

OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 26, 1978

THE COLGATE WOMEN'S CENTER

A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER

The Women's Center held its first meeting of the spring semester on Tuesday, February 21. The following officers were elected:

COORDINATORS:	Beth Kohnen	Box A138	824-9801
	Sarah Peake	Box 752	824-9707
SECRETARIES:	Nancy Batterman	Box 528	824-9725
	Gail Gittleman	Box 648	824-0295
TREASURER:	Veda Hackell	Box B164	824-0177
MEMBERS AT	Peg Byron	Box 1193	824-1848
LARGE:	Barb Hamilton	Box 1056	824-2644
	JoClare Hartzig	Box 911	824-0120

These offices were suggested by Peg Byron, Beth Kohnen, and Marilyn Thie and accepted as the new breakdown of the executive board. Committee chairpersons, who are also on the executive board, will be elected at the next meeting.

OUR PURPOSE****To attempt to meet the needs of women at Colgate for communication and interaction; to sponsor a variety of activities of interest to women or about women; to provide a supportive network for Colgate women.

OUR NAME***It has been suggested that our name be changed from the Colgate Women's Center to the Colgate Women's Coalition. This will be voted on at our next meeting. The dictionary defines coalition as:

1a: the act of coalescing; UNION; b: a body formed by the coalescing of original elements
COMBINATION; 2: a temporary alliance of distinct parties, persons, or states for
JOINT ACTION.

If anyone has a suggestion for another name, please bring it to the next meeting on Wednesday, March 1.

OUR PLANS****The Women's Center will meet every third Wednesday. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and details about each particular one, along with the agendas, will be sent out prior to each one. The actual dates are March 1, March 22, April 12, May 3, and May 24.

Our April 12 meeting will be jointly held with the League of Women Voters of Hamilton. We will have a tea focusing on the E.R.A.

CULTURAL WEEKEND**** A cultural weekend is being planned for the weekend of April 14-16. Womanpower, ideas, and suggestions are greatly needed. There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 2, of the FEMINIST ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE at 4:30 in Bolton House. Anybody interested in helping with the weekend is urged to attend.

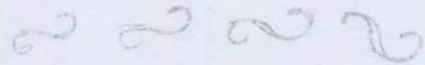
OUR NEXT MEETING**** will be on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. at Bolton House. It will be devoted to getting some business out of the way. The agenda is as follows:

(1) voting on our name.

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- (2) Setting up a constitution.
- (3) Electing committee chairpersons.
- (4) CULTURAL WEEKEND
- (5) Open discussion about coming programs, films, etc.

PLEASE MAKE SUGGESTIONS, TELL US WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE BRING DON ,
WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, WHAT YOU THINK SHOULD CHANGE....WE NEED
YOU....WE NEED COMMUNICATION,...FEEL FREE TO CALL ANY OF THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEMBERS.....COME TO THE MEETINGS WHERE YOUR VOICES CAN BE HEARD..



OUR SECOND NEWSLETTER

MARCH 6, 1978

THE COLGATE WOMEN'S COALITION
"OUR WAY TO COMMUNICATE"

The WOMAN'S COALITION held its second meeting on Wednesday night, March 1. YES, our name has been changed, and so, too, as we hope, will our organization- as it takes on a new, more promising and productive status. The constitution has remained basically the same (we found the old one and saved ourselves the trouble of drawing up a new one.)

OUR NEW OFFICE: Hopefully, confusions such as losing the constitution won't happen anymore. Now, we have an office in CUTTEN CORE next to APARTMENT A, a home for our papers but, more importantly, a home for ourselves. The office hours will be Monday-Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Right now, we really need people to help fix the place up (gather furniture, paint the walls, hang posters, etc.) Please contact Beth Kohnen (9801) if you are interested, or sign up at the weekly coffee and donuts hour.

COFFEE AND DONUTS: will continue weekly (Monday's during the free period- 11:20-12:10) as an informal social gathering. A table with information about our activities and general issues will be set up each week. Again, help is needed to keep these gatherings going. Anyone who does not have a 10:20 class could greatly help out by getting the coffee started. Please contact Gail Ghitelman (0295) or any of the executive board members if you are able and willing.

CULTURAL WEEKEND: Our coordinators for the weekend are Nancy Morris, Sue Hensley, and Karen Wentzel. There will be a potluck supper Thursday evening, March 9, for anyone working on the weekend. Workers and ideas are still in demand. For more information about the weekend and the supper, call 0155.

