



Women's Lib purposes vary

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One of the common criticisms of the Women's Liberation movement is that there is no unity of purpose, "a different set of demands for every woman involved."

But one liberation advocate thinks that in this diversity is

strength. Adano Henderson, female, young, black, single, mother and Malone community activist refuses to limit the liberation's scope.

"Woman's liberation is not just a woman's fight. It is part of the whole struggle of modern man for new human images; male and female yes, but also black and white, youth and age, parent and child. If woman's liberation comes off, all structures, including the family, will be obsolete."

"They key to the entire struggle for new images and new roles is re-education, Miss Henderson continued. "It is not just a question of equality. I don't want to be just equal, I want to be just me."

Miss Henderson feels there is a real, complimentary relationship between the sexes.

"To be a woman is to force a man to be a man." I must then find the role as a woman to compliment both myself and the man," she said.

A person discovers the new identity, not by ignoring all of the other roles a woman plays, such as black, mother, community member, but by using them in the search for the new identity, she continued.

"For instance, the idea of male dominance has special sensitivities for a black woman, Miss Henderson said, "and I must deal with these sensitivities."

"Because of the new thrust for racial identity, it is harder for a black woman to come up against a black man. But it I must go through special outward actions in order to accomplish my job of helping a black man to be a man, then I will. That is my complimentary role as a black woman."

Abortion is another liberation cause that holds special importance in the black community.

Once again it is re-education that is needed, Miss Henderson said. "Black people have a strong feeling for life, and birth is life. Abortion goes against black nature. But we must re-educate black communities to be concerned with the life that now exists. More babies are not what we need. What we need is a better life for the babies we have."

Attitudes are changing, according to Miss Henderson, but the fact still remains that even if a black woman decides to seek an abortion, she can rarely afford the high cost of competent medical help.

A better way, of course, is birth control, said Miss Henderson. And birth control supplies and information are readily available in most black communities, but their availability can create suspicion among the blacks.

"Why is everyone concerned that there are enough birth control clinics in black com-

munities, why not set up just as many clinics for whites? Population is a problem for everyone.

"They hand out pills in the black community and across town some white, suburban housewife has five or six kids because she feels it is her duty to have all the children she can provide for. It's easy to see how some non-whites come to believe in an extermination plot," she said.

In her own search for a new role, Miss Henderson considers education of prime importance.

"I came to Lincoln in September hoping to go to school. Since I have been here I have been able to serve on numerous boards and councils, to begin a job in the field I like, to establish a home for myself and my daughter, everything but go to school, Miss Henderson said. And though I have found ample opportunity to express my views, I have found that without a degree you are not as effective in having your ideas adopted."

Response 'good' to poverty area clinic

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Though Lincoln's Family Planning Clinic has been operating just a month. Response from poverty area women and attendance at the clinic for free contraceptives and birth control information has been "really good," according to Rhonda German, clinic director.

The clinic is open one morning a week and is staffed by volunteer doctors. The clinic staff also includes a registered nurse and three Out-reach workers in addition to Miss German. The Out-reachers are women from the poverty target areas who go door to door discussing contraceptives with women in their homes and encouraging them to make appointments at the clinic. The agency provides transportation and child-care for attending women.

To participate in the program women must meet the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) requirements that their income be under \$3600 per year for a family of four or under \$1800 for an individual.

Plans are to expand the program into one like Omaha's Planned Parenthood Program which used federal funds from Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) as well as OEO money.

When a woman attends the clinic she is shown a family planning film and all types of birth control methods are discussed with her before she sees a doctor. The choice of methods "must be her choice," Miss German said. Contraceptives are issued free of charge.

Purposes of the clinic are to educate the community about the need for family planning and to give medical care to people who might not otherwise get it. The clinic works not only to help women limit family size but to assist people who want children and haven't succeeded.

"Family planning is a big part of women's liberation," Miss German said. If women can determine the spacing of their children, they are freer to participate in activities outside the home.

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