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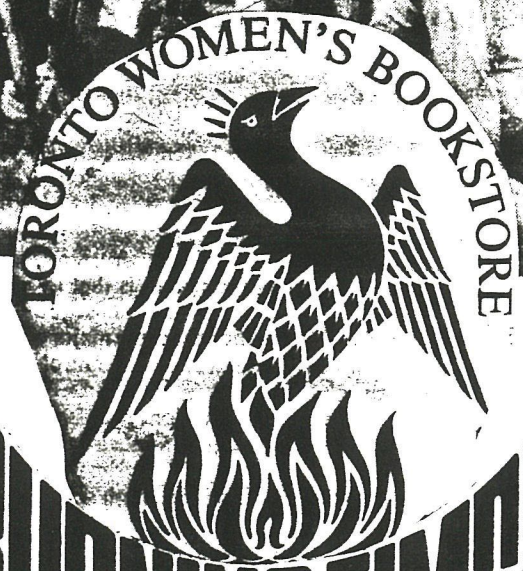
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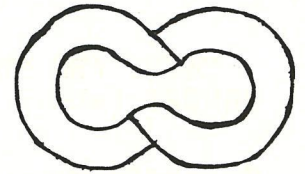
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AND NOW INTRODUCING THE NEW CO-ORDINATORS

or WHO'S RUNNING THIS PLACE ?



The two new co-ordinators are Laura Kerr and Sharon Jowahir. Both volunteered for the position of co-ordinator and were accepted.

Laura Kerr is a fourth year married student with the Faculty of Science. She is majoring in Computer Science and Applied Computational Mathematics. She spent her first year at University of Guelph, and has been at York for two years; she has two more years before attaining her York diploma. Laura, currently a student ambassador at York, is very interested in encouraging young women to pursue a career in the mathematics and sciences. When she has time (rarely), she likes to indulge in her reading interest in Science Fiction and Fantasy literature. Her other interests are such sports as cross country skiing, canoeing, fishing, swimming and horseback riding. If necessary, Laura can be reached at York Women's Centre on fridays from 1pm. to 3pm. .

Sharon Jowahir is a mature student with the Faculty of Fine Arts. Her major is Theatre; her minor is Women's Studies. She is on the Advisory Council for the Task Force Report on the Status of Women at York, and on the planning committee for the mature Women Students Conference on March 3rd, 1984. She states her hobbies as trying to complete the required reading for her English and Humanities courses. Her other interest is the Wednesday night addiction to Dynasty (or Die-nasty as she puts it). Sharon's hours at the Women's Centre are Mondays 3-4pm. and Tuesdays 2 - 3pm.

Laura and Sharon are interested in raising the YWC into a more campus-known spotlight. Both feel they can contribute a lot to the Women's Centre and to the positions as co-ordinators. They are very proud to be associated with the YWC and hope you will join in making this a bright and active year at the Centre. Please feel free to volunteer your time - with your help they can accomplish more..... much more.

THESE ARE THE YORK WOMEN'S CENTRE STAFF AND THEIR HOURS AT THE CENTRE (where applicable).

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Sharon Jowahir
Laura Kerr

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Friday 1-3 p.m.

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Lori Peasley
Judy Szilagy
Theresa Dobko
Dawn Heiden

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Tuesday & Thursday 1-2 p.m.

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Dawn Heiden

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Librarian:

Jackie Crawford

Thursday 12-1 p.m.

Faculty Advisors:

Virginia Rock

\$APPEAL FOR DONATIONS\$

The York Women's Centre is an organization supported by, and for, the women members of the campus community. We are able to offer an increasingly wide range of services of interest to this community: film services, speak and meet seminars, lectures, lending library and referral service and, for three or four times a year, this newsletter.

The YWC is now in its 9th year. We hope you will be able to give us some much needed support. For further information please contact Sharon Jowahir or Laura Kerr, the co-ordinators of the Women's Centre, at 667-3484.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please make your cheque out to York University and, in a short note, request that the money be donated to the YWC. Please make sure your name and address are on the cheque, so that a receipt, for tax purposes, will be sent directly to you.

*****YWC WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY*****

DATE: Thursday December 8th 1983
TIME: 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 102 BSB

Any food donations for this event gladly accepted contact Sharon at 667-3484 or leave a message at the Women's Centre.

EDITORIAL: BURNING TIMES

Burning Times ... we've appropriated our title from a recent Toronto production that chronicled the Medieval slaughter of nine million women as "witches". Again we are in burning times. All around us women's rights are under fire. Carleton University's Women's Centre has had its major source of funding threatened by student groups. In British Columbia, Bill Bennett's "policy of restraint" has strangled women's services. The entire budget for the Women's Health Collective was withdrawn with the accusation that it was a service for "homosexual women" and that "their morality is not those of the taxpayers of B.C.". This not only falsifies the wide range of women assisted by this service, it is a frightening attack on the rights of lesbians. Closer to home, University of ~~Toronto~~ sex education services have been straitjacketed by the pressure of St. Michael's College to prevent any birth control or abortion counselling on campus. Finally, right here at our doorstep, some university officials have even considered closing down the York Women's Centre.

We wish to speak to you now of vigilance. In the September 1982 edition of the York Women's Centre Newsletter, the Newsletter Committee offered an extensive listing of women's services on the York campus. Align yourself with one of these services (our personal plug is for the YWC) to ensure their survival. With this edition, we also wish to acquaint the women of York University with the women-identified organizations in this city that are also under fire. Familiarize yourself with the feminist community of Toronto. There are newspapers and magazines to educate, seminars and concerts to entertain and politicize, and various women's services that desperately require your help to protect the rights of women endangered everywhere.

We've heard it so often said of York University that it is a conservative campus.

We've even heard it said that the women here are apolitical and anti-choice (on the

Editorial (cont'd)...

abortion issue). We don't believe that this is true. We have given this edition of The Newsletter its political flavour to show ourselves and our critics that they are entirely wrong. We are working on this Newsletter because we feel it is crucial that we connect with other women, like yourselves, who are struggling to make the transition from armchair feminists sitting in our ivory towers of the educational system, to political activists in the community-at-large. Take hold of these burning times. Participate in the York Women's Centre, any of the York Women's Caucuses, and in as many of the vital feminist-political movements in this city as you possibly can. These are burning times; if you are not part of the solution, you may be part of the problem.

