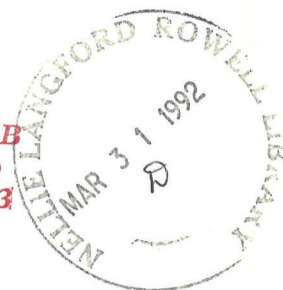


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THE BI-ANNUAL EDITORIAL

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The Centre has been in operation for over a year now, and this month marks our third bi-annual meeting (Whoopie!). This is the time when we replace the old, tired (but ever so competent) executive, with a new energetic executive, full of enthusiasm, fresh ideas and umph. RIGHT:.....right.

The opening of the Centre was sparked by a call from the women in the region, and that call is getting louder and LOUDER. We have reached many women through our referral service, have had hundreds of women drop-ins and have reached countless Sudburians through our educational activities (workshops, media coverage, forums, etc.) Right now we have many activities planned that directly affect the lives of Sudbury women, and women all over the country. If you check the newsletters monthly calendar I'm sure you will find something that is of concern to you. Presently we have most evenings booked at the Centre for seminars, meetings and courses. What we desperately need now is more space, so that we can keep our activities under our own roof to avoid confusion and wasted time. (I don't suppose you have ground floor, large office space, possibly with a kitchen, for rent "cheap", do you?) All in all, the Centre's activities have been tremendously successful, and each one seems to lead to twommore follow-ups. Thaings have been going great!

NOW FOR THE CRUNCH

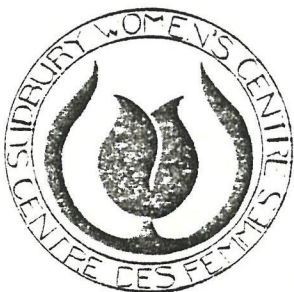
We cannot continue at this present fast pace without the help of more volunteers. Our staff person, and our few volunteers are, shall we say at the very least SWAMPED. They shouldn't have to carry the full burden of the Centre's success alone. A few hours of your help weekly or bi-weekly on a continuing basis is desperately needed. We have an excellent training program for those of you who want to be volunteers, and lots of work to keep those volunteershours busy.

Then again, if volunteer hours aren't your "bag", there are lots of short-term tasks that we donneed help with like typing, art work, organizing educational, fundraising and social activities. Mostly I think we need your input on what we should be doing at the Centre. Your presence at monthly (or bi-weekly) meetings is an important part of keeping the Centre in the hands of the membership.

NOW FOR THE CLICHE:

"THE FUTURE OF THE SUDBURY WOMEN'S CENTRE DEPENDS ON YOU"

-Linda George



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## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK

The Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (C.A.R.A.L.) is a national organization which lobbies for abortion rights for Canadians. Many of us are complacent, in the belief that, at least in limited situations, women are able to obtain safe, legal abortions. However, we are once again facing a serious threat to the limited rights available to us. The Supreme Court of Canada has granted Joseph Borowski, an avowed opponent of women's right to choose abortion, legal standing to contest the present abortion law on the grounds that a fetus has the legal status of a person and thus is protected by the Bill of Rights. If Borowski wins his battle, abortion will again become illegal in Canada.

WHAT CAN WE DO? Fight! For one thing, C.A.R.A.L. is attempting to intervene in the court hearing, to make argument on behalf of women's rights. This will mean fundraising to meet legal expenses--so when the time comes, please reach deep into your pocket!

Secondly, we can lobby the government to let them know how seriously we take this threat to women's rights. Enclosed is a form letter--please send it to Ottawa, and tell your friends to do the same! (remember, no postage is necessary when writing to the government).

ANNUAL MEETING OF C.A.R.A.L. will be held in Toronto on April 24th, at Hart House (Debates Room), University of Toronto. Registration is from 9:15-10:00 a.m., and guest speakers will be Dr. Henry Morgantaler with a special report from Quebec; Professor Kathryn Morgan on the philosophical foundations of the abortion debate; and lawyer Morris Manning to discuss the tactics on the Borowski Challenge.

WANT TO ATTEND? Call Kathleen Howes (560-2799) Re: billeting, transportation, further details, etc. Kathleen is the Women's Centre's appointee to C.A.R.A.L.'s Board of Directors. But individual members are also encouraged to join. We are only strong in numbers! Please consider filling out this form and joining the fight for women's reproductive rights.

