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an annotated
online archive of
the issues,
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DYKE, A QUARTERLY

A MAGAZINE OF LESBIAN CULTURE AND ANALYSIS 1975 - 1979, TOMATO PUBLICATIONS, NYC

from print to an online digital archive

DYKE, A Quarterly

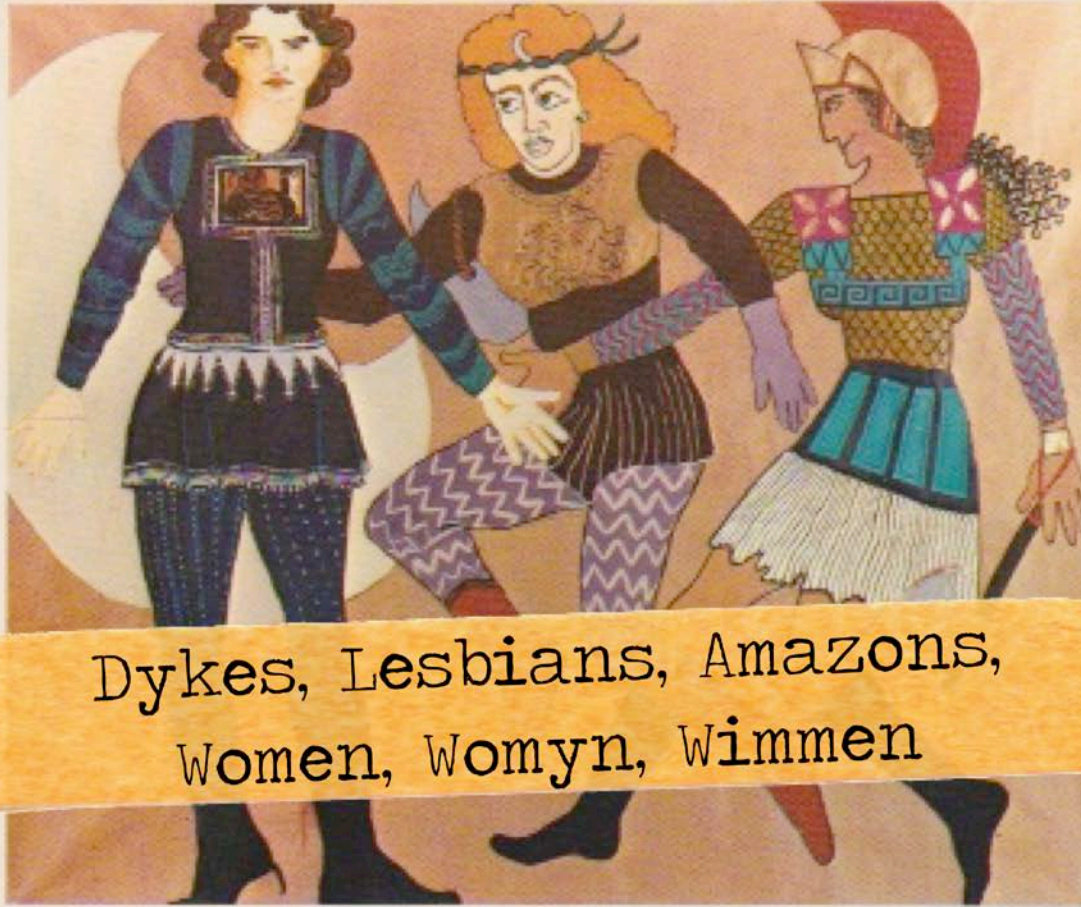
Published in print from 1975-1979



Liza Cowan and Penny House publishers + editors



DYKE was for and about



Dykes, Lesbians, Amazons,
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DYKE, A Quarterly was



educational



entertaining



community building



beautiful



interactive



provocative

"DYKE is more personally honest in print than most people are in conversation. DYKE has wit and intellect and guts." Gaia's Guide, 1977

Archived ephemera

What is DYKE?