Theresa Dobko
Dawn Heiden
-co-editors of YWC Newsletter

Personal Introductions to the Co-Editors:

Dawn: I am a white, middle class, radical lesbian-feminist, single-parent struggling my way through this middle-class menagerie (York University). I am a visual arts major interested in working collectively with other wimmin to produce politically-oriented art.

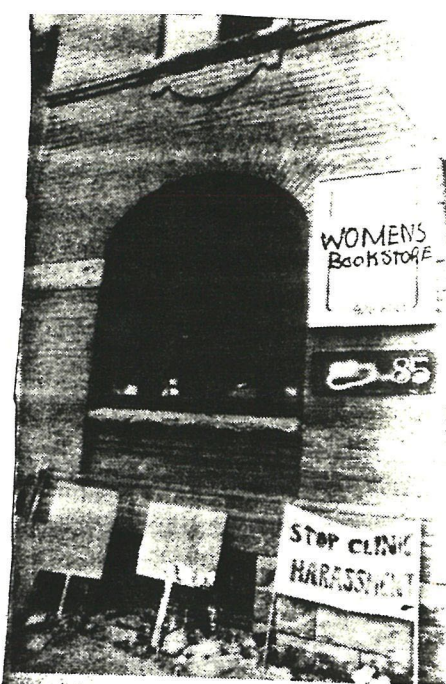
Theresa: I wonder at identifying myself in the direct way which Dawn has chosen. Labels such as "lesbian-feminist" are so emotionally-laden in this society that I am concerned that using them may alter unduly some readers' perceptions of whatever I write for this Newsletter. However, we both identify ourselves in this fashion to indicate to you the ways in which we are both privileged and oppressed as wimmin in this society, to make clear the particular biases from which we operate. I too am a politically-active lesbian-feminist, only I study in the more left-brain oriented field of clinical psychology (Master's level).

If you have any comments, suggestions, criticisms or feedback, or wish to volunteer for the Newsletter, please contact us through the York Women's Centre.

Fueled by FIRE

In the early hours of Friday, July 29, an arsonist set fire to the Toronto Women's Bookstore located at 85 Harbord Street near Spadina. The fire was apparently intended to damage the Morgentaler Clinic located above the Bookstore. The Clinic had opened in June, 1983, offering therapeutic first-trimester abortions. The fire itself and water damage destroyed most of the stock and fixtures in the Bookstore.

The Bookstore now faces the job of rebuilding. They have had several fundraising events and have, according to Marie Prins (co-manager), received donations, but still need approximately \$20,000 to rebuild at their new location.



Victim of Arson

The Toronto Women's Bookstore plays an important role in the women's community as a meeting place and a bookstore. Like the Phoenix bird rising from the ashes, so too will our Bookstore reclaim its position in our community with a renewed spirit. The burning of our Bookstore has provided us with new energy and determination - we must see that it returns in full force at its new location.

NEXT FUNDRAISING

DECEMBER 5 8:00 (MONDAY)

427 Bloor Street West, Trinity United Church

Women's authors giving readings to help raise money for the Toronto Women's Bookstore:

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| Margaret Laurence | Miriam Waddington |
| Adele Wiseman | Joyce Marshall |
| Rachel Wyatt | Helen Weinzwieg |

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ARRIVING DAILY
AT THE**

**Toronto
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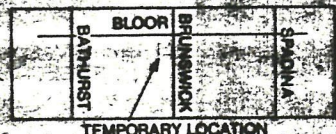
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(At Spadina)

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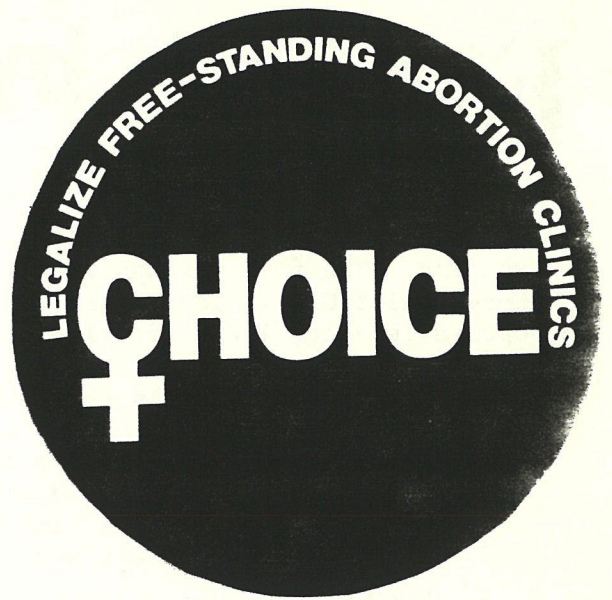
In the March 1983 YWC Newsletter, Laurie Kruk wrote an excellent article on the roles of The Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (political and legal pressure) and The Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics (pressure through public street action and free-standing abortion clinics) in obtaining freedom of choice for women. She wrote of the difficulties women have in facing an unwanted pregnancy and of how painful the choice to have an abortion may be. No pro-choice supporter takes the issue of abortion lightly. In this city however, it seems that women's rights to control their bodies and determine their lives is being taken all too lightly.

On June 15th, 1983, after exhausting all legal channels to establish a publicly-funded abortion clinic to give equal access to all women, Dr. Morgentaler opened a clinic in Toronto (like the previous ones in Winnipeg and Quebec) that survives outside the bounds of law. On July 5th, that same clinic was raided, with much abuse of staff and patients, the two doctors arrested and a warrant issued for the arrest of Dr. Morgentaler. Drs. Morgentaler, Scott and Smoling go to trial on November 21:

These police raids and criminal charges have brought women's right to choose to the forefront of the women's movement...

This debate about abortion is a political struggle for independence, especially for the independence of more disadvantaged women who have even less access to abortion services than more affluent women. It is a struggle to put behind us thousands of years of discrimination and oppression which have kept us in second place...This is why we must continue to support the clinics.