Mary Jo Ashenfelter is looking for women interested in the performing arts for a show to be performed that weekend. Call her at 0401.

Karen Griffis is working on a booklet of Colgate women's poetry and fiction to be distributed during the weekend. A box has been set up at the reserve desk in the library for submissions. Women interested in the putting together of the booklet can also read the samples at their leisure. Material will be accepted until March 8. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday night, March 8. For more information, call Karen at 3295 or Marci at 2636.

COMING EVENTS

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, featuring Barbara Friend, who will be reading some of her poetry.

A discussion on radical lesbianism and alternate lifestyles is tentatively scheduled for March 18. Women from New York City will be telling us of their experiences living on an urban commune.

Fred Dobens is setting up a panel discussion series that will run over the next 2 months on women and alcohol. "Reflections in a Glass."

OUR APRIL 12 MEETING WILL FEATURE JANE JONES OF THE HAMILTON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. SHE WILL TALK ABOUT THE E.R.A.

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Women interested in planning a brunch for Colgate Alumnae the weekend of June 3 (Alumni weekend) should contact Beth (9801) or Sarah (9707).

The film "Bottle Babies" scheduled for this week's Bread and Broth meal (Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Peace House) is of special importance to women. Companies such as Nestlé promote infant formula to poor women in underdeveloped countries. Although the use of formula has been seen as an advance, there is little reason to encourage its use in underdeveloped countries. It is very difficult to sterilize bottles or preserve milk made from powdered form without a refrigerator or a modern stove. Poor women are often unaware of germs as the cause of disease or of the immunological benefits of their own milk, which dries up while they use free samples of the formula and causes them to have to buy more formula in order to feed their babies when the samples run out. A weekly supply of formula costs 62% of the minimum wage in Pakistan. To make the supply last longer, these women dilute it and undernourish their babies or fill the bottles with sugary fluids such as lemonade, associating the bottle with "healthiness," and not the fluid it contains. Millions of poor women have abandoned their own safe, cheap breast milk, not realizing that three-month old bottle-fed infants have a death rate 3 times as high as those fed at the breast (according to a recent study done in Chile).

To find out more about this vast problem, which is of primary concern to all concerned citizens, but especially to women (whose sisters' bodies are being exploited), you are urged to attend Monday evening's film.

ANYONE WITH NEWS "BLURPS" SUCH AS THESE ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO WOMEN CAN HAVE THEM PRINTED UP IN THE NEWSLETTER BY SUBMITTING THEM TO MANGY (BOX 528, TELEPHONE 9725, 10 COBB). THE DEADLINE FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S NEWSLETTER IS THURSDAY, 12:00 noon.

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The following information was received from the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) regarding the upcoming national convention. The convention will be held in Washington, D.C. on March 27-30, 1973. The theme of the convention is "Women's Political Action." The NWPC is currently accepting applications for delegates to the convention. For more information, contact the NWPC at 1100 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

COMING EVENTS  
OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 7:00 PM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PEACE HOUSE. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PEACE HOUSE.

A discussion on racial leadership and organizational development is being scheduled for March 15. This discussion will be held in the Peace House. The discussion will be held in the Peace House.

The Women's Political Caucus is getting up a special discussion series that will be held in the Peace House. The discussion will be held in the Peace House.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS, CONTACT THE NWPC AT 1100 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

# OUR third newsletter

March 20, 1978 The Colgate Women's Coalition  
"Our Way To Communicate"

THE WOMEN'S COALITION held its third meeting on Wednesday night, March 15. A general business discussion was followed by a poetry reading given by Barbara Friend. We'd like to thank Barbara for giving of her time and sharing her wonderful talent with us.

### BUSINESS COVERED AT THE MEETING:

We voted in favor of sending three women from the Colgate Debate Society to the First Women's Championship Debate, sponsored by Barnard College. We will cover the expenses, which include registration, transportation, and food, but, most importantly, we'll be sending representatives from Colgate to an event that may catalyze ideas for programs, set up connections with other schools, and bring back information on current themes. Many important women have been invited to the debate, including Betty Friedan, Margaret Meade, and Shirley Chisholm. The proposed topics are (a) are single-sex colleges obsolete? (b) should women receive financial assistance from the government for abortions? (c) should homosexuals be allowed to adopt children? The women attending the debate will give us a presentation when they return.

