

reproductive systems and the wasteful insanity of meat/dairy production is blatantly exposed.

Furthermore, from an environmental/ecological sense, the amount of waste and sewage spewed forth from animal industries will concern you. The toppling of the ecological balance and the enormous amount of fuel required to do this is similar to situations in other super-industries.

The facts are there. Read the book and consider your ethical values. The book also provides further references and a list of animal rights organizations. Or contact F.A.R. for a list of vegetarian and vegan cookbooks.

Let us, as feminists, acknowledge our connection to other species. The abuse of women and animals and the connection between meat and dairy are basic feminist concerns.

Animal Factories may be ordered for \$7.95:  
Agenda, P.O. Box 5234, Westport, CT. 06881

--KAREN DEBRA MESSER

#### LETTERS

F.A.R. would like to hear from you!! Let us know what your reactions are to our newsletter and/or anything else concerning feminism and animal rights. Write us at:

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#### FILM

The Berkeley premiere of "The Animals Film" will be held at UC Theatre on April 18th. Showtimes are 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35. The showing is sponsored by Action for Animals.

#### TAPES AVAILABLE

Copies of Sally Gearhart's "Feminism and Animal Rights" is available from F.A.R. courtesy of Action for Animals. The lecture explores the connections between the exploitation of animals and of women. Tapes are \$3.00. Write F.A.R. at the address above.

#### THE MONKEY BUSINESS BEHIND AIDS RESEARCH

The following letter appeared (in edited form) in the Oakland Tribune. We encourage others to write similar letters. Petitions demanding that alternative methods of research be used are available upon request.

"I was saddened and outraged to read (12-31-83 Oakland Tribune) that monkeys at NIH facilities in Bethesda Md. and Davis California are being injected with the blood of monkeys who have already contracted an AIDS-like disease. One might naively think that a facility beset with a wide-scale epidemic might be closed down by the NIH (close to 50% of the monkeys at UC Davis died suddenly and unexplainably in an epidemic.) Instead, the researchers have cleverly turned these monkeys' misfortune to their advantage by claiming that it gives them the perfect opportunity to do research on AIDS. Their sophisticated research shows us the surprising finding that monkeys do indeed die when infected with blood from diseased monkeys.

I am as anxious as anyone to find a cure for AIDS (although, I suspect, as with so many diseases, that the best cure lies in prevention.) However, I can in no way condone the suffering of another group of beings to achieve this goal. There is increasing evidence that research on animals is not only morally bankrupt but scientifically invalid as well. After 30 years of cancer research on animals, we find that the cancer rate has actually increased. Many dangerous drugs are also marketed for humans because they prove safe and effective on animals. (The 10,000 children born to pregnant mothers who took thalidomide are a sad testimony to this fact and far from the only one.)

As a gay person, I sincerely hope that the gay community will question the type of research being done on their behalf and condemn all research that inflicts pain and suffering on innocent beings. Let's not let animals pay, once again, with their lives for human disease."

--MARTI KHEEL

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