

HOUSEWIVES & HOOKERS COME TOGETHER

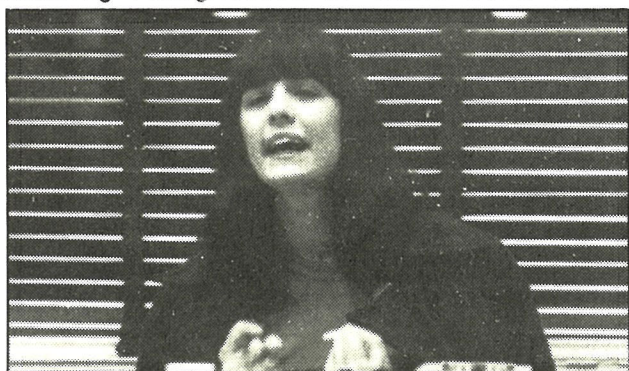
Housewives do it for love. Hookers do it for money. Right? Wrong. Between Nov. 25 and Dec. 1 housewives and hookers will be appearing together to start setting the record straight.

In our society, sexuality is a commodity all women are forced to "sell" in one way or another. Our poverty as women leaves us little choice. Hookers get hard cash for their sexual services while other women get a roof over their heads or a night out.

An act of exchange is involved in both cases, but neither housewives nor hookers are recognized as workers.

Neither has many rights under the law. A wife can be raped by her husband and she has no legal recourse whatsoever. Hookers are subject to harassment and arrest at the whim of police and politicians. Both groups of women are treated like second class citizens.

But housewives everywhere are demanding recognition of their work in



"My grandmother once said of being a housewife, 'I'm a slave during the day and a whore at night.'"
- Judith Ramirez, spokeswoman
for the Wages for Housework Campaign



"Every little girl learns by the time she's five how to put the hustle on her Daddy for a new toy."
- Margo St. James, ex-hooker and
founder of COYOTE (Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics)

the home and financial independence from men. And hookers are demanding an end to the hypocrisy which makes payment for their sexual (house)work a criminal activity.

Housewives and hookers are each other's natural allies. Especially now when women are paying the highest price for the mounting "economic crisis". Tight money is stretched by more free work in the home and the income of hookers is jeopardized by street crackdowns everywhere.

To help strengthen this alliance, the Wages for Housework Campaign has planned a series of events in Toronto featuring Margo St. James, ex-hooker and tireless campaigner for the decriminalization of prostitution.

HEAR MARGO ST. JAMES

ONTARIO COLLEGE OF ART
Friday, November 25, 1-3pm
OCA Auditorium
100 McCaul Street
(sponsored by Gallery 76)

YORK UNIVERSITY
Tuesday, November 29, 12:30-2pm
Osgoode Law School
(sponsored by the Women's Centre
and Atkinson College)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
Monday, November 28, 2-4pm
Innis College Town Hall
(sponsored by SAC)

SENECA COLLEGE
Thursday, December 1, 12:30-1:30pm
Minkler Auditorium Foyer
(sponsored by Seneca College)

St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall FORUM



"PROSTITUTION: WHERE SEX AND CLASS MEET"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 8PM
27 FRONT STREET EAST



Panelists:

Margo St. James, ex-hooker & founder of COYOTE
Judith Ramirez, Wages for Housework Campaign
Pat Sheppard, Alderman, City of Toronto
Morris Manning, Special Prosecutor, City of Toronto

Moderator:

Helen Worthington, Columnist,
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