once that situation has been equalized, we can then begin to discuss providing services for men.

There are, nevertheless, several sensible recommendations in the report. However, there is little likelihood that any of these, save the most inconsequential, will be implemented - especially considering the uproarious laughter with which the issue was met in the House of Commons. One can only conclude that the leaders of our nation do not want to forfeit their right to beat their wives.



We fear that a Committee which begins and ends with its commitment to respect the "sancity of the family" can do little to change the fundamental oppressive characteristics of such a unit in which wife assault is rooted.

- Alma Estable, Lesley Silver and Denise Stone.

#### Women and Pension Reform - What Must Be Done

Societal myth has led women to believe that they can depend on their husbands or the state to take care of them in old age. Reality is that 51% of married women over 65, and 50% of single women over 65, have annual incomes between \$1,000 and \$1,999, and that more than half of all women aged 55-64 have no income at all.

In 1980 a federal task force evaluating pension policy and reform found that the after-tax income of the elderly was only 40% of that of the non-elderly, and that the average income of old women was 15% lower than that of old men. This female/male income differential is the result of women's having worked as unpaid homemakers, or as poorly paid workers in marginal, low status "women's jobs", and of having depended on a man's (usually a husband's) earned wage to support them in old age. Both the public and employer-sponsored pension systems, viewing women as "dependents" of men, and being earnings-related and based on male work patterns, have developed policies which serve to institutionalize poverty among elderly women.

The first step in pension reform must be to eliminate all areas of policies and programs based on assumptions of women's dependence, reformulating them in terms of women as workers in either the home or workplace, by developing a work-related pension system. Some specific pension reforms proposed by a number of groups and individuals include: extending coverage to homemakers and part-time workers; implementing a 7-year drop-out period to compensate for child rearing; automatic splitting of pensions on divorce; mandatory joint and survivor benefits; prohibition of sex-based differences in contributions and benefits.

Change in pension policy relating to women is stated to be a major goal of the government's reform, but some officials suggest that it will be more rhetorical than real. Many poverty stricken old women will die before the two governments agree to any pension reform. The federal government's pension reform package, the Green Paper, which was to have been published last fall, will be further delayed as the declining economy takes bureaucratic priority. On its release the Green Paper will go to the provinces for at least 6 months of consultations and negotiations before assuming its final form as a "White Paper" of solid legislative proposals to be presented in the House of Commons. Considering Ontario's firm opposition to the child rearing drop-out provision alone (it views this as compromising the earnings-related nature of the pension system!), the reform process will be lengthy.

Thus it is up to women to use the delay period to their advantage. Continuing pressure on government is essential in order to realize real pension reform. Women's groups and other informed, concerned organizations must not only act as advocates of change themselves, but must also educate the elderly and the general public

about the issues relating to pensions and the poverty of older women.

How important is collective action and permanent vigilance? If the present statistical norm continues to prevail, 3 out of 7 women reading this will spend their old age in poverty. It is crucial that you not be silent!

- Dana Hanson

#### **COMMUNITY ACTION**

#### Organizing the Poor

The Ottawa Committee on Low Income Support Services (OCLISS) organized a very successful Poor People's Conference earlier this summer. By all accounts it was well-attended and stimulated some recommendations for action that will be taken up by the organization. OCLISS reports that it has presented two proposals to the Regional Social Services Committee, one on the need for changes in the subsidized bus pass system and the other on the importance of a financial support program for the working poor. Both of these proposals were prompted by conference recommendations.

OCLISS is examining two work incentive programs, the first through the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the second called the Ontario Employment Incentive Program. Their concerns are as follows: the first does not provide any financial assistance, and the second, although it pays \$8.60 an hour does not provide day care assistance, so important to single mothers.

The first OCLISS newsletter will be published in the fall and edited by Rita Tanguay, the Public Relations Coordinator. It will feature the recommendations from the Poor Peoples Conference.

Carol Richardson, the Executive Director of OCLISS, will be able to answer any questions you may have. Her number is 232-2677.

