SUMMER 1987

WELCOME BACK RECEPTION

Women's Studies students, faculty, friends, and supporters are invited to a "Welcome Back to Campus" reception in September. Come share refreshments and stories of the summer.

Monday, September 28, 1987
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Memorial Hall
University of Massachusetts

WOMEN'S STUDIES EVENTS SERIES FALL 1987

The Women's Studies program is offering a variety of events this fall. These programs offer an opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and students in Women's Studies, and enjoy refreshments and conversation. All events are open to the public, and take place at the University of Massachusetts.

Women's Studies Reception
Monday, September 28  4:00-6:00 p.m.
Memorial Hall

"Hidden Lives: Problems in Writing a Contemporary Black Female Biography"
Irma McClaurin-Allen
Lecturer and Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences
Monday, October 19  4:00-5:30 p.m.
6th Floor Lounge, Thompson Tower

"Women in Brazil: An Oral History Project"
Daphne Patai
Professor of Women's Studies and Spanish and Portuguese
Monday, November 16  4:00-5:30 p.m.
6th Floor Lounge, Thompson Tower

Women's Studies Alumni Career Forum
Women's Studies graduates talk about their careers, lives, and choices.
Tuesday, December 1  8:00 p.m.
Campus Center 162-175

For information contact the office, 208 Bartlett Hall, 545-1922.
Jan Raymond is taking a sabbatical leave. Lee Edwards is the new director for the next three years. Arlene Avakian is being released to work on a special project—the Faculty Working Group on Racial Awareness and Cultural Diversity (see below). We are in the process of hiring a Teaching Assistant who will take over some of Arlene's duties while she is on the committee. Ann Williams will take a maternity leave of approximately 6 weeks. Karen Lederer will be the only staff person doing more or less the same thing as the prior semester.

Farewell Jan, congratulations and welcome Lee, and good luck Ann! Come in to the office to meet the new people.

PROMOTIONS, AWARDS, GRANTS AND NEWS

Leila Ahmed has been awarded tenure and a promotion to associate professor.

Daphne Patal has been promoted to Professor of Spanish and Portuguese and Women's Studies.

Janice Raymond has been promoted to professor. Jan also spoke in several places last semester: in April at the New York City Conference entitled "Sexual Liberalism and the Assault on Feminism;" in May at the University of Minnesota and the Amazon Bookstore in Minneapolis; and in June at the first Midwest Conference on the new reproductive technologies in Des Moines, Iowa. Jan also is the co-recipient of a grant from the Skaggs Foundation to fund an international feminist journal on the new reproductive technologies which will begin publication in the Spring of 1988 by Pergamon Press. She attended a planning meeting in London during May to work out editorial responsibilities for the Journal. In August, Jan will begin a year's sabbatical and leave a new book on surrogacy.

Lee Edwards will hold a joint appointment in Women's Studies and English starting in September, 1987. At that time, Lee will also become the new Director of Women's Studies, taking over from Janice Raymond.

Arlene Avakian, John Bracey, Afro-American Studies; Meyer Weinberg, Horace Mann Bond Center; and Bailey Jackson, School of Education have been appointed to the newly created Faculty Working Group on Racial Awareness and Cultural Diversity. The group will work with faculty who are interested in creating new courses or revising existing courses to include material on peoples of color, racism and/or making their courses more culturally diverse. In order to help faculty who are willing to take the risk of teaching outside of their training and present research concerns and to encourage interdisciplinary efforts, the group will coordinate University and Five college resources in the area, prepare a brochure on materials in the University library, compile and distribute a bibliography on racism. Also under consideration is a seminar for faculty who are already teaching courses which include such material. The group has also been charged to work with the General Education Sub-Committee on Cultural Diversity. The Provost's office has provided support for these efforts including released time for Arlene in the form of a Teaching Assistant for Women's Studies. The group will be available in the Bond Center, 22 floor of the University Library, Mondays from 2:30-5:00.

Kathy Peiss has been awarded a Smithsonian and an ACLS (American Council of Learned Societies) grant for 1987-88. This is an unusual dual feat! Kathy will be working on another book, the social history of the cosmetics industry, and residing in Washington D.C. as well as traveling in conjunction with her research.

