

DID YOU KNOW--

that the word "FAMILY" comes from the Roman word "familia...
..the total number of slaves belonging to one man."
Engels "The Origin of the Family"

Women's Liberation is a movement to create a society in which all people are free to develop all of their natural potential, without being socialized into rigid roles. A society in which values assigned to the "female principle" (sensitivity, compassion, responsiveness) are released for all people to share. Our enemy is this system, which forces people into stereotyped roles (i.e. sex, race, class roles) which work for the profit of a few.

Throughout the history of propertied society, women have been set apart by their physical characteristics and treated as an inferior, less intelligent caste. The caste prejudice against women -like class and race prejudice- is built into and reinforced by the structure of modern American society. This serves to provide cheap labor for jobs (including feeding and caring for the labor force) that otherwise would have to be paid for in a profit society. Because women are kept passive and dependent, they frequently fall into the roles of consumer and defender of the status quo, thus helping to keep the system running smoothly.

Women are discriminated against economically, legally and psychologically, and this discrimination is justified on the false basis of their inferiority. One of the most effective ways in which male-dominated societies maintain this myth of women's inferiority is by making each woman feel that her problems are individual, not societal. That she is neurotic if she is dissatisfied with the role she is given. We must realize that the problems we all share can be overcome if we learn about the way the structures of our society oppress people here and all over the world. And work together to change them.

SAT. MARCH 7

WOMEN'S LIBERATION
TEACH-IN

Union Arms
30, 31, 38, 39

At 7:00 PM
and
8:00 PM

The afternoon will be devoted to films, tapes, rap sessions. In the evening, there will be male and female workshops on various aspects of women in American society and the world. Literature will be available. For more information call 351-1476, 484-6638 or 489-1511.