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We'll Remember in November...

On June 21, 1982, the Florida Legislature voted down the ERA in Special Session. Ironically, this date was also the New Moon and the Summer Solstice, both of which are female symbols.

I arrived early to get a seat in the gallery to watch the legislature debate the issue and vote. Since the session was not to begin until 11:00, it was going to be a long wait. Supporters began to sing and chant by 7:00 and the sounds seemed to timidly break through the sleepiness of the early morning stillness.

As more and more people arrived, the joyous singing and chanting filled the rotunda. As hundreds of people (mostly women) dressed in green and white kept coming and the singing became louder, it was hard to believe that we had any chance of losing. How could we lose? Our cause was right, our spirits were positive and high—we could not lose! This was the latter part of the 20th century; those legislators could not possibly deny legal rights to 51% of the population — so we thought.

Shortly before 10:00 a.m., numbers of red-dressed anti-ERA people began to arrive. They stood on the outskirts of our joyous, singing circles and watched or talked among themselves, sometimes trying to compete for media attention.

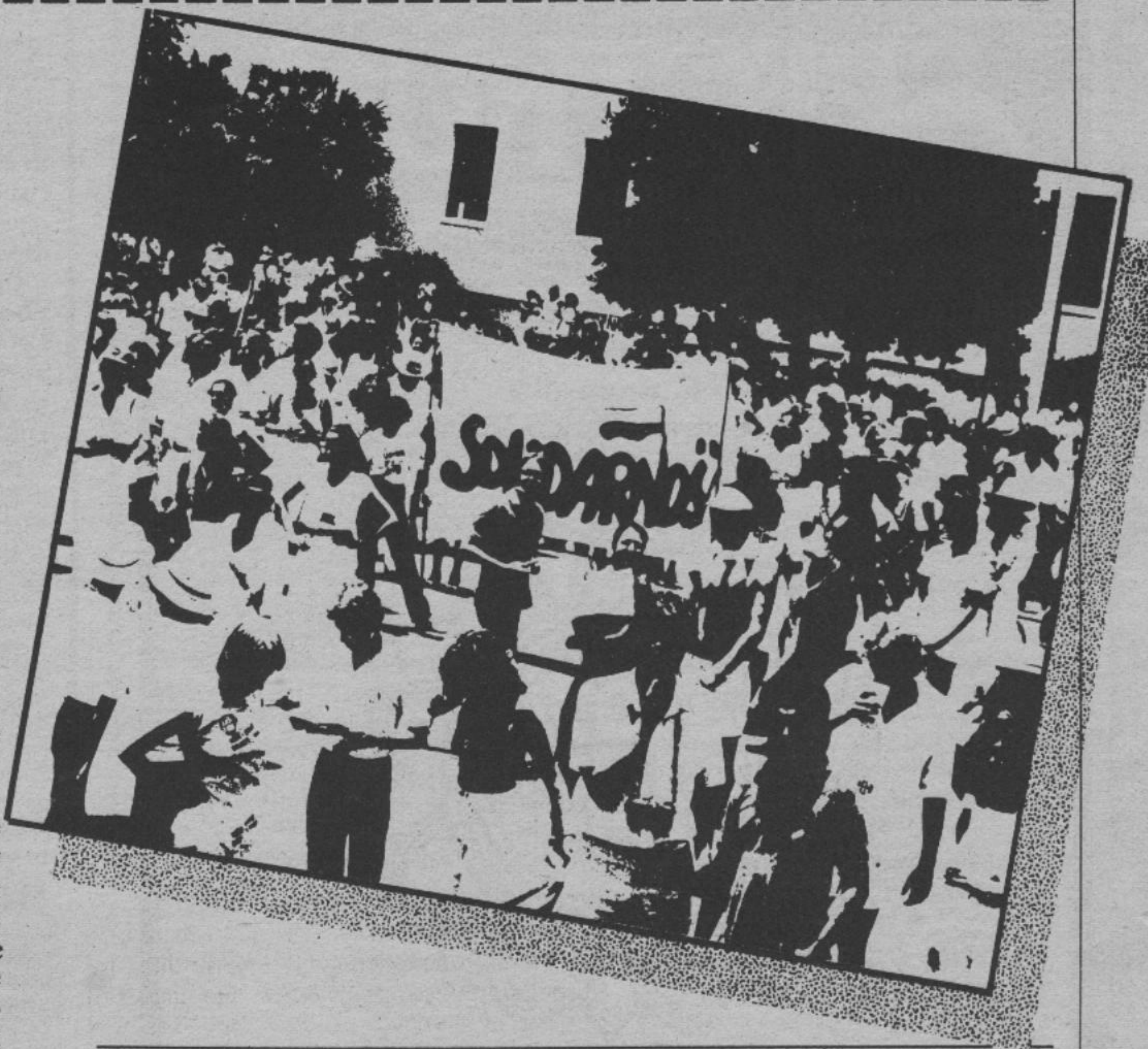
The galleries were opened at 10:00 and were soon filled with those of us who had arrived early enough to get seat numbers. I was admitted to the House gallery on the green side and took a seat on the front row. I gazed across at the opposite gallery which was filled with a sea of red. Who were those people? What were their backgrounds? Why were they (also mostly women) fighting so hard to make sure that they were not recognized in the U.S. Constitution? Why did they cling so hard to the status quo which means second-class citizenship for women? I pondered these questions while remembering a friend's comment that the patriarchy didn't have to work very hard when they can convince women to work against themselves and fight other women.

The Representatives drifted in — the men (the majority, of course) wearing conservative suits while many of the female legislators wore green. When the House convened at 11:00 sharp, they moved right into a discussion on the ERA. The debate lasted an hour. Some of it was brilliant and moving, and some of it was dull. The highlight was definitely when Representative Helen Gordon Davis presented the famous speech of Sojourner Truth, given at the First Women's Rights Conference at Seneca Falls, New York.

After problems with the voting machinery, a roll call vote was taken and the House passed the ERA 60-58. We were jubilant, but the harder test lay ahead: the Senate, which has historically stood in the way of Florida's ratification.

As I emerged from the gallery, the deafening songs and chants of pro-ERA people met me. The crowd was getting bigger by the minute and the energy and enthusiasm were tremendous. I lingered for a few minutes in the rotunda, flushed by the excitement of the singing crowd.

Somehow I slipped into the Senate gallery which was packed to standing room only. The Senate began debate on the ERA at 1:00 p.m. The debate lasted several



by Debi Powers

hours and was much harder to listen to than the House speeches had been. Many of the speeches were long and rambling and quite disgusting in content, such as Senator Jenkins from Jacksonville who made excuses for the economic plight of women. Senator Pat Frank spoke very articulately about being a woman in the male-dominated Senate and how their denial of the ERA meant that she was not equal to her fellow Senators. Senator Dempsey Barron spoke about "states' rights." That old argument about states' rights being more important than citizens' rights has been with us for a long time — throughout slavery and the civil rights struggle and now the women's rights movement.