Celeste Friend a senior, double majoring in Women's Studies and Philosophy, received a University Alumni Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to 60 juniors at the University. Celeste received one of only 8 scholarships awarded to students in Humanities and Fine Arts.

Congratulations to all!
Students Beginning/Students Graduating

The Spring 1987 semester saw many comings and goings of Women's Studies students.

Welcome to entering majors: Celeste Friend, Pilar Allessandro, Jessica Diamondstone.

If you want to be a Women's Studies major, but haven't gotten around to the paperwork, application forms are available in the office. A new set of interviews will be scheduled in the fall. The interviews have proven to be an enjoyable experience, and a nice welcome into the program for both the students and the committee. Special thanks to Ketu Katrak of English and Anna Tsing of Anthropology for serving on the committee.

Welcome also to new certificates: Joyce Barry, Tara Caffrey, Linda Chatfield, Patricia Ann Favreau, Linda Lorantos, Karen Mielcarz, and welcome back to Sandra DeJesus.

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If you have been taking Women's Studies courses, but aren't in the certificate/minor, please consider this option. The minor is an 18 credit concentration. To enter the program you fill out a simple application, and locate a faculty sponsor (with the assistance of the Women's Studies staff). Details available in the office.

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Farewell and best wishes to this spring's graduates of Women's Studies.

Graduated Majors: Sylvia Battey, Anne Clarkin, Gina Garro, Amy Greene, Robin Marion, Amanda McGibney, Alisa Ornstein, Jean Marie Roberts Stowers.

Certificates: Karen Craker, Deborah Johnson, Tara Martin, Bonnie McIntosh, Ann Paradis, Pati Stillwater, Kristin Thalheimer, Susanna Yurick, Heidi Holland and Emily Epstein.

Vacancy on Policy Board

Students: Have Your Voice Be Heard

The Women's Studies Policy Board meets once each month to discuss and decide issues of policy and direction for the program. Currently one of the main projects of Policy Board is the refinement of a proposal for a program in graduate Women's Studies. The Policy Board is composed of Women's Studies staff and faculty, associated faculty, and 2 students. Currently, Celeste Friend is representing Women's Studies majors on the Policy Board. There is another opening for a student, preferably a certificate student to represent the certificate/minor student. Celeste and the office staff will contact WOST students this fall about Policy Board representation. If you or someone you know is interested contact the office.

Women's Studies Events Spring 1987

This past semester, the Women's Studies program sponsored a series of events, including a welcome back reception (see page 1 for details of the next reception), and 2 talks given by Women's Studies faculty. Sandra Morgen, Assistant Professor spoke on "The Politics of Empowerment" in March, and Kathy Peiss, Associate Professor spoke on "Meaning in Trivia: Dance Halls, Sexuality, and Gender" in April. All three events were well attended and enjoyed by all. Please take advantage of this fall's upcoming events—all students, staff, faculty and community members welcome.

In addition to the Women's Studies Event Series, the program co-sponsored events with groups across campus. These included the International Working Women's Film Series, Comadres speaking tour, Montserrat Ordonez, Angela Davis, and American Indian Awareness Month. If you are organizing an event for the fall or spring, or know people who are, and you are interested in having Women's Studies as a sponsor, contact the office at 545-1922.
The following Courses were inadvertently left out of the WOST Course Guide:

**ECON 105  Introduction to Political Economy**  (D Core, SB, WOST Component Course)
MW 2:30, Lecture, Friday Discussion sections  Sam Bowles

Introduction to economic analysis for majors and nonmajors. Facts and concepts basic to understanding the U.S. economy today. Topics include: unemployment, economic development, inequality, technology, government economic policy, economic alternatives, and discrimination. Contrasting theoretical perspectives.

**OHI 191M  Women and Work**
SW 291G  WED 7-9:30 p.m.  SW is taught in Southwest by Denise Morrison

Contemporary experiences and struggles of women on the job. Brief overview of the history of working women in the U.S. Topics include: occupational segregation, pay equity, discrimination, legislation, women in management, women in health care, women in the office, women in non-traditional occupations, women in unions, and working women and families. Focus on the impact of race, class and gender on women's work experiences.

