

WOMEN NOW

Unemployment rate rises for women

There are now more than 29 million working women who represent almost 45 per cent of the female population, an increase of almost 100 per cent since 1940. But the median annual wage for a woman working full time is \$4,457 while for a man it is \$7,664, according to the Department of Labor, which has provided these and all the following statistics.

Occupationally, women are relatively more disadvantaged than they were 30 years ago. In 1940, women held 45 per cent of all professional and technical jobs while now it is approximately 37 per cent. Unemployment rates were the same for men and women in 1960; today twice as many women are unemployed.

Three out of 5 working women earn less than \$5,000 as compared to 1 out of 5 men. The majority of women work because they have to, not merely to get extra pocket money. Yet more than one-third of them are in low-paid clerical positions. Two-thirds of professional women are

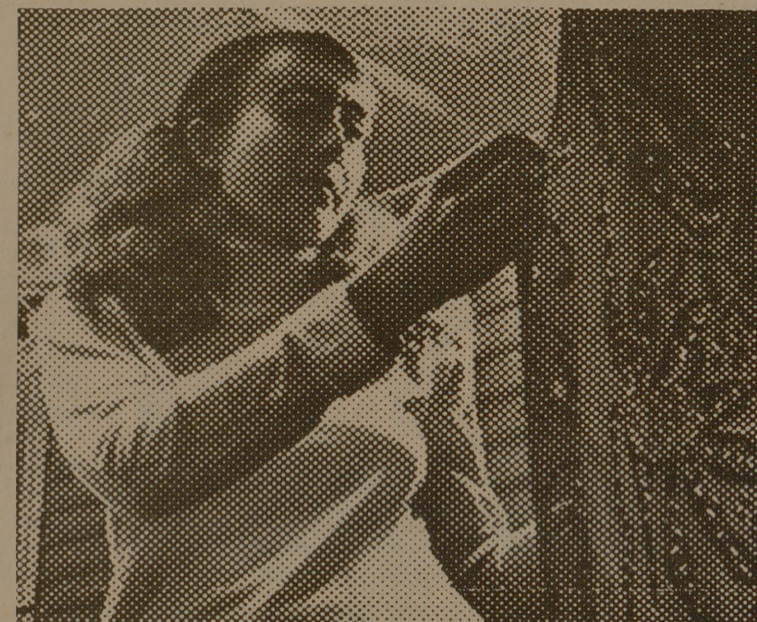
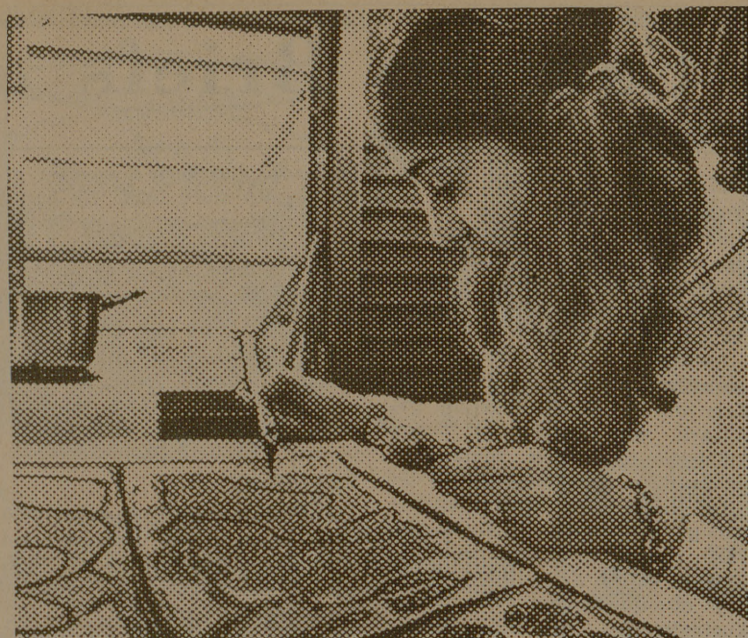
in the notoriously underpaid fields of nursing and teaching.

Dr. Dean Knudsen blames the lowered status of women on their own diminished efforts coupled with institutionalized discrimination. She sees it as a vicious cycle: Women know they will be discriminated against in high paying jobs and give up their efforts; employers justify discrimination by citing evidence of lower achievement and commitment to employment.

Coming into the '70s, with its trend toward earlier marriage and smaller families, women are active in the labor force again.

Indisputably, they are moving into many new fields — computer programming, electronics, engineering. But they are still restricted in their choice of jobs by a variety of so-called "protective laws." Women have been called "victims of protection" for they are often excluded from better-paying positions by these laws.

(to be continued next Wednesday: Women and Laws)



MAKING BATIK—Leora Korb uses a tjantling to apply hot beeswax to areas not to be dyed. Then she hangs fabrics up to dry. Next she dips them in kerosene to remove wax.