- Sherry Galey

#### Prisoners of Welfare

Prisoners of Welfare is a group of people receiving Mother's Allowance or Welfare.

Their aim is to establish a working group of people to organize and fight for their rights.

Sponsored by the Ottawa Council for Low Income Support Services, P.O.W. hopes to act as a voice for people living on Mother's Allowance or General Welfare through:

- \* monitoring and reacting to government programs related to welfare
- \* providing information to people on welfare concerning their rights
- \* providing information to the public, through the media, to give a more accurate picture of the circumstances of people on welfare



### Prisoners of Welfare (cont'd.)

Membership is open only to those currently or previously on welfare. For more information call Carol at 232-2677.

- Sherry Galey

### Action by Action Travail des Femmes, Montreal

Action Travail des Femmes, a Montreal-based outreach group, has filed two complaints with the Canadian Human Rights Commission against Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy for discriminatory policies on job retraining from women. This group has also taken CN to court for sexual discrimination in hiring; this suit may result in the introduction of mandatory affirmative action to Canada.

Fifteen women were refused access to a Canada Employment Centre welding course because there were 625 unemployed welders (all male) in the Montreal area. However, since September 1981, 187 men and three women have received training as welders. On the other hand, during the same period 150 women were trained as secretaries even though the number of unemployed secretaries registered in the Montreal area exceeded 4,500.

ATF maintains that job training and affirmative action must operate in tandem. They argue that where affirmative action can create jobs for women where perhaps none would exist for men, male unemployment is irrelevant as far as female job training is concerned.

It is obvious that Mr. Axworthy is willing to train women for unemployment in female job ghettoes but is not willing to train them for potential jobs in non-traditional fields. He is also unwilling to show business and industry that he is serious about more and better jobs for women by introducing mandatory affirmative action legislation.

We urge you to make it clear to Mr. Axworthy that his present inaction is unacceptable. Write or call him at:

House of Commons  
Room 135, East Block  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6

For more information, write:  
Action Travail des Femmes  
2515 Delisle Street  
Montreal, Quebec  
attention: Carole Wallace

- Suzanne Pilon

### Sexist Advertising

Equal Opportunity for Women for the City of Ottawa made a presentation to OC Transpo about sexist advertising which resulted in the overnight removal of the offensive Sanyo ads from the sides of all buses.

Media coverage on this issue augured well for the next day's endeavour of removing sexist advertising from the Ottawa Citizen by G.H. Nelms. Ottawa women activated a telephone tree requesting complaints be lodged with the owner. This proved so successful that not only was the sexist advertisement removed, but a written apology appeared in the Citizen.

We all can do something - mobilize phone trees or send complaints to Media Watch (an offshoot of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women):

Box 46699  
Station 6  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V6R 4K8

Watch for the final report of the CRTC Task Force on Sexual Stereotyping released in late August for more information on this issue.

- Denise Stone

## ON THE FRONT LINES

### Women's Career Counselling in State of Flux

Women's Career Counselling, a counselling service for women seeking employment, is in a very precarious financial position right now. Last year the service underwent an evaluation along with three other women's employment services by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. This information was to be used by the Minister, Lloyd Axworthy, to decide whether they would be given a new funding contract.

Axworthy has had the information since December and promised an answer by June. He now refuses to release the results of the evaluation and Women's Career Counselling is still waiting for word. At present, staff must do 20% more work to receive the same level of funding as last year.

This important service cannot be allowed to close. Pressure must be brought to bear on MP's and Mr. Axworthy to grant a new and adequate funding contract for Women's Career Counselling. Call W.C.C. for more information, at: 232-4273

- Sherry Galey

### On-the-Line Work Group

Women's issues are social issues. Social issues are the focus of the On-the-Line Work group; now expanded to at least 35 front-line social workers. This work group is presently gearing up for involvement in the fall municipal elections. We have divided into three groups:

- 1) focussing on politicians - this group will identify and poll candidates as they emerge in order to establish their position on social service issues. Certain candidates may then be endorsed by the On-the-Line Work group.
- 2) focussing on the media - this group will work to obtain media coverage for the work group and social service issues
- 3) focussing on forming coalitions - this group intends to reach out to other organizations, unions, collectives etc. to create a "common front" coalition.