**WOST 395J Seminar--Women's Perspectives on Reporting**
JS 395W  TuTh 11:15-12:30  Sara Grimes

Women reporters have the opportunity in their professional role to bring needed strengths as women to the field of journalism. This course will help identify, for both men and women students, what those strengths are and how reporters can apply them to writing and reporting as well as to political realities within media managerial structures.

**SMITH COLLEGE  Women in Theater**
Theater 300  MWF 10:40-11:50  Kendall

Proud Heritage, Strong Traditions: an examination of 300 years of women's vision in theater, the staging of English speaking women's dreams, myths and heroic fantasies, from the precursors of Aphra Behn to the suffragettes, reveals a literary tradition surprising for its consistency.

Attention current and former students:

HOMELESS PAPERS....in the WOST Office

The Women's Studies Office frequently becomes the repository for papers not picked up by students at semester's end. Right now we have a wide variety of graded student papers, including many from the following courses:


**Spring 1986** -- WOST 201 (Foundations) Susan Tracy, WOST 391S (Women, Bureaucracy and the State) Sandy Morgen, WOST 391W (Writing) Irma McClaurin-Allen.

We have papers from Spring of 85, and even a few from as far back as 1981. If you think you might have something here (paper, journal, project, exam) then please come look for it. Our new policy will be to discard papers which are a year old or more so please make every effort to pick yours up before January 1, 1988.
Internships and Fieldwork Placements

Consistently, WOST graduates write that a valuable part of their educational experience was their fieldwork. One WOST graduate survey reported that 90% of all respondents recommended that students do an internship during their undergraduate studies. The graduates explained that internships are a good way to determine what one really wants to do, and that internships provide one of the only ways to graduate with job experience. One graduate writes: "The field placements and internships I did through Women's Studies ... are largely responsible for my choice of social work as a career, ..." The Women's Studies office has over 65 placements available in environmental organizations, human service agencies, law offices, local government, and campus programs. Placements range from a few hours per week to full time, on campus, locally, or in cities on the east coast. For more information contact Karen, the field work coordinator in the Women's Studies Office, or contact the Office of Internships, 545-0727.

Honors Option

The Women's Studies Program encourages students to investigate the various honors options available at the University, and within the program. Successful completion of a departmental honors project is the only way to graduate with high honors; e.g. magna or summa cum laude. University options include honors based on grade point average, or enrolling in the University Honors Program. The Women's Studies Program offers departmental honors for majors based on a combination of grades and an honors project. Options for an honors project include a research project, and honors thesis, or an internship followed by a detailed report. Past projects have included writing an oral history, a novel, and book of poetry. Arlene is the honors coordinator for the program. Stop into the office for more details.
The Women's Studies Alumnae Association co-sponsored this year's end of year celebration for graduates of Women's Studies. The luncheon was attended by over 40 people, and enjoyed by all. In addition to great food, the graduates heard short but stirring speeches on leaving Women's Studies and the University. Kelly Erwin, an alum, offered a lecture on "Stockings and Critical Thinking" while Cynthia Holmes invited all new grads to join the Alumnae Association.

In the course of inviting alums to the luncheon, we got lots of news on what everyone is doing, so in approximate alphabetical order... Many of the grads expressed congratulations to this year's group of graduates.

Elizabeth Bennett is finishing a Masters Program in Counseling Psychology at BU. She will begin the Doctoral Program in the fall, and is working with adolescents and their families in New Bedford. .....

Louise Bryan is an Administrative Assistant in the Promotion department of Capitol Records. She is taking classes to obtain her elementary school teaching credential, and living with her lover, dog, and 3 cats two blocks from the Pacific Ocean. .....

Mindy Chateauvert is the Administrator and Research Director of the Pay Discrimination Institute. Currently she is doing historical research in preparation of a pay equity suit that is coming to trial now. Mindy will begin a doctoral program in U.S. History at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall, and she has been awarded a full four year scholarship. Mindy also received an honorable mention in the NWSA graduate scholarship competition. .....

Cyndi Daniels is the Women's Occupational Health Coordinator in the Women's Health Unit of the Department of Public Health in Boston. Cyndi is also the co-editor of an anthology entitled Homework, Contemporary and Historical Analysis of Paid Work at Home, forthcoming from University of Illinois Press. .....

