



**CIRCLE FOR UNDERSTANDING** -- This was one of the discussion groups in a teach-in that brought close to 100 women -- and a few men -- through Monday's winter blasts

to the Oakland Community College campus. Topics of talk covered many facets of women's liberation, and opinions were aired freely. (Evert photos)

## Workshop Debates How

# Can We Liberate Children?

By MARGARET MILLER  
Women's Editor

How do you raise a liberated child?

The terminology may be new as the women's liberation movement, but the question is as old as parenthood. It was set before a workshop group during the teach-in that marked International Women's Day on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

And it took a mother who is trying to accomplish that feat in today's changing society to pull the generalities of the mostly-young group into some sharp thinking and some advice clearly from the heart.

THE PARTICIPANTS were throwing out phrases like "role delineation" and worrying about reading primers that show all mothers in aprons and rules that prohibit co-educational basketball when Mrs. Sue Villa stepped into the circle and sat down.

"What do I do about my 15-year-old daughter?" this OCC English instructor asked 20 or more people in the circle.

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## 'Conditioning' Irks Women At Teach-In

By KATHY MORAN

A woman complained that she and her husband could not find a story book for their daughter in which the main character was a girl -- and this perhaps was the main reason for a recent Women's Day celebration.

Nearly 100 women met at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College Monday to discuss "sexism" and women's liberation.

The central theme emerging from the discussions was the conditioning to male and female roles that has its roots in history and that women today want to shake.

"Once you figure out what you want to be, be decisive about it and fight for it," a student told the group. "Then you should look to your sisters for support."

THE WORKSHOPS were spiced with just enough men

to keep the action moving as when one male student said, "I feel threatened." "It (women's liberation) is not threatening," one woman answered. "It shouldn't be unless men are really hung up on their role."

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The teach-in was conceived and designed by women and had a community campus for its setting.

The women came from all around--students, housewives, career gals braved some of the worst blasts of winter to find their way across a frozen campus to the discussion spot.

They aired their ideas and frustrations and hopes for a better life. And most decided the meeting was worthwhile.

But this newspaper's young reporter was a bit delayed in returning, and we were beginning to feel concerned.

When she finally showed, one of the men asked if she was liberated.

"Yes, I guess so," she said; "but I was stuck in the snow in the parking lot and couldn't find a man to get me out."

So hear this, ye emancipated. When we say, liberated, we mean from snowdrifts, too.

--Margaret Miller



**LEADERS** -- Mrs. Marcia Mattick, of the OCC Student Activities staff, discusses the teach-in program with Debbie Horgan, student leader, and Mrs. Pat Clark, a member of the Detroit Planned Parenthood organization board of directors, who served as an outside research person for the day of meetings. Out of the program, Mrs. Mattick thinks, may come some move toward a women's group for campus and community.

the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth have been reserved. If there are cancellations, new reservations will be accepted by Mrs. Arthur Schan, 425-1996.

The Livonia Town Hall luncheon will be held in the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth, and reservations should be mailed by Friday, March 12, to the address on the back of the season ticket. Only 300 reservations will be accepted.

Glen Oaks Country Club, on 13 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, will be the scene of the Farmington Town Hall luncheon. Tickets will be available through the Farmington Community Center or from any Farmington Sororist

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## Mind and Mafia--Town Hall Topics

Workings of the mind and the Mafia will highlight area



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town hall programs next week.

Kreskin, the man who has come to be known as Mr. ESP, will be the speaker for the Livonia Town Hall Program at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Terrace Theater, 3400 Plymouth.

The Farmington Town Hall will play host Thursday, March 18, to Peter Mass, who has made many studies of the Mafia and all organized crime.

His talk is scheduled in the Northland Theater at 11 a.m.

BOTH SPEAKERS will make later appearances at celebrity luncheons.

Most tickets for the Livonia Town Hall luncheon in

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PETER MASS