### \*\*\*\*\*REPORT ON CULTURAL WEEKEND\*\*\*\*\*

The coordinators of the cultural week, Karen Wentzel, Sue Hensley, and Nancy Morse, gave us a report of their progress in the form of this

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE\*\*\*\*\* WOMEN'S WEEK APRIL 9-15  
SUNDAY 7:00p.m. CHAPEL BASEMENT NON-SEXIST CHURCH SERVICE  
MONDAY-FRIDAY at 4:00p.m. in ALTON LOUNGE LECTURES

- WOMEN IN HISTORY: HARRY PAYNE
- WOMEN IN LITERATURE: JANE PINCHIN
- WOMEN IN EDUCATION: JUDY LOVE
- WOMEN IN SPORTS: RUTH GOERING
- WOMEN IN SCIENCE: LIZ BRACKETT

TUESDAY 8:00p.m. OLIN HALL FILM FESTIVAL  
WEDNESDAY 8:00p.m. ALTON LOUNGE THE SWINGING GATES  
THURSDAY 8:00p.m. 209 IATHROP FILM "BLOW BY BLOW"  
FRIDAY 5:00p.m. DINNER AND SPEAKER IN THE CULTURAL CENTER  
SATURDAY 9:00p.m. WOMEN IN THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTATION

Other events include a women's poetry magazine, a sale of women's books in the bookstore, artwork displays in the Cloakroom Gallery, and the WRCU broadcasting of a radio play by SYLVIA PLATH performed by students at Colgate. For more information, contact Karen, Sue, or Nancy at 824-0155 (47 Payne Street...down)

\*\*\*There was a short discussion on whether some sort of "big sister" correspondence should be set up between upperclasswomen and freshmen in order to get more women meeting others outside their classes and set up communication lines. We decided, however, in favor of having some function on the hill specifically for first year students or going around to the dorms to tell people about our activities. Anybody interested in working on this should contact Barb Grady.

\*\*\*\*\*Jeanne Hersch, Picker Professor of Philosophy and Religion,  
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will be lecturing on "Man and Woman: Equal Partners?" on Wednesday night, April 5. The Women's Coalition will sponsor a wine and cheese reception afterwards in the Classics Center.

CONTACT WITH COLGATE ALUMNAE \*\*\*\*\* It is very important that we keep ties with women who have graduated from Colgate. While most men graduates remain informed through their respective fraternities, women graduates have no such contacts. We would like to be that contact, for our well being as well as theirs. Two projects are under way right now for these purposes. The first involves the collation of a booklist which will be mailed out to alumnae, asking them to make a donation and choose which book they would like to see in our private library. Suggestions for books to be included on the list can be given to any of the officers (Beth, Sarah, Veda, Gayle, etc.)

The second project involves a brunch to be held during the Alumni Weekend, June 2-4. Women coming up for the weekend will be invited to stay in Bolton House. Two or three students who can act as hostesses for the weekend are needed. The brunch will be held that Sunday, and will be followed by a panel discussion on "Women at Colgate." Anyone interested should contact Mary Jo at -0401.

\*\*\*\*\*WE'RE BUYING TEE SHIRTS\*\*\*\*\*ANY GLEVER PERSON WHO CAN THINK UP A SLOGAN WILL BE THANKED ENDLESSLY (perhaps a free tee?) CONTACT SARAH -9709 IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS...

#### CHANGES IN SCHEDULING\*\*\*\*\*

The Hunger Task Force will be showing the film "Bottle Babies" on Thursday, April 13, at 6:00p.m. in the COOP for a special Bread and Broth meal.

The Alternate Lifestyle Lecture featuring the women from the urban commune in New York City will be scheduled for after spring vacation.

DON'T FORGET OUR NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING WOMEN'S WEEK WEDNESDAY NIGHT APRIL 12 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HAMILTON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS \*\*\*\*\*THE E.R.A.\*\*\*\*\*

WE'LL BE SHOWING THE FILM "FREE TO BE YOU AND ME" DURING THE WEEK ALSO... CHECK COMING SCHEDULES FOR TIMES AND DATES...

MEDICAL FACTS\*\*\*\*\*In practically all states evidence of sperm in the vaginal area and/or sexual penetration are required to prove rape. Yet according to "The New England Journal of Medicine" a study done at the Boston City Hospital established that rapists have a high rate of erectile inadequacy, premature ejaculation, or ejaculatory incompetence. Legal authorities now face the fact that absence of sperm does not mean absence of rape.