Kathryn Daniels has "a great job as Assistant Center Manager in the Queens Public Library Adult Learning Center in Flushing" working with adults who want to learn to read and write. She writes that she "has found her niche"... Lore Detenber is finishing a graduate program in Rehabilitation Counseling at Springfield College. She concentrated in the area of alcoholism and substance abuse rehabilitation. She is the counselor of the Hampshire County Employee Assistance Program which is available to municipal and school employees in four local towns. .....

Susan Graham is a legal secretary, supervising the personal injury department of a Long Beach, California law firm. She is "thinking about law school." .....

Christine Heffernan is counseling pregnant and parenting teenage women at the Franklin County Technical School. She writes that she is also "rapidly banging boards and repairing plumbing in my 90 year old home." .....

Jennifer Heald is presently working in the Durham County Courthouse in North Carolina, managing court appointment of attorneys. She plans to attend law school in the fall. .....

Dale Jones is currently the Residential Director of Shelton's Inc., an agency that services handicapped folks with residential and vocational services. She is also in pursuit of a law career and is applying to schools. .....

Debra Joyce is doing job development and career counseling for low-income adolescents in an alternative education program run by the city of Boston. She writes that periodically she longs "for a fiery debate on feminist philosophy." .....

Marsha Goldman Levine is selling Real Estate, and earned an MSW from Smith College School for Social Work in 1983. She is an investigator of Care and Protection cases (child abuse) for the district court of Northampton. She makes recommendations to the judge regarding custody. .....

Diane Martell is coordinating the Women's Semester, an internship program through the University of Connecticut Women's Studies Program. She is teaching a seminar on Women and Work, and teaching a class on lesbians and gay men. .....

Claire McCarthy is the editor for an arts and entertainment magazine on Cape Cod. .....

Andy Nash is teaching English to immigrant/refugee adults at a community center, and is the Curriculum Specialist for the English Family Literacy Project. Andy enclosed information about the project, and wants to hear from people doing similar types of work. Contact the WOST office to get a copy of the information. .....

Fran Neumann has been working as a health care coordinator for an Amherst human service agency. .....

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Kathy Newman will begin a doctoral program in the History of Consciousness Program at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Sue Osthoff is coordinating a program working with battered women who have defended themselves against their abusive partner and are charged with murder or aggravated assault (see related article in this issue). She is also going to trade school at night. Nancy Richard is curator of the Massachusetts State archives. Debbie Wald graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in May and is moving to San Francisco.

Thanks to all the alums for taking time to keep us up to date on what you are doing. It is an inspiration to see the depth and variety of projects WOST graduates take on. Send news about yourself to Karen Lederer, Women's Studies, 208 Bartlett Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003.

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Congratulations Johnnetta!

Johnnetta Cole, former Anthropology professor and Associate Provost at the University, and teacher of Women's Studies courses, and friend of the program, has been selected as the new president of Spelman College, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Spelman was established in 1881 for the education of Black women. The Spelman College Women's Research and Resource Center was established in 1981 and serves as the institutional base for programs, projects, and services for Black women in the Atlanta University Center. Johnnetta is the first Black female president in the 106 year Spelman history. Truly, all the women were white, all the Blacks are men, and Johnnetta is brave.

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Further Thanks to Donors

Women's Studies wishes to thank the following people for their generous donations to the program in the last 6 months: Patricia Beck, Andrea Berman, Louise Bryan, Diane Curley, Kathryn Daniels, Barbara Driscoll, Ruth Goldman, Donna Jacques, Dale Jones, Susan Manning, Margaret Margolis, Diane Martell, Gary McIlroy, Christine McGinnis, Margaret McGuidinn, Andrea Nash, Susan Niewenhous, Elizabeth Phinney, Mary Reilly, Karen Shack, M. Travis, Mary Werowinski, Elizabeth White.

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Alumnae Association

For you alums out there: if you haven't joined (or renewed if you were an early member) the Women's Studies Alumnae Association, memberships are still available. The membership fee is $5.00, and the money is primarily used to keep in touch with the graduates. The committee meets a few times each year - this spring the committee helped organize the luncheon for the graduates and supplied flowers for the event. To join send a check for $5.00 payable to UMass Women's Studies Alumnae Association to Kelly Erwin, 16 Applewood Lane, Amherst, MA 01002. Contributions to the Women's Studies program can be made out to the University of Massachusetts and sent to Kelly, or designated to Women's Studies and sent to the Alumni Office at the University.

