By now we all have realized and accepted the fact that intersession is over, winter is not, and that Ronald Reagan is President of the United States. But that's the bad news. The good news is that we in the Women's Studies Program and Community are still working hard learning, researching, and discovering all there is to know about women's lives and experiences and the analyses of both. We in women's studies quilt together the bits and pieces of information on women (and our own lives) from all fields and disciplines with all types of research methods. And the good news is that our quilt grows larger with each new student, each new semester, and each new book, paper, and story....

There have been a few changes in the Program since last semester. Susan Yarbrough, who had a half-time teaching position in Women's Studies, resigned from the university in December citing professional, personal, and political reasons for leaving. Susan had taught Women's Studies courses for two years at UMASS. She recently was hired to practice law for the Attorney General's office in New York State.

Margo Culley, an assistant professor in the English Department, has become Acting Coordinator for Women's Studies for the Spring Semester. Cathy Portuges will return from her leave-of-absence next Fall.

***** SPRING COLLOQUIUM SERIES *****

The Women's Studies Spring Colloquium Series is now in full bloom (even though nothing outside is). All colloquiums are held in Thompson Hall in the 6th floor lounge at 4 p.m.

March 10 "Women Novelists of the Harlem Renaissance"
Judith Branzburg, Ph.D. Candidate, English

March 17 "Emily Dickinson's Amherst and Amherst's Emily Dickinson: A Reading"
Doris Abramson, Theater Dept.

March 31 "Feminists in Politics"
Alice Rossi, Sociology Dept

$$$$ CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS $$$$ 

Are you worried about your future because you are graduating this May and you wish now that you had taken the Career Planning Course offered last semester (or that you wish that you had paid more attention?)? Are you worried about your future even though you are not graduating in May (and feel that you have every right to worry early?)? We can't alleviate your worries but we can give you information so that you can have skills to help you on your way. The Women's Studies Program is offering a series of workshops throughout the semester for Women's Studies students and other interested students. Turn the page for details.
Students who are interested in registering for the Career Development Workshops can sign up in the Women's Studies office or call Arlene or Dale at 545-1922. Students who took the Career Planning course last fall are especially urged to register.

**NETWORKING:** An Effective Way to Conduct Your Job Search and Insure Ongoing Personal and Professional Support (whew!)

Renee Carew    Feb. 25  7:30 PM  6th Floor Lounge Thompson

This workshop will describe the technique of informational interview as a useful tool in job hunting. We will also discuss the ways in which women can form networks for professional and personal support.

**RESUME WRITING AND A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF PLACEMENT SERVICES**

Alice Smith    March 11  6:30 PM  6th Floor Lounge Thompson

The workshop will acquaint students with various aspects of the University Placement Services such as recruiting, credential files, counseling, etc. There will also be an introduction to major resources relating to the job search process such as employer directories, the Placement Annual, ASCUS and the Career News. For resume preparation, the focus will be on techniques for developing and presenting the personal resume form. Consideration will also be given to the purpose and development of a cover letter.

**GRANT WRITING**   April 8  7:30 PM  
Grant Ingle   6th Floor Lounge Thompson

**INTERVIEWING**   April 22  6:30 PM  
Alice Smith   6th Floor Lounge Thompson

Descriptions on the last two workshops will be in subsequent issues of this newsletter.

If you didn't see it for yourself, the Holly Near Concert, hosted by our very own Women's Studies Union Council, was a huge success! The concert was part of a fundraising tour for the National Women's Studies Association. Although our Program will not receive any monetary gain, we certainly received a tremendous amount of publicity. The Union Council benefited by the concert by gaining university-wide recognition that it is an active, strong, and well-organized group. The production of the concert also increased the membership of the Council three-fold.

The Women's Studies Union Council has many more plans for events and activities for this semester. (After producing a Holly Near concert, the Council can do anything!) The Council is open to all students who are interested in Women's Studies. The next meeting will be MARCH 4  3:30 PM  9th Floor Campus Ctr.

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**SENIOR WOST MAJORS:** Check your Spring Semester schedule to see what you degree code is. If it is not 030, please call the Women's Studies office.

**MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! MONEY MONEY**

The Women's Studies Program has received gifts from alumnae in last semester's Alumni fund raising drive (and they weren't even WOST graduates!). Perhaps if more Women's Studies students participated in the Student Phonothan for the Annual Fund, more alumnae would find out about Women's Studies, and more gifts would flood in (this of course is our dream). The Student Phonothan is from March 30 - April 15. If you are even vaguely curious about participating, please contact Judy in the Women's Studies office. And, if you would like to give Women's Studies a gift of any amount or if you are interested in fund raising, please contact Arlene or Dale immediately.
THIRD WORLD WOMEN'S COLLOQUIUM/WORKSHOP SERIES

The Third World Women's Taskforce is sponsoring a Third World Women's Colloquium/Workshop Series during March and April. Unless otherwise noted, all colloquiums will be held from 7-9 PM in the Campus Center.