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### 1982 Renewal of Membership

**CANADIAN ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE (CARAL)**  
**ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE POUR LE DROIT A L'AVORTEMENT (ACDA)**

**I want to help CARAL continue to work for Freedom of Choice!**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Single Membership.....\$10.00 ☐  
Family Membership.....\$15.00 ☐  
Limited Income.....\$ 3.00 ☐  
Sustaining Membership.....\$25.00 ☐  
Affiliated Group.....\$25.00 ☐  
Sponsor.....\$100.00 ☐

**Remember:** Your cancelled cheque is your receipt. Thank you.

Please send me my copy of **Abortion Law and History**. ☐

CARAL, BOX 935, STATION Q, TORONTO, ONTARIO M4T 2P1.



ANNOUNCEMENTS/ANNONCESParent efficace

Un nouveau cours de STEP (parent efficace) est commencé le 31 mars pour les francophones de la région. Ce cours est offert au Service Familiale qui est situé maintenant au 435 Notre Dame. Un service de garderie est offert à ces parents; ce sont des étudiantes en Education des Petits au Collège Cambrian qui s'occuperont de vos petits.

Project Ploughshares

A meeting of the group Project Ploughshares will happen Tuesday, April 20, 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's Place. The film If You Love This Planet will be shown. For more information about Project Ploughshares, a group concerned about militarism, call Marilyn at 675-5929.

Film: The Dinner Party - Judy Chicago

The Dinner Party film will be shown at the Laurentian University Museum and Arts Centre, Friday April 16, at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$1.50 for non-members and \$1.00 for members of MUSAC. For more information, call 675-1151 ext. 401.

Welcome to these new members!

Jeanne Lapointe  
Sudbury

Mora Gregg  
Sudbury

Maria Bourré  
Sudbury

Carmen Huggins  
Sudbury

Benita Hart  
Sudbury

Mitzi Murray  
Arnprior

Lucy Yaw  
Sudbury

Dale Mansfield  
Azilda

Judith Fitzgerald  
Sudbury

Margaret Roque  
Sudbury

Lisette Gagne  
Sudbury

Millie Taylor  
Sudbury

Ann Quig  
Lively

Viviane Crowell  
Sudbury

Dianne Murray  
Sudbury

Lynn Morin  
Val Thérèse

Camile Hutchison  
Sudbury

Denise Bray  
Hanmer

Trina Radyk  
Lively

Women's Studies at Laurentian

Intersession courses begin April 26 at Laurentian. Two correspondence courses are being offered: WOMEN IN MODERN SOCIETY and A HISTORY OF WOMEN AND THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT; RENAISSANCE TO TWENTIETH CENTURY. Correspondence courses run until mid-August. One on campus course is being offered in the evenings during intersession: A HISTORY OF WOMEN AND THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT



National Action Committee on the Status of Women  
Annual General Meeting

By Susan Ellis

The National Action Committee on the Status of Women was formed ten years ago in response to the report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. It is a Canada-wide umbrella organization made up of 190 non-governmental women's groups from every province and territory.

This year NAC celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Annual General Meeting, held at the Holiday Inn in Ottawa, March 12-15. 191 delegates, representing 126 groups, attended; 10 of them Northern Ontario delegates.

Two major issues arose at the meeting. Several member groups had submitted proposed amendments to the NAC constitution within the required time but the proposed amendments had not been circulated to all member groups by the executive. The executive suggested postponing discussion of the proposed amendments until the 1983 general meeting, but member groups which had submitted proposed amendments were not satisfied. After a great deal of discussion from the floor, the membership voted to refer the amendments to the constitutional amendment committee which would bring them back to the bi-annual meeting in 6 months. One of the proposed amendments is that the executive is bound by resolutions passed at general meetings, which now do not bind the executive. While awaiting a proper constitution the membership passed a resolution that the executive be bound by resolutions passed at annual general meetings. The chair, out-going President Jean Wood, informed that such a resolution is unconstitutional.

The other matter of concern was the proposal to hire a full time staff person as a national liaison for the regional representatives. Many delegates preferred to see the money go directly to the regional reps to use for travel, regional conferences, outreach, etc. The matter eventually was referred to a committee to be appointed by the new Executive, presumably made up of new regional representatives, to look at staffing needs.

On Saturday afternoon, 2 sessions of workshops were held on the topics of sexual assault, prostitution, media watch, employment, survival, reproductive rights, pornography, federal-provincial fiscal arrangements, and family violence. Many delegates were disturbed that the topic of pensions was not given a workshop.

35 proposed resolutions were received at the meeting from member groups and in addition 49 proposed resolutions were generated from the workshops. 23 of these were debated and 21 were carried before I had to leave on Sunday afternoon. The resolutions covered a vast number of topics and are too lengthy to duplicate here.

Saturday evening was an evening of banqueting, socializing, singing, and fun. Linda Ryan-Nye gave hilarious impersonations of Laura Sabia and the Virgin Mary. After the banquet, the film Not A Love Story was shown. It is a compelling film which every feminist should see in order to understand what is at stake in the pornography issue.