For more information about the association, call Karen Lederer in the office.

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Obituary

Women's Studies regrets the loss of one of our alums. Michelle Cocuzzo. Michelle graduated from Women's Studies in 1978. She served as a Head of Residence in Southwest and was then promoted to Cluster Coordinator, and finally area coordinator for Northeast/Sylvan Residential Education. She also earned a master's degree in Education in 1983 and was enrolled in a doctoral program in the School of Education.

Michelle died on June 17 after a long illness. Memorial gifts may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney Street, Boston, MA 02115 in care of George Demetri, M.D.
UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Five College Conference on Feminism and Activism

The fifth and final conference in the Five College Women's Studies Project on Feminism and Difference will take place this fall. The subject of the conference is "Feminism and Activism." The program will take place on Sunday, October 4, 1987, at Amherst College. There will be three panels that are open to the public. The panel topics are: "Race, Class, & Gender: Issues in Studying and Organizing Around Domestic Work"; "Personal Stories"; and "The Process of Change." The panelists will include scholars, activists, and scholar/activists. During the week there will be a faculty seminar on feminism and activism, preregistration required. On Thursday, October 8, singer Ronnie Gilbert will perform. For more information contact Margaret Hunt 542-2287 or Meryl Fingrudt at 542-2193.

Afro-American Women and the Vote 1837-1965

The University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy are co-sponsoring a conference entitled "Afro-American Women and the Vote: 1837-1965" at the University of Massachusetts. Arlene Avakian (Women's Studies), John Bracey (Afro-American Studies), Ann Gordon (Stanton/Anthony project) and Joyce Berkman (History Department) are the planning committee. The event will take place November 13-15 1987. Mary Berry will offer the keynote address "On Politics and Afro-American Women." Rosalyn Terborg-Penn will review the scholarship in the field. Panels include "Coalitions of Gender and Race, 1837-1869"; "Defining for Themselves: Creating a Black Political Base, 1890-1920"; "Defining for Themselves: Consolidating the Struggle 1900-1935"; "Movin' On Up: Afro-American Women's Search for New Forms of Political Power, 1930-1965"; and roundtable discussions. Noted scholars in the fields of Afro-American Studies, History, and Women's Studies have agreed to participate. The Women's Studies office has a list of conference panels, for more information call us at 545-1922.

Call for Papers--The War Film: Contexts and Images

The William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences presents a conference on "The War Film: Contexts and Images." The conference will take place March 24-26 1988 at the University of Massachusetts, Boston campus. The focus of the conference will be the representations of war and war-related themes in film, mostly American, from the thirties to the present. Papers are currently being sought and must be postmarked by October 15, 1987 to be considered. Topics may include: Aesthetics of War, Women in War, Class and Ethnicity in War Films, Images of the Enemy, etc. Inquiries and papers should be directed to: Linda Dittmar, English Department, University of Massachusetts at Boston, Boston, MA 02125, 617-929-8358 or Gene Michaud or Kevin Bowen, William Joiner Center, University of Massachusetts at Boston, Boston, MA 02125, 617-929-7865.

Women's Studies Course Offerings

Women's Studies Course Guides are available in the Women's Studies office, 208 Bartlett Hall. Some Women's Studies courses still have openings, to find out more contact the office.

This Newsletter

This newsletter is written and edited by Karen Lederer. Thanks to Jan Raymond, Arlene Avakian, and Ann Gordon for their submissions, and to Ann Williams for her assistance. The newsletter is published 3-4 times per year. Send information about events, or news of alums or current students to Karen Lederer, Women's Studies, 208 Bartlett Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003.
SUSAN B. ANTHONY AND ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

Ann Gordon has supplied the following questions and answers on the Papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony:

Where can I learn about Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton? Right here at UMass is the best place in the country. The Afro-American Studies department houses a project assembling all the papers of America's premier woman suffragists.