MARCH 3  "Psychology of Black Women: Sex Roles and the Socialization Process"
        Cynthia Dozier, Facilitator

MARCH 4  "Survival: Day to Day Techniques and MARCH 11  Long Range Planning"
        Doris Harris, Facilitator

MARCH 10 "Third World Women and the Media"
        Malika Jones, Facilitator

MARCH 17 "Afro-American Art History 1900-Present"
        Aquila Ayana, Facilitator

MARCH 31 "A Disclosure of Convent Living as Perceived By a Former Dominican Black Nun"
        Shirley Batiste, Facilitator

Look for the April listing of colloquiums in the next newsletter. There is open enrollment for all colloquiums and workshops. For more information, contact Kharmia De Lemos, Aquila Ayana, or Malika Jones at Everywoman's Center, 545-0883.

%%% CAREER WORKSHOPS %%%

An eight week workshop will be held for campus and community women who are entering the job market, or who are undergoing career changes. Some of the topics to be addressed are job market in the 80's, skill assessment, resume-writing, and job search strategies. The workshop will take place at Everywoman's Center. For more information, contact Karen Eichstaedt-West, 545-0883.

Several area working women's groups are interested in sponsoring a conference in April on occupational health and safety for working women. If you are interested in helping, call Karen Eichstaedt-West, 545-0883.

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

The State University of New York at Buffalo has recently announced a new graduate program in Women's Studies within the Department of American Studies. They are now accepting applications for the Fall, and are offering assistantships which include a stipend and a tuition waiver. For more info on this program and other graduate programs in Women's Studies, drop by the Women's Studies office.

%%% SUMMER STUDY IN LESBOS !

The Aegean Women's Studies Institute at San Francisco State University is offering three summer sessions of Women's Studies in Greece (1981) on the island of Mytilini (Lesbos), the birthplace of the poet Sappho. If you want to do something different this summer, check out their brochure in the office.

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The Afro-American Department at Smith College is offering a course this semester entitled, "Race, Class, and Sex in Film" taught by Harold Weaver. The film showings will be open to the public at no charge. All films will be shown at 7:30 PM in Hillyer 117 in the Fine Arts Building at Smith College.

MARCH 2 "The Jackel of Nahueltoro"
MARCH 9 "The Blood of the Condor"
MARCH 30 "The Battle of Algiers"

For film descriptions and more info, come by the office for a brochure of this film series.

%%% Lecture by Dr. Marianna Davis: "Contributions of Afro-American Women in the U.S. from the Civil War to the Present. FEB. 24 at the Campus Center at 8 PM.
DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS! (and we mean it)

MARCH 16 (and we are talking about 1981) is the deadline for all Women's Studies majors and certificate proposals. If you have any trouble writing your proposal, Arlene and Dale will be happy to help you. (No, they will not write it for you, or allow you to have someone else write it for you.) Yes, we all know how hard it is to write it. No, it is not impossible to do. Yes, it is due on MARCH 16 (1981).

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We now have brochures for the National Women's Studies Association's Annual Conference which is being held in May in Storrs, Conn. The Women's Studies Union Council is interested in raising funds so that the costs will be defrayed for Women's Studies students who are interested in attending. Anyone interested in helping the Union Council should contact Liz or Judy in the Women's Studies office.

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To all students who are taking or have taken Five College courses: Remember that the regulations of the home institution apply (e.g. Smith College has a deadline for last semester's incompletes in Feb. An automatic F is given if a student misses the deadline).

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MIDWIFERY SKILLS WORKSHOP

A five day intensive workshop on midwifery skills will be conducted by Ann Frye on March 2-6. Tuition is $200. For more info call Shon Cox Doucette at 527-7271 or Zhenya at 549-6979.

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The 3rd Annual National Conference in Feminist Psychology will be held March 5-8 in Boston. This year's theme is "Feminism in the 80's: Weaving New Connections". Write to The Association for Women in Psychology Conference Committee, c/o Psych. Dept., Boston U., Boston, 02215 for more information.

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INTERNSHIPS/IND STUDY

If you're thinking about a summer or fall internship please stop by and talk with Dale. It doesn't hurt to PLAN EARLY. Meanwhile...there is a research/ind study position available investigating protective legislation at the turn of the century -- changes in the mechanisms of patriarchal control of women. This is for this semester, so see Dale NOW if interested.

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WOMEN'S STUDIES
208 Bartlett Hall
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Greetings! We have a lot of news to share with you in this mini-edition of the newsletter. Graduating students are especially urged to read the information regarding graduation.