Throughout the speeches, our hopes fell, until the final vote of 16-21 which defeated the amendment. Immediately after the vote was taken, the previously quiet spectators in green rose and pointing down at the Senators began to shout, "Vote them out! Vote them out!" Many senators looked shocked that we were shattering the solemn dignity of the "sacred halls" of the legislature. At first I thought, "No, this isn't good. We just confirm the believe that we are a bunch of hysterical females." And then I realized that all that anger inside had to go somewhere — better to scream out the rage and frustration and the feelings of powerlessness than to let it eat your insides out. Those senators could sit down there looking so smug and pleased with themselves while all we could do was scream out our pain and rage.

I walked out into the rotunda in a daze. The entire building vibrated for 20 minutes with the chant, "We'll remember in November." Hundreds of voices were one and the entire rotunda was filled with the deafening roar.

I stood somewhere in a corner, completely dazed. I had worked for many changes in society before this, but the ERA seemed so obviously necessary — it should have been passed years ago. It was stunning to realize that it had failed even at this late

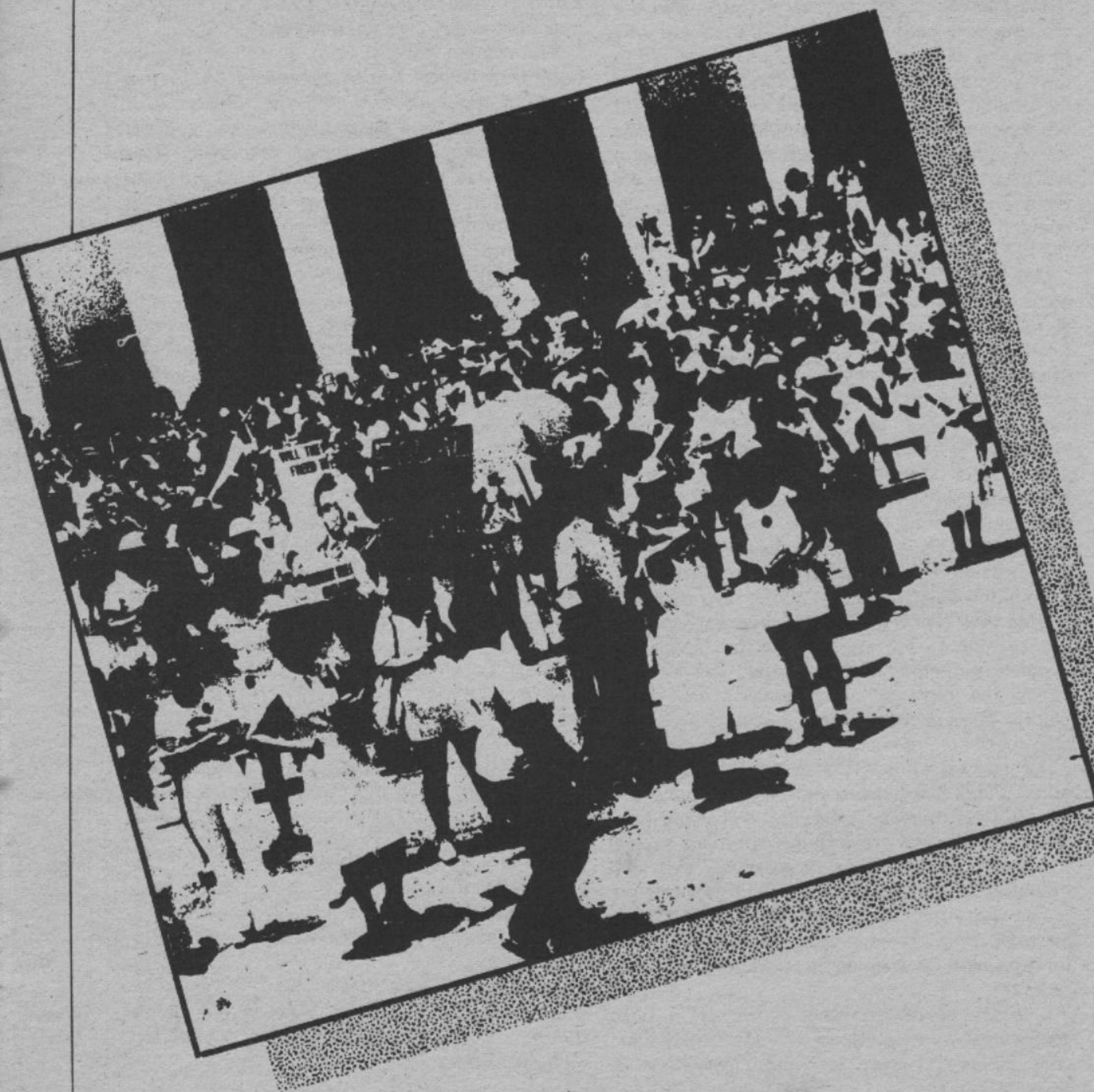
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date. But they had actually done it! The men who run this country, who hold the political and economic power, denied women basic legal equality. They succeeded in clouding the issue so well that fear and misunderstanding prevailed and caused many women to work against their own rights and well-being. And it happened in 1982, amid the rising tide of feminist consciousness.

I looked around the rotunda at the tearful faces, each registering many emotions — sorrow, anger, frustration, disbelief. Someone directed us to the east steps of the House Office Building. A public address system had been set up. Many people spoke, among them Ellie Smeal, NOW president, who pointed out that we had not been defeated. Women have learned invaluable skills and the struggle will continue.

Smeal named several women who will be running against anti-ERA candidates this fall. Krisin Lems, a musician who writes and sings women's music, led the group in songs of hope: "We will never give up.... We will never give in."