(excerpt from a report by Patricia Antonyshyn,
Clinic spokesperson)



YORK WOMEN'S CENTRE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On October 19, a membership meeting was held in the Women's Centre, attended by about 20 women, among them Thelma McCormack and Virginia Rock, Faculty Advisors to the Centre, Louise Mahood, last year's Coordinator, and Sharon Jowahir and Laura Kerr, who will jointly hold the position of Coordinator for this coming year. The meeting was held to discuss forthcoming Centre activities, the filling of Steering Committee positions, and establishing volunteers' duties. Sharon and Laura were acclaimed as Coordinators, and it was recommended that this position be occupied for one year with an overlap between the current Coordinators and the next one, so that the first term of next year will be spent training a successor. Laura and Sharon agreed to function as Coordinators until December, 1984, by which time a new Coordinator would be knowledgeable enough to continue alone.

Various issues were raised, including fundraising activities, the setting up of orientation sessions for volunteers, reorganization of the Centre's filing system and library, continuing the Speak and Meet series of talks given by Faculty members and the responsibilities involved in Steering Committee membership. Possibilities for fundraising were suggested, including approaching College Councils for donations, since many women spend time in the Centre other than in the facilities of the Colleges with which they are affiliated. Louise Mahood proposed that one of the Coordinators be accompanied in such

approaches by an appropriately affiliated student, in order to present this appeal. Thelma McCormack suggested a book sale, noting that this would be relatively easy to organize and potentially lucrative. The logistics of such a sale were discussed and tentative dates suggested. (The dates for the sale were later established as November 30 and December 1. Donations of books will be gratefully received up until November 25.) Further suggestions for fundraising would be welcome.

Steering Committee vacancies and responsibilities were discussed and volunteers were invited to fill the various available positions, including those associated with the Newsletter, the library and the film series. Louise Mahood described the Steering Committee's functions as including making decisions on the running of the Centre, on sponsoring various activities and speakers and establishing a political position on women's issues. Several women volunteered for the vacant positions and by now all are filled.

Once the Steering Committee membership is complete, programs such as the film series will be established. Other activities were discussed. It was agreed that the Speak and Meet Series should continue and suggestions were made about contacting various people who might be invited to participate, among them Harriet Rosenberg, who will be invited to speak on post-partum depression. Other ideas included the organization of a self-help group for single parents.

The question of volunteers' responsibilities was raised, and it was suggested that meetings be held to orient volunteers to the Centre's facilities, resources and activities. Meetings were set up for October 24 and 25 and it was further suggested that a mini-handbook be drawn up to compile information on the Centre for volunteers' use. It is hoped that this will facilitate the handling of enquiries and the operation of the Centre by those volunteering time. Responsibilities were generally outlined as involving taking telephone enquiries, handling referrals, for instance to doctors, counsellors and other women's organizations, giving information on Centre activities and welcoming newcomers to the Centre. People volunteering time to the Centre are still needed - an hour or two a week would be appreciated. Anyone interested may sign up on the schedule in the Centre and/or speak to Sharon, Laura or any of the current volunteers.

Jacky Crawford

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- Q:**
- Should pornography be censored?
 - Do feminist therapists exploit their clients?
 - Is abortion 'free and easy' in Canada?
 - Are feminist classics still being read?

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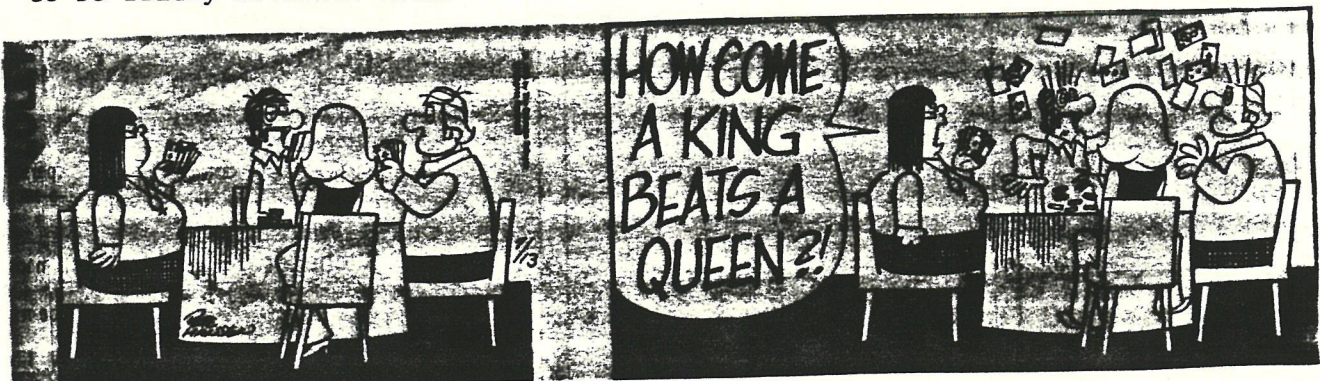
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SUMMARY ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting was held on tuesday October 25th. for all those interested in being on the Steering Committee. Those present were the new co-ordinators, Laura Kerr and Sharon Jowahir, Virginia Rock (our faculty advisor), Louise Mahood, Lori Peasley, Judy Szilagy and Jacky Crawford. No elections were held but notice was given of the need for another committee member. A suggestion was made to advertise in the newsletter, at which point Louise added that the position of editor of the newsletter should be incorporated into the constitution, thus the editor of the newsletter would always be a Steering Committee Member. It was decided to discuss this at a later date, when we did find a editor.

Possible speakers for the Speak and Meet Series were discussed: Lisa Tremblay, to speak on the Freedom of Choice; Joan Wood, a representative of London Life, to speak on alternative careers for women in Life Insurance; Jenny Rajput a student at York, to discuss the topic of overcoming helplessness and Harriet Rosenberg to speak on post-partum depression. It was decided to invite Jenny Rajput to speak for November 8th., and Joan Wood for November 16th; Harriet Rosenberg is tentative for the 21st., as Susan Nwosu had to discuss this date with her.

A funding event was dicussed and Thelma McCormack's idea (at the organizational meeting on the 19th.) of a book sale was finally agreed upon. The date of the sale is to be wednesday November 30th. and thursday December 1st. Laura and Sharon agreed upon the final submission date for books, for pricing, to be friday November 25th. ... cont'd...



