

From the Director. . .

Welcome Back! Colgate's Women's Studies Program and the Center for Women's Studies hope you will join us this Fall for many of the programs described in this newsletter.

"Global Feminism" is the theme at the Center for Women's Studies this Fall. The theme was chosen in honor of the Fourth International United Nations Conference on Women which is being held in Beijing. The conference both reflects the enormous changes occurring in women's and men's roles in every country in the world, and at the same time highlights the serious problems and gender inequities which persist.

A report prepared for the Conference indicates that women worldwide are in fact making important gains in education and health. The report notes that since 1975, the gender gap in these areas has been halved. On the other hand, the study emphasizes the continuing violence against women everywhere in the world, the fact that 70% of the world's poor are women, and that women and children comprise 80% of the world's refugees (NY Times, August 18, 1995).

Exploring the position of women and men in other societies also allows us to reflect on our own. Though the United States ranks high in overall human development compared to the world's other countries, the U.N. study places the U.S. in only fifth place on a measure of income and health disparities between women and men. Even worse, when women's access to economic and political power is factored in, the United States falls to eighth place. Clearly there is much work to be done at home for those of us committed to gender equity.

Within the Women's Studies Program, the theme of Global Feminism

will express itself in several different forms. On October 21, Women's Studies will sponsor a trip to an academic conference on "Global Feminism" at SUNY New Paltz. Here at Colgate, the Center is planning a program on child prostitution in Thailand, and a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Japanese Constitution's inclusion of a Women's Rights provision. Women's Studies will also offer lectures by Tamar Mayer on Palestinian and Israeli women in the occupied territories, and by Joni Seager on a feminist critique of the global environment.

These and other activities will be organized by students working at the Center for Women's Studies. Coordinating their efforts will be our new Women Studies Program Assistant, Laura Leith. Laura graduated last May from Franklin and Marshall where she was Chair of the Advisory

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A New Gender Issues House

The Women's Studies Program is happy to announce the reopening of the Class of '34 House as a gender issues house. The house this year is organized as a co-educational residence for students interested in living in a theme house dedicated to gender issues.

Jennifer Young is the resident advisor to the house and is enthusiastic about plans for this year. "I am excited about the house because the students living in it are committed to increasing awareness on campus about gender issues."

Jennifer plans to bring in speakers from diverse backgrounds to address issues pertaining to both Colgate and the wider community. A

Who Said There's No Free Lunch?

Leave your brown bags at home. We will be providing lunch at the Brown Bag Lunch Series! Starting this Fall, we will have sandwiches, drinks, and dessert at each of the Tuesday Brown Bag lunches. There will be three varieties of sandwiches to choose from (including a vegetarian option) on a first come, first serve basis. Now there is one more reason to participate in the Brown Bag Lunch Series: enlightening discussion AND food! Check the calendar for a listing of topics at the Center for Women's Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series.

Center
for
Women's Studies Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:30am-7:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-5:30pm

group of "Faculty Friends" will provide support for the students and Jennifer said she hopes that everyone will take advantage of the house as a place to socialize and learn.

The residential life staff is also happy to see the return of the Class of '34 House in its new form. Donna Swartwout, the Director of Residential Life, has high hopes for the theme house. "The gender issues house is a nice addition to college housing. It provides women and men the opportunity to come together to explore gender issues." The Center for Women's Studies will be coordinating programs with Jennifer and the other residents of the Class of '34 House this year.

What's Happening in Women's Studies

Feminist Internships

This summer, **Kristin Luke '98** spent nine weeks working for the Feminist Majority in Arlington, VA. She worked on a program called Campus Connections which aims at finding ways to connect college women, including creating jobs for young feminists. Kristin described the experience as "incredibly empowering" as she worked with twenty other young women with concerns for gender equality.

Jennifer Tierney '98 also spent the summer working on a feminist internship. As part of a "Women's Semester" at the University of Connecticut, Jennifer interned in the office of state representative, Susan Bysiewicz, and learned about politics first-hand.

If you are interested in learning about internships for young women committed to gender equality, come visit the Center for Women's Studies library. We have a book which discusses different organizations and explains how to get involved in an exciting off-campus internship.

Global Perspectives Conference

As part of this year's focus on global perspectives on women, the Women's Studies Program is sponsoring a trip to a conference entitled "Feminism: Linking Global and Local Perspectives," inspired by the United Nations Conference in Beijing. The conference is organized by the Women's Studies Program at the State University of New York at New Paltz. The conference will draw people from around the world to encourage women's activism.

The keynote address will be delivered by **Amrita Basu**, Professor of Political Science and Women's Studies at Amherst College. She will speak about grassroots women's organizations in India and around the world.

Ellen Brennan, the director of the Population Unit of the United Nations, will discuss reproductive rights. Other topics of discussion at the conference will be activism among African and Russian women. This exciting conference promises to expand our knowledge of international women's and political issues. See the back page for details on registering.

