UNION COUNCIL

This semester the WS Union Council has been operating on low energy which has caused us to reorganize the priority of our projects and put several of them on hold. At some point we hope to find new energy so that we may carry through our plans for making the WS Program and WS students more cohesive.

If you are interested in working with us on any projects, please consider doing an independent practicum for next semester. Also, if you have work-study we may be able to use in conjunction with the Council. We need new energy to keep the Council functioning.

As a priority, the Council has put energy into organizing lectures by Barbara Smith and Elly Bulkin on feminist literary criticism and sponsoring the Alumnae Career Night at which WS graduates talked about their careers. Finally, we are preparing the Annual WS Program Picnic for May 25. We hope to see you there for fun and sun.

If anyone has any questions regarding the WS Union Council, please contact Lynn (549-0319) or Juliet (253-3225).

--Lynn Carter

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R-E-M-I-N-D-E-R-S

--End of Semester Reports are due by June 7.

--Seniors: You will not graduate until your End of Program Report is filed. Deadline June 7.

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PICNIC---PICNIC---PICNIC---PICNIC

Pull out the frisbees and baseball gloves—the annual Women's Studies End of the Year Picnic is here again! Come one and all on Tuesday, May 25 to Groff Park. Our traditional baseball game begins at 3:30 p.m. followed by food, volleyball, and special events. WS t-shirts will be awarded to graduating major and certificate students.

The Program will supply basic utensils, hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please bring salads, chips, pickles, desserts, beverages, or whatever. All WS students, staff, faculty, children, and friends of Women's Studies are welcome. Sorry, no dogs.

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EXCELLENCE

The chancellor's long range plan, released this spring, cited the WS Program for excellence. The Program is one of 11 "centers of excellence" out of over one hundred programs and departments on campus. In addition, the Program is one of only a few recommended for increased funding. Criteria for selection included quality of faculty and student work.

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NUCLEAR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

A march and rally will take place on June 12 during the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament followed on June 14 by a nonviolent civil disobedience action to blockade the five major nuclear powers at their UN Missions. (Nonviolence training required) For information contact: June 14 CD Campaign, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012 (212-777-4737).

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NEWSLETTER FOR WORKING WOMEN

Livelihoods, a new career newsletter for women in New England will publish its first issue this month. Eighty percent of working women are in low paying clerical, sales, service, or factory jobs. Livelihoods will provide information to help women upgrade their career development skills and will serve as a means for networking for individuals and groups.

Subscriptions are $10 a year which includes four issues and a free full day career workshop. Checks can be sent to P.O. Box 932, Amherst, Ma. 01004.

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ADDITIONAL COURSE FOR FALL

Mainline Inquiry Program 190C Contemporary Issues in Social Theory: Thinking About Gender (4 credits) TuTh 4-5:15 p.m.

Christine DiStefano, instructor

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BLACK STUDIES/WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Black Studies/Women's Studies Faculty Development Project has been funded for its second year. Co-directors Margo Culley (UMass) and Johnnella Butler (Smith) have been meeting in a weekly seminar with 25 Five College faculty members since last October to discuss issues of race and gender. As a result, new courses have been developed which will be offered next year. Call the WS or Afro-Am Studies departments for information.

Johnnella recently gave a presentation to the National Council of Black Studies Conference in Chicago on "Black Studies/Women's Studies: a Long Overdue Partnership."

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LESBIAN LITERATURE

Poetry, short stories, and autobiographical sketches are being sought for possible publication in a short anthology of lesbian literature. Deadline July 1. Send work to Peg Cruikshank, Box L 256, Dept. of English, City College of San Francisco, San Francisco, Ca. 94112.

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AWARDS TO WS STUDENTS

WS major Deborah Wald received an Alumni Scholarship for her outstanding achievements. Her area of study is the effects of race, sex, and class on women. The award is one of five made to departments in Humanities and Fine Arts.

