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DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING

The Commission on the Status of Women will meet December 13 and 14 at the Holiday Inn on Merle Hay Road and I-235 in Des Moines. The Friday evening session will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., and the Saturday meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. The tentative agenda for the meeting includes discussion of new projects initiated at the October meeting. These projects include a Humanities Grant from the Iowa Board for Public Programs in the Humanities, a series of four statewide conferences on the legal and economic rights of homemakers and a grant from the Iowa Manpower Services Council. Other Commission business will include the Commission's 1975 legislative program and reports on Commission sponsored studies on insurance and the employment of women in state government. An IEBN film on career education, "Bread and Butterflies" will be shown during the meeting. Interested persons may contact the Commission office for an agenda.

APPOINTMENTS

Governor Ray has appointed the following women to state boards and commissions: Margaret Hurst, Sioux City, and A. Jean Purdy, Des Moines, to the Iowa Council on Child Abuse Information; Betty S. Maxheimer, Clarion, to the IPERS Advisory Investment Board; and Evelyne Villines, Des Moines, to the Governor's Task Force to Study Housing in Iowa.

Governor Ray will be appointing people to the following boards and commissions soon. Consult the Iowa Code or the Iowa Official Register for more specific information on the functions of and qualifications for each board or commission. Please express your interest in being appointed to a board or commission to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, and send a copy to the Commission Office.

Accounting Practitioner Advisory Committee	Iowa Beer and Liquor Control Council
Agriculture Promotion Board	Law Enforcement Academy Council
Area Schools Advisory Committee (Must be a private university representative)	Medical Examiners Board
Bicentennial Commission	MAP Advisory Council
City Finance Committee	Mississippi Parkway Planning Commission
Conservation of Outdoor Resources Committee	Natural Resources Council
Crime Commission (Must be a county official)	Pharmacy Examiners
DEQ-Air Quality Commission	Private School Advisory Committee
Developmental Disabilities	Salary Review Commission
District Judicial Nominating Commission	Servicemen's Ballot Commission
	Terrace Hill Planning Comm.

Emergency Medical Service  
Council  
Housing Task Force

IPERS Investment Board (Must be  
an industrial executive)  
Transportation Regulations Board

PRESIDENTIAL  
APPOINTMENT

Mary Grefe, of Des Moines, has been appointed by President Ford to a 15 member council of the HEW National Advisory Council on Adult Education.

WOMEN ELECTED  
TO THE IOWA  
LEGISLATURE

Five additional women will be representing Iowans in the Iowa Legislature when the 66th General Assembly convenes in Des Moines in January. Women elected to the House of Representatives on November 5 are: Diane Brandt, H.D. 35, Cedar Falls; Julia B. Gentleman, H.D. 65, Des Moines; Joyce Lonergan, H.D. 44, Boone; Opal Miller, H.D. 47, Rockwell City; and Linda A. Svoboda, H.D. 72, Amana.

Incumbents returning to the 66th General Assembly are: Senators Minnette Doderer, S.D. 37, Iowa City; Elizabeth Miller, S.D. 20, Marshalltown; Joan Orr, S.D. 36, Grinnell; and Elizabeth Shaw, S.D. 40, Davenport. Representatives Sonja Egenes, H.D. 43, Story City; Mattie Harper, H.D. 90, West Grove; Joan Lipsky, H.D. 26, Cedar Rapids; Lillian McElroy, H.D. 97, Percival; and Mary O'Halloran, H.D. 36, of Cedar Falls will also be returning to serve in the upcoming General Assembly.

The total number of women in the Iowa Senate will be four and the total number of women in the Iowa House of Representatives will be ten.

TITLE IX

At the October meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women, Commission members approved a position statement to be sent to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare concerning Title IX Regulations. These federal regulations deal with discrimination in education. The Commission's statement included its position on athletics, affirmative action in universities and institutions, financial assistance, and sex bias in textbooks.

Specifically, the Commission endorsed co-educational physical education classes and recommended that institutions show why equal funding is not given to each sex for athletic programs and scholarships. The Commission also said that student surveys of competitive athletics should be taken and results of those surveys be used to develop athletic programs.

A minority report submitted by Commissioner Patricia Geadelmann opposed the Commission recommendation concerning co-educational physical education classes in the secondary schools. According to Ms. Geadelmann, co-educational classes in the secondary schools would result in male domination.

In the statement, the Commission also called for affirmative action by universities and institutions in recruitment and admission procedures.