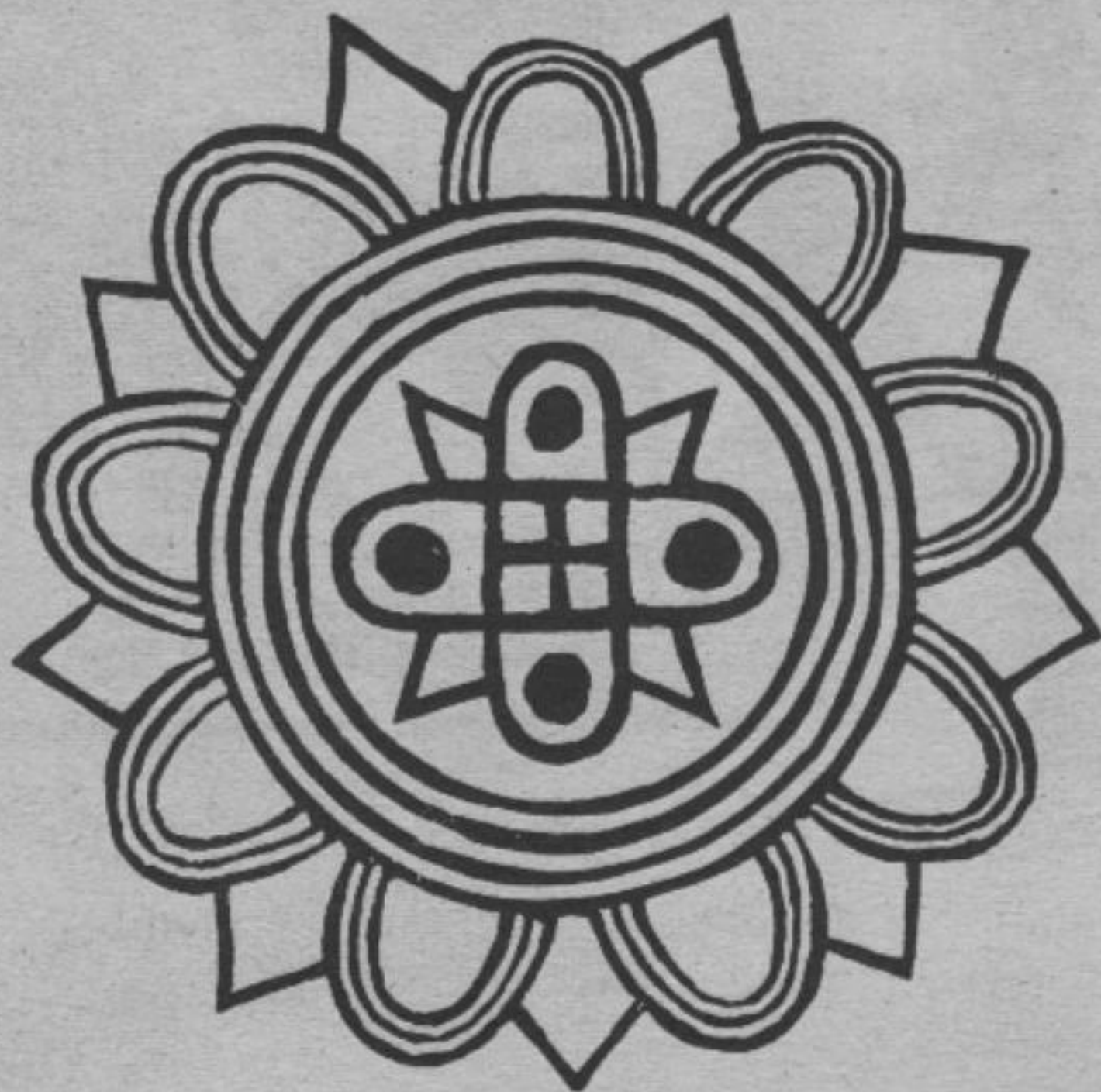
As we swayed and sang with interwoven arms, our spirits and hopes rose once more. We will never give up. Women are rising up and building new lives for themselves. We are a rising tide, so strong and confident that we will not be held back. The male power structure is singing its last songs. Their days are numbered.



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SPECTRUM cannot continue without your interest and participation. We have no reporters and are totally dependent on members of the Tallahassee community to submit articles informing the rest of us as to what's happening. Artwork and photos are encouraged, also. Send submissions to *SPECTRUM*, 625 East Brevard St., Tallahassee, FL. Articles should be no longer than 3 doublespaced, typewritten letter-sized pages. All material must be signed and include a phone number and address so we can contact writers when revisions or clarifications are needed. If we have no contact information, or if time is exceedingly short, we will edit to our discretion. If you wish original art or photos returned, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a note telling us to return your material.

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Community Announcements

Good Life General Store will hold an important General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, August 18. The Board of Directors decided to close GLGS at their last meeting, and only you can keep it open by attending this meeting. Come with concrete ideas on how to support GLGS financially and with your volunteer work input. Time and place for this meeting is still to be arranged.

Want to take the bus to the food co-op? Taltran is conducting a random mail survey to gather public input for, among other things, route expansion planning. Here is our chance. If you receive the survey please fill it out promptly and return it in the free return envelope provided. Tell them to add a route by the co-op. How about a downtown-to-LCFC-to-FAMU-to-Quinn Clinic route?

Childcare service is now provided for Leon County Food Co-op shoppers and workers every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-12 am in the storefront. The Childcare Committee wants more volunteers. Persons who would like to earn work credit by working as a childcare A.C. or an occasional worker with the committee are urged to attend our next meeting at 424 St. Francis Street on Wednesday, August 11, 7:00 pm. For more information, stop by and talk with the childcare A.C.s on Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-12 am, or call Mike Crew at 224-4233.

The Center for Participant Education will show free Tuesday night films beginning September 7 with *Bread and Chocolate*, a light-hearted treatment of immigrant workers in Switzerland. *WR: Mysteries of the Organism* can be seen on September 21, and *My Brilliant Career*, a woman writer's autobiography will run September 28. Exact times and places to be announced in the CPE catalog.

The National Runaway Switchboard is a national telephone hotline, message and information service for those two million who run away each year. The toll free number is 800-621-4000.

NESTLE BOYCOTT UPDATE—According to the national INFAC (Infant Formula Action Coalition) newsletter, the promotion and marketing of infant formula by the Nestle corporation remains essentially unchanged. The boycott of Nestle products continues.

More on Midwifery

I am writing in response to a letter you printed in the summer issue of *Spectrum* from Lydia Thorne. Her premise seems to be that the consumer's rights are violated by the new Midwifery Practice Act because there are no training programs (a requirement under the new law) and because couples would be limited by not being able to have an experienced person attend their birth.

Let me say that as state coordinator of the Florida Midwives Association we have worked diligently for the last two years in cooperation with the Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship, to create a viable training program which would preserve the ancient time-honored method of teaching the art of midwifery — apprenticeship with an experienced midwife. Within guidelines developed, we should be able to assist those interested women who are experienced but were unable to find physician supervision to become licensed under the old statute. They will be offered an opportunity to test out of the specific areas in which they are already well qualified and will be able to continue to practice under the supervision of a physician, certified nurse-midwife or licensed lay midwife. We are working very hard to develop an adequate way of helping all who should have been licensed to get "grannied in" under the new law. It would be difficult to delineate specifics in a letter, but we welcome anyone at our quarterly meetings which is where we worked up this program and will be developing future ones. As we knew we were going to put training into our bill, we decided to use this program as an adjunct to the law.

We also provided as much legal advice and encouragement as possible to get all who should be licensed applying before the June 30 deadline. About 10 to 12 women applied and all of them are in process. We have tried to anticipate the problems and the transition will be difficult, but all of the newly licensed women, the currently licensed midwives and some very politically courageous nurse-midwives are ready and waiting to provide training under the new apprenticeship program as soon as it is approved by the Advisory Committee on Midwifery. The Advisory Committee itself has on it some very qualified people who came out of our organization. Let me comment that clinical training does not suggest pathology but is rather the site at which the birth or other related care takes place. Theoretical training takes place in a classroom setting while clinical training will take place at the home visits and at the birth at home which the midwife and her apprentice will attend. The training is specifically designed to use the traditional preventative approach which is wholistic and which aims at totally avoiding pathological situations. There is no place for unnecessary medical intervention at a midwife-attended birth. Emphatically, there is no place for this kind of training in a midwifery-based program!

