

# **An open letter to the Women's Health Collective**

To the Women's Health Collective:

A serious error was made in relation to your letter in the last issue of the *Organizer* in that we failed to consult with you as to the final form this article was to take. It was our intention not to print the article unless we had first secured agreement as to its form with representatives of the collective.

We are self-critical on a number of counts. Good intentions aside, our behavior violates both the spirit and the letter of principled relations. Secondly, this error can only divert attention away from the more fundamental questions that we need to debate and pollute the atmos-

phere in which that debate occurs. Thirdly, our error jeopardizes future cooperation between our organizations around common goals. Finally, we recognize this error as a manifestation of sexism and a sectarian attitude toward the women's movement.

For these reasons we want to do whatever is possible to rectify our error. In the way of public self-criticism we intend to print this as an open letter in the *Organizer*. We are also willing to print your entire letter on International Women's Day if that is your desire. We hope we can meet and discuss with you any additional or alternative measures. Please let us know.

The *Organizer* Staff