Mimi Meckler's note about Wendo- Women's Defence Classes, was brought to the attention of the committee and it was decided to discuss this at the next meeting or in January. MS. magazine renewal was also set for discussion in January, when our subscription becomes due for renewal. The next meeting is set for Friday November 18th from 1:30-3:30pm. At this time all Steering Committee Members are to bring in their schedules so Laura and Sharon can co-ordinate future meetings. The meeting started at 2:15pm. and was finished at 3:07pm.

We encourage all members to attend any of our meetings, and offer any input into the operation of the Centre.

Sharon Jowahir



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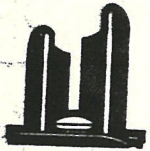
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City of Toronto

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at the request of the Council of the City of Toronto, The Mayor has declared a

CURFEW

between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. effective immediately for

ALL MEN OVER THE AGE OF THIRTEEN YEARS

This measure has been deemed necessary because:

- Last year in the City of Toronto men over the age of thirteen committed
500 rapes
44 murders
1823 assaults

Seventy percent of rapes committed go unreported in Toronto.

- Every 17 minutes a woman is being raped in Canada.
Every minute a woman is being sexually harassed.
Every second a woman is being verbally abused.
- Periods of economic hardship trigger an increase in violence against women.

It is intended that the CURFEW FOR ALL MEN OVER THE AGE OF THIRTEEN YEARS be a first step in a continuing programme to eliminate the public and private forms of violence in women's lives.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

Mr. Art Eggleton 947-7001
Mayor

Mr. Roy McMurtry 965-9111
Attorney General

TORONTO—We, 'Women, Persons Unknown,' claim responsibility for the Men's Curfew poster action that took place on the evening of Sunday September 11.

We are angry and frustrated. For years, women of the city of Toronto have been pressuring our government to take action against the ever increasing violence against women.

The government continues to use band-aid methods instead of reaching to the source of violence against women. In effect, they are not sincere in their supposed efforts to eliminate this violence. The whole issue of violence against women is not taken seriously. When we take action against this violence we are told that we are over-reacting, and are ignored. But facts can not be ignored.

Women have been systematically targeted for persecution and violence for centuries. In Canada, a woman is raped every seventeen minutes. One in five women are raped in their lifetimes. The majority of rapes are committed by someone who is an acquaintance of the woman. The majority of rapes go unreported.

We are told that we, ourselves, are responsible for this male violence, because of the way we dress or behave. As women we are told to take 'preventative action.' This is unrealistic. It is men who rape, it is men who must change.

Women live under a curfew. We don't go out at night, we walk on the street in groups, we lock our door and live in fear and distrust of men who should be our brothers.

However, the purpose of this action was not to imply that violence against women happens only on the streets, or only in Toronto. Violence against women is a continually escalating aspect of our personal and public lives. The violence that women face on the streets, is

actually only one aspect of an integrated, and larger political system, that uses power and violence to maintain and reinforce itself

The violence that women face is not always perpetrated by isolated individuals. Institutional violence plays a major role in misogynistic practices of cultures throughout the world. Forced sterilization as a means of controlling third world populations, unsafe and ineffective birth control methods, chemical and surgical experimentation by the male medical profession, and the incarceration into prisons and mental institutions of women who resist this exploitation and lack of choice, are some of the more visible aspects of violence against women.

Banning men from the streets is no solution to a problem that is so deeply rooted in this society. This action was intended to educate the general public on the issue of violence against women, and to urge men to take collective responsibility and action in the struggle to eliminate this violence from our lives.

We acted on Sunday night with a sense of determination and strength, and we will continue our resistance.

I love my sisters before me, I fight back;
—women, persons unknown

VIGILANCE

Not a Love Story

A film about pornography

In the Editorial, I spoke of combining political action with our university careers. Just days before this Newsletter was to go to press (so to speak), I found myself at an event that offered just such a mix of interests. At the Women & Therapy Conference, a three-day event designed to educate helping professionals on counselling women, members registered expecting only to exercise their academic energies. Certainly we did just that. This was the first women-organized, women-attended (a few men were present as well), women-oriented conference in Toronto on this theme. However, we could no longer just respond clinically to the parade of issues relating to oppressed women that each speaker presented: pornography, battering, incest, etc. By the time Phyllis Chesler gave her keynote address on Thursday noon, most of us were so saddened and drained that the conference threatened to immobilize us. With Phyllis' invigorating thoughts, and some preliminary tactics to protest the pornography that surrounded us in The Holiday Inn at this conference, the sadness turned to anger. On Friday morning a workshop on Anger was created on-the-spot and from this two anti-pornography actions were created to channel our mounting rage.

Dr. Evelyn Challis of York University, cross-appointed to the Counselling and Development Centre and the Psychology Faculty, was one of the women who organized the actions. Faced with the presence of pornographic magazines in a newsstand right in the conference lobby, and the movies on the in-house television, the women decided to focus some media attention on the magazines. All of the pornographic magazines in the newsstand were bought. Between 3 and 3:30 p.m., in front of the press that Evelyn and the other women had contacted, we publicly protested the violence and degradation of these magazines. After a short speech, approximately 200 of the 300 women there ripped up pages of each of these magazines and threw them to the hotel lobby floor. Linking arms, we all sang Holly Near's "We are a gentle angry women". We chanted "down with pornography" and "the women united shall never be defeated". It was an incredibly cathartic event. For Bernie Stellino, a York student who figures prominently in the newspaper photograph on the next page, it was her first major political action. For the rest of us, it was an essential step to putting into action the outrage we had all experienced for two days.

Finally, when the chanting had finished, and the applause had died down, we picked up every scrap of paper we had just minutes ago strewn all over, and placed them in boxes we had labelled as "trash". We did not want the women working in the cleaning staff to have to work harder because of our action

November 26 & 27, 7:30 pm
Free Admission
Followed by a panel discussion
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235 Queen's Quay West
Toronto

Another action was launched that day. A letter was dictated to each of the women there, to protest the Holiday Inn's acceptance of violence against women through the pornographic medium. Each delegate there promised to send a letter to the Manager of this Holiday Inn, calling for a boycott of all Holiday Inns until such time as they are pornography-free (see attached). Please support this action.