The Journal of AMA reports that incidence of breast cancer among women who receive thyroid medication is twice that for women who do not take the supplement. Doctors suggest that such medication not be taken for dieting purposes only.

PLEASE SEND ANY NEWS TO ME BY THURSDAY 12:00 noon.....Nancy Box 528 Tel. -9725.....

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Don't forget coffee and donuts - Monday during the free period 11:20-12:10 A time to socialize.... and find out about what's happening.....



APRIL 1978

The Colgate Women's Coalition  
"Our Way To Communicate"

THE WOMEN'S COALITION held its fourth meeting on wednesday night, April 12. The meeting focused on a discussion about the Equal Rights Amendment, with Jane Jones as our guest speaker. The ERA reads as follows:

SECTION I: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

SECTION II: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

SECTION III: The Amendment shall take affect two years after the date of ratification.

We learned that the amendment stood for legal equality, NOT SAMENESS. Although many states have good laws that protect women, the constitution does not say anywhere that sex discrimination is illegal. This concrete proof is greatly needed. 53% of the population supports the ERA. The opposition, however, is very well funded and includes such organizations as the D.A.R., Communist Party, and League of Housewives. 35 states have ratified already and 3 more are needed. If they are not won over by March '79, we'll have to start all over again.

Jane Jones pointed out that the ERA is undermined mainly from ignorance. The following are some of the things the ERA will NOT do.

IT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT where real differences do exist.

(Men still won't bear children; certain jobs will require certain sexes.)

IT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT where private contracts between two people exist, such as an on-going marriage or a frat.

IT WILL NOT OUTLAW CHIVALRY OR THE FAMILY.

IT WILL NOT OUTLAW ALIMONY. ALIMONY is awared case by case at the discretion of the judge.

IT WILL NOT SANCTION HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES.

THE ERA WILL, HOWEVER.....

EXTEND RIGHTS FROM ONE SEX TO ANOTHER.

SAY THAT THE SPOUSE WHO CAN BEST PAY ALIMONY SHOULD BE THE ONE TO PAY IT, HUSBAND OR WIFE.

ETC., ETC.....

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Mary Jo Ashtenfelter is putting together a scrapbook about women at Colgate to be distributed over the Alumni Weekend. She greatly needs people who are willing to help her go through past Colgate Maroons and News' to clip out pertinent articles. If you are interested, please call her at -0401.

ANYONE INTERESTED in coordinating a special event for Parent's weekend is urged to see a member of the executive board...(Beth, Sarah, Veda, Nancy, etc...)

we're setting up a little index card collection of "ways to go about things at Colgate." If anyone knows of some professor or Dean who

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is especially helpful of of any other "ins and outs" that any organization would find useful, please contact Beth Kohner ..... - 9801

#### COMING EVENTS:

WE WILL BE SPONSORING A FEMALE RUNNER FOR THE MAY JAM CROSS COUNTRY RACE by giving in a prize of \$20.00 to the RES. So, women, let's see you put on your sneakers and get out there. The IFC will be sponsoring a male runner.

On Tuesday night, April 18, in the Jerome Room at 8:00p.m., two ex-convicts will be telling about their personal experiences. One, a woman, will be speaking particularly on sexism in the courts. It should prove to be a good learning experience for all.

On April 24, at our regular 11:20 coffee and donuts hour, we'll be extending a personal invitation particularly to first year students. Anyone who would be interested in helping publicize the event should contact Barb Grady....

On April 30, some women will be coming to talk to us about dance, movement, and therapy. The time and place will be publicized next week.

OUR OFFICE NEEDS FURNITURE. HELP FIND US SOME SO WE CAN START HAVING OFFICE HOURS.

Our next general meeting will be held on May 3. The program and agenda will be publicized in advance.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE COORDINATORS OF OUR FIRST COLGATE WOMEN'S WEEK, SUE HENSLEY, KAREN WENTZEL, AND NANCY MORSE... AND ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO MADE LAST WEEK SUCH A SUCCESS. LET US HOPE THAT THEY HAVE SET A TRADITION THAT WILL BE CARRIED ON IN YEARS TO COME. FOR ALL THOSE WHO GAVE OF THEIR TIME AND THEIR EFFORT, WE CAN ONLY SAY THAT WE THANK THEM FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS....

