The Women's Studies Newsletter is usually published monthly. We welcome announcements or articles from faculty, staff, students and just about anyone else who sends us something.

Further information on any item in the newsletter is available in the Women's Studies Program Office, 307A Dimond Library. Office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9:00-5:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00-5:00. (Closed Mondays 11:00-12:00, Wednesdays 11:00-1:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-12:00. Members of the Women's Studies staff include Cathryn Adamsky (Coordinator), Maria Drozd, Kim Muench and myself Maria Russell.

The Women's Studies office maintains a library of books, periodicals, resource files, and a file of grants and fellowships available to women. A bibliography of books about women and women's issues which are available at the UNH library is available in the office. Anyone is welcome to stop by and look over what we have. Some of our periodicals are unique and not to be found elsewhere at UNH.

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December 1  NICHE COFFEEHOUSE.  guitar and piano.  Devine Hall, 7L. 8:00-Midnight, Free.

December 3  Career Planning Workshop, Resume Writing.  Forum Room, Floor C-Dimond Library.  12:00PM.

December 4  Career Planning Panel.  Alumni Career Night.  Area: Computer Sciences.  Alumni Center-7:00PM.

December 4  Body Image Workshop.  Sponsored by Health Services.  Marston Hause-7:00-8PM.
December 4  DENISE LEVERTOV, considered one of the leading American poets, will talk about her poetry. Ms. Levertov is basically a lyric poet but has always occupied herself with social questions. 12:30-2PM Hillsborough-Sullivan Room, MUB. Sponsored by the Women's Studies Seminar Series.

December 8  Niche Coffeehouse-Kathy Chase and Ron Gagnon. Devine Hall, 71. Free.


EVENTS ELSEWHERE

December 1  BOSTON COLLOQUIUM ON FEMINIST THEORY at Northeastern University. "Feminism and Science." 8:30-1. Kariotis Hall.

December 5  New Hampshire Alliance for Access to New Careers is having their December meeting in the NH Vocational Technical College/Manchester. Call Nancy Grimes for details-603-271-3196.

January 8  "CAROLTE PERKINS GILMAN GOES ON" and "SAVE THE WHITE SOULS" at Theatre by the Sea in Portsmouth. "Save the White Souls" is a play about Sojourner Truth and features Thylas Moss. Tickets $8.50/person.


NEWS:

NEWS OF OUR GRADUATES: Cyndi Katz, a W.S. Minor and member of the President's Commission on the Status of Women while at UNH, is now teaching at Phillips-Exeter Academy, and is on the Committee to Enhance the Status of Women at Phillips Exeter. She is also author of the newsletter for the committee.

NEW CORE FACULTY IN WOMEN'S STUDIES: Betty Roberts is now a core faculty member in the Women's Studies Program as well as being Chair of the Social Services Department.


CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS/FATHERS AND SONS at Wheelock College Center for Parenting Studies, Boston, MA. For details call Parenting Studies at 734-5200, Ext.214 at Wheelock. December 1, 1984.

GRADUATE CONFERENCE ON SCHOLARSHIP ON WOMEN is tentatively scheduled for April 13, 1985. The Committee is CALLING FOR WORK by graduate students from any discipline which focuses on women. If interested in presenting a paper, send one-page abstract detailing your work. Call W.S. Office 862-2194 for details.

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"My Mother explained that my Eskimo name 'Ticasuk' meant not just 'Hollow in the Ground' but the place where the four winds stored their treasure gathered from all over the world, and I felt very good about my name after that."

from "Emily Ivanov Brown" by P.M. Ivey in Alaska Alumnus, Summer 1982.
FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

The American Association of University Women offers the following fellowships for women:

Dissertation Fellowships for women in the final year of doctoral study.

Postdoctoral Fellowships for research by women already holding a doctoral degree.

Selected Professional Fellowships for women in the final years of professional training in architecture, dentistry, law, medicine, osteopathic medicine, veterinary medicine or the final year of the MBA.

International Fellowships for women from other countries for advanced study or research in the United States.

For further information of these programs contact AAUW Educational Foundation Programs, 2401 Virginia Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037.


IN HEALTH

The Boston Women's Health Book Collective has made us aware of the need for uniform absorbency labeling on tampon boxes by the FDA. Then as consumers we will be able to compare one brand with another. We need accurate information about absorbency so we can follow the FDA's advice to use the lowest absorbency to control our flow. This will reduce our risk of getting toxic shock syndrome (TSS). Unfortunately, thirty women each month are still getting TSS, and three percent of them are dying from it.

