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THE AGONIZED, HEART RENDERING SCREAM
of a poor woman in a crisis pregnancy,
forced to seek a back-alley abortion,
may soon be heard again in the land!
Those who are promoting "The Silent
Scream", a film on abortion, filled with
distortions and medical fantasy, would
prefer us to focus only on the fetus and
ignore the stress, pain and suffering of
other lives affected by a crisis
pregnancy. Referring to the abortion of
a 12 week fetus purportedly shown in the
film (Over 95% of all abortions are
performed before this developmental
stage), Dr. Paskic Radio, President of
the National Child Neurology Society
states "To make a statement that the
fetus feels pain is a totally ridiculous
statement. Pain implies cognition.
There is no brain to receive the
information." You may ask "Why does one
say 'poor women'?" Present restrictive
funding and possible future restrictive
legislation cannot deprive the wealthy
who travel elsewhere to exercise
personal choice in reproductive matters.

The RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR ABORTION
RIGHTS (RCAR) will be setting the record
straight on April 24 when they show 11
legislators this film along with
testimony of scientifically respected
medical experts. Religious leaders will
also explain why major Protestant and
Jewish denominations support choice as
an exercise of personal conscience and
see restrictive legislation as the
imposition of one theological view, a
threat to separation of church and
state. (See enclosed brochure)

The Central Midwest UUMF is a member
of the Illinois RCAR. A special work-
shop will be held at the June Allerton
Conference to explore our role in this
critical public issue.

VELAINE CARNALL
UUMF Representative to RCAR



ALLERTON

Reminder: If you wish to attend the
conference for the day only, YOU MUST
reregister and pay a day usage fee.
Come join us!

CMD-UUMF BOARD BRIEFS

CLARISE JEFFERSON told us about the
separation of Clara Barton Camp from
UUMF. It will now operate as a separate
corporation. A task force is studying
the relationship between the Continen-
tial Board and the new Corporation as
well as availability of funds. Clarise
also mentioned that the Federation is
rewriting program material which will be
available to local units.

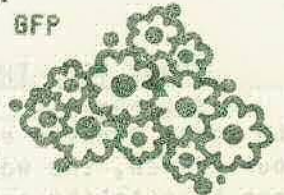
GAIL PERR moved "that CMD-UUMF
members who are members of the Clara
Barton Sisterhood be sent complimentary
copies of VOW." A list of those members
will be sent from Boston.

A proposed budget was drawn up and
will be acted upon at Allerton.

By-laws are being retyped with last
year's changes. Copies will be
available at Allerton to take back to
your local unit.

As you can see from the President's
Message and other articles we had a very
productive Board meeting.

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HEAR YE HEAR YE

Is everyone in your women's group
receiving their issue of VOW? Dues for
membership to CMD-UUMF are \$2.00 per
person per year. If you know of someone
who has paid their dues and is not
receiving their newsletter please notify
PAT SCANLON.

Dues may be paid at Registration at
one of the conferences (Wyman, Allerton,
or Geneva) or with your own group or to
me.

Beginning with the fiscal year
'85-'86 dues are payable July 1st.
Deadline is December 1st. At that time
names will be removed from the mailing
list. It is not fair that just over 300
paid members are supporting a mailing
list of nearly 1000!

Please pay to keep CMD-UUMF going
strong.

Your Treasurer

JET JACOBS

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Bloomington, IL. 61701

FROM THE ALLERTON REGISTRAR:

Allerton House has made some dramatic changes and improvements. Of course, these cost money. Certain meal costs have gone up, as have room charges. The daily use charge will be \$5. per person this year, but this includes beverages & snacks during the AM and PM breaks. There will be a cash bar before dinner.

Please complete the enclosed registration form(s) and return with your check in the amount of \$10 to Pat Murray in Rockford.

You will receive written confirmation of your registration.

The blue registration form indicates the cost to be about \$100. You should figure on slightly more...between \$102 & \$127 for Tuesday lunch through Thursday lunch & depending upon your room accommodations. PLUS the UUWF Registration Fee which pays for the actual conference, workshops and materials.

Questions regarding accommodations or costs? Call Carol Wike Nudo
(618) 462-8897 days/462-3160 evenings

THANK YOU THANK YOU!