I totally agree that the consumer is best protected by being educated. Good midwifery care includes health teaching. Midwifery is

rooted in consumerism — we would probably not exist without our adamant consumer-oriented clients. We want midwives to be teaching their clients whatever solid consumer-oriented classes they choose. As good as this concept is, it is idealistic. There are some clients who are not getting good consumer-oriented classes and who are getting poor midwifery care because of their lack of knowledge. These people are the ones who need to be protected by quality care under the law, at the same time being afforded good classes which well-trained midwives will be teaching.

The bottom line is that the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services put a bill in the hopper this year. It was very restrictive to the practice of lay midwifery. Had we not had our bill in first, this restrictive piece of legislation would have passed as a part of a larger state health care package. Just as it is not in one's best interest to trust one's health care to others, it is also not in our interest to trust our legal status and our right to practice to others. We invite all those sincere persons interested in practicing midwifery to our meetings. Please join your talents and your concerns with ours so that we will always have a strong voice to serve our needs in an effort to make midwifery care what we want it to be.

We wanted to granny-in all those who so deserve a license but were unable to do this through negotiations during the session. Our bill would not have passed without the support of those who opposed us on this issue. Now we will have to continue to be concerned to provide for the licensing of these people in some way under the new law. We will do it as we have done all of the other things we have set our sights on. Midwives are definitely not an apathetic group!

We agree with the five standards for safe childbirth and hope to uphold them as these are the very standards which inspired us to protect our right to deliver this quality of health care to our clients.

We are tired of being the target of criminal prosecution and legal action. We wanted to change things and I must say that through our actions, our peaceful civil disobedience and our persistent stand, we now have the right to be legal and to practice what we know is good, safe care. We have been able to exert change through the system instead of having to remain outside of it. If the system fails to provide the rights and protection which is our right, we can always challenge it and we will do so if necessary. We have a chance to make midwifery practice what we want it to be. It is as exciting as the new baby which arrives at the end of a hard labor and the transition is rough. Please join us in making change that is positive and real.

In love and light,
Linda Wilson
State Coordinator
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The Florida Midwives Association holds quarterly meetings and produces a newsletter. Annual dues are \$10.

Rape and Sexism

by Donna Schaeffer

The subject of rape has been in my thoughts and has been the object of a great deal of personal study for me for about a year. I have learned much. My research continues.

I have been aware of sexism for many years, but until recently I never linked rape with sexism. Rape is the extreme and most harmful result of our culture's belief that men and women are essentially different. When this judgement of the sexes is put into effect via socialization, the product is two groups who have little basis for understanding and loving each other.

In our traditional culture, girls are conditioned to be passive, dependent, physically undeveloped and weak. They are, however, allowed to cry and display their emotions.

As they grow into adolescence, they usually learn to view their bodies as their ticket to happiness and prosperity. They may be taught to use their bodies to "catch" men who will provide them with economic and physical security, status or power. They are taught to grant no or few sexual privileges to men until after they are safely married. They learn that women who are sexually active are "whores" or "loose."

When women marry they become their husbands' property. This loss of identity, individuality and career aspiration is most obvious in the feminine custom of adopting the husband's name.

Boys, on the other hand, are encouraged to be aggressive, independent, physically developed and strong. They are taught to not cry or display emotions. They often hear negative comments about other boys' or their own behavior.

As they grow into teenagers, they may learn to think of girls not as human beings but as "cunts" or "pussies." If they wish to enjoy a girl's company they pay for the costs of the date. They hope and often expect to be repaid with some amount of sexual activity.

Young men are exposed to macho cultural heroes who sexually conquer or "score" with lots of women. They hear about ways to seduce or trick women into sexual activity with or without "paying" for it. At the same time, society makes it very clear that women who are "promiscuous" are also "cheap." Men are encouraged to sow all or most of their wild oats and then select a sweet "girl" for the much revered position of wife (housekeeper, cook and nanny).

The differences in the socialization of girls and boys are striking. Our culture produces men and women who are very different from each other. This artificially-produced dissimilarity provides men and women with widely divergent, distorted perceptions of one another. These perceptions breed sexual hatred because they deny the humanity of the other sex. This hatred or alienation between the sexes is not unlike the hatred of the Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan.

Hitler's propaganda convinced the rank and file German soldier that Jews were subhuman. The Holocaust was the result.

The KKK rhetoric allows ordinary whites to see blacks as less than human. Lynching and the terrorization of blacks are the outcome.

The Nazis and the KKK were/are ordinary people who are compelled by a vitriolic ideology. Their hatred coupled with the power they wielded over Jews and Afro-Americans led to genocide.

Similarly, the rapist is an ordinary man who is driven further than most by his loathing. The contempt and resentment he feels toward women, together with his physical advantage and familiarity with weapons (uncommon in women) lead to rape and rape-murder.

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Many women are dissatisfied with the restrictions the threat of rape places on their lives. What can people do to heal this societal illness? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Interrupt and challenge sexist situations. Sexism oppresses men and women. Rape is on a continuum with the other insults that individuals, institutions and the media heap upon women. Rape is overtly brutal and so it lies on the far end of that continuum. To allow even minor sexism to continue is to perpetuate rape.

2. Women and girls should refuse to participate in sexist institutions such as men paying for dates. If both people pay there is little chance that one of them is along just for a free ride. A woman who has paid her own way is less likely to be badgered into having sex. She will not feel obligated to her companion.

