

FROM THE DIRECTOR . . .

Writing this column for each Women's Studies Newsletter is an interesting experience for me. In some columns I have tried to connect the Women's Studies Program with ideas being discussed on campus and events which occurred recently or which are coming up. I think this is important because Women's Studies is affected by and has the power to influence people's thinking.

So, in this column I want to address the Student Curriculum Initiative and the issues of social justice that are highlighted by that curriculum initiative and by Women's Studies. As we discuss SCI on campus, I think about all the places in the curriculum in which social justice issues are currently addressed. The other evening at a screening of a film, *The Way Home*, at the Center for Women's Studies we talked about this. Women's Studies is fundamentally concerned with issues of social justice. The Women's Movement

advocated for equality for women and it continues to do this even as it broadens the definition of women it represents. Equal rights is at the core of ideas about social justice. Then, the question becomes, "How and where do these ideas get discussed?" As I look at the topics of the recent Brown Bag Lunches, social justice issues have come up over and over. In the beginning of this semester, Maureen Fox, Diane Ryan, and Debbie

Center for Women's Studies Hours

Monday - Friday:
9am - 5pm

Monday - Thursday:
8pm - 10pm

Sundays:
6pm - 10pm

Moore visited us from the *Community Action Program for Madison County* to discuss the impoverished condition of many people living in the rural areas that are just minutes away from the Colgate campus.

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NEED AN ALTERNATIVE PLACE TO STUDY? VISIT OUR LIBRARY!

Have you ever visited the library at the Center for Women's Studies? If you live in East Hall, it resides just below you.

The library here at the Center has much to offer. First, it makes a nice, peaceful study space on those evenings when the Case library is too packed an environment for you to be productive in. The couches just outside the library are also a comfortable and quiet space for you to get some reading, thinking, (and oops!- napping) done. Do you sometimes find that the nights you've devoted to studying are turning into social occasions because too many of your friends are hanging around? Sneak off to the basement of East Hall between the hours of 8 and 10pm Monday-Thursday and between 6 and 10pm on Sundays to our library and make it yours, too!

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UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH MID-APRIL 1999

March

24 THURSDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Mary Kay Leonard '74
Knowing Yourself and Others
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

28 SUNDAY

Riki Ann Wilchins,
author of *Read My Lips: Sexual Subversion
and the End of Gender*
Persson Auditorium
3 pm

30 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Joanna Drell
Department of History
*Medieval Frontier Women: New Models of
Women's Experiences in Spain and Southern
Italy, ca. 1100-1300*
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

30 TUESDAY

Leslie Marmon Silko
Ho Lecture Room in Lawrence Hall
4 pm
(Humanities Colloquium and the Center for
Ethics and World Societies)

31 WEDNESDAY

Film previewing with refreshments:
Barbie Nation
Center for Women's Studies
4 pm

April

1 THURSDAY

Julie Hemment,
Cornell University
Anthropology lecture with pizza:
East/West - Feminism is Best?
*The Russian Women's Movement and the
Politics of International Engagement.*
Center for Women's Studies
4 pm

Lu Ye,
Fudan University- Shanghai
*Television and Market Reform in
Contemporary China*
Ho Lecture Room in Lawrence Hall
7 pm (reception at 6:30 pm)

3 SATURDAY

Second Women's Diversity Conference
Thornfield Conference Center
9 am - 4 pm

6 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Amy Schutt
Department of Education
title TBA
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

12 MONDAY-16 FRIDAY

Welfare Awareness Week- Look for a Coop
Table!

13 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Ulla Grapard,
Department of Economics
and Molly Talcott
Poverty and the U.S. Welfare State Today
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

14 WEDNESDAY

The Welfare Watchdogs of Syracuse
Welfare Myths and Realities
Center for Women's Studies
4 pm

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APRIL'S REEL WOMEN FREE FILM SERIES

During the month of April,
free films will be shown at
the Center for Women's
Studies on Friday evenings at
8pm. Popcorn and drinks will
be served.

April 2: Daughters of the Dust

April 9: All Over Me

April 16: Bastard Out of Carolina

April 23: Antonia's Line

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Another great feature of the Center's library and surrounding couch areas can be summed up in two words: FREE COFFEE. If you find that the couches are feeling a bit too comfortable and your reading assignments a bit too overwhelming, you are welcomed to some coffee, cocoa, or tea (READ: CAFFEINE) to get you back on track.