Why here? How long has this project gone on? Ann Gordon and Pat Holland, the collection's co-editors, decided to compile photocopies of extant manuscripts—which were scattered all over the world—and of printed works—which had never been systematically located—and create a comprehensive collection for research. A staff of four began the detective work in 1982.

Why does it take so long? When will the project be finished? The 14,000 documents now gathered were found in 300 libraries and about the same number of different newspapers and journals. If I tell you that the staff has read some 8,000 issues of newspapers, does that explain it? Or that correspondence with 2,000 different people has been found? Or that Anthony averaged 100 lectures a year for fifty years which we would like to document? The immediate goal is to prepare a microfilm edition of the collection. Filming will begin this fall, and by the summer of 1989, the staff will complete a descriptive guide and an index.

Can I use the collection? The collection can be used by qualified researchers when the staff's schedule permits. Anyone seeking information about access should call 545-0764 and speak to one of the editors.

University Library

The University Library has extensive archival references on women including individual women's papers, records of women's organizations and groups, records of movements and conferences, oral histories, family papers, and more. Women's Studies has the complete list. Call us to request a copy, or contact the University Archives at 5-2780.

SCERA—Building Bridges/Breaking Barriers

The Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy has published a booklet titled Building Bridges/Breaking Barriers, Overcoming Oppression In The Group. this booklet offers guidelines for groups trying to struggle within themselves over the "isms". Guidelines for action and discussion are included on Ableism, Racism, Sexism, Heterosexism and Anti-Semitism. Women's Studies has a few copies in the office or contact SCERA at 422 Student Union, 5-0341.

Now Campus Campaign Kit

Women's Studies has received the National Organization for Women Campus Campaign Kit. This kit contains information sheets and time lines on the ERA campaign (including reintroduction of the Equal Rights Amendment in 1987), Equity in Education, Reproductive Rights and abortion. The chronologies are interesting showing history of anti-abortion ballot questions, the ERA campaign 1923-1987, etc. Come to the Women's Studies office to look at these materials.
RESOURCES: Newsletters

The Women's Studies Program receives a variety of interesting publications. We get newsletters from on campus departments, other women's studies programs, and from related organizations. Here is a partial list of the newsletters we have now. If you would like to read any of these, stop into the office.

On campus: We have the spring newsletter from BDIC. We also have The Journalism Connection, also from this spring. This issue features articles on Journalism as a trade, peer counseling in the Journalism office, and information on courses including a course "Women's Perspectives in Reporting." (see list of additional courses for fall)

Community Newsletters: The office receives Equity Institute News. This newsletter discusses the work of the Equity Institute and includes an article by WOST alum Judy Lebold. Family Planning Update includes information on AIDS education, new contraceptive technology, funding for family planning programs, and more.

Newsletters from Other Women's Studies Programs: Our program is fortunate to receive newsletters from Women's Studies programs around the country. These newsletters are fascinating to read to get a sense of the tone, struggles, and assets of other programs. Currently we have:
- Newsletter of the Southwest Institute for Research on Women (University of Arizona);
- Women's Studies in Indiana, Women's Studies Quarterly Forum (University of Cincinnati), Fortnightly Flash, Events, Opportunities and Updates from Women's Studies (University of Connecticut);
- Sara Isom Center Newsletter (University of Mississippi);
- Center for Advanced Feminist Studies Newsletter (University of Minnesota);
- Women in the Curriculum (University of Maine); and
- Women's Studies News (Michigan State University).

We have complete sets of some of the newsletters, but only sample issues of others. If you are considering traveling or moving to one of these areas of the country, these newsletters could provide ideas for contacts. Come into the office and check them out.

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New World Theater Series:
Fall Season 1987

Wine in the Wilderness, Thurs.-Sat., September 24-26 8:00 p.m.
Bowker Auditorium
Set in the urban unrest of the 1960's, Alice Childress' classic of Black Theater reveals old truths to a new generation. Presented by First World Images of Springfield.

Migrants, Sat., October 10, 8:00 p.m.
Bowker Auditorium
This production uses poetry, drama, song, and oral testimony to tell the story of the Pioneer Puerto Ricans who came to New York in the 1920's-1940's. Presented by Teatro Pregones, a Puerto Rican theater of the South Bronx.