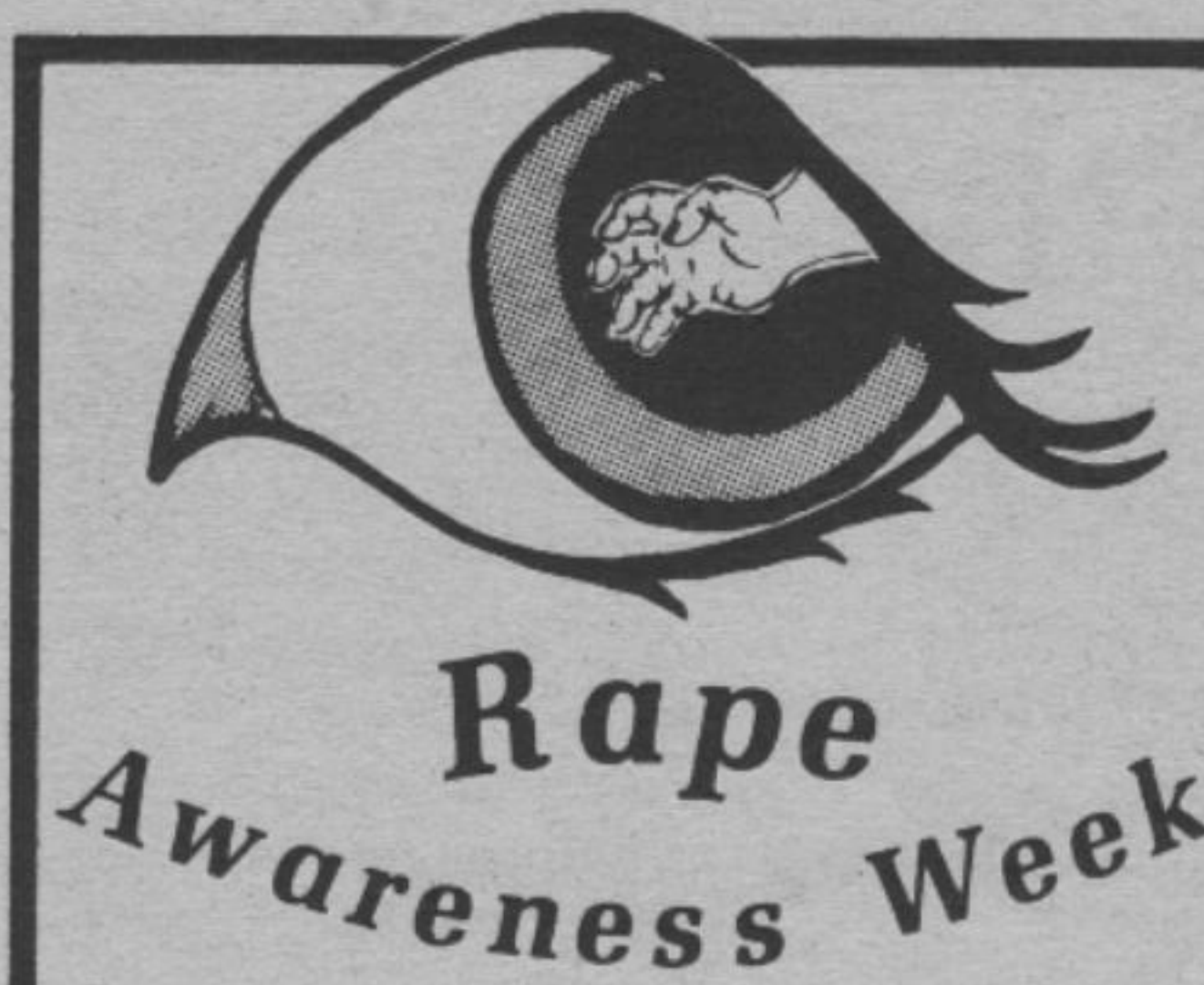
3. Women and girls must refuse to be excluded from learning mechanics and home repair. Many rapes occur when rapists pose as repairmen and gain entry into women's homes. Genuine repairmen have been known to assault their customers as well. A woman alone on a dark roadside who knows nothing about cars or changing tires has been put into a dangerous situation by her culture's needless division of skills by gender.

4. Women and girls must become physically strong. They must learn self-defense. When more women can fight back, rapists will become more hesitant to attempt attacks.

5. Monitor state sexual assault statutes and lobby to make necessary changes. Laws can be changed for the worse or for the better. Be sure our laws are designed to put rapists on trial — not rape victims.

6. Educate yourself about sexual assault. One good way to start is to attend the Rape Awareness Week programs at FSU.

If you can attend only one of the Rape Awareness programs, I highly recommend either session on Wednesday, September 15 with Christine Masterson. Her psychological and physical approaches to self-defense are excellent.



Rape Awareness Week will be held September 13 - 17 in Tallahassee. Rape crisis counseling groups, women's centers, legal and medical professionals, students and officials from FAMU and FSU and other concerned community members are working together to provide programs that will educate our community about this serious problem.

This is a tentative schedule of events. For more information call the FSU Women's Center, 644-4007. If you have time, ideas, etc., please call.

Mon., Sept. 13—Red ribbons will be placed near where rapes have occurred on the FAMU, FSU and TCC campuses and throughout Tallahassee to remind us that rape happens everywhere. **7 pm**—Vicki Combs will lead a

discussion on the sociological effects of rape in the Leon Lafayette Room of the FSU Union.

Tues., Sept. 14—7 pm in Leon Lafayette Room of FSU Union. A panel of legal and medical professionals will discuss various aspects of their work with victims of sexual assault, including hospital procedures, police investigations and court proceedings. Each panel member will provide an introductory statement and will participate in a question-and-answer period after the presentations.

Wed., Sept. 15—1 pm — Luncheon/Workshop with self-defense instructor, Christine Masterson at FSU Women's Center on Woodward Ave. 7 pm—A presentation on self-defense and prevention will be given by Masterson in the Leon Lafayette Room in the FSU Union.

Thurs., Sept. 16—7 pm in the University Room in the FSU Union. A panel composed of representatives from groups that provide counseling and assistance to victims will explain the reactions and needs of sexual assault victims. The discussion will also cover offender treatment.

Fri., Sept. 17—Women will meet briefly on the FSU campus for music and entertainment before starting a "Take Back the Night" march.

More Baha'i Deaths in Iran

The Baha'i communities of Tallahassee and Leon County received word last month that four more Baha'is have been killed in Iran, victims of the ongoing violent oppression directed against the Baha'i faith in that country since the 1979 revolution. The officially-sanctioned killings in the city of Qazvin follow by two weeks a unanimous resolution by the U.S. Senate condemning the Iranian persecution of its Baha'i community.

American Baha'i officials at the National Center in Wilmette, Illinois, assert that the scope of the persecution is widening to include Baha'is from all walks of life. Local Baha'i spokespersons, Thelma Gorham and Millard Wright, chairpersons of the Tallahassee and Leon County Baha'i Spiritual Assemblies, explained that while most of the more than 120 executed have been prominent

persons, members of leadership organizations, those recently killed have been known simply to be Baha'is.

The violent oppression of the Baha'is has included the summary arrest of hundreds of Baha'i men, women and children; job dismissals of thousands of Baha'is and the destruction of Baha'i holy places and of hundreds of Baha'i homes, businesses and farms.

Tallahassee and Leon County Baha'is have been part of a national effort to focus public attention on the plight of their co-religionists in Iran.

"We have sent telegrams to Ayatollah Khomeini," said Gorham, "and we have written our congressmen asking them to do what they can."

Wright added, "What is happening to the Baha'is in Iran is the beginning of genocide. No one can sit idly by and let it happen."

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Survival of the Earth Concert

by Anne Gabriel

On Sunday, September 19, Olivia recording artist Cris Williamson will appear for the first time in Tallahassee.

Ms. Williamson is an artist with many talents — she is a vocalist, pianist, guitarist, composer and lyricist. She has dedicated her life and music to the preservation of our natural resources and the survival of the earth. Over the years, she has shaped her songs of the earth into a powerful, moving political statement on the rights of all creatures to be. Cris doesn't think that she writes "overt political songs," but what better medium than music to present a statement of concern for our environment?