First the fun news! The Annual Women's Studies PICNIC will happen on Wed. May 27 at Grof Park starting with softball at 3:00pm. This is the event of the year and the program's favorite tradition. The highlight of the picnic (besides eating and softball and talking and eating and volleyball and eating...) is the presenting of the Women's Studies T-Shirts to the graduating majors and certificate students. (Rumor has it that students are more excited about receiving their WOST T-Shirt than receiving their diploma. Grof Park is off Rt 116 behind the red grist mill on Mill Rd. All WOST students, staff, faculty, alumnae, and friends are invited. Bring a pot-luck contribution and game equipment (politics are optional.

CRITICAL INFO FOR GRADUATING MAJORS: Your End of Program Report is due on June 5, 1981. If you do not turn in your report you will not graduate from the Program or from UMASS. Submit your report to your advisor. Your advisor will write a letter of certification and will submit both the letter and your report to Arlene. Arlene will then submit your name to Whitmore as an official graduate of the Program. (And you thought that entering the program was hard...)

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS are due on June 5, 1981.

TA'S WANTED for Margo Culley's course, Issues For Women of the 80's: Facts, Films, Fictions, that will be offered next Fall Semester. Students must be upper division WOST students and/or have already taken the course. TA's will receive 3 credits through Independent Study. Contact Margo c the WOST office for more information.

** SUMMER COURSES (First Session) **

Women's Studies will offer the course, Feminist Writing Workshop (WOST 290C), taught by Fran Krasno, Mon.-Fri., 9:30-11:00am.

The course, Psychology of Women, will be offered through the Psych Department, Mon.-Fri., 9:30-11:00am (this course was not listed in the catalogue). Sandy Kaplan will be the course instructor.

"Aspects of Literature: Women in Science Fiction" will be offered through the English Department, M-F, 7:45-9:15am. For more information, consult the summer catalog.

** CONFERENCE NEWS **

"BLACK IS NOT WHITE AND JELLY ROLL IS NOT CAKE: Feminist Theory and The Invisibility of Black Culture" is the title of a panel Arlene Avakian, Vicky Spelman, and Mary Ruth Warner will present at the National Women's Studies Conference June 2 at Storrs, Ct. Don't miss it!

And four Women's Students will be facilitating consciousness-raising workshops on racism at the NWSA Conference. They are Debbie Wald, Rebecca Dobkin, Linda Seymour, and Becky Robbins.

At the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Joyce Berkman will chair a panel entitled, "Between Home and Factory, Working Mothers of the Tenements." The conference is sponsored by Vassar College. Don't miss this one, either!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING WOMEN'S STUDIES STUDENTS
AND TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM!
IF YOU ARE MOVING......

Please send us your new address as soon as possible. We send all our mail bulk rate and it will not be forwarded to you. It also won't be returned to us, so we do not have any way of knowing that you are receiving our communications. So, if you don't tell us, we can't tell you and both of us will lose. Now, who wants that?

'81 GRADUATES

First, please read the above. Second, please remember that even though you are leaving the program, we are still very interested in what you are doing (and you just thought we were interested in requirements!). We would love to have updates from you (specifically regarding employment—but we like gossip, too...) in order that we can tell others what careers Women's Studies graduates choose. Third, please remember your beloved WOST Program when those paychecks begin to roll in (and to those of you who already have them rolling in, we do, indeed, accept monetary gifts. Call the office for details).

Also, Cynthia Holmes, WOST Class of '78, is interested in organizing a WOST Alumnae Group for all WOST graduates. If you are interested in knowing more, call Cynthia at 584-6704.

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Hampshire College will be offering the course, "Women Ascending: An Exploration of Women In The Outdoors", next Fall semester. This course "will explore women in sport/outdoor women on a content level and an experiential level." Contact the WOST office or Hampshire for more details.

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The Women's Studies Union Council has dedicated all their time and energy this semester on fundraising for scholarships to send Women's Studies students to the National Women's Studies Conference in May. After a tremendous amount of work, the Council still does not have enough money. Many of the students who are eligible for the scholarships will not be able to go to the conference unless enough money is raised. ANY DONATION will help the council in their struggle. Please contact Liz Bennett or Judy Lebold in the WOST office by May 29 (ph. 545-1922).

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Please remember to return all of those wonderful books that you borrowed with delight from the WOST Library by May 29

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The Women's Studies Program would like to officially thank and acknowledge Margo Culley for a job well done as Acting Coordinator of the Program for this semester. Margo will be returning to the English Dept. next fall as Cathy Portuges returns from her leave of absence. (By the way, Margo is an associate professor, not an assistant professor, as stated in the previous newsletter. The WOST newsletter.)