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HAPPY SPRING!.....HAPPY EQUAL RIGHTS!.....HAPPY RATIFICATION!.....

"EQUALITY OF RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR
ABRIDGED BY THE UNITED STATES OR BY ANY STATE ON ACCOUNT OF SEX."

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA) requires 38 states' ratification. To date seven states have ratified the amendment (Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, N.H., Del., Neb, Kan.) Our congressperson, Rep. Martha Griffiths deserves most credit for enacting this 27th amendment for human rights. Yet, our legislature is undecided about ratification... someone down the road does not want women to achieve full recognition as human beings under the law! Your involvement is essential to assuring ratification in Michigan: WRITE TO OR CALL OR SEE YOUR MICHIGAN LEGISLATOR RIGHT AWAY. ATTEND AND SPEAK AT PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 11, TUESDAY, AT 10 a.m. IN THE SEVEN STORY BUILDING.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN STUDENTS met in National Convention last week at the Arlington Park Towers in Illinois. Four students from MSU attended the convention of over 400 representatives from AWS's, Commissions on the Status of Women, and other Women's Action Groups from colleges and universities throughout the nation. The theme: "Women and Men: Partners in Humanity".

Speakers included: Martha Griffiths, representative from Michigan; Virginia Allan, Deputy Asst. Secretary of State (and from Michigan); Gloria Steinem, author and lecturer; Barbara Franklin, Asst. to President Nixon; General Jeanne Holm of the Air Force; and many other outstanding women.

Resolutions concerned: College & University Affirmative Action Programs (where is MSU's??); Child Care Centers; Ratification of the ERA; Equal Opportunity in College Admissions; Women's Studies Courses; Political Awareness; Abortion Reform; Support of Shirley Chisholm for the Presidency of the United States; and others.

CONVENTION COMMENTS

To the degree that a man views a woman as an object, he is himself an object. No man who is fully human can be threatened by women's liberation. Rather, he is overjoyed by it. J. Lester

You must seek to be a partner in humanity with whomever you meet...man or woman.

Beth Knighton, a vice-president.

It is presumptuous to think "we" know the needs of Black and Chicano women.

Yet, all can help in meeting human needs. Gloria Steinem

Women's work seems to be anything a man doesn't want to do. GS

Only by depolarizing sex roles will we have a chance for world peace. GS

CONVENTION COMMENTS cont'd.

Women in the State Dept. Foreign Service: 10% in 1964; 4.6% in 1970 !!!

We can be responsive, decisive, accountable, and feminine. Rosemarie Gully,
Executive Director of Indep. Voters of Illinois
You can do well by doing good. The most important career opportunities today
are in social change fields. Susan Davis, editor of Spokeswoman

Discrimination against women is a way of life in our country. Sex discrimination
in employment is illegal...and everywhere. Mary Meyers, N.O.W.
Laws are not self implementing ..Justice is rarely self-generating. MM

American women have never been equal...are never mentioned in the U.S. Constitution.
By law, American women have only two rights--to vote and hold office.
The decisions of women do not count and will not count until they have the same
rights as men. Martha Griffiths

Arguments against the ERA have nothing to do with the real world and are a result
of prejudice and ignorance. MG

Buttons: "Uppity Women Unite!"
"Measurements for '72--52%"
"Shirley Chisholm for President: Catalyst for Change"
"Women Make Policy, Not Coffee!"

THE WORLD OF HUMANITY HAS TWO WINGS--ONE IS WOMEN AND THE OTHER MEN. NOT UNTIL
BOTH WINGS ARE EQUALLY DEVELOPED CAN THE BIRD FLY. SHOULD ONE WING REMAIN WEAK,
FLIGHT IS IMPOSSIBLE. Baha'u'llah

THE ASSOCIATED WOMEN STUDENTS at MSU maintains a library of resources about women.
These books and files are available to all who wish to use them. They are housed
in 157 student services building and available from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through
Thursday and on a check-out basis.

One of the best explanations of the ERA is published by the Citizens' Advisory
Council on the Status of Women and by J.G. Gutwillig. It is titled, "The Equal
Rights Amendment--What It will and Won't Do." Limited copies are available in
157 Student Services.

PLAYMATE... ALL'S THE COSMOPOLITAN RABBIT OF THE MONTH (?)
While Gloria Steinem was talking with over 400 women students at the IAWS National
Convention, Burt Reynolds was in the lobby surrounded only by baggage and bellboys.
Burt said that he was too busy to attend the meeting with Gloria. (note: Burt
was not invited to attend!)

MCP OF THE WEEK: Burt baby....a fold-out cop-out....

HEROINE OF THE WEEK (AND YEAR...)

The Honorable MARTHA W. GRIFFITHS....one large step for women
ONE HISTORIC LEAP FOR HUMANITY....

SEEK A WIDER VISION...RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT! !