

women's movement in general. There is among sportswomen an increasing acceptance of feminism as a way of viewing the world and as a political force. The fact that "the personal is the political" is finally hitting home to sportswomen as they grapple with blatant inequality and discrimination in the sports world.

There is also a growing recognition on the part of feminists as to the significance of sport to the well-being of individual women and to the cultural framework of society. These indications of growing mutual awareness and acceptance by sportswomen and feminists — and there are many who consider themselves both — offer encouragement to everyone concerned about the furtherance of sex equality in sport, be it in unorganized recreational pursuits or in athletic competition at the highest levels.

The articles in this volume will, we hope, further the discussion of issues vital to achieving the right of all girls and women, regardless of class, colour, age, or physical potential, to participate freely in any form of physical activity or sport they so choose.

International Women's Writing Guild

The twelfth International Women's Writing Guild Conference will be held July 22-29, 1983, at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York. Women writers come from all over North America to learn and share their work and skills. The conference offers something for women who want to earn money through writing as well as for those women interested in writing for its own sake. Canadian participants make up about 30 per cent of the registrants. For more information contact the International Women's Writing Guild, Box 810, Gracie Station, New York, New York 10028.



Mother's Liturgy for Jonathan at 3

In the beginning
we strolled mindlessly on air
afraid of everything, though
no one knew
how much; you gave me hope.
We arrived and departed,
baby-faced, synonymous,
passing in and out daily
until age and ambition bored
between us.

I loved you then without fault.
I knew the pain of which
women tell:
"They grow up so fast . . ."

Today in a gesture of help
you reason symmetrically like
the man you will become
correcting my distress by
simple fact:
"It's here, mama! Here . . ."

May there be more prospect
before us
than merely *peace at the last*
and what we each remember
so differently
(if at all).

Margo Swiss