from No. 1, p.5, Introduction

WHAT IS DYKE

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excerpt from press release: DYKE folds

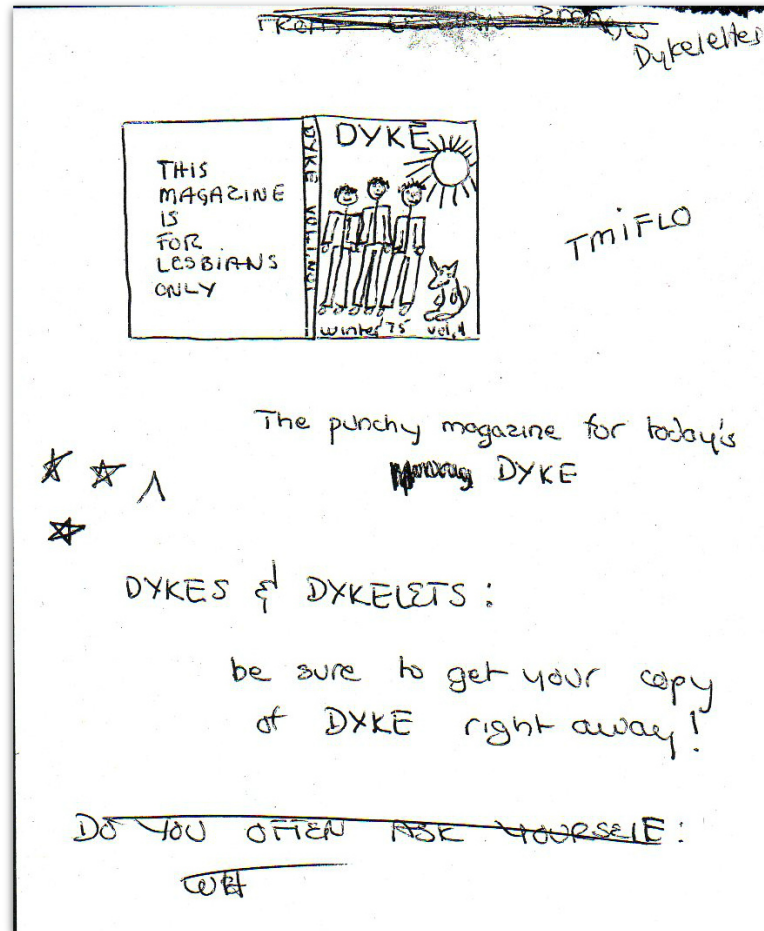
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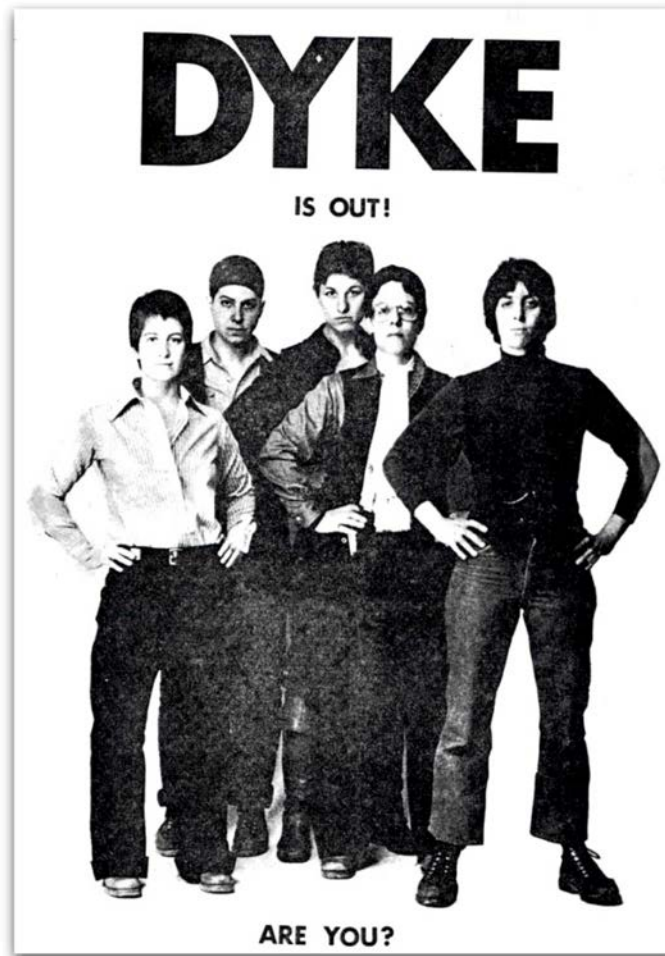
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Archived ephemera: sketch for an idea