In the area of financial assistance, the Commission's report recommended that women be given special consideration to enable them to return to school after a period of absence due to child bearing and rearing. Special financial consideration should also be given to women entering fields of study traditionally underrepresented by women, according to the report.

Sex bias in textbooks should be covered under the Title IX Regulations and procedures which would handle complaints about sex bias in textbooks and curriculum should be implemented, the Commission report said.

The Commission on the Status of Women concluded its official report by calling for a "top-level conference" to resolve controversial and disputed issues of the Title IX Education Amendments of 1972.

FEDERAL CREDIT  
DISCRIMINATION  
ACT

According to a credit law recently passed by Congress, women applying for credit will now be judged according to their own individual records as earners, customers, and borrowers. Specifically, the law reads: "It shall be unlawful for any creditor to discriminate against any applicant on the basis of sex or marital status with respect to any aspect of a credit transaction." Under the provisions of this new law, a woman will no longer be required to reapply for credit upon marriage or be forced to use a husband's name on credit cards.

INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S YEAR

The United Nations recently took a step to eliminate world wide sex discrimination by declaring 1975 to be International Women's YEAR (IWY) and setting that program's goal to be complete sexual equality. During the year, each UN member will be expected to participate in an international conference in Bogota as well as promote women's year activities in their particular country.

In the United States, grants from the State Department and a private source have made possible the creation of a U.S. Center for IWY to serve as a clearinghouse for IWY activities. The Center is located in Washington, D.C.

IACSW URGES  
APPOINTMENT OF  
MARTHA GRIFFITHS

The Board of Directors of the Interstate Association of Commissions on the Status of Women has urged President Ford to appoint retiring U.S. Representative Martha Griffiths as Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The association, which represents state, county, and municipal government commissions, made the recommendation following their recent meeting in Kansas City.

DES MOINES RAPE  
CRISIS CENTER

Rape victims and their families will now have the opportunity to seek counseling services from a rape crisis center which opened in Des Moines in October. According to center director Corinne Whitlatch, a victim may call the center through Crisis Line at 266-8673 or contact volunteers working through hospital emergency rooms.

The center will also work with prosecutors and law enforcement agencies to increase rape convictions as well as develop an educational program to teach women how to prevent rape.

MCGRAW-HILL  
GUIDELINES

The desire to eliminate sexist language in McGraw-Hill publications has lead that company to produce a guidebook for authors, educators, and others with whom the company deals. The booklet describes sexist language and gives examples of alternate phrases and words. According to McGraw-Hill, the purpose of the book is to help educators and authors avoid words and phrases which result in sexist assumptions and to encourage fair and balanced treatment of both sexes in that company's publications.

NATIONAL MOTHERS  
ORGANIZATION  
CONFERENCES

Officers of the American Mothers Committee are currently conducting nationwide conferences to study the role of women and mothers in the history of the United States. The American Mothers Odyssey will cover over 9,000 miles and will survey the contributions of women and mothers in individual states. Findings from the odyssey will be published and presented to each state as a bicentennial gift.

WOMEN AS FAMILY  
HEADS

One-tenth of all Americans live in female-headed families, according to a Census Bureau report issued in August. The government study showed that the number of families headed by women increased by more than one million in the last three years.

According to the report, this population subgroup is composed of 21.3 million people, 40% of which are poor. Members of these families make up one-third of all the poor people in this country.

EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES

Security Guard

Des Moines--Both full time (48 hr/week) and part-time security guard positions are available in Des Moines. Benefits include insurance, paid vacations and deferred profit sharing. Starting pay is \$450 per month and uniforms are furnished. Interested applicants may contact: Charlotte Christiansen, Personnel, Pinkerton, Inc., 205 Shops Building, Des Moines, 50309, 515-288-6586.

Assistant  
Affirmative  
Action Officer

Ames--Iowa State University is seeking a full time Assistant Affirmative Action Officer to begin work immediately. Selection of applicants will be made on the basis of education, experience in the civil rights field, knowledge of the operations of a university, knowledge of statistics, and the ability to communicate effectively with university personnel and the general public. Interested persons should submit applications to: Dr. Wallace A. Russell, Co-Chairman, Search Committee, 232 Carver Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, 50010. Applications are due December 1, 1974.

CHILD CARE  
WORKSHOPS

A series of twelve child care workshops sponsored by the Iowa League of Women Voters and the Iowa Department of Social Services are in process throughout the state. Workshops scheduled for December include Decorah, 2nd, Oelwein, 3rd, Monticello, 4th, and Davenport, 5th. For more information contact the County Department of Social Services in your area.