Cyndi Daniels, former WS certificate student and now a graduate in Political Science, received a dissertation fellowship from the American Association of University Women. The 12 month award carries a stipend of $6,800. Cyndi will be finishing her dissertation on "Working Women and the State." Congratulations, Debbie and Cyndi!

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The Alice and Edith Hamilton Prize Competition for 1982 is now open. Manuscripts should be a work of synthesis and/or interpretation, or a monograph of broad general interest. Autobiography and oral history are eligible. A two-page abstract should be submitted by July 15, 1982. The Prize was founded to encourage serious and significant feminist scholarship. For more information write Hamilton Prize Competition, 354 Lorch Hall, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mi 48109.

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AN INVITATION

WS staff assistant Arlene Avakian has been invited to be a member of the faculty for the Great Lakes College Association Summer Institute in Women's Studies. This year's program is "Toward a Feminist Transformation of the Curriculum." Feminist educators from around the country and from diverse kinds of institutions of higher education will be the participants.

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FACULTY MEMBER ON LEAVE

Leila Ahmed has been elected to a fellowship with the National Humanities Center, North Carolina, for the 1982-83 academic year. She will be working on her book, A Common Past: Women in Middle-Eastern History. Congratulations, Leila!
NWSA CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual National Women's Studies Association conference "Feminist Connections Through Education" will be held June 16-20 at Humboldt State University. Participants will continue addressing the issue of racism begun at last year's conference. For information write to Women's Studies, Humboldt State University, Arcata, Ca. 95521.

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OUR TRAVELLING COORDINATOR

Cathy Portuges has been travelling. In March she presented two talks at the University of California, San Diego, one on Robert Altman's film "Three Women" and another giving a feminist analysis of the experimental film "Dora." Her appearance was sponsored jointly by the UCSD Communications Department and the Women's Studies Program. Also, in April Cathy appeared on the Boston CBS tv talk show "Weekdays" discussing the image of women in film.

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WOMEN IN PRISON

May 15 is "Women in Prison Day." Activities include a seminar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 8th floor of the Campus Center, and a benefit dance for aid to incarcerated mothers in Southwest Hampden Theatre at 8 p.m. Featured are the Lynn Meryl Quartet and DJ, Debbie Wald.

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INROADS WE HAVE YET TO MAKE

Is it a backlash or have we just not yet touched a lot of people or is it...? More and more publicity is being given to beauty contests and pageants for little girls, from age 3 and up. An 11 year old Florida girl has won 165 trophies from as many contests in the last eight years. And now this Spring, the "look" in fashions is labelled "the little girl" look. It is nice that society readily makes us aware that we cannot just sit on our laurels. Keep on moving.

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INTERNSHIPS

It is not too late to plan for an internship for fieldwork placement for summer or fall. We have some interesting new listings including the following from the Connecticut Women's Educational and Legal Fund (CWEALF), a non profit, public interest law firm specializing in cases of sex discrimination. They have a strong education program and an extensive information/referral program. Interns work on projects such as researching a particular issue and preparing a "legal bulletin," organizing workshops, film festivals, and so on. CWEALF has told us that if an intern cannot live in the Hartford or New Haven areas it is possible to work out research and writing projects that would need a minimum of time spent in the CWEALF offices.

An internship is also available with Livelihoods, a new career newsletter for women in New England (see p.2). Learn about writing, editing, funding, laying out, and designing a newsletter.

If you are interested in either of these internships, please stop by and talk with Dale in the WS office.

--Dale Melcher

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THREE FIRSTS

Our first WS grad, Maryanne Kuroczko '74, has presented us with two more firsts: the first twins and the first boy babies born to a WS graduate. The boys, born Feb. 25, are Guillaume and Marcel. Their father is Brad Brousseau.

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VALLEY WOMEN PRESENT AT NEWSA

A number of Valley women attended the New England Women's Studies Association conference held April 16-17 at Salem State College. Those who gave presentations are Arlene Avakian, Susan Johnson, Rita Kissen, Gayle Lauradunn, Judith Toyama, and Mary Ruth Warner. Keynote speaker June Jordan read a powerful essay based on personal experience which reflects the interconnection of race, class, and gender in society.

