April 5  JUDY RANDALL: "Today's Need for Career Counseling". AAUW, UNH Faculty Center, 4:00 – 5:30.

April 9  CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S ORAL HISTORY PROJECT: Slide tape show: "Let Life Be Yours". 4:30, A218 Paul Arts Center. Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and the Humanities Program.

April 10  BAG LUNCH: Barbara Cooper, French and Italian Department will present "The Needle and the Sword", Hillsborough/Sullivan Room of the MUB, 12:30-2:00.

April 12  FILM: "Not a Love Story". 12:30 Murkland 110.


April 18  JUDITH KECAN GARDINER, University of Illinois, Chicago: "Gender, Valves and Doris Lessing's Cats". Hamilton Smith 216, 4 PM.

April 24  BAG LUNCH: Karen Edwards, Department of Family and Consumer Studies: "Developmental Issues for Adolescent Females". Hillsborough/Sullivan Room of the MUB, 12:30-2:00.

May 2  FILM: "A Very Curious Girl". (French with English subtitles.) Murkland 110 – Showing at 2:00 as well as at 7:00. Admission $1.00.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

April 7  "Breaking Silence". A benefit program of music by the New Women's Chorus, followed by a dramatic presentation on incest, rape and battering: 8:00 PM, Phenix Hall, Concord, NH (Corner Main St. & Phenix Ave.) $5.00

April 9  A Safe Place's fifth birthday party, 7-11:00 PM, Warehouse Restaurant, 117 Bow Street, Portsmouth. $6.00. Call (603)436-7924 for tickets.
April 10  Portsmouth Area NOW meeting, 7:00-9:00, Press Room, 77 Daniel St., Portsmouth.

April 14  Conference: "New Hampshire's Poor: Why are 78% Women and Children?" 8:30-4:30, Legislative Office Building, Concord, NH. (see complete description in Newsletter).

April 27  Susan Bruce (Penacook) and Jeanne North (Concord) solos and duets of contemporary and original feminist songs. YWCA, 72 Concord St. Manchester, NH, (603)625-5705. 8:00-10:30 PM Admission $2.00.

CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES

April 5-8, 1984  "After the Second Sex: New Directions". An International Conference to examine Women's Status and to explore women's scholarship. University of Pennsylvania

April 27-29 1984  "Women, Culture and Change: Bridge to a New Era". A celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Brooklyn College Women's Studies Program and Women's Center. Brooklyn College.

July 2 - July 27, 1984  Ninth Annual Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, Bryn Mawr College.
"IN A MOMENT OF INSIGHT I REALIZED THAT TO DO WHAT ONE CARES ABOUT GREATLY IS NOT AN UNREASONABLE APPROACH TO THE ORGANIZATION OF ONE'S LIFE".

Facility in Women's Studies now have access to an Apple II, a computer shared with Social Service, Humanities and Language Departments. For more information, contact Cathryn Adamsky (862-2194)

Margaret Haley, writing about the Chicago Teachers Federation, an all-women elementary teachers organization, 1897-1916, precursor to the AFT. In Battleground, 1982, 271-273: quoted in "Feminism, Teacher Education and Curricular Change: Struggling Mightily" by Patti Lather:

Teachers need to know their heritage of freedom...There is an enormous power latent in the public school teachers of the United States, which must be used either for or against the movement towards democracy. We knew somehow that upon our academic freedom depended the actual freedom of the children...They (the forces of privilege) have known that, if their children learned the true answers to the question of our modern civilization, they, grown into manhood and womanhood, would change the system which continues special privilege for the few and injustice for the many. Therefore (they)... have striven unremittingly to prevent public school teachers from becoming educators in any true sense. They have sought to hold them down into being mere purveyors of manifest and innocuous information.

Battering on College Campuses

From Response to Violence in the Family, July/August, 1981:

Experts on family violence have called the marriage license a "hitting license", but according to three recent studies in Minnesota, Arizona, and Oregon, plenty of couples slap, kick, and punch each other without it. The studies, which queried students at three universities about violence in their dating relationships, found that physical abuse occurs in at least one out of every five collegiate relationships.

According to the study, which was published in the January 1981 issue of Family Relations, abused students rarely seek help. Only 5 percent of the battered students identified by the study called the police. "Violence among young unmarried couples may be even more underreported than spouse abuse", Makepeace stated, "because young people view their world as a closed system, apart from adults. Even if they are being abused, calling the police is ratting on a peer to an adult, and that is unacceptable."
ARE RAPISTS BEING PUNISHED IN N.H?

In the wake of the New Bedford trial, many of us may be wondering how rapists are dealt with in N.H. The following is excerpted from an article entitled "Are rapists being punished?" which was published in the New Hampshire Times, Aug. 9-Aug. 16, 1982, vol. 12, no. 9. The front page stated: "More then half the convicted rapists in two N.H. counties do not serve a single day in jail."

A joint review by the Rape and Assault Committee for the Nashua area and the New Hampshire Times indicates that fewer than half the men convicted of rape in Hillsborough and Rockingham County Superior Courts in recent years have been sentenced to jail. The majority, a group that includes men guilty of brutal acts of violence, has been given suspended sentences by Superior Court judges. "One of the most frustrating things we have found in our work has been the sentencing of rapists," says Deanna Crawford of the Rape and Assault Committee, which counsels rape victims from the Nashua area. "We've seen a real change in the way rape cases have been handled. It used to be that very few victims would even go to the police and report the crime. It was a crime that very few men were ever held accountable for. Now, the large majority of rapes in this area are reported to the police. But the fact is that many cases never go to trial because they're plea-bargained, and many rapists who are convicted never go to prison."

