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The Pandora we have all been told about was an idle idiot who irresponsibly opened a casket and let loose all the Evils that beset this world: Old Age, Sickness, Vice, Passion. This supposedly "proves" that women are frivolous and silly, and need the control of the stronger and more intelligent man. Except that originally Pandora was the "All-Giving." The casket belonged to her (not to Prometheus, as Hesiod would have us believe); and it was an earthenware jar (Pithos) in which the Greeks stored good things like grain, wine and oil. When Pandora opened this jar, she was not the woman temptress - she was the Great Goddess, opening a storehouse of grains and fruit for all people. It was only after the patriarchy took hold that this myth became so perverted (especially in Hesiod) that today Pandora is a figure of which women are ashamed. This is just one of the many lies in our heritage that we must re-evaluate.

This is an independent bi-weekly Seattle women's movement newsletter. Our purposes are two-fold: to maintain communication and sisterhood among the various groups, and to give fair and accurate coverage to events and projects which concern women's struggle for equality.

We need help from our sisters. If you have ideas, comments, or want to help please call Anne Schwiesow, ME2-4747 or leave your name at the YWCA office at 4224 University Way N. E.

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