#### SOME FACTS( COURTESY OF JANE JONES..)

The average salary of a female college graduate is equal to that of her male counterpart who hasn't gone past elementary school.

80% of the women who work work because they have to. More than 2/3 of the women working are the main breadwinners of their families.

~~There are no winners in the war.~~

Remember coffee and donuts - Every Monday at 11:20 in the CHAPEL BASEMENT.



# OUR final newsletter

THE COLGATE WOMEN'S COALITION  
"Our way to communicate"

MAY 1978

\*\*\*The Women's Coalition held its final meeting for the spring semester on Wednesday night, May 3. Our representatives to the First Annual

Women's Championship Debate at Barnard College, Melanie and Laura, told us about their experiences. Melanie and Laura are members of the Extemporaneous Debate Team here at Colgate, in which one construes the topic according to what one feels like arguing about. The debate at Barnard was an on-topic one, involving pre-assigned themes and research. The topics and arguments taken on both sides were quite interesting. They included:

1 ARE SINGLE SEX COLLEGES OBSOLETE?

YES: They are not economically feasible anymore and coeducation is much more widespread now.

NO: They build strength within the sex, such as all-women organizations.

2 SHOULD HOMOSEXUALS BE ALLOWED TO ADOPT CHILDREN?

YES: One should look at what kind of a parent an individual makes, not what sexual lifestyle s/he chooses.

NO: It would be unfair to the children.

3 SHOULD FEDERAL FUNDING BE USED TO AID WOMEN WHO CANNOT AFFORD ABORTIONS?

YES: One cannot close the poor out and discriminate against them.

NO: Tax dollars shouldn't be used for something ~~one~~ one doesn't believe in.

Betty Friedan was the guest speaker at the debate. Most women were there strictly to debate, unfortunately, and not to exchange ideas... But Melanie and Laura learned a lot... and shared their knowledge with us.

\*\*\*\*\*THE BRUNCH IS ON!!! The brunch for alumnae will take place on June 4 at 9:15 a.m. A Panel discussion will follow entitled "Women at Colgate" and will feature, among others, Jane Pinchin and Jean Follansbee '78. Women are needed to stay in Bolton House for the weekend, which will be opened for returning women who are travelling alone. If you are interested contact Mary Jo at -0401.

\*\*\*\*\*Rise and shine early this coming Wednesday morning and meet us at the Maroon office at 9:00 a.m. (May 10) to leaf through old newspapers and gather articles for a booklet tracing the history of women at Colgate that will be distributed on Alumni Weekend.

\*\*\*Evaluation forms for our organization are now available. Help us by letting us know what you liked/disliked/would like to see done/etc. Go to our mailbox in the Union and fill one out right here.

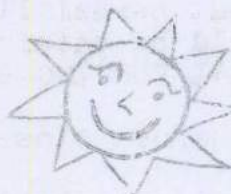
PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR ALREADY INCLUDE: films\*\*"Sex and Violence," "Diary of a Mad Housewife," and "The Other Side of the Mountain," lectures\*\*\*"Images of women in Media" Jean Kilmore, "Self-Help" Karen Scarta. ...feminist activities discussions, Harvest Supper, Alumnae mailing for book donation, etc. Come fill out program recommendation sheets to give us more ideas.

\*\*\*Anyone who will be here this summer and is interested in continuing Women's Coalition Functions should contact Valerie Gardner (Box 932 -9715)...If you plan early enough, there's still a chance at getting a budget.

\*\*\*Those who would be interested in helping plan a special program to be held for freshmen during the first two weeks of the fall semester should contact Beth at -9801.

WASHINGTON HERE WE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
An ERA lobby is being held in Washington D.C. on May 22 to ~~extend~~ extend the ratification period another 7 years. We'd like to be part of it. An organizational meeting will be held on May 10 at 7:00p.m. (this coming Wednesday). We'll be trying to get transportation funds from the school. It should be a very exciting experience. Everyone is invited. Come to the meeting. For more information, call Melanie Engram at -9862.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE GRADUATING, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND EFFORT. WRITE US TO LET US KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIVES. A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COORDINATORS, BETH AND SARAH, FOR MAKING THE SEMESTER AS SUCCESSFUL AS IT WAS.....



GOODBYE

Nancy