Archived ephemera: promotional flier



our first flier

Archived ephemera: contact sheet from photo shoot



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Inside what is DYKE

Calling All Separatists...

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We have decided to publish DYKE because there is no periodical that fulfills our need for ~~news~~ communication, and analysis of our Lesbian culture. So much is happening in the Lesbian communities across the country, but the ~~mainstream~~ *mainstream* ~~news~~ *news* covering only a fraction of the news. Lesbian periodicals have decided to focus on their own cities (with the exception of The Lesbian Connection published by Ambitious Amazons). There is an information gap. No one is documenting our culture. So we intend to do it.

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ADVERTISING
We, and probably you, are living our lives, as best we can, with and for Lesbians. DYKE will be a reflection of our lives. There will be correspondants from Lesbian Communes and Communities all over the country (if you would like to be one, write us for details). They will be writing about what is happening in their communities, writing about trends, events, and anything they feel is important and interesting. We want to know about what Dykes are wearing, what books they are reading, what movies they are going to, how they are raising children, how they are celebrating holidays, what arts they are involved with, and all the varied things that happen in the everyday life of a Dyke community.

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inside
DYKE will carry feature articles on live events, home economics, Dyke history, language, fashion, media, theatre, music, and literature. There will be interviews, lots of graphics, and scores of other interesting articles.

2a
DYKE is published and edited by two women, Lisa and Penny. We have editorial control and all final decisions are made by us. (any changes in the articles will be made with the author's consent.) Everybody who works for DYKE will be paid. Regular correspondants will receive free subscriptions as payment. We will carry ads from businesses owned and operated by and for women.

2a
DYKE will be distributed at women's bookstores, coffeehouses, and centers and by subscription. It will not be sold at men's stores. Subscriptions from men (sounds silly, but it happens) will be returned.

DYKE will be published quarterly starting in Autumn 1975. Charter subscription is \$5.00 till November 30, 1975. Price thereafter, \$8.00. We urge women to buy subscriptions to share. DYKE is published by Tomato Publications, 70 Barrow St. New York, NY 10014, room 1R

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DYKE No. 1 winter 1975

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DYKE, A Quarterly: ISSUE No 1: Cover by Marlene Miller



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cover of No. 1

DYKE, A Quarterly, Issue #1, Winter 1975-76. Illustration by Marlene Miller

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spring 1976

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Issue: #2

September 25, 2010

DYKE, A Quarterly No 2: COVER

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issue No. 2 cover



DYKE A Quarterly, Cover, No. 2

The women on the cover all worked at Bread and Roses, the women's restaurant in Cambridge MA. There is a lengthy interview with them inside the magazine.



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DYKE No. 3

Fall 1976

DYKE A Quarterly, No 3: Cover, Alice Austen



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cover for No. 3
photo by Alice Austen

DYKE A QUARTERLY ISSUE No.3, Photo on cover by Alice Austen. Design by Liza Cowan

We probably first saw Alice Austen's photographs at an exhibition of her work at Richmond College in Staten Island, NY. Alice was a pioneer 19th Century photographer who was born and raised in Staten Island. By now everyone pretty much accepts [that she was a Lesbian](#), or a woman who loved women. *DYKE A Quarterly* was the first periodical to write about her as such.

