Colgate University Women's Studies Program





Colgate Supports Women's Athletics

Over 250 people participated in a three mile "Walk for Women's Athletics" on Sunday, October 27. The walk began on the main green and ended with refreshments and door-prizes in the Hall of Presidents. Initiated by Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, Felicia Cavallini, the walk was a demonstration of campus and community support for Colgate women's athletic teams. While some of the "walkers" were sponsored and supported by monetary contributions to the women's athletic program for their efforts, the main goal of the walk was to bring the community together to support and celebrate the strength of women's athletics at Colgate. Participants were excited by the turnout and enjoyed the community spirit elicited by the walk. The Colgate Women's Studies Program participated in the afternoon's events, and was pleased to display its enthusiasm for and pride in the accomplishments of women athletes at Colgate.

From the Director ...

Many students this semester have asked me about career opportunities in Women's Studies. I am pleased to report that such opportunities continue to expand rapidly in a variety of fields.

One route to a career emphasizing women's issues is graduate education. Graduate programs in Women's Studies, now numbering over 100, have been established all over the country. Some of these programs offer joint degrees, such as the Master's Program in Women's Studies and Public Policy at SUNY Albany. Interested students can consult the National Women's Studies Association's Graduate Guide on display at the Center for Women's Studies in KED. (See page 3 of this newsletter.)

Graduate education in a traditional discipline or profession with an emphasis on studying or serving women is another possible career path. Graduate programs in most Social Science and Humanities disciplines offer the opportunity to concentrate on specifically feminist issues while obtaining an M.A. or Ph.D. in a traditional discipline. In fact it is the case that, to date, most of the teaching and research in the area of Women's Studies has been done by individuals trained in traditional disciplines. In addition, traditional credentialing in a variety of professions can lead to the establishment of feminist practices addressing women's special needs in law, clinical psychology, social work, medicine, and others.

For those who prefer to move into a job immediately after graduation, there are literally hundreds of organizations all over the country which are devoted to women's issues. These organizations sometimes provide one-on-one services to women, such as those which manage shelters for women who are the victims of family violence. Other women's groups engage in lobbying, advocacy work, and political action aimed at changing the position of women in American society. The Colgate Center for Women's Studies has an updated list of national women's organizations, including research centers, foundations, government agencies, political action committees, unions, sororities and religious groups, and organizations of women of color. This list provides a good place to start making contacts and inquiries about job availability and internships.

As individuals interested in Women's Studies look to careers, they should also make use of the resources available at the Colgate Career Planning Center in exploring the growing number of options available to those who want to concentrate in women's issues.

Joan D. Mandle, Director

Center for Women's Studies Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Sunday-Thursday, 8-10pm

Women's Studies Calendar, Fall 1991

November

3 Sunday Brigadista Larger Than Life Productions Hall of Presidents; 3 pm

6 Wednesday
Brown Bag Lunch
Film: Visions of the Spirit:
A Portrait of Alice Walker
Center for Women's Studies; Noon

6 Wednesday
Lecture by Linda Alcoff,
Professor of Philosophy
Syracuse University
"How is Epistemology Political?"
Women's Studies Classroom; 4 pm
(Co-sponsor)

6 Wednesday Reception for Linda Alcoff Center for Women's Studies; 5 pm

6 Wednesday Lecture by Linda Alcoff "On the Tactic of Speaking Out on Sexual Violence" Clark Room; 8 pm (Co-sponsor) **8** Friday
Poetry reading by
Gwendolyn Brooks
Chapel; 7:30 pm
(Co-sponsor)

9 Saturday Assertiveness Training Workshop Ruth Beech Center for Women's Studies; 1-3:30 pm

12 Tuesday
Lecture by Eileen Mulhare
"Devotadas: A Case Study of
Women's Roles in the Religious
Cargo System of Rural Mexico"
Women's Studies Classroom; 4 pm

12 Tuesday
Workshop on Domestic Violence
Shirl Truitt, Volunteer Coordinator
Vera House, Syracuse, NY
Panhellenic participation
Center for Women's Studies; 7 pm

12 Tuesday-19 Tuesday
Food and Clothing Drive.
On behalf of area shelters for battered women and their children.
Run in cooperation with the
Panhellenic community

15 Friday Luncheon for Feminist Reading Group Women's Studies Classroom; Noon

15 Friday Feminist Reading Group Facilitator: Lorna Simpson Photographer Dana Art Gallery; 1:30 pm

18 Monday Monica Munachonga Zambian Scholar "Women's Studies in Africa" Women's Studies Classroom; 7 pm

20 Wednesday Brown Bag Lunch Speaker: Partha Chatterjee Women's Biographer Women's Studies Classroom; Noon

December

4 Wednesday Brown Bag Lunch Open Topic Women's Studies Classroom; Noon

6 Friday Classes end

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Colgate Students for Choice

Initiated by Colgate junior Laura Glasser, the Colgate Students for Choice held it's first official meeting on Wednesday, October 30. Over 75 students turned out to support the new group and to sign up for action committees. As a follow-up to the first meeting, students staffed Coop tables to gather more support, and within a few hours over 150 names were added to the already sizable list. As a political action group, Students for Choice will circulate petitions, send letters to elected officials, and raise funds for trips to marches in Wash-ington and New York. With the co-sponsorship of the Center for

Women's Studies, pro-choice speakers and lecturers will visit the campus. As stated by Glasser, "The main objective of Students for Choice is to dispel the myth that students are apathetic and do not care that a fundamental freedom — control over one's body — is being uprooted before our very eyes."