Contact people for any of the subgroups:

JoAnn McGrath - 233-0895  
Joan Auden - 235-1716

- Joan Auden



## WOMEN'S GROUPS STARTING UP

### Ottawa Committee of Women in Unions

This fall should bring a new start for the former Ottawa Committee of Women in Unions. This group, which included both unionized and non-unionized women, met regularly throughout the spring and summer of 1981. Discussions were held on the topics of technological change, sexual harassment, the past Bank Workers Organizing campaign, health and safety, parental leave and other subjects. In each meeting, a short informal presentation was given followed by a general discussion of strategy to improve the situation as well as how to use our unions to assist us. Activities culminated in a Skills-Building Workshop put on last October with the assistance of Organized Working Women from Toronto. Forty Ottawa women participated in the one-day workshop aimed at improving public speaking skills.

There is a great deal of interest in reviving the committee, which has not met since last October. The specific focus of the group will be determined by the new members. There appears to be a general consensus that similar educational work should be done, that unionized and non-unionized women should be involved and strategies should focus on working through our unions, where possible, to achieve our goals. If you are interested in helping to rebuild the committee or simply participating in workshops, you should call Jane Stinson at 234-6933 (home) or 237-1590 (work).

### Women Working with Women

A group of women in the community who are working in direct services to women have come together to form a new group. A number of meetings have been held, the most recent of which took place on August 23. For more information about the group and times of future meetings, please call Shelagh Simmons at 737-1746.

### SORWUC

A new local of the Service, Office and Retail Workers Union of Canada (SORWUC) was recently chartered in Ottawa.

Local 7 was established by a group of Ottawa feminists, the Feminist Action Collective, as a means of continuing our work with unorganized women - both paid and unpaid.

Since we have just been chartered, we intend to spend the next few months organizing our office and planning a strategy for bringing in bargaining units.

In the meantime, we have begun a self-education program of reading and films, and in the fall, we plan to hold a series of workshops of various aspects of union organizing.

Interested in working with us or becoming a member-at-large (supporting membership)?

Contact us c/o:  
160 Belmont Avenue  
Ottawa K1S 0R5  
Tel: 234-4726  
234-5188  
235-1280

## TASK FORCES, COMMISSIONS, HEARINGS...

### The Ottawa Task Force on Wife Assault

The Office of Equal Opportunity for Women at City Hall together with the Ottawa Police have jointly organized the Ottawa Task Force on Wife Assault. Its membership covers many areas:  
Andrejs Berzins, Assistant Crown Attorney  
Leonard Shore, criminal lawyer  
Anne Kay, Vanier Institute of the Family  
Joan Gullen, Family Service Centre  
Len Rutman, Carleton School of Social Work  
Dr. Sarwer-Foner, Dept. of Psychiatry, U of O  
Toddy Kehoe, Alderman  
Inspector Robert Woods, Ottawa Police Dept.  
Lucie Pepin, Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women  
Beth Lynch, Royal Ottawa Hospital  
Dr. John Dimoch, Family Court Clinic  
Maude Barlow, EOW Coordinator and Chairperson

Interested individuals are invited to submit briefs and/or make presentations to the committee. Call 563-3010 or write to:

Equal Opportunity for Women  
City of Ottawa  
111 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario

- Denise Stone

### Commission on Part-Time Work

Part-time work is the fastest growing segment of the Canadian work force. Women constitute 75% of all part-time workers and are the most prone to the exploitation and lack of protection that this kind of work often entails.

The Commission on Part-Time Work, appointed by the Minister of Labour, Charles Caccia, and headed by Joan Wallace, is asking for public input.