An absorbency disclosure system must be simple, straightforward, and non-contradictory. Right now the terms "regular," "super," etc., are of no use when comparing one brand with another.

Writing the FDA helps. Our letters are needed so the FDA institutes the system that is best for consumers. Even if our letters just say "As a consumer, I support standardized absorbency terms on tampon boxes," it still is important, because the FDA acts when it knows someone is paying attention to an issue. The FDA address is:

John C. Villforth, Director, NCDRH, Food and Drug Administration, HFX-1, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.
INCA WOMEN

Woman Inca
resourceful strong
wise Empress
wisdom of a thousand
years
under the thumb
of poverty
worshipping the Sun

struggle
for justice
daughter of Barzola*
your merit survival

Inca woman
eyes brown
soft gentle
hand of iron
wearing lives
robust shoulders
carrying the burden
of the chosen

Inca Indian
woman Quechua*
bearing the mark
the mark
on your brown skin
of women
who laugh
when they should be
crying
women who don't live
only endure
and keep on
trying

* Barzola: A very active woman in the miners struggles for the betterment of the working and living conditions of the miners. She was killed in a massacre in 1942.

* Quechua: one of the languages of the Incas.

A poem by Maria Russell
WOMEN'S STUDIES AT OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

"I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is. I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat or a prostitute."

Rebecca West, 1911

I have often asked myself the same question. I really never thought much about being a woman! It of course, occurred to me about women's rights and all those political views.

Even since I was very young, in grade school, I would argue or discuss on a fairly small scale, my rights as a little "woman." I called my female friends and myself equals, if not better than the males at sports and school. I always cheered at Spelling Bee Contest, where it was exciting to watch our rivals sweat to spell "R-E-C-E-P-T-I-V-I-T-Y."

I never hesitated to chase the boys back with cootie kisses, as well as held my ground as a freshman in High School. I'll never forget punching a big-mouthed boy in the face. My behavior was such, but it never occurred to me that I was already somewhat of a feminist. I am sure it occurred to my mother, but she just let me be.

Having a fairly open family, my mother being very strong, taught me to learn through my mistakes. She taught us to be ourselves, (whether green, black, yellow, purple, gay, beautiful, ugly, weird) and to accept one another. We were always accepted by her.

I suppose all along I really was what I feel is a feminist. Growing up, as I mentioned, in a strong environment, with an independent mother, divorced, understanding, and accepting, we were secure and sure of ourselves. I also learned how to argue through my father. He was the toughest person I ever had to deal with, considering his conservative, and rather pushy republican attitude.

I am not, I am sure, the only 16 year old who holds these views. There are more radical (and conservative) types. Today we tend to know better who we are! Because of the way our society is, many of us are afraid to admit being feminists, humanists, and womanists, only because the fear of not being accepted is painful.

I feel that a lot of my understanding of individual differences and feminism has come from my Women's Literature class at Oyster River High School, where Liz Whaley teaches. There are all kinds of people in that class: from very conservative
Joe Jock, to understanding political Ben, to Casanova Eric, to strong, independent Ann, to Vogue, sophisticated Sally. We all argue, yet we all get along. At times we seem confused, but that's so utterly normal! We tend not to worry. Even though we live in a society which narrows our understanding, we are changed, even if it is not much, we are changing. Granted, our eyes are receiving a glimpse of the better way to be. Of course we won't change today, but tomorrow seems closer than ever!

By Cherie Russell

CONGRATULATIONS!

We have just heard that Liz Whaley has been named the Susan B. Anthony Award recipient for this year! The dinner at which she will receive the award is scheduled for February 15th. More news about this in the February newsletter.

Congratulations, Liz.

The Manchester YWCA will be sending 20 tickets to sell for the Susan B. Anthony dinner. Tickets will be available in the Women's Studies Office 862-2194.

Also Patsy Schweickart will be awarded the 1984 Florence Howe Award for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship at the Meeting of the Women's Caucus of the MLA this December. The award is for Patsy's essay: "Reading Ourselves: Toward a Feminist Theory of Reading," which will appear as a chapter in Readers, Texts, Contexts: Essays on Gender and Reading, co-edited with Elizabeth Flynn.

Congratulations, Patsy!