Students for Choice is currently in the process of becoming an SA organization, and the Center for Women's Studies will continue to lend its support to this effort to educate and motivate students on the issue of reproductive freedom.

Women's Studies Student Profile: Krista Pilot

Krista Pilot, a senior concentrating in both Women's Studies and English, is a strong leader in the Colgate community. Her decision to pursue a degree in Women's Studies arose as a result of the first course she took in the discipline, "Women and Religion" taught by Wanda Warren Berry. In Women's Studies classes, Krista finds that exploring subjects where both personal beliefs and current events intersect is thought provoking and exciting. She finds the the environment in Women's Studies classes both intellectually stimulating and socially comfortable. Krista especially appreciates the interdisciplinary nature of the program. Approaching the subject from many different angles, she notes, provides a deeper and richer understanding than any one discipline alone can offer.

Krista is perhaps best known on campus for her commitment to the resident advising system. She served as a Resident Adviser as a sophomore and is now enjoying her second year as a Head Resident. Participation in this program has allowed her to gain supervisory experience, to experiment with different styles of leadership, and to learn a great deal about working with people. She finds the Resident Advising Program an extremely worthwhile project and enjoys her role in it as a "designated support person" to the student community.

Krista is currently considering two career options. She would like to enroll in a Ph.D. program, and then teach at a university, focusing her research in the area of Women's Studies. Alternatively, she is thinking about Law School, and a career in public advocacy. Here too, her focus would likely be on women's groups, especially the growing population of refugee women. Her goal is to "help a group with little or no voice in our society obtain justice."

In addition to her other campus

responsibilities, Krista works as a Student Assistant at the new Center for Women's Studies. She views the Center as a place where people can come together and discuss issues confronting women on campus. She says that it's important to have a place where everyone — "even people who don't identify themselves as 'feminists'" — can engage in discourse relevant to all women's lives. In addition, she indicates that having a centralized, organized Center which will serve as an umbrella orga-

nization for many different campus groups will be a tremendous asset to the Colgate community. "Feminist activity has been situational at Colgate in past years. It has generally been a response to bad things that have happened on campus." But now, says Krista, we will have programs running continually, so that we will not only be prepared to react when issues arise, but we will have on-going programming which will be "preventive rather than merely reactive."

Opportunities in Women's Studies

Undergraduate Opportunities:

Center for Global Education,
Augsburg College, Minneapolis.
Semester abroad in Mexico and
Central America (Fall term 1992)
"Women and Development: Latin
American Perspectives"
Focus: the contemporary experiences of women in Latin America

Summer Park Ranger: Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls; U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Responsibilities: guiding tours, running visitor center, developing visitor programs, conveying history and importance of women's rights movement

Graduate Opportunities in Women's Studies:

State University of New York at Binghamton;
Offers M.A. and Ph.D. programs in American and European Women's History. The nation's first Ph.D. program in Women's history.
Teaching and research assistantships available.

University of York, Heslington England; Offers M.A., Ph.D., and Ph.M. degrees in Women's Studies. Interdisciplinary program in arts and social sciences. Associated with the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences at York.

The Ohio State University, Columbus; Offers M.A. in Women's Studies. Strengths and emphases of program: Public Policy, Social and Political Movements, Latin American Women, Literary and Visual Arts, African American and African Women, Feminist Theory, Women's Health and Sexuality, Women and Development. Graduate Associateships and Fellowships available.

Conferences and Symposia in Women's Studies:

"Women and the Criminal Justice System" Syracuse University South Campus. Goldstein Student Center. Thursday, November 21, 1991 8:30am-5pm Keynote speaker: Ann Jacobs, Director, Women's Prison Association & Home, Inc.

"A Celebration of Diversity: A Dream of a Common Language" New York Women's Studies Association Annual Conference. Russell Sage College, Troy NY. March 13-15, 1992 Keynote speaker: American Poet, Nikki Giovanni

"Feminism and Multiculturalism" Second Annual Purdue University Women's Studies Symposium. Stewart Center at Purdue University. March 18-22, 1992

Zambian Scholar to Visit Campus

Monica Munachonga, a scholar of Sociology and Women's Studies at the University of Zambia, will visit Colgate and deliver a lecture on Monday, November 18. In conjunction with The Ohio State University Department of History, the Center for Women's Studies has arranged a Central New York speaking tour for Ms. Munachonga. During her five day stay in the New York area she will visit Hamilton College, Syracuse University, and Colgate. Ms. Munachonga will spend an entire day at Colgate, meeting students and faculty, learning about Women's Studies at Colgate, and sharing her own perspectives on the discipline. She will speak on "Women's Studies in Africa" at 7pm on Monday the 18th, in the Center for Women's Studies Classroom. Ms. Munachonga's visit will provide yet another international dimension to the Women's Studies Program this semester. Please join us in welcoming her to campus on the 18th and make use of this opportunity to learn about women's lives in Zambia.

Renowned Caribbean novelist Jamaica Kincaid talks with friends of the Center for Women's Studies at its Gala Grand Opening on October 24.

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in the Women's Studies Classroom Center for Women's Studies First Floor, KED

Monday, November 18 7:00 p.m.

