

WAFU opens fall term

Teachers needed, must be interested in experimenting with non-structured learning situations. Positions open for all subjects instructing students from 13-72, vacations open to discussion. No bosses, no required materials, no grades, no paperwork, all decisions can be made by you. Salary, like teaching credentials are none existent.

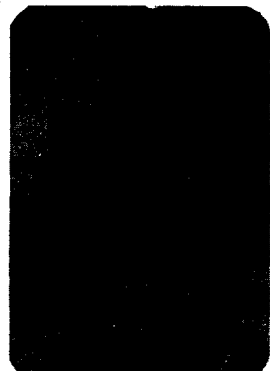
If the above position sounds good to you, perhaps you should get in touch with the Washington Area Free University (WAFU). Their fall catalogue, with listings of course proposals will be coming out soon and they are looking for people who know about almost anything and are interested in telling others about it. Whether your speciality is a craft, a country, a language or any

other field, there are probably people in the capitol area who would like to know more about it. Most of the "teachers" hold classes in their homes, but if you haven't space and would like to hold a class, WAFU can probably arrange for a place for you.

If you are interested in joining others in the D.C. area working with the free university, make out a course proposal and send it in. It will then be printed in the catalogue and distributed to prospective students. You and the students take it from there. The following information is needed for the course proposal: course title, a description of the course to be printed in the catalogue (what you plan to cover or what's it all about), your name, address, and telephone number (in-

clude home and work numbers and give the best hours for reaching you). Also, a projected time and place for the first meeting of the group. If you would like for WAFU to find you a place, you should indicate this on your proposal or call them up and discuss your needs. Send all this information to WAFU at the address listed below. All proposals should reach them no later than September 5th.

WAFU is also in need of workers and students, if you would like to participate, get the new catalogue when it comes out, or join them at their Tuesday night meetings at 1724 20th Street, NW, 2nd floor. For further information, call WAFU at 387-5437 or talk to the coordinator at 234-7287.



A WAFU student decides what she wants to learn herself.

The Women's Phone opens; Women's Liberation office closes

Dear Sisters:

D.C. Women's Liberation has closed its office at 1840 Biltmore Street. Over the past year, the activities of the women's movement here in Washington have become very decentralized, and so trying to keep open a centralized women's office and center became a never ending struggle. So ... we will no longer be handling any mail, filling literature requests, running orientation courses, providing speakers, or any general requests for information on the women's liberation movement.

We do have a lot of things going on here in the Washington, D.C. area: a Women's Skills Center, a film and media group, a dance and theatre group, a number of consciousness-raising groups, and active organizations at the local universities. One way that we will try to keep communication flowing between all these local feminist activities is through THE WOMEN'S PHONE -- a switchboard information exchange service for women and women's projects, for the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area only.

All women's liberation literature will be sold through the Community Bookstore, 2028 P Street, N.W. A bulletin board for women's messages will be located at the Community Bookstore. So whenever you're in D.C., call us (232-5145) and we'll let you know what's going on.

In Sisterhood,
Sally Baideme for
THE WOMEN'S PHONE



AUGUST SCHEDULE FOR THE WOMEN'S PHONE
Mondays - ALL AM; 9AM-10PM
Tuesdays - 8:00-10:00PM
Wednesdays - 1:00-5:00PM
Thursdays - 8:00AM-1:00PM, 7-10PM

"We are coming to know who we are. We are poor people living in the gay ghetto suffering similar class oppressions and we all ended up here because there was no other place to go."

These words were written by a member of the Bread Box collective, a group of local gay revolutionaries. They have begun a newspaper, a voice of revolutionary gay people in Washington. Bread Box is both an angry shout against oppression and a joyous cry of love.

The two issues that have been published so far have held poems, news, survival info, analysis of what it means to be gay in Amerika, and more. Bread Box fulfills a real need among Washington gays for self-expression and communication. But it also speaks to straight people, showing what liberation from societal dictated sex roles can mean. (See *Come In Out* from Bread Box #2, on p.16 of this QT.)

Bread Box will be coming out every ten days with eight pages if the collective can continue to overcome its problems. Recently they were thrown out of the house they were living in and are still seeking a permanent home.

As the cover explains, Bread Box costs 15¢, "more if you have it, less if you don't." Papers can be bought in bulk for street sales at a cost of 5¢. They are available at The Alternative, The Community Bookstore, or Yes! Until they get a house of their own, Bread Box collective can be reached through Switchboard. They try to reach us through the paper. Try one.

Radical gay paper comes out



This boy knows that learning is something you do, not something that is done to you.

Help offered in starting free schools

There are plenty of kids who don't go to public schools, plenty of teachers who don't want to act like wardens, and a growing number of parents who don't want their kids messed over by public schools. The Free School Clearinghouse tries to get these people together and help them organize their own school. The Clearinghouse staff have helped a group of parents start a free school in the Kensington, Md., area, and helped reorganize the New Educational Project free high school. This fall, the Clearinghouse hopes to have local meetings of people to organize more free schools in the Washington area.

"We see ourselves as an organizing tool," says Molly McGuire of the Clearinghouse staff. "We aren't into telling people what kind of school they should have. We just want to get people together, and let them form what kind of school they want."

The staff is starting an education workshop in September, for parents who send their kids to free schools. The workshop will be a chance for parents to experience some of the same freedom and creativity their kids are experiencing in the free school. Clearinghouse staff also plan to hold consciousness raising seminars with education majors at local universities.

The Clearinghouse staff are all themselves working in free schools in the area. Nobody is paid. The only expenses are for the newsletter they publish. "We need some money to really do the kind of job we want to do," commented Molly McGuire. "One or two full-time staff people who didn't have to hold down outside jobs would mean a lot more time for the organizing job that has to be done."

The Clearinghouse published a monthly newsletter that contains information about educational alternatives in the D.C. area. To receive the newsletter, write Clearinghouse, 1609 19th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. It's free, but they need donations.