Hearings will take place in the fall in eight major cities. The Commission will investigate:

- \* the problem of defining part-time work
- \* the nature and level of supply and demand for part-time labour
- \* collective bargaining and part-time workers
- \* the employment situation of part-time workers
- \* remuneration and benefits
- \* shortcomings of current legislation
- \* alternative work arrangements such as job sharing

The Commission's report, including legislative, program and policy measures, is due in December. A questionnaire has been designed to be completed by part-time workers. Also, a bibliography on part-time work has been prepared. You can request either of these from:

Commission on Part-Time Work  
1755 West Broadway  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V6J 4S5  
(604) 732-4591

Make your views known on this issue! Women have a vital interest in improving the wages and conditions of part-time work.

- Sherry Galey





### The Task Force on Micro-electronics

The Task Force, established in March of this year, has spent the summer requesting briefs and submissions from those interested in technological change and how it will affect industries coming under the Canada Labour Code. It will make recommendations on the adequacy of the Code as it pertains to technological change as well as how new technology can be introduced in a sensitive and humane manner. The Task Force will look at employment, health and safety issues as well as how women will be disproportionately affected. A report is to be submitted to the Minister of Labour in the early fall so, by the time you read this, it may be too late to make your views heard. But to find out more or to learn the status of the Task Force's report, please call Murray Hardie at (819) 887-1550 or write to the Task Force under Labour Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0J2.

- Sherry Galey

## CONFERENCES

### Interdisciplinary Feminist Day

An interdisciplinary Feminist Day was held at the Learned Society Sessions on Wednesday, June 9. Its theme was "Reason and Violence: Feminist Perspectives".

Presentations were made on the following topics, and by the following people:

- \* Misogyny, Violence and Social Control, by Debra Lewis
- \* Psychiatry and Violence to Women in the Name of Reason, by Helen Levine
- \* Wife Assault: A study in Power Relations and Reason by Alma Estable, Lesley Silver and Denise Stone
- \* Women, Medicine and Drugs (DES), by Harriet Simard
- \* Sexual Assault and the Judicial System, by Sandra Leveille
- \* Legal Rationality and the Violence to Women, by Pat Hughes
- \* Female Dependence and the Living Wage, by Barbara Roberts
- \* The Rational Violence of Male-Stream Thought, by Rachel Vigier

Concluding comments were made by Louise Marcil-Lacost. An exceedingly powerful day! Geraldine Finn, the organizer, had the session taped and all the lectures will be transcribed into book form which will be available soon.

- Denise Stone

In the last issue, we mentioned the upcoming annual conference of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women. Now, we can provide an outline of the tentative program. The conference is titled Sexism in Research and Its Policy Implications and it will be held in Ottawa at the Skyline Hotel from Nov. 19-21.

Planned workshops and papers include:

- \* Welfare Policy - e.g. "Sexism in Research Related to Welfare Fraud"
- \* Sexual Harassment - e.g. "Sexual Harassment: Sexism in research and Remedies"
- \* Housing - e.g. "Women, the Forgotten

Housing Consumers"

- \* Aging - e.g. "Elderly Women - Invisible in Aging Research"
- \* Sociobiology - e.g. "Paradigm for Sexism in Science"
- \* Sexist Research: Alive and Well and Living at the Fraser Institute - e.g. "Affirmative Action as a Policy Instrument: A Feminist Evaluation"
- \* The Doctoring of Women - e.g. "Sexism in Medical Research - The Basis of Biased Doctoring"

For more information, contact:

Professor Jill Vickers  
Conference Convenor  
c/o The Department of Political Science  
Carleton University  
Ottawa K1S 5B6

- Sherry Galey

### The 2nd Canadian Conference on Day Care

Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Sept. 23-25, 1982

The Conference is sponsored by the Dept. of Health and Welfare and the Canadian Council on Social Development. The conference aims to:

- \* develop a national day care policy and recommendations for changes to federal legislation
- \* develop a national campaign to publicize and educate around the issue to exert pressure on the government

An ad hoc committee has been formed to organize for this and includes Jamie Kass of the Ottawa-Carleton Day Care Association of Ottawa as well as many day care activists in Toronto. The committee can be contacted at:

19 Carr Street  
Toronto M5T 2V7  
(416) 362-1033

- Sherry Galey

## RESOURCES

### Nuts and Bolts

This is a useful how-to booklet on conference organizing, networking and political action. It is available from:

Regina Plains Community College  
1801 Broad Street  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
S4P 1X7

### Women In Focus

This 1982 catalogue is a descriptive guide to some 70 videotapes and films available through rental or purchase from Women in Focus, the feminist media production and distribution centre in B.C. It costs \$2.00. You can write for it:

Women in Focus  
204 - 456 W. Broadway  
Vancouver V5Y 1R3

### Rising up Strong: Women in the Eighties

This is an exciting new video-cassette which comes in two parts. It looks at the political practice of the women's movement and



**Rising up Strong: Women in the Eighties**  
(cont'd.)

concentrates on two major themes - At Work and at Home (Part I) and Control of Our Own Bodies (Part II). For further information, contact:

DEC Films  
427 Bloor W.  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5S 1X7

**RESEARCH ABSTRACTS**

**Institutionalized Poverty: Women and Pensions,**  
**by Dana Hanson, Carleton School of Social Work**

This paper shows how Canadian pension policy, rooted in patriarchal ideology, has served to institutionalize, rather than alleviate, poverty among elderly women. The first section describes the historical, economic, social and political development of women's dependence on men. It then analyses specific areas of pension policy based on the dependency concept. Included is an evaluation of the main themes and conclusions of the 1981 National Pensions Conference as they related to women. A final discussion shows how state pension policy ultimately functions to promote its own interests, thus institutionalizing women's poverty. The paper concludes with recommendations for change.

**The Domestic Problem: Women's Work in**  
**Ottawa, 1880-1930. by Dana Hanson, Carleton**  
**School of Social Work**

The domestic problem, a persistent shortage of female bodies to provide domestic services on both a national and individual level, and the work of Ottawa's upper class women and domestic servants as documented in a variety of archival materials are described in this paper. Both the historical context within which the domestic problem and women's work were situated and the historical development of the ideology of domestication in relation to women's work are discussed. The paper clearly demonstrates how all women's work is "in service" to the needs of individual men and the patriarchal state, and that whatever their class, women never move out the domestic sphere, they simply move at different levels within it.

**Lady Bountifuls and the Unfortunates: Early**  
**History of the Ottawa Day Nursery. by Sherry**  
**Galey and Elizabeth Shein, Carleton School of**  
**Social Work**

The paper draws on archival sources to describe the early history of the Ottawa Day Nursery (1911-1936) in the context of the development of day care services in Ontario. The authors take the position that the lives of both working class and middle class women were limited by the organization of production and the dominance of the ideology of sex roles in the family. The paper views early day care as a service that connected women on the basis of their gender and separated them on the basis of their class. It is demonstrated how, on the one hand, the use of day nurseries and their ancillary services satisfied the material needs of the working class and on the other hand, allowed middle and upper class women to participate in public life in a manner congruent with their assigned roles. However, the provision of day care did nothing

to challenge the dominant ideology of women's. On the contrary, the way in which day care was defined and provided served to reinforce the gap between the "Unfortunates" who used the services and the "Lady Bountifuls" who were responsible for their organization, support and management.

The Ottawa Day Nursery, which was the first such service in Ottawa, still operates today under the name of Andrew Fleck Child Centre. (60 pp.)

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The authors of these papers are very happy to send copies to interested individuals. Please write c/o the Carleton School of Social Work. We would ask that you kindly enclose between \$1.50 and \$3.00 to cover the cost of photocopying.

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

**Quotes by Canadian Women**

"Women, like mushrooms, are kept in the dark, fed a lot of manure ... and canned"

Monica Townson

An exciting project is underway, and you can be part of it. If you have a favourite quote by a Canadian woman (well-known or unknown), spoken, written or sung in the last 15 years, send it along to:

135 McLeod  
Ottawa K2P 0Z6

The initiators of the project are in the process of collecting quotations from across Canada with a view to publishing a Canadian women's quotebook.

