WASHINGTON, DC — Sunday, March 14, 1982

We have been used to this. We have spent the last nine hours sleeping in a bus traveling west from Wellesley College. We have come here to attend a rally in support of birth control and abortion.

A March for Women's Li-
vos was sponsored by the Na-
tional Organization for Women (NOW). The purpose: to remind our elected officials that most Americans want safe and legal birth control and abortions.

At first thought, marching for the right of women to have access to birth control and abortions, they have had access to birth control and abortions. It cannot be a case when a pregnant woman had to decide whether to give birth or to have an abortion. They have had access to legal and safe abortion.

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The march started at noon. We marched from the Mall, past the Washington Monument, around to the White House and back to the Capital Green. It took a little over ninety minutes to march the three mile path. Three hours after the leaders of the march reached the Green, people were still waiting to start.

Eleanor C. Smeal, president of NOW, addressed us on the Green, along with Bella Abzug, former Democratic representative from New York, Congresswoman Don Edwards (D-CA) and many others. Smuel would speak for ten minutes, introduce someone who would talk for 20 and then re-

sue to the next speaker. Every time she would say "We are still coming," and we were.

The speeches on the Green were amazing. Such power and vitality in these speakers. Such power and resolve in the crowd. Many of us were crying — crying with hope and joy.

Our rally was filled with peo-
ple, "people who have said it's about time we went into the streets again!" said Smuel. "But we have more than people — we have money too," she continued. She then asked each one of the 125,000 people at the rally to carry ten dollars in their pockets and give it to NOW. When a minute, there were hands waving green bills. "Ev-

erybody in here," said the presi-
dent of NOW, pointing to the press box, "The media — we want your money too!!

At first thought, marching for the right of women to decide when and if they will take birth control, seems rather silly. Even since I can remember, women have had access to birth control and abortion. I can't conceive of a time when a pregnant woman had to decide whether to give birth or to have an abortion. They have had access to legal and safe abortion.

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