Is There Life After Colgate?

The celebration of 25 years of co-education at Colgate will continue through the Fall '95 semester. As part of the celebration, the Alumni Programs office is bringing three women alumnae to campus for an "INVITATION TO INSPIRATION" Lecture Series. These Colgate graduates will speak at the Center for Women's Studies as part of our Brown Bag Lunch Series.

Mary Claire LaBelle Suter '72 is the VP for Human Resources at Aeltus. She also has experience in investment management. Mary is one of the first women graduates from Colgate and also was a trustee.

Alisa DelTufo '78 works in New York City for social service organizations. As part of her work, she played an instrumental role in organizing a battered women shelter in New York. Currently, Alisa is a consultant in NYC on domestic violence issues.

Lydia Woodward '73 is a mover in the film industry. She is one of the screen writers and producers for the popular television show ER.

Please join us in welcoming these alums back to Colgate as they talk about their experiences in the work force. Check the calendar for details about dates and times.

Women and the Environment

The Center for Women's Studies is cosponsoring a lecture series with

the Department of Geography focusing on women and the environment. The lecture series will bring three renowned feminist geographers to campus this Fall.

Joni Seager will visit from the University of Vermont to discuss the global environmental crisis from a feminist perspective.

Susan Hanson from Clark University will discuss the social geography of sex-based segregation of occupations.

Tamar Mayer of Middlebury College will speak about her experiences working with Israeli and Palestinian women in the occupied territories.

The speakers will be on campus in October, so watch for more details about exact dates and times.

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Committee at F&M's Women's Center. She was active in student governance, and also found time for her other avocations, singing and acting. Laura has come to Colgate with lots exciting programming ideas. Stop by her office to meet Laura and share your ideas.

The Center for Women's Studies is located on the lower level of East Hall. Our new hours this year will be 8:30-7:30 Monday through Thursday, and 8:30-5:30 on Fridays. There is always free coffee and tea available. We invite you to stop in and use our library and reading room. Attend our Tuesday Brown lunches during the free period, or just come in for a quiet place to study. Everyone is welcome.

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Fall 1995 Calendar

September

5 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Joan Mandel, Director of Women's Studies
"Lessons of the Beijing Conference"
11:30-12:30
Center for Women's Studies

6 Wednesday

"The F-Word: Demystifying Feminism"
Panel Discussion with Faculty, Staff, Students
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies

8 Friday

Free Film Series
Little Women
8:00 pm
Center for Women's Studies

12 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Dolores Card, Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse
"Date Rape: Does Our Society Encourage It?"
11:30-12:20
Center for Women's Studies

15 Friday

Free Film Series
The Joy Luck Club
8:00 pm
Center for Women's Studies

19 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Mary Claire LaBelle Suter '72
"Invitation to Inspiration"
11:30-12:20
Center for Women's Studies

20 Wednesday

Women's Studies Program
New Faculty Reception
4:30
Merrill House

22 Friday

Free Film Series
The Color Purple
8:00 pm
Center for Women's Studies

26 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Shelley Haley, Hamilton College
"Black Feminists and the American Dream"
11:30-12:20
Center for Women's Studies

October

3 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Camilla Townsend
"What Difference Could a Revolution Make: Women in Latin America"
11:30-12:20
Center for Women's Studies

6 Friday

Free Film Series
TBA
8:00 pm
Center for Women's Studies

9 Monday

Carol Auster, Franklin and Marshall College
"Working It Out: Women in the Sciences"
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies

10 Tuesday

Ruth Sidel
Author "Women and Children Last"
TBA

13 Friday

Free Film Series
TBA
8:00 pm
Center for Women's Studies

19 Thursday

Arlene Kantor, Syracuse University
"Sex Discrimination: Does It Exist?"
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies

21 Saturday

Women's Studies Conference
SUNY, New Paltz
(See registration form on back page)

24 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Alisa DelTufo '78
"Invitation to Inspiration"
11:30-12:20
Center for Women's Studies

27 Friday

TBA
Free Film Series
8:00 pm
Center for Women's Studies

31 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Lydia Woodward '73
"Invitation to Inspiration"
11:30-12:20
Center for Women's Studies

The Center for Women's Studies presents:

The F-Word

Demystifying Feminism

Join faculty, students, and staff for a panel discussion.

Wednesday, September 6

7:30 pm

The Center for Women's Studies

**Registration Form for the Women's Studies Conference
"Feminism: Linking Global and Local Perspectives"
Saturday, October 21, 1995 — 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Box Number: _____

Yes, I would like to attend the conference in New Paltz*

No, I will not be able to attend the conference, but I would like to get more involved in the Center for Women's Studies.

*We will leave for the conference late Friday afternoon and return on Saturday night. Transportation and registration fees will be covered by the Center for Women's Studies.

If you have any questions, contact Laura Leith at extension 7156.

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