There was more organized that day: a woman's daycare expense fund, a recognition of the working women who had served us for three days, and a tearful Women's Remembrance Day ceremony that did not glorify the past two wars but rather envisioned a future world of peace while vowing to end the proliferation of war materials that surround us all today.

We went to this conference for academic purposes. We cried over descriptions of violence and degradation of women in pornography and we took our tears and forged them into steeled anger - and we acted. You can too. In this Newsletter you will find a pornographic advertisement placed in The Toronto Star. Write to protest this degradation. You will also find herein an advertisement for The Canadian Coalition Against Media Pornography: join them and find out how you can help. The York Women's Centre is sponsoring an anti-pornography week in early 1984. Catch fire with us and let them know we're here - and we object.

Theresa Dehko

Hotel's porn supply torn up by women



'Can't feel safe'

Delegates at the conference said they couldn't feel safe in a hotel where pornography is for sale.

"Women and children can't feel safe in this hotel knowing men are reading that pornography," said Lorna Zeback of Vancouver. "Some women here complained to the manager about the problems, but he said nothing would be done. That's why we felt we had to make a public statement."

About 400 women from across the country attended the three day conference which explored social issues in women's mental health. The conference ended yesterday.

by Leslie Fruman Toronto Star

About 150 women shredded dozens of pornographic magazines in the lobby of the Don Valley Holiday Inn yesterday to protest material available at the "family hotel."

Delegates at the Women in Therapy conference say they're outraged at the content of magazines for sale at the hotel newsstand and with the pornographic movies available on TVs in the hotel rooms. They plan to ask their colleagues across the country to boycott the hotel chain until it is "pornography free," a prepared statement said.

"It took us 20 minutes to collect the money to buy all the pornographic magazines for sale at the hotel," said Cindy Davis, a mental health worker from St. Catharines who was attending the conference.

"We don't think it's appropriate for a family hotel to be making this kind of stuff available," she said.

Child victims

Hustler magazine was the most offensive, she said. A cartoon in the current issue shows an overweight man sitting between two young girls who are tied to the bed. A third child is tied to the foot of the bed, and a baseball bat, a knife and other weapons are lying on the bed. The children look frightened, and the man is smiling, writing a letter to "Kinky Korner."

A photograph in the magazine shows a naked woman strapped into an electric chair with her legs spread. Last year Hustler magazine drew waves of outrage from women's groups when it featured a naked woman on its cover being fed into a meat grinder.

Other magazines destroyed were Mayfair, Playboy, and Easy Rider.

A representative of the hotel said he was concerned about the demonstration, but

said nothing would be done to make the hotel pornography free.

"You have to realize Toronto is a major cosmopolitan centre and the sort of facilities we offer must be compatible with what the competition offers," said John Shingler, vice president of marketing for Commonwealth Holiday Inns.

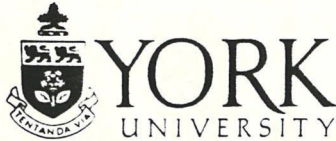
Shingler said he didn't find the material the women destroyed "personally offensive", and he said he thought there would be a time in the future when women "won't be so sensitive" to the pornographic magazines and movies.

"I'm one of those individuals who accepts that different people have different kinds of taste," Shingler said.

He estimated 10-15 per cent of the Holiday Inn's business is considered to be family business. He said he thought the hotel chain would lose some business if the films were not offered. The newsstand space is leased to the United Cigar Store chain, and has nothing to do with Holiday Inn, Shingler said.

SHARON GODFREY/TORONTO STAR

Torn porn: About 400 women attending the Women and Therapy conference at the Holiday Inn Don Valley protested the sale of pornographic magazines there by buying them all — and ripping them up. The group urges a boycott of the hotel chain.



FACULTY OF ARTS

4700 KEELE STREET, DOWNSVIEW, ONTARIO M3J 1P3

November 16, 1983

Mr. Andrew Ivanyi, Manager
Holiday Inn-Don Valley
1250 Eglinton Avenue, East
Don Mills, Ontario
M3C 1J3

Dear Mr. Ivanyi:

I, a participant in the recent Women and Therapy Conference, am offended and outraged at the proliferation of pornography in this family-oriented Holiday Inn. I am speaking specifically of the closed-circuit television, and the magazines at the newsstand.

As a psychotherapist, I am familiar with studies that indicate the negative effects of such abusive material. Not only is there a significant negative impact, there are growing implications of its dangerousness in terms of our developing children.

I intend to return to my workplace, along with the other 400 women of this Conference, and post copies of this letter as a call for a national boycott of Holiday Inn Hotels, to be in effect until such time as Holiday Inns are pornography-free.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn Challis, Ph.D., Coordinator
Intern Training Programme

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The CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST MEDIA PORNOGRAPHY is composed of concerned individuals who recognize that pornography and sex-role stereotyping violate the dignity and right to self-determination of women. We define pornography as verbal or pictorial material representing sexual behaviour that is degrading or abusive to one or more of the participants in such a way as to endorse the degradation, and believe it to be substantially different from erotica, which we consider to be mutually pleasurable sexual expression between people who have enough power to be there by positive choice. We are not for the repression of sexuality but rather are seeking a new portrayal of mutuality and respect in the representation of sexuality.

The CANADIAN COALITION AGAINST MEDIA PORNOGRAPHY believes that pornography and sex-role stereotyping, a multi-billion dollar industry in North America, promotes a climate in which women's physical safety in the street and in the home is jeopardized, and women's right to equality in the workplace continues to be denied. We are particularly concerned with recent government and business sponsorship of pornography on television and in the Canadian film industry and believe it to be a violation of the cultural integrity of Canadian artists and performers.

CCAMP's objective is to increase public awareness of the negative images inherent in pornography. Our elected officials must be pressured to strengthen and enforce the laws which will create an environment in which women, men and children are all assured equality, dignity and self-respect.

Your membership and active participation will provide the necessary clout to achieve this objective.

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Application for Membership

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Telephone number: _____

- My \$15.00 for membership is enclosed.
- My contribution to support these activities is enclosed.
- Due to my present circumstances I am contributing _____ for a membership.