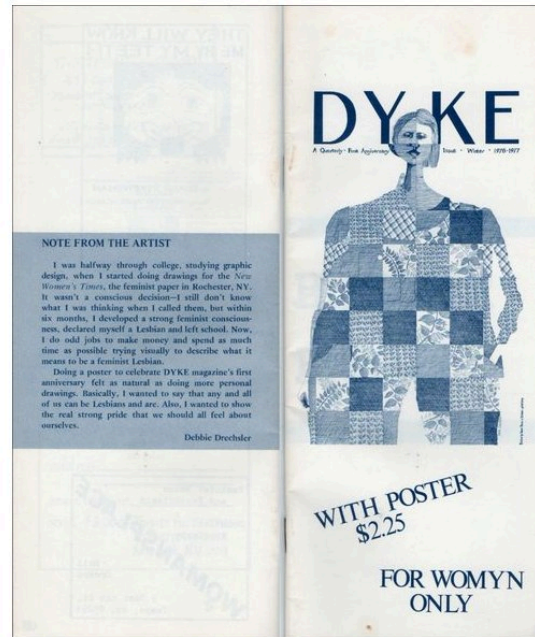
DYKE No. 4

Spring 1977

DYKE A Quarterly, No. 4, front and back covers

In issue No. 4 we broke form to publish a poster instead of a magazine. Along with the gorgeous 4-color poster, designed by Debbie Drechsler and printed by Tower Press, we sent a magazinelette, envelope sized, with letters and responses. Our readers were baffled.

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cover for No. 4
the poster issue
drawing by
Debbie Drechsler



DYKE A Quarterly, Issue No. 4. cover. Illustration by Debbie Drechsler.

NOTE FROM THE ARTIST

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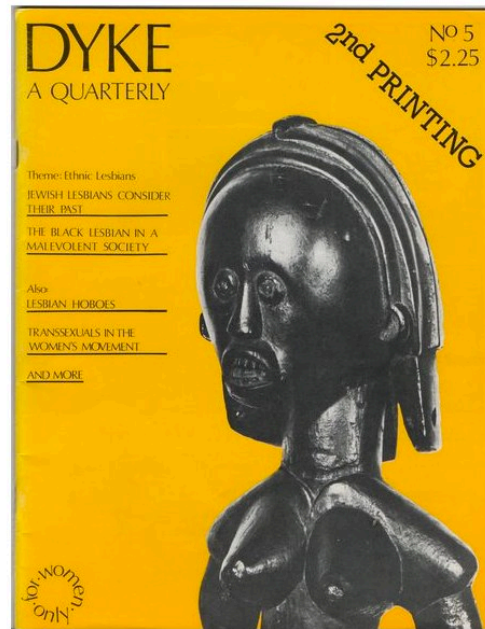
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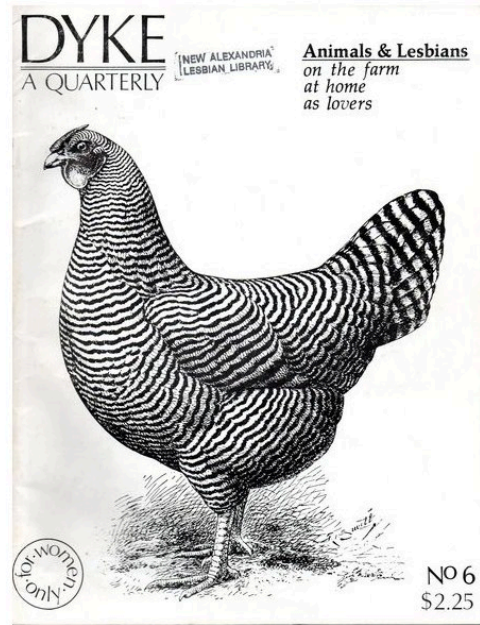
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DYKE, A Quarterly, No. 6: Cover, The Animal Issue



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cover No. 6

DYKE No.6, Cover. Illustration from early 20th Century Farm Encyclopedia.