The new executive consists of the following:

President:	Doris Anderson	Ottawa
Vice President (3)	Kathy Coffin	Halifax
	Chaviva Hosek	Toronto
	Jillian Riddington	Vancouver
Secretary:	Norma Scarborough	Toronto



Treasurer	Martha Elliott	Ottawa
Chair, Editorial Cttee	Catherine Devlin	Toronto
Regional Representatives:		
Newfoundland/Labrador	Jill Schooley	St. John's Nfld.
Maritimes	Silvia Isenor	Waverly, N.S.
Quebec	Maria Peluso	Montréal
Northern Ontario	Lynn Beak	Thunder Bay
Manitoba/Sask	Pat Keyser	Landis, Sask.
Alberta/NWT	Janina Vanderspost	Edmonton
B.C./YUkon	Jane Evans	Armstrong B.C.
Members-at-large (8)	Moirra Armour	Toronto
	Louise Dulude	Ottawa
	Pat Hacker	Ottawa
	Wendy Lawrence	Ottawa
	Kay Macpherson	Toronto
	Geny Rogers	St. John's Nfld.
	Michelle Swenarchuk	Ottawa
	Billie Thurston	St. John's Nfld.

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# Assertiveness Training Course

A twelve week course on assertiveness training begins Sunday April 18. It will run each Sunday night from 7-10 and will be taught by Colleen Doussept of Cambrian College. Fee for the course will be \$25.00 a person. You can register by calling the Centre at 673-1916.

Mercredi le 21 avril à 14:00 heures: une recontre sociale pour les  
mère francophones et leurs enfants

Le format est simple: on jase de nous, nos enfants, et mille et une autre chose. Certainement qu'on peut s'aider, s'amuser et échanger de l'information.

Il y aura des jouets pour les enfants. Profites-en! Sors de la maison. Viens faire de nouvelles rencontres! On (d'autres mères de famille) vous attend

Meetings

## General Meetings

1. Tuesday, April 13. You've all received notices. No excuse for not coming! Elections etc.
2. Tuesday, April 27. Gloria Dixon of the Women's Recovery Home will be our guest speaker.

## Committee Meetings

1. Resource Cttee. Thursday April 22 7:30 pm  
2. Workshop Cttee. Wednesday April 14 8:00 pm

Call the Centre after the elections on Tuesday the 13 to find out the dates of the other - fundraising, membership, PAC - committee meetings.

# WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY!!

## MAGAZINES

Northern Woman Journal, Volume 7, Number 2.  
Communiqu'elles, January 1982.  
Prevention, February 1982.  
Prevention, March 1982.  
EastWest Journal, March 1982.  
Kinesis, March 1982.  
Communiqu'elles, March 1982  
Canadian Womean Studies, Spring 1982, Volume 3, Number3.  
Canadian Labour, February 1982, Volume 27, No.2.  
Communiqu'elles, February 1982, Volume 8, Number 2.  
Lesbian/Lesbienne, Volume 1, Number 3.  
Lesbian/ Lesbienne, Volume 1, Number 4.  
Canadian Labour, January 1982.

## NEWSLETTERS

Elizabeth Fry Society of Sudbury, March 1982.  
 The Monthly (A Quarterly Publication of the Women's Health Education Net-Work) Volume 4, Number 1.  
 Now at W.H.E.N., February 1982.  
 C.A.R.D.W.O. (Committee for the Advancement of the Rights of Domestic Workers) Newsletter, Number 1, February 1982.  
 Mental Patients Association Newsletter, March 1982  
 CARAL Newsletter, Winter 1982.  
 Women'S Concerns Newsletter (bi-monthly prepared by the Women's Desk of the Division of Mission in Canada of the United Church of Canada), March 1982.  
 A Woman's Calendar, March 1982  
 A Woman's Calendar, April 1982  
 Women In Trades, March newsletter.  
 Peace News, February 1982.  
 North Bay Women's Resource Centre Newsletter, March 1982.  
 ACTION (newsletter of the Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women) Volume 9, Number 3, March, 1982.  
 Newsletter of the Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres, December 1981, 114 pp.



\* \* \* \* \* AUTEURS FRANCO-ONTARIENS \* \* \* \* \*

Maintenant vous pouvez lire les oeuvres de femmes franco-ontariennes. Notre bibliothèque est munie des oeuvres de femmes auteurs publiées à Prise de Parole.

Il y en a pour tous les goûts.....

KITTY LE GAI PINSON de Marguerite Whissell-Tregonning.  
(La biographie d'une pionnière franco-ontarienne).

