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Dear Students, Faculty, and Graduates of Women's Studies:

We send best wishes for a good spring semester, although we feel disheartened by national and international news. Women's Studies will have information on anti-war organizing in the area.

As you know, the University continues to face very difficult budgetary times. While Women's Studies continues to have a superb academic program, a multitude of great students and excellent faculty, we have lost funds from many of our operating accounts such as printing, postage and the like. We have made the difficult decision to not publish and mail a newsletter this spring. We do plan to publish a fall newsletter.

We are holding several spring events including an ongoing series entitled "THINKING FEMINISM; RETHINKING WOMEN'S STUDIES: A NEW AGENDA." The events in this series will focus on combating racism within Women's Studies. Part I is on curriculum reform and will take place in late February and is mandatory for all Women's Studies students. Part II will focus on white women and race and will take place in early April. Stay tuned for more info.

Please mark your calendars for the WOMEN'S STUDIES BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES. Every Wednesday 12:15-1:30 starting on February 6 and running through May 8 in the Campus Center. As always, students can sign up for 1 credit, and the series will again feature stimulating speakers. Unfortunately, for the above reasons, we can no longer offer drinks, but we do invite you all to bring your lunches and join in the discussion.

Our END OF SEMESTER OPEN HOUSE takes place as always in the office on the last day of classes, Wednesday, May 15. Stop by between 11:00-2:00 for a snack and tea.

Conferences, events and position openings usually announced in the newsletter will be posted at the Women's Studies office. Come on by and check it out.

STUDENTS: If you think you are graduating soon, or need more information on the major, minor, field work, or honors, please call the office for an appointment. A reminder: the student interest surveys are available in the office. Stop in, make some new contacts. Also, please keep us up to date on your address. Seniors: please come in for a credit check. An academic note: we do plan to offer WOST 489, the senior seminar both spring and fall semester. Please bear with us this spring, as most of our core faculty are on leave working on their research.

GRADUATES: Please keep in touch, and tell us what you are doing. We do plan an alumnae news section in our fall newsletter. If you will be in the area, and are interested in speaking to groups of students, please give us a call. Please also send your news to Massachusetts Magazine, 105 Munson Hall, alumni editor, Sarah Van Arsdale, WOST '81.

How can we all survive these tough times? You can help Women's Studies in a number of ways: buy our T-shirts, donate to the University Alumni association and earmark the funds for Women's Studies. Come to our events, and participate. Keep your own and your friend's spirits up. Finally, remember Joe Hill's last exhortation: "Don't mourn; Organize."

On behalf of the program,

Lee Edwards, Director
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