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MERIDEL LE SUEUR

Meridel Le Sueur gave an inspiring reading from her new book Ripening and led a stimulating discussion at the Women's Salon in New York City on March 27. Now 82 years old, Meridel is vigorously optimistic about the future. The book is an anthology of her stories and journalism from the depression days as well as more recent writings. This is the first time her work has been collected. The Feminist Press and editor Elaine Hedges worked on the project for seven years. A copy of Ripening is available in the WS library.

For those of you who go to NYC occasionally the Women's Salon meets once a month (except summers) and always features a woman writer(s). For information on how to receive their newsletter write to Erika Duncan, 463 West St., Apt. 933B, New York, N.Y. 10014.

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ALUMNI NIGHT

WS graduates returned to campus on April 22 to talk and answer questions about their experience in the job market. Participating alumnae were Marla Allisan, attorney; Susan Cayleff, Ph.D. candidate at Brown University; Jeanine Maland, Family Planning counselor; Jefri Palermo, drug and alcohol treatment center coordinator; Tinker Ready, journalist; and Judy Rowland, energy center coordinator. The alumnae said that their WS knowledge and training was invaluable and allowed them to be flexible in the world of work. The energy and enthusiasm of the speakers created an inspiring evening.

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Newsletter Editor--Gayle Lauradunn

SURVEY OF WS GRADUATES

The results of a recent survey of what WS graduates are doing will be available soon. Liz Bennett, coordinator of the project, says that the first glance through the responses to the mail questionnaire indicates a high degree of success in finding jobs and gaining acceptance to graduate schools. Graduates also express optimism for future graduates having the same success.

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CHINA ENCOUNTER

A special interest tour of China, focusing on the role of women in the family and society will be available June 23-July 9. The tour will be escorted by Dr. Patricia Huckle, chair of the Women's Studies Program at San Diego State University. Course credit is available. Cost: $3,078 per person, double occupancy. For more information contact Becky Holmes at 549-1226.

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MAILING LIST

The National Women's Mailing List is a project of the Women's Information Exchange which is dedicated to putting information technology to use in facilitating outreach, networking, and resource sharing among women nationwide. The goal of the organization is to provide computer technology, at the lowest possible cost, to support the efforts of women's projects throughout the country. To register, send a donation of $3.50 to 1195 Valencia St., San Francisco, Ca. 94110.

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UNION COUNCIL THRIVES

The WS Union Council is alive and well. If you missed the first meeting in February, please check notices in the WS office for future meeting times and places. More student participation is needed in the Council to help contribute creative energy toward the development of the WS Program. Since WS has become part of the School of Humanities and Fine Arts we have acquired increasing respect and praise for the quality of our Program. Student participation in the Council can help further the esteem and strength of the WS Program.

BULLETIN BOARD: The Council now has a calendar and bulletin board space in the WS office. Please check it for dates of lectures, entertainment events, meetings, and potluck suppers. This is one way of improving the connection between WS students.

PEER ADVOCACY: The Council is developing a Peer Advocacy Program which will go into effect in Fall 1982. The basic idea of peer advocacy is that older students will provide assistance and information to new students entering the WS Program. Through a "buddy system" we can help new students with questions they have regarding WS (e.g., how to become a major, how to write a proposal, suggestions for independent studies or field work, resources, etc.). We need one or two WS students to help develop the PA Program and devise a workable mechanism to insure its becoming an on-going project. If you are interested please attend one of the Council meetings or contact Juliet Langley or Lynn Carter in 208 Bartlett (545-1922).

Come join the Council for a fun, rewarding, and growing work experience. All students interested in WS as an important academic program of study are welcome.

--Lynn Carter

"ROSIE" STARS AGAIN

"Rosie the Riveter" will be shown on Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Herter Auditorium. Discussion will follow the film. Open to all WS students. Free.

