

THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT

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COMMENTS ON THE STRIKE AND ON THE WOMEN'S DEMANDS

The Women's Liberation Movement supports the strike for equal representation of all students in the University. We support all the demands of the student coalition and especially support the priority of the Black Students' demands.

We want to see an end to restrictive admission quotas and hiring and pay practices (administrative, academic and non-academic) based on sex and discriminatory against women. The quota system and hiring practices were openly acknowledged by Dean Bader at the May 3rd Student Assembly Meeting.

There is a need to initiate courses at Ohio State University pertinent to women: women's historical contribution and their present social and economic and political significance. These courses will concern women's roles in various movements such as the Abolitionist Movement, the Civil Rights Struggle, the labor movement, and the Suffragette Movement.

There is a desperate need for the Administration's support for the establishment of a campus-area Planned Parenthood Center serving all women regardless of marital status or age. This center would be independent of the campus health center in order to retain the confidential nature of its services and would be specifically oriented to the needs of the women in the campus community.

Why is a separate PPC for the University area necessary? There should be easy access to the PPC for women who need periodic check-ups, consultations with physicians, and general information about birth control. Further, student use of the PPC at other locations in the city place an increasing burden on the PPC services which should be available primarily to women of that location's PPC, many of whom can not afford private physicians.

Why don't we want this service provided by the University Health Center? As of this time, health center medical records have not been kept strictly confidential. Also, it is extremely difficult for unmarried women of any age to obtain birth control information and/or contraceptives at the health center. Further, there have been many complaints by women about the "double-standard" attitudes of the physicians and the difficulty of getting appointments with gynecologists.

The Women's Liberation Movement wants to see the immediate abolishment of the degrading and unfair disciplinary policies which apply only to female students. These practices include dorm rules such as curfews and signing-out. Such rules which are enforced arbitrarily at the whim of the Administration, thereby restricting the freedom and insulting the integrity of all women students.

There is an obvious need for free self-defense lessons for OSU women as evidenced by the high incidence of assaults and rapes in the campus area. There are times when women cannot avoid being out alone after dark, and therefore, women need to be able to protect themselves.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN LIBERATION MOVEMENT
DEMANDS

1. No woman's education should be limited by her biological functions:
 - a. A Planned Parenthood Center must exist within the university community to serve the needs of its women.
 - b. A free day care center, funded by the Ohio State University, should exist for all University affiliated people, so that a family's economic status does not prevent any woman from obtaining an education or working for the University.
 - c. Due to the University's failure to provide adequate protection for women students, a free self-defense course program should be initiated which could be used to fulfill the physical education requirements.
2. Women should be proportionately represented in all areas of campus life; this includes equal pay for equal work, admissions to professional and graduate schools, hiring of academic and non-academic employees, and appointments to all judicial, governing and administrative positions.
3. In order for women to understand their social significance, what it has been, what it is, and what it can be, courses specifically concerning women's role should be implemented in the social and behavioral science departments.
4. We demand an immediate abolishment of the degrading and unfair disciplinary policies and practices which apply only to female students.