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Archived ephemera: 1979 DYKE ends print publication

press release/ letter to subscribers

TOMATO PUBLICATIONS, LTD.

DYKE, A QUARTERLY, FOLDS

It is with a mixture of sadness, relief and anger that we announce the folding of DYKE, A Quarterly. When we conceived of DYKE four years ago we decided that we would give it a few years to become self supporting. We have been publishing now for three years and the magazine still does not support itself. Clearly, we lack a large enough audience.

WHAT WAS DYKE, A QUARTERLY

Tomato Publications, Ltd. published six issues of DYKE, a magazine of essays, interviews, history, art and politics. Our first two issues featured among other articles, the highly controversial C.L.I.T. statements, a major Lesbian separatist analysis. Issue #3 presented a portfolio of Alice Austen, a Lesbian photographer from the turn of the century. Issue #4 was a beautiful four color poster by Debbie Dreshler which came along with a small magazinelette. Issue #5 featured essays about ethnic Lesbians, also a history of Lesbian hoboos during the depression, and an analysis of transsexuals in the women's movement. Issue #6 featured articles about Lesbians and animals, and a symposium on Lesbian separatism.

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by George F. ... available in script form for \$3.50 through the Nova Scotia Dramatist's Co-op, Box 3608, Halifax South Post Office, Halifax, NS, B3J 3K6.

•*Dyke, the American radical lesbian*

DYKE
IS OUT!



ARE YOU?

Taking a stand

quarterly, has folded. The editors have offered an analysis of why the journal was unable to support itself: "We were never afraid to take risks, to take a controversial stand. Our title, which we thought was amusing, was to many aggressive, provocative and repellent. The mixture of radical lesbian separatist politics and slick graphics was too confusing for many women to take in. Our courage to voice the opinions that most women would only confess in the secrecy of their own living rooms was painful for many. Our passion for revealing our intimate thoughts was just too threatening. Each issue of the magazine lost money. Our demands were too high to publish poorly: we wanted the magazine to reflect the high opinion we have of lesbians and we wanted it to last years. We accepted advertising only from women-owned businesses, and since our circulation was so small, it was hardly worthwhile for the few women-owned businesses that exist to advertise with us. We were also committed to paying for all work — a costly commitment. The

MAU-79 THE BODY POLITIC/33

notice in Canadian gay publication The Body Politic

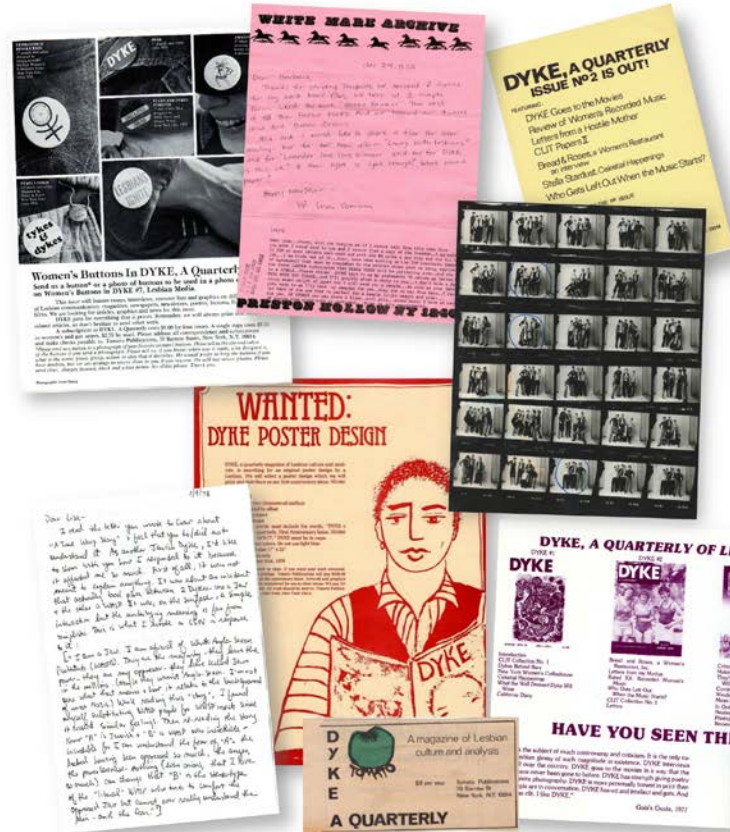
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DYKE goes to the Library