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!!!REMINDERS!!!

--All majors and certificate students: your End of Semester reports were due at the end of Fall Semester.

--Majors considering departmental honors: you need to plan a year-long project. See Arlene.

--Students considering a WS major: a proposal is required to complete your application; deadline is April 15.

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A NEW WAY TO STAY IN SCHOOL

The new Office of Cooperative Education provides students with a means of coordinating school with a full time job. Women's Studies is one of six majors on campus to participate in the pilot program. If interested, call the Cooperative Office, 545-2579 or 545-2594.
TRY AN INTERNSHIP

It's not too early to begin thinking about a summer or fall internship or field work placement. We have many listings in the WS office of agencies and organizations looking for student interns. I would also be happy to help you create a position and find a placement that meets your particular interests and needs. Some of the possibilities include working with various battered women's service agencies; The Governor's Commission on the Status of Women; The Women's Commission in Exile; Women's Community Action (a community based women's center in Northampton); Sojourn, an agency which provides advocacy and counseling services for young women in Hampshire County; Food For Thought, a social change bookstore; on campus with SCERA's Women's Issues Team; Everywoman's Center projects and front desk staffing; positions with WEAL (Women's Equity Action League) and NOW in Washington. Many other possibilities are available for full or part-time placements. If you are interested in taking a semester off from course work, testing a career possibility, complementing your course work with a part-time internship, and/or doing an independent research project, call the WS office and make an appointment.

--Dale Melcher

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CREATIVE WRITING PRIZE

The Denis Johnston Prize for Creative Writing in the Dramatic Media is awarded annually to undergraduates at any of the Five Colleges. Manuscripts, which may be of any length, can be submitted by April 5, 1982 to Len Berkman, Chairperson, Theatre Department, Theatre Building T205, Smith College. All scripts should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. For more information contact Prof. Berkman.

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WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter for the Women in Management Interest Group, contact Carolyn R. Dexter, Director of Membership, Pennsylvania State University, Department of Business, Middletown, Pa. 17057. This group is the women's branch of the Academy of Management.

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LOCAL PLAY GOES NATIONAL

Local playwright Judith Katz' play "Tribe: A Play of Dreams" was presented in Minneapolis in February as part of a series to give exposure to new women playwrights. Congratulations, Judith!

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MORAL MAJORITY BANS

The "new right's" censorship of books is based on such items as the following: Books that contain magic tricks are considered to be demonic, as are stories about witches or ghosts. Books dealing with body functions--sexual or otherwise--are unacceptable (such as Our Bodies, Ourselves). Books that portray other than traditional lifestyles are not acceptable.

Women do not seem to be quite acceptable to the "new right." Wonder what they think they will do without us?

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PUBLISHERS

New catalogues from many publishers are arriving daily in the WS office. Stop in to learn about the latest books on women's issues. Arno Press, in particular, has a great array of titles.

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ATTEND THE CONFERENCES!

New England WSA/Salem
The sixth annual New England Women's Studies Association conference "Class and Race Consciousness" will be held April 16-17 at Salem State College. Aspects of racism and classism will be discussed in workshops and panels. For more information write to Women's Studies, Salem State College, Salem, Ma. 01970.

National WSA/Humboldt
Tour the redwoods at the fourth annual National Women's Studies Association conference "Feminist Connections Through Education" June 16-20 at Humboldt State University. Conference will continue addressing the issue of racism begun at last year's conference. For information write to Women's Studies, Humboldt State University, Arcata, Ca. 95521.
ESCORT SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Women's Issues Team of SCERA (Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy) has organized a student-run escort service which is funded by the Chancellor's Office. Volunteers are needed for 2½ hour shifts per week. The service runs from each residential area to the libraries, Sunday through Thursday between 7 p.m.- 12 a.m. It is fun and good exercise! Training will be provided. Contact Jane Marie Johnson, 545-0487.