Her environmental overtones have been picked up by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. In the fall of 1981, the campaign sponsored Cris and Jackie Robbins on a two-week tour in England and Scotland. Cris also participated in the Pacific Alliance-sponsored "Water for Life" tour in early 1981 with Bonnie Raitt and Jackson Browne. Most recently, she performed in an environmental concert in Ft. Lauderdale with more than 1,000 in attendance. That concert was endorsed by many state organizations such as the Conchshell Alliance, the Center for Nuclear Responsibility and the Sierra Club.

The Tallahassee concert has been endorsed by the Tallahassee Peace Coalition and is sponsored by the FSU Women's Center and the University Program Office. It is being produced by Birds of a Feather Productions.

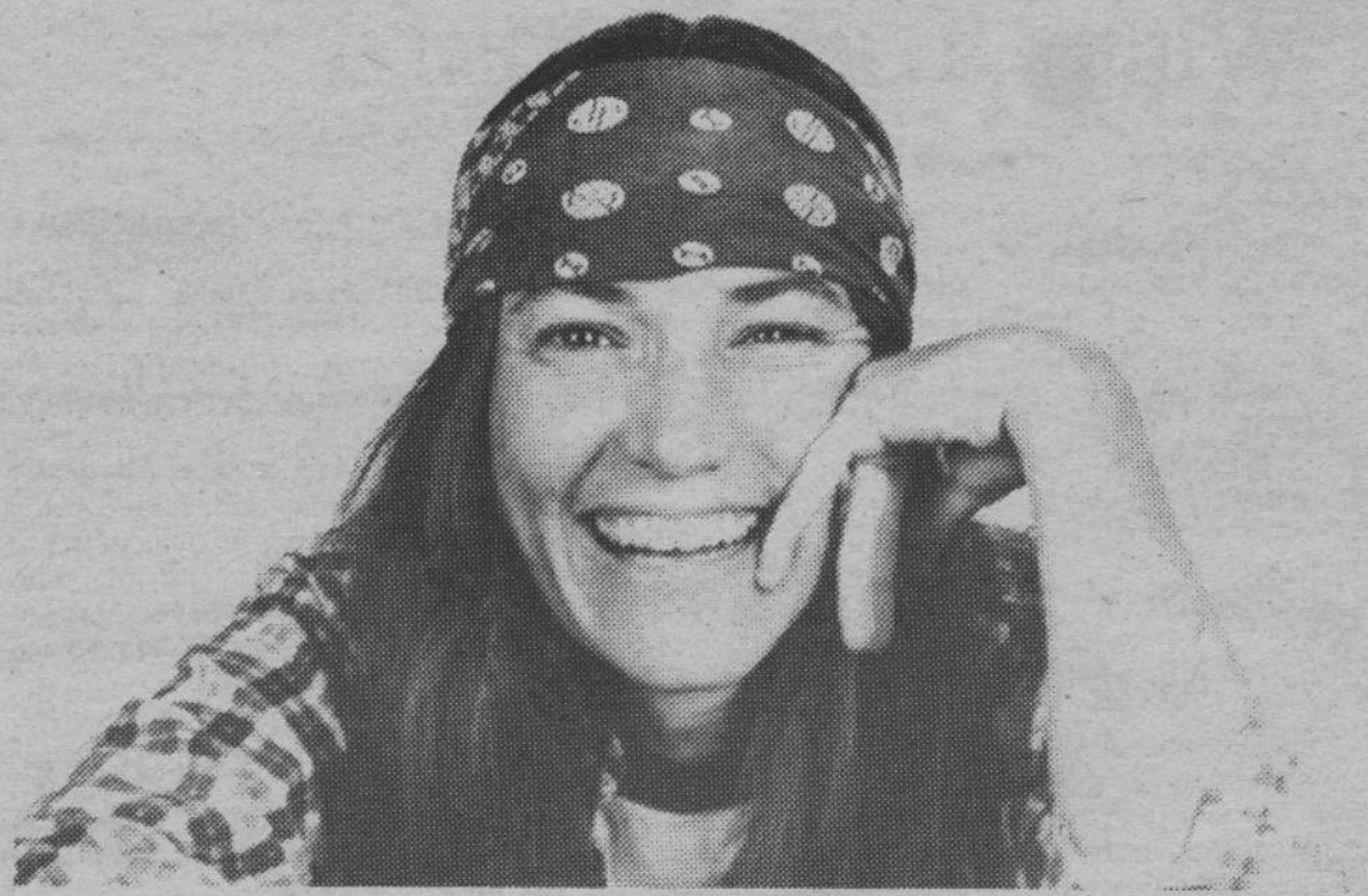
Cris's musical roots lie in the center of the Sioux Universe, the mystical South Dakota hills of her birth. The daughter of a forest ranger, Cris grew up in the wilderness of Wyoming where there was no electricity but plenty of trees, fresh air and wide-open spaces. Her introduction to music came from family sings and an old windup Victrola.

Within the underground, she is widely known. In 1975 she recorded *The Changer and the Changed* with Olivia Records, an independent, feminist recording company. It has sold more than 140,000 copies, making it one of the most successful albums ever released on any independent label in the United States.

In an April telephone interview, Cris discussed her involvement in the women's music industry. Basically, she said, "Sometimes I do deal specifically with women and women's problems, but mostly I talk in a very universal fashion. It's not that I don't want to direct it to the women; it just seems like my natural direction is a kind of universal direction. Everyone, no matter how they feel about one thing or the other, what color they are, what size they are, should look for where the commonalities lie. So I write about water, earth, sky....real things that affect us all."

Williamson personifies much of the growth that the women's music industry is undergoing today as it reaches out to explore new horizons. One of her latest albums, *Lumiere*, which came out this April, reflects these horizons. The French word for light or enlightenment, *Lumiere* is the narrative and musical story of a young boy's discovery of the inner light that shines within us all. Designed with both children and adults in mind, it features the lyrical quality of Williamson's music at its best.

Blue Rider, Cris's newest album, will be released September 1, followed by a national promotion tour. It will be introduced to Tallahasseeans on September 19 at Ruby Diamond Auditorium by none other than Cris herself. Anyone interested in attending the concert can obtain tickets at Vinyl Fever/University Plaza (next to the bowling alley). The concert is **free** to FSU students with an ID at the door and to children under 10 accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets are \$8 and tickets bought the day of the performance will be \$10. For further information, call Birds of a Feather Productions at 877-5921.



A New Connection for Peace

by Ira Shorr

One thing you can say for Ronald Reagan, he is a first-class motivator of people. All across this nation, people are organizing to protest his policies. The largest manifestation of this has been the Nuclear Weapons Freeze movement. Freeze resolutions have been endorsed by 178 city councils and 36 county councils (including Leon) nationwide. Popular pressure is being applied to stop the arms race, but much work is still needed to turn our political elite toward peace.

