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"God Bless Title IX" say the newest buttons in Washington, D.C. (available for 25¢ from the Project on the Status of Women, 1818 R Street, Washington, D.C. 20009) and the mood of feminists there and along the east coast is equally equivocal. Some feel that the Guidelines raise more problems than they solve; others are glad to have anything at all with which to approach the sexism of school systems; and most wish the Guidelines were firmer, more specific, and more inclusive. At the same time, there is some concern about the life of female or feminist institutions, especially those that are of an extraordinary nature. What is to be the future of women's centers, for example?

Last spring, we commissioned two lengthy and necessarily speculative essays on the Title IX Guidelines. These arrived almost as the Guidelines were issued in June, and for that reason we did not print them in the Summer issue. Instead, we are now publishing a joint Fall/Winter issue in order to include one lengthy summary of the issues raised by feminists about the Guidelines and several additional comments.

We understand, from the Office of Civil Rights, that 4,000 separate comments have been received on the Guidelines, many of these representing the views of organizations. Copies of the full Guidelines may be obtained from your Representative or Senator. You may also ask them for the Congressional Record, July 18, 1974, E4863-4869, which contains a more detailed critique of the proposed Title IX regulations prepared by Representative Bella Abzug and the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL).

Obviously, to devote so large a portion of this Newsletter to Title IX suggests our view of its importance. We'd like to hear your opinions as well since we plan to include at least one feature on this subject in forthcoming issues.

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