The Women's Issues Team has three active committees working on women's issues: Students Against Sexual Harassment (SASH) is involved in educating the community and in developing a grievance procedure for sexual harassment. The Committee for Equal Rights and Reproductive Freedom (CERRF) is working on stopping the passage of the Human Life Amendment which would outlaw abortion and make some forms of birth control illegal. The Committee Against Sexual and Racial Assaults (CASARA) is working to improve the climate on campus and educating the community about violence.

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WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

The Women's Theological Center in Boston announces its annual spring symposium "Wellsprings of Power: Women and Faith" on April 16-17. Women of diverse cultures and perspectives are invited. Contact Women's Theological Center, Emmanuel College, 400 The Fenway, Boston, Ma. 02115.

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VISIT SAPPHO'S SPIRIT

The Aegean Women's Studies Institute, located on the island of Mytilini (Lesbos), offers two sessions for Summer 1982. Themes for courses include women in cross-cultural perspective, in the ancient world, in community, and women's literature and creative writing. For more information write Box 601, 1230 Grant Ave., San Francisco, Ca. 94133.

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TO THE TTT

It's time for a word of thanks to the Truly Triumphant Three--Cathy, Arlene, and Dale--for their commitment, hard work, care, and enduring sense of humor in maintaining and developing the Women's Studies Program. Thank you, TTT!

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SCIENCE FOR WOMEN

A recent issue of Science for the People, Science and the Attack on Women, features articles on math anxiety, toxic shock syndrome, and women empowering women. The magazine can be ordered from Science for the People, 897 Main St., Cambridge, Ma. 02139.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The September 1981 issue of Comment discusses the need for minorities and women to control language. A review of research by, about Asian-Pacific, Hispanic, American Indian, and Black women is included. Subscribe for 3 issues for $14.00. Write to Jo Hartley, Program for the Study of Women and Men in Society, Kerckhoff Hall 109, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Ca. 90007.

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INTERNSHIP THIS SEMESTER

Food For Thought, the social change book store in Amherst, needs two interns for this semester. A good opportunity to travel to book fairs and conferences, learn about self-publishing and marketing, and what it means to operate a cooperatively owned bookstore. See Dale for information.

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SEXUALITY CONFERENCE

The "Towards a Politics of Sexuality" conference will be held at Barnard College on April 24. The conference will attempt to redefine the relationship of female sexuality to power and autonomy. For information write The Barnard Women's Center, Barnard College, New York, N.Y. 10027.

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HELP ORGANIZE

Ellie Bulkin and Barbara Smith will be coming to UMass on April 21. Help support the Third World Women's Archives and Kitchen Table Press by contributing your time in helping to organize. Contact Stacey Pies at 549-0563.

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RESOURCE FILES

The resource files in the WS office are being reorganized. They are in a mess at the moment but will be neat and tidy soon. Come take advantage of these materials for your research.

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FEMINIST PRESS PROJECT

The Feminist Press has received a grant to develop a new anthology for American Literature which will include the works of Agnes Smedley, Zora Neale Hurston, Frederick Douglass, and others along with the traditional American authors. If you are interested in contributing to this anthology or participating in testing the new syllabi, write to Paul Lauter, Project Director, The Feminist Press, Box 334, Old Westbury, N.Y. 11568.

CALL FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

PLEASE--if you have any overdue books belonging to the WS library, we would appreciate it if you would return them. Otherwise a fee may have to be charged. Thank you for your cooperation.

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NEW BOOKS

Iris is busy organizing the many new books we have been receiving from publishers. Come check them out.

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WOMEN'S STUDIES ARCHIVES

Katherine Emerson of the University Library Archives is helping us to organize our archives. If you have any materials which relate to the Women's Studies Program that you would like to contribute, please let us know.

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WOMEN AND EDUCATION

A Sesquicentennial Symposium on "Women and Education in America: The Last 150 Years" will be held at Mount Holyoke College, April 2-3. There is no fee but the registration deadline is March 15. Child care is available.

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