On Saturday, July 17, more than 80 Floridians gathered in Orlando to form a statewide coalition to help make the Nuclear Weapons Freeze a reality. They had journeyed from south, central and northern Florida. Some were old hands at peace work, while others had been swept up more recently by the momentum of the Freeze movement. As I looked around the spacious and comfortable meeting room at the Friends (Quaker) Center, it was inspiring to see the broad range of ages that were represented: from feisty old Nate of South Miami to the quietly determined high school students of St. Petersburg. The peace movement of the 80's has closed the generation gap.

Most of the afternoon was spent in workshops, where small groups brainstormed about how the statewide coalition would be organized and how to handle communication, education, lobbying and political activities such as demonstrations.

They decided that the state organization would act as a facilitator of information and resources (audio-visual aids, Freeze literature, state and national speakers) to help local Freeze groups to be as effective

as possible. An immediate result of the July 17 meeting was the birth of a statewide Freeze newsletter to be published monthly. Peace organizations from throughout Florida (more than 30) will contribute information on organizing, education, literature, legislative lobbying, and Freeze resources. The newsletter will be produced by the American Friends Service Committee in St. Petersburg (130 19th Ave. S.E., 33705).

The Florida Coalition for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze will also be preparing a literature packet to help fledgling Freeze groups and concerned individuals.

There was a beautiful feeling of comradeship and accomplishment that lingered over the closing of the meeting. As strangers, we had worked successfully through our different notions on what a statewide coalition should be. I couldn't help but sense that these people were in this for the long run. There would be no dissipation of energy no matter how many false starts our leaders make toward disarmament. The wool has been pulled off our eyes and we are no longer blind to the tragedy of the nuclear arms race.

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making connections



by Louise Beauchamp

And Then There Were Four

With the appointment of George P. Schultz as secretary of state, the private Bechtel Group, Inc., has four friends right where it needs them. Former executives of the multinational engineering firm are now well-placed in the departments of state, defense and energy, and a current Bechtel employee is the White House special envoy to the Middle East.

Bechtel is not any ordinary bridge building company. Its projects are so immense that usually only governments can buy them: nuclear power plants, warships, the trans-Alaska pipeline, the Hoover Dam. The White House envoy, Philip Habib, undoubtedly has good contacts in the Arab states, which are among Bechtel's best customers. Since the Arab states will not do business with suppliers who also work with the Israelis, his contacts with the other half of the Middle East may not be so great.

Schultz was asked at his Senate confirmation hearing what he thought about having U.S. foreign policy in the hands of multinational corporation men. They are "good ambassadors," he replied smoothly. "Companies who are selling abroad or investing or working abroad, on the whole, do a very good job for the U.S."

Last Bite of the Apple

One place where they didn't do a good job was Guatemala. In 1954, to protect the interests of the United Fruit

Company, the CIA executed a military takeover of this small Central American country. The story of the coup and its aftermath, *Bitter Fruit*, was published for the first time this year. The most important words in the book may be the opening lines of the Preface:

"Numerous individuals and institutions were helpful in the writing of this book. We would like to thank the congressional authors of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), who provided us with an indispensable tool to review the inner workings of United States foreign policy."

If Ronald Reagan is successful, *Bitter Fruit* could be one of our last bites from that particular apple of knowledge. Reagan wants to give CIA and National Security Council materials a blanket exemption from the FOIA, and although his first attempt suffered a setback in May, it is expected to be revived. He has already signed a new executive order that allows almost any national security information to be classified and to stay that way forever. It also permits documents already released to be seized and "reclassified."

More than 300 articles and at least 96 books have been based on documents released under the FOIA, and publication of the 97th is now being held up by the new executive order. It reportedly details how the U.S. National Security Agency uses friendly foreign intelligence agencies to spy on U.S. citizens.

The Party's Over

Tallahasseeans will pay for part of the cleanup at Three Mile Island if Congress approves a bill passed by a Senate subcommittee in July.

Of the "estimated" \$1.3 billion cost, it would prorate \$170 million to the nation's utility companies who use nuclear power but were not involved with the 1979 accident. "I honestly don't believe the people of this country would begrudge us (that amount)," said the Pennsylvania governor who proposed it, "to safely dispose of a genuine radiation menace while continuing to learn safety lessons that could be of immeasurable benefit to all Americans in the years to come."

The bill was apparently opposed by a majority of the subcommittee members, but they felt it was too important not to be considered by the full Senate. In truth, it matters little whether the bill passes or not. The nuclear party is over and the bills have started to fall due, and we will all pay them in the end.

Tallahassee gets less than 5 percent of its power from nuclear plants, and the city commission recently declined an offer to increase that amount by buying into a new St. Lucie plant. Commissioners Kent Spriggs, Carol Bellamy and Hurley Rudd in particular deserve some praise for their strong opposition. These days, Spriggs said, they're keeping an eye on the situation in the state of Washington, which is apparently going to have to write off \$1 billion in uncompleted nuclear construction. Voters are outraged, claiming that their leaders should have known better than to get involved in such an ill-conceived venture.

Sleep Easy

Researchers at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, monitoring a radioactive waste disposal site, were shocked to learn that gophers and rabbits dig burrows in the ground.

They conducted a study of the phenomenon and turned up "stunning results," according to a brief report by Associated Press. "During a 13-month period, the rodents dug 1.7 miles of tunnels in a 2.4-acre site, moving more than 12 tons of earth."

But there is no cause for worry, added the laboratory officials. The burrowing was "generally" confined to a depth of 3 feet. The radioactive waste is buried 4 feet deep.

In Spite Of It All, Friends...

There is hope.

When the ERA died in June, it was comforting to remember that

governmental changes, with a few exceptions, take place only long after a society has been transformed. Our leaders may believe that they have prevented something dreadful from happening by killing the amendment, but in fact the concept of the ERA is being successfully applied in small ways throughout the country. The world they are protecting no longer exists, and the new one will be recognized when they're gone.

The question is: What will that world be like? Or rather, what is it like, if it already exists today? The prognosis seems grim. The New Right is lashing out and enjoying it, the earth is threatened with nuclear war, and our government evinces a crazed eagerness to sell off and pollute our natural resources. But recently I heard some cheering thoughts from a man whose job it is to describe that emerging world.

Your world has crumbled, he told a group of top officials from 30 states. You don't recognize it because you are near the top of the pyramid, and the change has taken place at the bottom. You are living in a sand castle whose foundation has washed away.

His organization, which puts out a publication called *The Rocky Mountain Trend Report*, analyzes the local news in newspapers across the country to find out what ordinary people are talking about. They don't look at the national or the state page, which tell us about the institutions of the old order. Nor do they read the editorials or the columnists, who try to tell ordinary people what they should be thinking about. From a systematic examination of the local issues in thousands of articles, they have found several shifts in social organization that would warm the hearts of those in the alternative community.