DYKE A Quarterly issues
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Issues + ephemera
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online annotated archive debut September 2010

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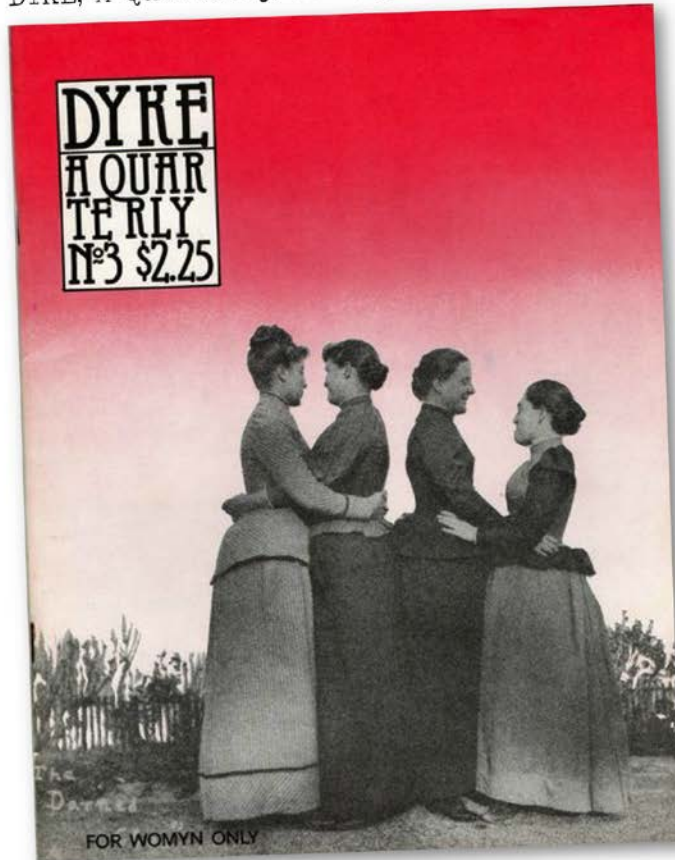
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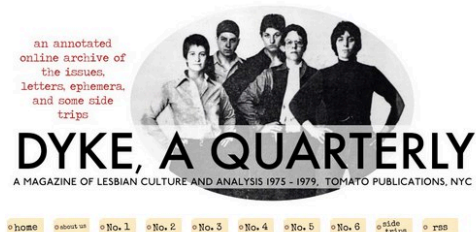
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Announcement Flyer: 1976. Second from Left, Liza Cowan. Second from right, Penny House. Far right, Alix Dobkin. Photo by Michelle. Design by Liza Cowan

This is the annotated archive of the magazine we created. We hope you enjoy reading the issues and taking a peek at some of what went on behind the pages: the sketches, ideas, layout