SNEAKY, Wed.-Sat. October 28-31, Nov. 4-7, 8:00 p.m. Hampden Theater, SW.
this new work by Sioux writer William Yellow Robe is a startling drama about three brothers who take their grandmother's body from a morgue to perform a traditional funeral ceremony. Original production by the New World Theater.
(Limited seating, reserve tickets early)

Sanctuary: The Spirit of Harriet Tubman, Sat. Nov. 14, 8:00 Bowker Auditorium
Boston's Underground Railway theater presents an epic production combining a multi-racial acting ensemble, masks, shadow puppets, projections and live music to celebrate the underground railroad of the 1850s and to connect to today's sanctuary movement.

For more information call 545-1945. Call to confirm dates closer to the performance. Tickets available through the Fine Arts Center Box Office in September, 545-2511. All events take place at the University of Massachusetts.
NOW Essay Contest

The National Organization for Women is holding an essay contest for the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The topic is "Do We Need An Equal Rights for Women Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?" Any student enrolled in Senior High School, College, or Continuing Education is eligible. One winner will be selected in each category. The essay maximum length is 1250 words. The prize is a $1000 scholarship. Deadline for the contest is September 30, 1987. Women's Studies has a complete set of rules and application forms. For more information contact NOW at NOW Foundation Essay Contest, 1401 New York Ave., N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-347-2279.

International Work Camp

International Work Camps are small groups of international youth gathered together to work on a community project. Work camps are available in different countries around the world, including the United States. The cost is minimal, and no foreign language proficiency is required. Most camps take place during the summer months, and last for 2-3 weeks. For more information, contact the International Workcamper, Tiffany Road, Belmont, CT 05730, 802-259-2759.

Our Neighbors, Our Sisters, A Spanish Program for Women

The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies in Cuernavaca, Mexico offers a four week program for women who wish to learn to speak Spanish, and who have a special interest in learning about the culture, politics and history of women in Mexico. The program is open to a maximum of 12 women, some previous knowledge of Spanish is recommended. The program offers events combined with classes, and comes recommended by a WOST graduate. The 4 week program costs $1200, the 2 week program is $650, fees include registration, tuition, room and board with a Mexican family, and related expenses. Programs for 1987 are held in July 31-August 28 and October 30-November 15. For information, write to Isabel Gutierrez, Emiliano Zapata 319-2, Col. Tlaltenango, Cuernavaco, Morelos, 62000 MEXICO.

Request for Assistance

Project on Battered Women Who Fight Back

Sue Osthoff, a WOST grad, was working at Women Against Abuse in Philadelphia. She coordinated a program working with battered women who are forced to defend themselves against their abuser, and are charged with murder or aggravated assault. Sue worked directly with the woman and her attorney to try to get a reasonable verdict. She writes that it was a remarkable experience, often frustrating, often difficult and maddening as too many battered women go to jail for defending themselves. Sue goes on to say that "the strength of the women amazes her, and the women have taught her a great deal." Because this work was so hard, Sue is embarking on a new project. In the fall, Sue will be traveling across the country to gather information for a handbook/manual for advocates, attorneys, and expert witnesses working with battered women who kill. She plans to interview battered women in prison, women who were acquitted, advocates, witnesses and attorneys to try to put together a comprehensive manual.

Sue is looking for people to interview who have been involved in some way in the case of a battered woman charged with killing her partner. She is also looking for places to stay in her travels, particularly homes near state penitentiaries. If you can offer assistance, contact her at home, 910 South 49th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 724-3270.

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Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has formed a Pioneer Valley chapter. This chapter meets regularly at 8:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of every month in the Parish Hall of the Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst. P-FLAG's purpose is to provide support for parents, relatives, and friends of members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community through information, discussion, education and outreach. For more information call Jean and Jim Genasci at 532-4883 or Daphne Reed at 253-3354.
Articles include: news about faculty, staff, students, and alums; events for the fall (get out your calendars!); information about fall courses; academic options for students; lists of available resources; and much, much more.

Do you want to be added to the Women's Studies mailing list? Have you moved? Are you about to move? If you want to continue receiving this newsletter, please send us your new address.

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( ) current student ( ) faculty ( ) staff ( ) alum ( ) community

If this is a change of name or address, please include your old address below.

Return to: Women's Studies, 208 Bartlett Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003.