Junkyard houses wax art

SOUTH AMBOY, N.J. (AP) — Amidst the crushed and mangled hulks of cars in a junkyard here, stands an old dairy truck—the kind that delivers milk at your home. This one, however, is a studio for Leora Korb, a tiny blond with a long pony tail who spends her days transforming white silk into filmy colorful batik scarves.

Her studio, which has a window, door, skylight, interior spotlights, shelves and worktable, sits in the junkyard owned by her husband's parents.

Mrs. Korb, who was born in South Africa, moved to Israel where she studied fashion design. She came to New York City in 1967 to work for an Israeli man-

ufacturing concern and met and married Lewis Korb.

Her suburban New Jersey apartment, she found, was too confining for her batik work. "I was too inhibited," she recalled. "It's messy work, and I was afraid the dye would splatter." So she set up the studio.

There, on rainy days, she can be found bent over her worktable, drawing designs with hot beeswax on sheer silk. On sunny days she's outside dyeing the scarves,

which range up to six feet in length. The colors are magnificent. Think of the Negev desert at sunrise, mid-day and sunset—subtle, earthy, striking and vibrant.

The designs are fascinating: simple and subdued—the merest tracings of line and color—or bold and geometric, but never harsh.

And she's done well with them—they are popular in New York City stores, and are quickly spreading to better stores across the country.

Batik designs rival tie-dyeing

Tie-dyeing, an ancient oriental art gone modern, is displayed across the campus on jeans, T-shirts and as hangings on dorm and apartment walls. Often the results of an afternoon spent amidst rubber bands and vats of dye are less than satisfactory.

An alternative to a possible disaster is batik. Although more time-consuming, the craft of resist dyeing produces more elaborate and intricate designs than tie-dyeing.

To begin, one must have these materials:

- Beeswax or paraffin
- Regular clothing dye
- Cloth (Use cotton or a loosely woven fabric such as silk or cheesecloth)
- Pans (to hold dyes and wax)
- Applicator
- Pencil

Wooden frame to stretch fabric across.

The applicator, called a tjantling, can be made by bending the end of a wire clothes hanger to form a loop. Use aluminum foil to shape a cup with a pouring spout.

Draw a pencil outline of the desired design on the fabric. Heat wax and mix dye. Using the applicator, apply liquid wax to fabric on areas not to be dyed.

Dip the fabric in cold dye. This is extremely important. If dye is not cold, wax will melt.

Leave fabric in dye four to six hours, preferably overnight.

Wax can be removed in three ways. The fabric can be soaked in kerosene or hot water. Or one can place the fabric between two sheets of newspaper and iron the top sheet with a hot iron, changing the newspaper frequently. This method is most effective but the most time-consuming.

Batik patterns designed in many colors require rewaxing and dyeing for each color used.

Often a large area is waxed, using a wad of cotton or brush as an applicator. Then the material is immersed in cold water and crushed in the hand. This produces a fine meshwork of cracks over the surface. When the material is dipped in the dye, the color will penetrate the cracks. When the wax has been removed, an interesting marble effect will be revealed.

Batik originated in Java or one of the other south sea islands and has been skillfully practiced for thousands of years. The natives use the intricate designs to tell stories of religion and folklore.

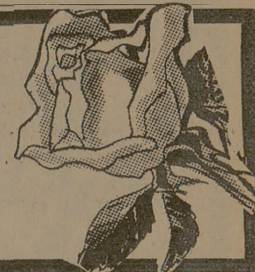
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Gym club plans weekly workout

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The club members meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on the third floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Monday sessions include ballet instruction applied to gymnastics. Wednesday and Thursday are reserved for tumbling and apparatus work.

Members find they perform best in leotards, but loosely-fitting clothing can be worn for workouts.

Last spring a four-woman team was organized by Mickey Stratton, graduate Physical Education student and former gymnastics letterman. Stratton will be coaching this year on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Kathy Hooper, Muriel McDermott, Reenie Turk and Vicki Casarez, placed fifth in the Texas Collegiate and in the Gulf AAU meet in Houston.

This year a new team, formed from club members, will compete in eight meets.

All girls, whether skilled or beginners, are encouraged to join. Further information can be obtained by contacting the required physical education office in G. Rollie White Coliseum, 845-5924.

The purpose of the box is to gain opinions and suggestions concerning All-University Week-end Oct. 9-11 and on other social events. Anyone who has any ideas for possible social activities for the event is encouraged to use the suggestion box.

"The box is not there just for the use of coeds," stressed Miss McCall. Anyone with an idea should not hesitate to let us know.

There have been numerous responses to the box, and eventually it will be expanded to include all aspects of campus life concerning women.

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