At the top of the list is the well-known shift in economic power from industry to information. But just as discernable, he said, are several others including:

- Centralized to decentralized
- Hierarchies to networks
- National to world/regional
- Either/or to multiple option
- Managerial to entrepreneurial

These changes are "practically irreversible," he told the representatives of the old order, and they are already in place in certain parts of the country. You'd best figure out how you fit in, for your world won't be around much longer. They looked stunned, and so was I. It was better news than I ever dared to hope for.

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Research Group Looking at Groundwater

by Dean Little



If you are spending the summer in Florida, chances are good that thundershowers will dampen quite a few of your outdoor plans. Across the state, an average 145 billion gallons of rainfall each day put an end to picnics, tennis matches, bike rides and attempts to "catch some rays". After the rains stop, however, few Floridians think twice about what happens to the gallons of rainwater that fall. If they did so, they might find a new appreciation for the heavy rains that replenish one of our most valuable natural resources--groundwater.

Not all of Florida's rainfall goes to recharging underground aquifers. About 60% re-enters the atmosphere through evaporation and plant respiration, a combined process known as evapotranspiration. Another 25% leaves the state through rivers and other surface water flow. Twelve percent--about 17 billion gallons a day--enters underground aquifers. These subterranean rivers--the source of 95% of Florida's drinking water--are intimately tied to the health and welfare of nearly every Florida citizen.

Groundwater has traditionally been regarded as a pristine and inexhaustible resource, protected by overlying soils from contamination and constantly replenished by new rainfall. Unfortunately, this assumption has not proven true. In Florida, drinking water aquifers have variously been pumped dry, contaminated with surrounding salt water, polluted with toxic chemicals and used inadvertently as cheap, underground sewers. In some areas of the state, drinking the water ranks with cigarette smoking, drunk driving and overeating as distinctly hazardous to your health.

Buying Time With Conservation by Doug Alderson

Electricity. Most of our lifestyles revolve around it. We use it for cooking, heating, cooling and dozens of other needs. But at what point should the use of electricity significantly affect our pocketbooks, health and environment?

The City of Tallahassee has been considering the construction of a 200-400 megawatt coal-fired power plant to meet future electrical demand. The city's Long Range Power Study Committee assumed a 3.5 percent annual growth rate and predicted that, unless a new plant were built, the city would suffer brownouts and a tripling of utility bills by 1995.

The Florida Public Interest Research (FPIRG), sponsored by the students at Florida State University, has discovered major problems with the committee's assumptions:

1. While the committee recommended construction of a coal-fired power plant, there was no mention of the environmental and health effects. Even if air pollution standards were met with the use of scrubbers or similar technology, more than 5,000 acre feet of ash and sludge would be created. Surface and groundwater pollution could result, as well as thermal pollution.

2. The committee did not take into

account the decline in electricity consumption that would result from rising utility bills. For every 1 percent increase in utility rates, there is generally a .5 percent decrease in consumption.

3. The committee underestimated the potential of conservation in reducing future demand. If optimal conservation goals were met, about 143 megawatts of electrical energy could be saved, forestalling the need for new generating capacity through the mid-1990's. Purchased power from other utilities, the burning of solid waste and other small-scale options could possibly meet future demand better than a new coal plant.

4. The committee compared the cost of conservation only with existing fuel prices. Actually, the cost of conservation should be compared with the *future* cost of fuel plus the cost of building a new generating facility.

FPIRG realized that aggressive energy conservation programs could buy us valuable time and allow us to take advantage of more promising technologies such as solar cells. We could also gain a better perspective on the future price and availability of natural gas, a clean and efficient fuel.

The Florida Public Interest Research Group, in cooperation with the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the FSU Department of Chemistry, has begun a preliminary study of one potential form of groundwater contamination--septic tank effluents. Septic tanks are the primary form of sewage disposal in widespread rural and suburban areas — more than a million of them operate in Florida today. Combined with shallow groundwater tables and sandy soils, which do not effectively filter waterborne chemicals or bacteria, the potential for groundwater contamination is high. Private drinking wells near septic tanks may thus contain, besides water, sewage contaminants such as nitrates, chlorides, phosphates, viruses and bacteria, bleaches, detergents and organic solvents.

Within the next two weeks, FPIRG will begin an extensive water quality study of rural areas of Wakulla, Leon and Bay Counties. We will be testing private drinking wells for several common sewage contaminants and for a broad spectrum of toxic organic chemicals such as trichloroethylene, benzene and pesticides. These toxic solvents may enter the groundwater when people dispose of them in toilets or sinks that lead to septic tanks. One septic tank cleaning solvent--Driantz--contains a gallon of extremely toxic chlorinated organic chemicals. The manufacturer recommends pouring a gallon or two into the septic tank--enough to contaminate 100 million gallons of groundwater to potentially dangerous levels.

Septic tanks are not the primary source of groundwater contamination in Florida. Industrial dumpsites and waste streams may cause severe aquifer contamination in some areas. The Department of Environmental Regulation is currently revising its "groundwater rule", a complex legal document that controls discharge of industrial wastes into or above aquifers. Industry lobbyists are working hard to alter the rule, although they will probably be unsuccessful in significantly weakening it. FPIRG is reviewing all versions of the groundwater rule and will present testimony at an Environmental Regulation Commission hearing on this subject in late August. With Florida's high population, shallow groundwater and sandy soils, we must take every precaution to ensure that our drinking water supply doesn't become an industrial and domestic sewer as well.

Together with Common Cause, we made several recommendations from the conservation options that were before the City Commission. After meeting with city commissioners, staff and energy experts, and after several newspaper articles, radio and television programs and a public hearing, the Commission adopted all of our recommendations. They include incentives to promote:

- Installation of water heater blankets
- Attic insulation application
- Solar programs
- New construction standards
- Marketing of energy-efficient homes
- Air conditioner and heater time clocks
- Non-use of inefficient strip heating in new construction

• Home improvement programs such as weatherstripping, window caulking, etc.

The Commission still has to decide what sort of funding mechanism to use: loans (at 6-8 percent interest), rebates, a city-run home improvement program with free or matching materials and labor, or all three. It has about \$800,000 to start the program and \$1 million annually over the next four years. This is a good beginning and we have recognized several more options that need addressing:

1. Expanding the city audit program (free to residential customers) to cover


commercial enterprises, which use about 55 percent of the city's electricity.

2. Developing landlord incentives for renters.

3. Developing ideas to discourage consumption during peak hours (afternoons in the summer, mornings in the winter). The consumer could be given the option of installing a free device on air conditioning and heating systems to shut them off for seven minutes out of each peak hour. Participants could be given a break on their rates while those who choose not to participate could be charged extra.

4. Cogeneration (the conversion of waste heat and energy to electricity) could be made available for large commercial users.

We are fortunate to have a City Commission that is open to adopting "planned" conservation options. Planned conservation can help keep utility bills down and our environment clean without reducing the quality of life that we enjoy. Unplanned conservation, however (which is caused by rising prices), can cause suffering among lower income residents who need electricity for their basic needs. I am convinced that the types of conservation programs the city is adopting will help prevent unneeded suffering while at the same reducing waste among all economic classes.



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