Please make cheques payable to
Canadian Coalition Against Media Pornography
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GUARDIAN ANGELS

This cartoon was featured on the front page of the Toronto Star. It is supposed to be amusing but I find it upsetting. Jokes like these re-inforce traditional sex role stereotyping in our society. Take a closer look at this cartoon. The woman is pictured cooking. He, as if talking to a naughty child, is complaining that she has touched "his" computer. Computers are not in the "domestic sphere" and are therefore off limits to women. She wants a fur coat. Having no legitimate power to attain this for herself, she attempts to manipulate him through messages on the computer. How can we expect any constructive changes in the way we view men and women, when jokes like this run rampant in the mass media?

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"Have you been playing around with my computer again?"

submitted by
Judy Szilagy

WOMEN'S STUDIES AT YORK

We are witnessing an exciting time in the field of Women's Studies at York. The 1983/84 academic year is the first time that a Women's Studies Programme is being offered by the Faculty of Arts. This programme offers an Honours Double Major that enables students to combine Women's Studies with some other Major specialization.

Three women have been elected as student representatives for the Women's Studies Programme. Their functions are to air student views to the Programme Co-ordinators and to report back to the student body any news pertaining to Women's Studies. If you have any comments or suggestions about any Women's Studies courses you are taking, contact one of the representatives:

Joan Green - 494-8382
Andrea O'Reilly - 661-8839
Judy Szilagy - 731-0728

If you are taking a course that is not included on the Women's Studies list but you feel it should be, we would be interested in hearing from you.

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I Want a Wife

A Feminist Classic from the Early '70s

BY JUDY SYFERS

I belong to that classification of people known as wives. I am A Wife. And, not altogether incidentally, I am a mother.

Not too long ago a male friend of mine appeared on the scene fresh from a recent divorce. He had one child, who is, of course, with his ex-wife. He is obviously looking for another wife. As I thought about him while I was ironing one evening, it suddenly occurred to me that I, too, would like to have a wife. Why do I want a wife?

I would like to go back to school so that I can become economically independent, support myself, and, if need be, support those dependent upon me. I want a wife who will work and send me to school. And while I am going to school I want a wife to take care of the children. I want a wife to keep track of the children's doctor and dentist appointments. And to keep track of mine too. I want a wife to make sure my children eat properly and are kept clean. I want a wife who will wash the children's clothes and keep them mended. I want a wife who is a good nurturant attendant to my children, who arranges for their schooling, makes sure that they have an adequate social life with their peers, takes them to the park, the zoo, et cetera. I want a wife who takes care of the children when they are sick, a wife who arranges to be around when the children need special care, because, of course, I cannot miss classes at school. My wife must arrange to lose time at work and not lose the job. It may mean a small cut in my wife's income from time to time, but I guess I can tolerate that. Needless to say, my wife will arrange and pay for the care of the children while my wife is working.

I want a wife who will take care of my physical needs. I want a wife who will keep my house clean. A wife who will pick up after me. I want a wife who will keep my clothes clean, ironed, mended, replaced when need be, and who will see to it that my personal things are kept in their proper



place so that I can find what I need the minute I need it. I want a wife who cooks the meals, a wife who is a good cook. I want a wife who will plan the menus, do the necessary grocery shopping, prepare the meals, serve them pleasantly, and then do the cleaning up while I do my studying. I want a wife who will care for me when I am sick and sympathize with my pain and loss of time from school. I want a wife to go along when our family takes a vacation so that someone can continue to care for me and my children when I need a rest and change of scene.

I want a wife who will not bother me with rambling complaints about a wife's duties. But I want a wife who will listen to me when I feel the need to explain a rather difficult point I have come across in my course of studies. And I want a wife who will type my papers for me when I have written them.

I want a wife who will take care of the details of my social life. When my wife and I are invited out by my friends, I want a wife who will take

care of the baby-sitting arrangements. When I meet people at school whom I like and want to entertain, I want a wife who will have the house clean, will prepare a special meal, serve it to me and my friends, and not interrupt when I talk about the things that interest me and my friends. I want a wife who will have arranged that the children are fed and ready for bed before my guests arrive so that the children do not bother us.

And I want a wife who knows that sometimes I need a night out by myself.

I want a wife who is sensitive to my sexual needs, a wife who makes love passionately and eagerly when I feel like it, a wife who makes sure that I am satisfied. And, of course, I want a wife who will not demand sexual attention when I am not in the mood for it. I want a wife who assumes the complete responsibility for birth control, because I do not want more children. I want a wife who will remain sexually faithful to me so that I do not have to clutter up my intellectual life with jealousies. And I want a wife who understands that my sexual needs may entail more than strict adherence to monogamy. I must, after all, be able to relate to people as fully as possible.

If, by chance, I find another person more suitable as a wife than the wife I already have, I want the liberty to replace my present wife with another one. Naturally, I will expect a fresh, new life; my wife will take the children and be solely responsible for them so that I am left free.

When I am through with school and have a job, I want my wife to quit working and remain at home so that my wife can more fully and completely take care of a wife's duties.

My God, who wouldn't want a wife?

Judy Syfers is married and has two children. This article was originally published in the Preview Issue of "Ms." (Spring, 1972) and has since become a classic.

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Womynly Way Productions is a non-profit organization designed to produce high quality concerts, dance, and theatrical performances featuring women artists. All women are invited to donate their talents, time and efforts. Volunteers with the desire to help women's growth in the entertainment industry are urged to call Lora (967-1453) or Ruth (925-6568).



— a note to the hearing

Womynly Way Productions has a policy of making cultural events accessible to the differently-abled, including the hearing-impaired. The deaf community is usually a culturally isolated one because their access to information is limited. We believe that it's important that everyone be able to attend and fully understand our events.

We need everyone from: cooks, drivers, typists and envelope stuffers to public relations/ad sales, women who work with technical equipment and everything in between!

Please don't underestimate your abilities!