Did you know that of the 1,000 quotations in Colombo's Canadian Quotations, only 8% are by women, and that many of those are not even Canadian?

Disgraceful, you say - well, then get your contributions together so that a book will be produced to make Canadian women proud. Both contributor and quotee will be credited in the final publication.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**

**The Canadian Directory of Funding Sources for**  
**Research on Women**

CRIAW (the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women) describes it this way:

"An important new resource booklet for feminist researchers, listing funding sources available to Canadians working on research proposals and projects.

Funding (or lack of it) is a constant concern to researchers. The availability of money often makes or breaks a proposal or project. Feminist researchers face particular difficulties due to such factors as a lack of institutional affiliation, or the failure of granting agencies to recognize the legitimacy or viability of feminist research.



The Directory is an attempt to counter these problems."

The Directory is sold at cost - \$2.50 to members and \$3.00 to non-members.

The mailing address is:

P.O. Box 236, Station B  
Ottawa, K1P 6C4

**Feminism in Canada: Theory and Practice,**  
**edited by Geraldine Finn**

This volume brings together the work of some of Canada's leading feminist thinkers: Mary O'Brien, Jill McCalla Vickers, Jeri Down Wine, Pat Hihees and Margaret Lowe Bentson. This book is a major Canadian contribution to the development of feminist theory. 200 pages, \$9.95 in paperback. Published by Black Rose Books.

**RANTS AND RAVES**

A rave must go to the U.S. women's groups who take on the Moral Majority and anti-ERA forces with tongue-in-cheek humour and biting sarcasm. With names like Ladies Against Women and CHICKS (Coalition for Harbours Indefinite Chastity and Kaffeeklatsch Sentimentality) they demonstrate outside Phyllis Schlafly's speeches with signs that read, "Sperm are People Too", "You're Nobody Until You're Mrs. Somebody" and chant "Hit Us Again! Hit Us Again! Harder! Harder!" and "Fifty-nine cents is toooo much". Other group names satirizing the oppressiveness of the moral majority - Another Mother for World Domination, the Vulture Forum, Future Fetuses of America and the National Association of the Advancement of Rich, White, Straight Men. Keep it up ladies, you sure make a point.

- Sherry Galey

Thumbs down to Dr. Warren Ringold of Dearborn, Michigan, the doctor who performed the artificial insemination in the recent Toronto surrogate mother case. Referring to the custody battle that ensued, Dr. Ringold was quoted as

**FOR FUTURE ISSUES**

Can we add you to our mailing list? (It's free!)

Please complete, detach and mail to:

Breaking the Silence  
Feminist Caucus  
School of Social Work  
Carleton University  
Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6

Attention: Sherry Galey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

saying that, "this baby is his (the Metro father's) no matter what women gave birth to it". Patriarchal logic strikes again!

- Suzanne Pilon

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Forums on Women and Health**

A series of what promise to be very enlightening workshops about women's health issues are scheduled for the fall. The Ottawa and Region Women's Health Collective has planned and organized the following sessions with the support of a grant from Secretary of State Women's Program. Mark these on your calendar.

- \* Sept. 16 - Multicultural Health Experiences
- \* Oct. 14 - Women and Mental Health
- \* Nov. 18 - Occupational health and Safety
- \* Dec. 9 - Women and Aging

Library at the corner of Laurier and Metcalfe from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. More information can be obtained from Anne-Marie Smart at 235-4224 after 3 and Jocelyne Talbot at 232-5918.

- Sherry Galey

**Ottawa Women's Bookstore**

A first in Ottawa, the Women's Bookstore will open this fall at the corner of Elgin and Gladstone. Watch for the grand opening date.

Finally, after 2 years of rigorous planning a fund-raising, two local women, Lee Felming and Peggy Harris, will provide this much-needed resource to the Ottawa community.

At first a bookstore and record centre, Peggy and Lee, with your support hope to expand to offer authors' breakfasts, poetry readings, feminist art exhibits and much, much more.

These women deserve our heart-felt congratulations for realizing their dream and our support to help keep it going.

- Denise Stone

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