PORQUIS JUNCTION de Sylvie Trudel. (Oeuvre théâtrale)

AU SOLEIL DU SOUFFLE d'Andrée Lacelle-Bourdon. (Poésie)

ÉPERDUMENT de Marguerite Lapalme. (Poésie d'un auteur de Sudbury)

ET ENFIN, MAIS CE N'EST QUE LE DÉBUT:

Jocelyne Villeneuve:

DES GESTES SERONT POSÉS (Roman)

LE COFFRE (Contes)

NANNA BIJOU: LE GÉANT ENDORMI (Légende odjibwée)

\*\*\*\*\* BONNE LECTURE!!! \*\*\*\*\*

\* \* \* \* \* NEW BOOKS \* \* \* \* \*

The resource library has just received what everyone has been waiting for -- ~~7~~, count them, ~~7~~ books by women writers from Ontario.

Now is the time to pick up that resolution you made to learn French, because these books are written in French.

Not only will you have the challenge of reading what these women have to say, but you can share their gift of literature.

Just to give you a taste, check over the titles. They're in the French version of this message.

\* \* \* \* \* HAPPY READING \* \* \* \* \*

TRANQUILIZERS: GOOD FOR WHAT AILS YOU?

The following information is taken from the book Malepractice by Dr. Robert Mendelsohn.

Tranquilizers were not originally intended to treat simple anxiety. They were developed for use in mental hospitals to reduce or replace the electro convulsive shock treatments and brain surgery being used on severely psychotic patients. It is a long leap from a violent patient in a locked ward of a mental hospital to the sunny kitchen of a mildly anxious suburban housewife.

And yet leap they did! Encouraged by pharmaceutical salesmen, doctors prescribe 5 billion tranquilizer pills every year. They are the new medical wonder drugs advertized in medical magazines as the solution to a variety of life's everyday problems. The use of tranquilizers is advocated to help mothers cope with the difficulties of raising children and with the empty nest syndrome when those same children leave home. They are supposed to relieve the tensions of marital problems, financial difficulties, a move to a new town, a new job, or apprehension about virtually all of the problems that trouble any normal woman.

Tranquilizers are not without side effects. Take Valium to relieve anxiety and you may be rewarded with more anxiety, plus (in alphabetical order!) confusion, depression, dizziness, fatigue, headache, insomnia, jaundice, joint pain, nausea, double vision or urine retention. And that's not all!

Perhaps the most dangerous side effect of tranquilizers such as Valium Librium is that they can be addictive. Although this is denied by their manufacturers, the Physicians Desk Reference, compiled from information supplied by the manufacturers, warns that persons taking 'excessive doses of Valium over a long period of time may experience withdrawal symptoms if they abruptly discontinue taking the drug. These symptoms may include convulsions, abdominal and muscle cramps, vomiting and sweating. Dr. Barry Rumach at the Rocky Mountain Poison Centre in Denver treats 50 persons a month for tranquilizer addiction and gets monthly inquiries from up to 500 others.

Despite the many possible side effects of tranquilizers, doctors not only continue to prescribe them, but often to the wrong people. Studies of Valium and Librium use have shown that three quarters of the prescriptions written were for conditions inconsistent with the approved use of these drugs.

Tranquilizers are big business. Every year they net 1 billion dollars in sales to their manufacturers. Yet the quest for the dollar seems endless. In their search for a broader market pharmaceutical companies are even willing to encourage doctors to inflict tranquilizers on kids. In an ad for Vistaril, Pfizer suggested its use to deal with childhood anxieties. Staring out of the ad is a little girl with tears streaming down her face. The caption reads: "School, the Dark, Separation, Dental Visits, Monsters." Are we to raise a generation of children who cannot deal with everyday life?

It is likely that the major transaction in modern medicine is a male doctor giving a female patient a mood modifying drug. The next time your doctor offers you a tranquilizer, think twice.

-Maureen Hyman

NOTE: the Women's Centre has a copy of MalePractice in the library.



Hon. Jean Chrétien, P.C. M.P.  
Minister of Justice,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa,  
K1A 0A6

Dear Sir,

The Supreme Court decision to allow Joe Borowski standing to challenge the federal legislation on abortion worries me greatly.

If Borowski were to win, the 1969 amendment to the Criminal Code, permitting abortion under some circumstances, could be struck down. Abortion would be totally illegal again. Women would be forced to bear children against their will or to seek illegal abortions which could kill or maim them.

This must not happen.

As the 1979 Gallup Poll indicates, the vast majority of Canadians support access to legal abortion. I urge your department to vigorously defend those parts of Section 251 of the Criminal Code which are under attack.

Yours truly,



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SUDBURY WOMEN'S CENTRE  
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Don't forget:

May 4: Not a home Story.





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