WOMYNLY WAY UPCOMING EVENTS

Kay Gardner In Concert	8:00pm. November 4th
Workshop On Music & Healing both at Trinity Church 427 Bloor Street West	11:00am. November 5th
Beverly Glenn-Copeland Harbourfront	8:00pm. December 11th
Kate Clinton Innis College Town Hall	8:00pm. January 13th



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Not only an advocacy service for women who have been sexually assaulted, TRCC provides emotional support within a feminist context.

The Toronto Rape Crisis Centre Collective is always looking for new members who wish to be part of a self-support network that is anti-psychiatric in its healing orientation.

... for those who want to be challenged.

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Coming Out?

Needing to talk about the oppression you feel as a lesbian?

Trying to find the latest event around town?

Call on Tuesday evenings for assistance.

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WIMMIN'S SERVICES

Women's Perspective

Women's Perspective is a Toronto-based collective of dancers, writers, painters, video and performance artists, graphic artists and others, who are working to produce culture from a socialist/feminist perspective. Last May we organized an exhibition and series of related events, video evenings, a music cabaret, poetry cabaret, forums and plays, all along this perspective. More recently, Mary Paisley, Lynn Hutchinson-Brown, Barb Taylor, Karen Harding and others, created a collective installation piece which was placed in the lobby of St. Paul's Church (Toronto) for the duration of Nightwood Theatre's production of "Smoke Damage". (Both the play and installation piece were about the history of "witch" burning.)

Women's Perspective meets regularly, holds study groups, feminist cabarets, street theatre, and produces community-based feminist culture in a variety of out-reach spaces. We welcome all women to our meetings. For further information, please contact: Connie Eckhert (484-4812) or Irma Milnes (463-7591)

BRANCHING OUT

We are a group of lesbians who are tired of having no home. Our dream is to be able to raise enough money to open a Lesbian building in the Spring of 1984. At present we are a small collective and we need more members. We've also had many exciting fund-raising events already. (The recent Debutantes Ball was a particular hit!) Become a collective member or volunteer your time. Branch out with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FILM NIGHT february

INTERNATIONAL march

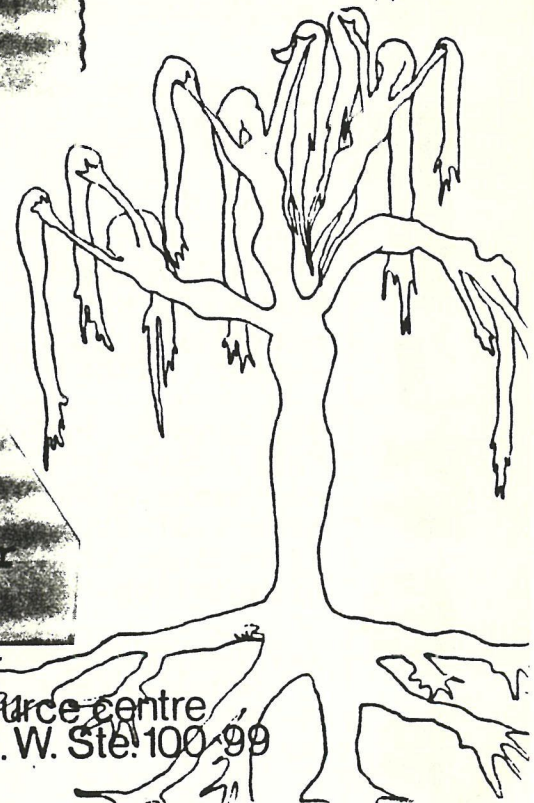
WOMENS DAY
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SEXUALITY
CONFERENCE

SUMMER DANCE july

LESBIAN september
ART SHOW

BRANCHING OUT
lesbian culture resource centre
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Toronto M4W 3E2



YORK WOMEN'S CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) YWC speak and meet series are held on Tuesdays 12:00-2:00.
- 2) YWC Film series are held every Monday at 12:00.
- 3) YWC also occasionally sponsors special evening presentations...
WATCH FOR THEM!

November 25, 1983- Last day for donations of books to YWC Book sale.

November 28, 1983- Film Series- "Loved, Honoured and Bruised"-noon

November 30, 1983- YWC Book sale

December 1, 1983- "

December 5, 1983- Film Series-"We Will Not Be Beaten"-noon

December 8, 1983 YWC Winter Solstice Party- 3-7 p.m.

January 9, 1984 YWC Membership Meeting- noon

January 13, 1984- YWC Steering Committee Meeting- 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- last day for submissions to YWC Newsletter

In 1984, 100k for:

- a) A writing competition on Feminist Tales for Children.
- b) An anti-pornography week
- c) A forum on Lesbianism and the Feminist movement.
- d) Speak and Meets on i) Battering and ii) Eating Disorders.

*****TORONTO WOMEN'S EVENTS*****

(The following is a partial list of upcoming events; for more information look for "The Web", a monthly calendar of Women's Events, found in the York Women's Centre and other locations throughout Toronto.)

November 22, 1983- Women and Words Conference- 7p.m. at "A Space",
204 Spadina, North of Queen.

November 23, 1983 - Womenfilm/Womenart.General Meeting
7:30pm.; at 201 Spadina Rd.,
South of Dupont
call 925-6568

November 25, 1983 - Womynly Way Bingo Night 7:30pm., at MCC,
730 Bathurst Street; call 925-6568
- Speaker from Greenham Peace Camp 7:30pm.,
at Friend's House, 60 Lawther;
- donations accepted

November 26, 1983 - Stop Entertaining Apartheid Coalition (SEAC)
Fundraising Dance at 8:30pm.;
- International Students' Centre,
88 St. George \$3.00

November 26, 1983 - NOT A LOVE STORY 7:30pm.,
and 27th. Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W.,

Toronto Women's Events continued.....