To the women of the Rockford Church.
The Board members enjoyed meeting in your church, the wonderful meals, the home hospitality and the opportunity to meet more CND-UUWF members.

To the women of the Park Forest Unitarian Church for hosting the April 20th area luncheon. The 65 women who attended found springtime both inside and outside.

To the women of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale and the women of Beacon and Third Church for their help collating VOM. Many hands make light work of collating the 6 pages of over 1000 copies of VOM. I will be calling on women of the churches in the Chicago Area to help. Gail

MAILING LIST

With the Address Correction Requested on the Winter issue of VOM we were able to pick up over 50 changes. PLEASE remember us if you have an address change.

PAT SCANLON has put together a list of women's names about which we have no recent information. Check that list at Allerton.

UUA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

In March, 1984 the Continental Women and Religion Committee, UUA, met with SANDRA CARON and BILL SCHULZ, separately, asking them to answer the same questions. Excerpts from the interview follow:

1. If you are elected President, how do you see yourself working with the Women and Religion Committee?

SANDRA CARON: Closely!

BILL SCHULZ: Collaboratively.

3. What have you done to help the cause of women in our denomination?

SANDRA CARON: I have not just served as a role model, but I have insisted on equitable treatment for other women in the community, on committees, and in elections wherever possible. I have also worked hard to get more women on committees and in position to move into leadership positions.

BILL SCHULZ: As Director of Social Responsibilities, I was the first staff liaison to the Women & Religion Comm.

4. Do you define yourself as a feminist? If so, how? If not, have you considered it and rejected it?

SANDRA CARON: Yes! And also as a masculinist. And as a humanist. Opening the door and saying you're welcome is not enough, so I define myself as an active feminist, and I believe that is the only way of salvation for men as well as women. We must have a full partnership.

BILL SCHULZ: Yes, I define myself as a feminist, personally, in the family, in my way of dealing with our children; in religious and spiritual development. Feminism is giving some perspective on how UUism should move.

5. Given that the denomination is no longer on the cutting edge of women's issues what are you going to do about it?

SANDRA CARON: As a president, I would bring about institutional change. We need to look at our history honestly, to recognize that we have often been racist, sexist. I would identify where we want to make gains and do it with timetables and not just hope that somebody else was going to do it for us.

BILL SCHULZ: Increased staff support, for Women and Religion, UUWF and District Women & Religion groups. Identify people attuned and sensitive to Women and Religion concerns, to fill vacancies on Board committees, the UUA staff, and curriculum teams.



THE 1980 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CMD-UUWF established the HESTER HUFF ROLL OF RECOGNITION to honor an outstanding Unitarian-Universalist lay woman for her services in the Central Midwest District. On the back of this sheet is a nomination form. Nominations may be made by individuals or Unitarian-Universalist societies. The deadline is May 17, 1985.

Three judges were selected at the Annual Meeting.

They are:

Ruth Davis
Avon, IL 61415

Gloria Grimm
7533 Westmoreland
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Di Lovitt
456 Florence
St. Louis, Mo. 63119

Presentation of the award will be made at the 1985

Allerton Conference.

Please send all completed nomination forms to:

Gloria Grimm
7533 Westmoreland
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

NOMINATION FORM - HESTER HUFF ROLL OF RECOGNATION

Complete this form and send to Gloria Grimm, 7533 Westmoreland,
St. Louis, Mo. 63105. The deadline is May 17, 1985.

Nominee: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Church: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Nominated by: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

NOMINATION INFORMATION

Number of years member of church _____

Principal church activities or services _____

UUWF-CMD activities or services _____

UUWF and UUA Denominational activities or services _____

Community activities or services _____

Personal or religious attitudes of nominee _____

Use additional pages or letters to support
nomination and attach.

The Unitarian Women's Alliance of Madison, Wisconsin

announces the

ANNUAL CMD-UUWF FALL RETREAT

GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE CAMPUS
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NOVEMBER 1, 2, AND 3, 1985

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FEATURING

CAROL V. PALMER, life-long Unitarian, educator, Chair of Wisconsin Women's Network, and national AAUW convention speaker.

JULIA MILES, retired social worker, NANCY MILES TOWNSEND, psychologist, MARTHA and JULIA TOWNSEND, college students; a three-generation family of Unitarian women.

CAROL ANN TAYLOR, Minister of Religious Education, First Unitarian Society of Madison.

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