Student Assistants at the Center for Women's Studies, Chi-Chi Obichere '00 and Leah Garabedian '01 have been working diligently so that the books at the library will be available through the Colgate web page on MONDO's Other Collections database. When this project is complete, you will be able to search for books both by author and by title.

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During the following week, we listened to Pete Banner-Haley speak about how the research of Black intellectuals is responding to the social injustices faced by African American communities in the U.S. today. At another Brown Bag, students Leanne Nassar '00, Stephanie Stillman '99, and Heather Brown '99, discussed their summertime experiences where they contributed to various social justice-oriented efforts by working with impoverished children, homeless women, and on feminist research at the Feminist Majority in Washington, D.C., respectively. Ecofeminist philosopher Karen Warren spoke to us about confronting structures of domination and their effects (for example, environmental racism and classism) with a care-sensitive ethical framework. These are just a few of the Brown Bag Lunches we've sponsored that have dealt with issues of social justice this year.

In courses, we think about the Women's Movement, about race, as well as gender, about ethics, and ask the question, "How do I want to live my life?" I don't think for a minute Women's Studies courses are the only courses that do ask these questions. Nor do I think the Center for

Women's Studies is the only place to discuss these issues. Many of the interdisciplinary as well as disciplinary programs and departments on campus do address issues of social justice. I want simply to add to the discussion on campus and ask students and faculty to think of not only where social justice issues could be highlighted in the curriculum, but also where these issues can currently be found.

Kay Johnston

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As of now, a partial listing is catalogued, so if you're looking for a particular book, you can give it a try. (However, if it is not listed on MONDO, it does *not* mean that we don't have it at the Center.) All books except for those on reserve for current classes are available for you to check out. Feel free to come browse through our nonfiction, poetry, and fiction sections to see what lurks on the shelves.

Some final news about our library is that we have just received some new books that we previously did not carry. These include the following:

LISTEN UP: Voices From the Next Feminist Generation, Barbara Findlen, editor.

GENDER ON CAMPUS: Issues for College Women, Sharon Bohn Gmelch.

BATTLING BIAS: The Struggle for Identity and Community on College Campuses, Ruth Sidel.

THE ANGELA Y. DAVIS READER, Joy James, editor.

WOMEN IN PRISON: Inside the Concrete Womb, Kathryn Watterson (revised edition).

WORDS OF FIRE: An Anthology of African-American Feminist Thought, Beverly Guy-Sheftall, editor.

RACE, GENDER, AND WORK: A Multicultural Economic History of Women in the United States, Teresa Amott and Julie Matthaei.

UNSETTLING RELATIONS: The University as a Site of Feminist Struggles, Himani Bannerji, Linda Carty, Kari Dehli, Susan Heald, and Kate McKenna.

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD: Women's Poverty in the United States, Diane Dujon and Ann Withorn, editors.

LIVING BY THE WORD: Essays and THE TEMPLE OF MY FAMILIAR, Alice Walker.

BEAUTY SECRETS: Women and the Politics of Appearance, Wendy Chapkis.

Happy Reading!!
Molly Talcott

Take Back the Night In Perspective

A small but committed part of the Colgate community gathered before the chapel on the evening of Wednesday, March 24 for the silent candlelight vigil march that we call **Take Back the Night**.

Take Back the Night is an international event that began in 1971 at a university in California when a woman was raped on her walk home from the library one night. When she tried to press charges, she was told it was her own fault for being out late at night by herself. Outraged campus women organized the march to protest the rape and the treatment of the survivor. The idea of the march has spread across the world and protests the daily violence women are subjected to, including sexual assault, domestic abuse, child sexual assault, and sexual harassment.

Here's hoping you will take part in this important event next year!

Advocates, LGBTA, FMLA, Student Activities, The Center for Women's Studies, The Dean of the College, Residential Life, The ALANA Cultural Center, and The Department of Sociology and Anthropology present:

Riki Anne Wilchins

author of

Read My Lips: Sexual Subversion and the End of Gender

Sunday, March 28

3pm, Persson Auditorium

"Riki Anne Wilchins will change the way you think about bodies, sex, and gender. Yours and everyone else's."

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If you would like to continue receiving the Women's Studies Newsletter of your alma mater but you have moved, please send your name and change of address to:

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