November 28, 1983 - The Women's Group; a support group for women coming out as lesbians.....8:00pm.
at 519 Church St., call Raechel 926-0527
- Pro-Choice Picket to drop charges against Drs. Morgentaler, Scott and Smoling, EVERY Monday at noon for the duration of the trial, starting November 21st.
location: SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO
361 University Ave. (between Dundas and Queen)
...call 532-8193

November 29, 1983 - OCAC (Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics)
General Meeting - New Members welcome - 7:30pm.,
at Trinity-St.Paul's, Bloor St.W. and Robert St. ,
- Lesbian Phoneline 960-3249 every Tuesday

November 30, 1983 - ABORTION DEBATE
Pro-choice vs. Anti-choice (pro-life) - 8:00pm.,
Bethune College, York University
***** BE THERE*****

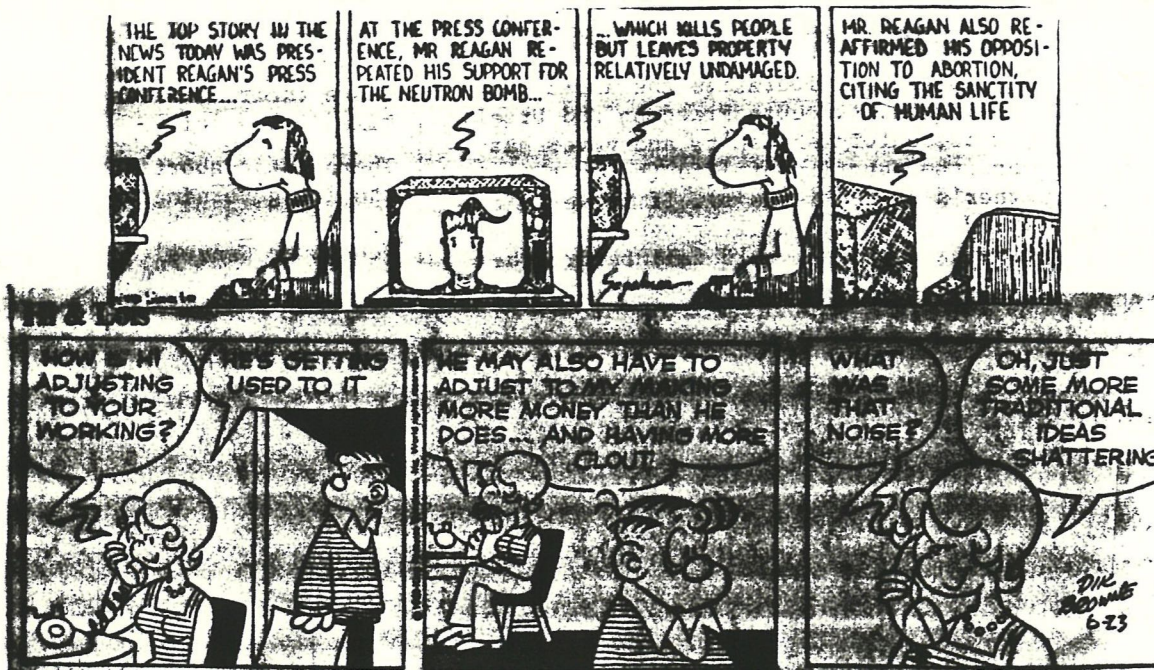
November 30, 1983 - International Women's Day Committee Meeting
at 7:30pm., at Trinity - St. Paul's, Bloor St.W.
and Robert St.,call Amy 977-6854

December 3, 1983 - Christmas March for Peace
...call 364-1901 for more information

December 11, 1983 - Benefit for Choice 8:00pm.,
New Wave Music at Convocation Hall,
King's College Circle, with Danny Grossman
dancers.....

Lillian Allen
The Clichettes
Sheila Gostead

\$7.00 students/unemployed, \$9.00 at door.



NIGHTWOOD THEATRE

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SMOKE DAMAGE: A STORY OF THE WITCH HUNTS

September 30 - October 23

A condemnation, a celebration - **Smoke Damage** combines fact with poetic representation in this deeply moving yet shockingly humorous examination of the European witch hunts of the 15th-17th centuries. Explored from a modern vantage point, this theme of unenlightened persecution becomes all too relevant to the suspicions, taboos and biases within our own society. Opening night benefit for *Women's Bookstore*

PENELOPE

February

A re-focusing of the classical tale of a man's Odyssey, **Penelope**, inspired by the poetry of Margaret Atwood, shifts the perspective of this fascinating and allegorical journey to the strangely silent female figures of the tale. Consider the nymph Calypso, the Princess Nausicaa, the captivating Circe, and the elusive Penelope. A story of survival and self preservation, **Penelope** will explore the links between 3,000 year old homeric values and customs, and our own modern sensibilities.

PEACE BANQUET

November 3 - November 19

A ribald and rousing contemporary adaptation of Aristophanes' 5th century Greek comedy, **Peace**. After years of battle, two superforces are enjoined to free the captive Peace, while the bellicose monster, War, transforms cities into foodstuffs ripe for devouring! Edibles and potables (in the style of last year's **Mass/Age** post-nuclear banquet), music by Charis Polatos, and a seemingly incredible mixture of bawdy humour and political shenanigans make **Peace Banquet** an event to savour!

Opening night benefit for the *October 22nd Coalition*
Directed by Cynthia Grant

RHUBARB

*Coming January to
the Theatre Centre*

Rhubarb is back. An annual event, this festival of new short works showcases art of an experimental nature, from the sublime to the ridiculous, the sedate to the seditious! An unusual blending of poets, architects, film makers and writers, this extravaganza has proven to be one of the most successful offerings of the Theatre Centre season.

Produced with *Buddies in Bad Times Theatre*.

THE KINGDOM OF LOUDASCANBE

*A Christmas play
for the family*

Together with a host of jesters and jugglers, pipers and puppets, join in the celebration in the **Kingdom of Loudascanbe** and salute Princess Bangella's tenth birthday. A joyous occasion for children of all ages! Participate in the antics, as the townfolk compete in order to present the Princess with their gift . . . the loudest sound in the world (but you'll never guess).

Created by Kim Renders and Maureen White

WOMEN WORKSHOP PLAYS: 1984

Times and locations to be announced

Women Workshop Plays will culminate in a series of five workshops and five play readings. Playwrights, directors and actors will be given the opportunity to re-evaluate, develop and revise new scripts, selected by readers. Submissions should be sent to *Nightwood Theatre* by December 15.

*Watch for our special events:
a Halloween party, a benefit for the
artists of Nicaragua and more . . .*

Founding Members of Nightwood Theatre: Cynthia Grant, Kim Renders, Mary Vingoe, Maureen White

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