Fully half the rape victims with whom Crawford's Nashua Rape and Assault group deal with are children under the age of 16. It is a pattern that holds throughout Hillsborough County and appears to extend into the rape cases that reach Rockingham County Superior Court. "It is extremely difficult," says Crawford in an observation that can only be regarded as an understatement, "for an adult who has been raped to go through the process of pressing a criminal charge. Can you imagine the terror a child goes through?"

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S PCOR: Why are 78% Women and Children?

A Conference, Saturday, April 14, 1984 - 8:30-4:30, Legislative Office Building, Concord, NH.

According to figures from the Women's Equity Action League in Washington, 78% of this nation's poor people are women and their young dependents. The female poverty percentage has risen alarmingly, and is a subject of national concern. Does NH fit the mold? What facts support or dispute this trend? Concerned legislators and a coalition of organizations present a conference designed to identify factors and suggest potential solutions affecting poverty for women in New Hampshire.

The Honorable Shirley Chisholm, former Congresswoman from NY, and now an academic professor and public lecturer, will keynote a day of public workshop discussions to identify the

Register by April 6 to N.H. Social Welfare Council, 95 N.Main St., Concord, NH 03301. Make checks payable to "Poverty - NHSWC. With questions, call NH Commission on the Status of Women, 1-800-852-3345, Ext.2660. Registration is $5.00. Luncheon $3.75.

A TREATISE ON DOMESTIC ECONOMY: According to its publisher, Catherine Beecher's book A Treatise on Domestic Economy is about to go out of print. This would mean that the book would be unavailable for classroom (or other) use as it is not published anywhere else. If you would like to see this book continue to be published write to: Schoken Books, 200 Madison Ave, N.York, NY 10016.

The Women's Resource Center offers an ongoing R ape Survivors Support Group. For additional information, and to register, call the WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, at (603)436-4107, between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday-Thursday.

FROM NEWSWEEK, 1973, 82, 49-50 A woman who seeks to keep her own surname after marriage is "in need of a competent psychiatrist"

DEFICIT THINKING by Joan Walsh

Abortion foes have grabbed a lot of unlikely arguments to advance their cause, but California Republican Rep. William Dannemeyer came up with a new one in a recent House debate over banning federal abortion funding: abortion, he noted, could make it hard to balance national budget. "If we are going to pay off (the national) debt, somebody has to get to be born to pay the taxes to pay it off. Now, since 1973, the decline in the birth rate per fertile female has reached the point where, as a civilization, we run the serious risk of disappearing from the face of this planet." Not everyone bought his line of reasoning. Maryland Democratic Rep. Barbara Mikuski, for one, was "insulted" at the insinuation that "women are meant to be breeder reactors to sustain civilization and pay off the deficit."
EXCERPT FROM AN ESSAY written by Weatherby Barnard in Women's Studies 401 (printed with permission). This essay was based on a survey of 16 men and women, age 20-23, not in Women's Studies:

What is a feminist? How do you feel about feminists? The responses to these two questions were the most interesting. If you think about it, the answer to the first question should incorporate the answer to the second. But....the greatest percentage of the responses did not. I anticipated either two positive responses or two negative ones, but the most common response was a mixture. Most of the people (15 out of 16) responded positively to the first question. One student wrote: "A feminist is someone who believes in equality for women in all areas. He/she believes that women should be treated as an equal, not an object." Nearly all the responses were very similar to this. By contrast, however, nearly all of these positive attitudes switched when students responded to the second part of the question. Fourteen out of sixteen thought that feminists can go "too far" or "overboard" or "carried away". Everyone seemed to share that image of what one student described as the "braless, blue-jeaned, lesbian" type. Where have we learned this image?

MORE INFO...

The YWCA in Manchester is offering various career services to Women in the Spring and Summer, 1984: Career planning, work skills, job searching. Contact the Women's Studies Office for details, or the YWCA (625-5785)

WAND - Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament presents a film entitled: "WHAT ABOUT THE RUSSIANS?"

1. Are the Russians ahead in the nuclear arms race?
2. Why the concern over the MX, cruise and Pershing II missiles?
3. Can we trust the Russians to honor a nuclear weapons treaty?
4. What about the Soviet civil defense?
5. How can we end the arms race and maintain our national security?

The film will be shown on Monday, April 2, 7 PM, Portsmouth Public Library.
Free and open to the public. For more information contact the Women's Studies Office (862-2194) or the WAND people at 431-7623.

PARAGUAY: Thirty Years of Human Rights Abuse.

Maria Margarita Baez de Britz is the widow of a Paraguayan peasant killed by the police in 1980. Her husband was one of a group evicted from their land by the government. The group reportedly hijacked a bus and demanded to be taken to the capital city of Asuncion, where they hoped to draw attention to land tenure disputes and to poverty.

According to the police the peasants died in a shootout. Later on men in civilian clothes abducted Maria Baez and took her hooded and gagged, to police headquarters. She was held there for more than two months, during which time she was beaten and tortured.

This excerpt comes from the AMNESTY ACTION, a newsletter put out by the Amnesty International, an international organization which works worldwide to free prisoners of conscience (men, women and children imprisoned solely for their religious or political beliefs or for their ethnic origin, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence) to guarantee fair trials for all political prisoners, and to abolish torture and the death penalty.

If you want to help or would like more information, contact Maria Russell, at the Women's Studies Office or write to Amnesty International USA, 304 West 58th St. N.York, NY 10019