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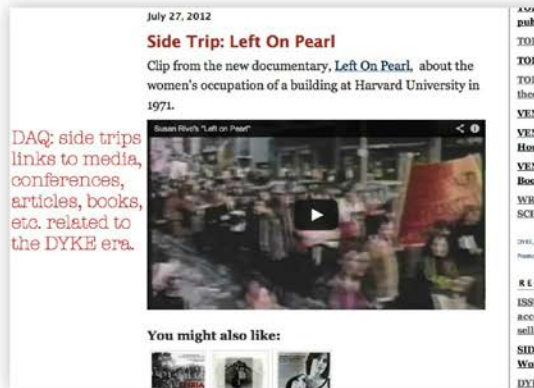
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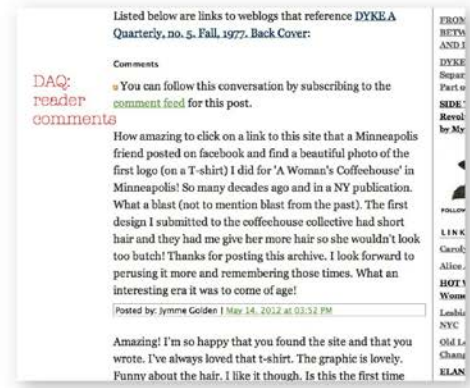
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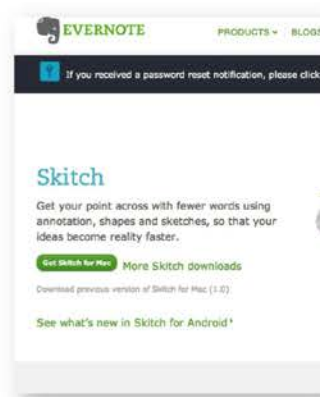
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DAQ tweets

The image is a screenshot of a Twitter profile page for 'DYKE A Quarterly' (@DYKEaQuarterly). The page has a red background with a black and white photograph of four women in long, dark dresses standing in a row, looking towards the right. The Twitter interface is overlaid on this background. At the top, there are navigation icons for Home, Connect, Discover, and Me, along with a search bar and settings icons. The profile header shows the account name 'DYKE A Quarterly', the handle '@DYKEaQuarterly', and a bio: 'Online annotated archive for DYKE A Quarterly of Lesbian Culture and Analysis, published from 1978-1979 in New York. USA · <http://www.dykequarterly.com>'. Below the header, it shows 429 tweets, 204 following, and 175 followers. The main content area displays three tweets. The first tweet is from CNET (@CNET) dated 13 Mar, mentioning Google Reader alternatives and retweeted by DYKE A Quarterly. The second tweet is from DYKE A Quarterly (@DYKEaQuarterly) dated 13 Mar, asking if a DM picture was suspicious. The third tweet is from DYKE A Quarterly (@DYKEaQuarterly) dated 11 Mar, discussing a class at The New School. On the left side, there are navigation links for Tweets, Following, Followers, Favorites, and Lists. Below these are sections for 'Who to follow' (listing Institute on Women and AmericanIndianMuseum) and 'Trends' (listing Kevin Kolb and various hashtags like #HowToGetOutOfAConversation).

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I think that @TenuredRadical is discussing @DYKEaQuarterly in her class right now at @TheNewSchool, aka my alma mater.
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DAQ on Facebook

The image displays a collage of screenshots from the Facebook page of "DYKE, A Quarterly: Online Annotated Archive".

- Main Profile Screenshot:** Shows the page header with "DYKE, A Quarterly: Online Annotated Archive", navigation tabs (Timeline, Now), and an Admin Panel. The cover photo features four women in historical dress. The profile picture is a smaller version of the same group. The bio identifies the page as a media/news/publishing outlet from 1975 to 1979, edited by Liza Cowan and Penny House, with a link to www.dykequarterly.com. A post from "yesterday" is visible, mentioning a conference at Bryn Mawr College.
- Post with Pug:** A post from "yesterday" with a pug photo. The text reads: "yay for no more teeny bits of cut up paper, rubber cement on everything, razor cuts, and Yay for instant access to the multiverse. The pug only THINKS she can type." Below the text are the words "n this" and "to th".
- Post with Zodiac Wheel:** A post featuring a zodiac wheel with horses and the text "WOMEN'S HISTORY IN THE DIGITAL AGE".
- Other Posts:** Several smaller posts are visible, including one about a "greened conference" and another about a "zodiac wheel".

Transcribing: there must be a better way

