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From the Director...

This is the last column that I will write for the Newsletter. My term as Director of Women's Studies ends this semester. This past year we have focused on activism, and on women's activism in particular. There have been many wonderful events; I want to highlight a few things that occurred this term about which I am quite pleased. Jamie Auriemma and Jen Lombardi were awarded a summer research grant by the Division of University Studies. They are going to work on producing a video for the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls. John Knecht, Karen Zaidberg and I will be working on it with them and I look forward to seeing the finished product.

This week is the Annual Women's Studies Banquet. For the third year in a row, our after-dinner speakers will be students talking about their independent projects. This year our speakers will be Betsy Gibson and Jen Greer.

Students are still talking with me about how meaningful they found the February conference Women Working for Change. They enjoyed listening to and working with the alums who came back. *(continued on back page)*

'Tis the season to be jolly!; or, The End is Near

We've made it. After months of hard work (and more snow than I ever thought was naturally possible), the time has come to initiate that greatest of college traditions: the countdown to summer. Of course, exam period is in there, as is that night-before packing frenzy, when at 2:30 in the morning you suddenly remember that you haven't even begun to put your stuff into bags and boxes to be ready to move out by noon. Amidst the chaos and the stress, I urge you to take a moment to reflect on what this past year has been for you. Consider the friends you've made, the papers you've written (successes and failures alike), and what you've done as an individual citizen to improve the community or the world we live in.

I probably had you until that last one. It's daunting to imagine that we're responsible for "making a difference" all the time. But the truth is, we are. In some way, however small, it is our responsibility to effect change in our world. Many students at Colgate exercise that duty by participating in an organization, like Colgate Society of Feminists or Students for Social Justice. Others do it by writing to and for the newspaper. And still others do it simply by picking up The New York Times every morning to educate themselves about *(continued on back page)*

**It is our privilege and pleasure to congratulate the following
Class of 2000 Women's Studies concentrators:**

SUZANNE CHRISTENSEN

ARIEL DANNIS

BETSY GIBSON

KRISTIN GILLIN

JENNIFER GREER

KATHERINE HINMAN

ROBYN LIBSON

SUZANNE LOWELL

REBEKAH LOWINGER

CHRISTINE QUIROLO

From the Director... (continued from front page)

The returning women were Pam Elkow, Sue Phillips, Kristin Chandler and Meghan McElroy. Teresa Delgado and Pam Conley Hamad were also scheduled to return to be with us, but a big February storm snowed them out. The conference followed a Thursday night lecture by Carol Gilligan. Her talk, In A Different Voice--Eighteen Years Later was a wonderful event.

Some students accompanied Karen Zaidberg to the Feminist Expo in March and are scheduled to speak about their experiences this week. This term our Tuesday Brown Bag Lunch series continued to be a popular, intellectually stimulating time in the week. We heard a range of topics from Women in Islam to What is Feminist Pedagogy. The conversations engaged both a group of regular attendees and some folks who came to the Center for the first time to hear about a topic that interested them.

It has been a pleasure for me to work with the students and faculty in Women's Studies in the capacities of acting co-director with Marilyn Thie in 1997-98 and as Director over the past two years. I am constantly learning about the talents and interests of faculty and students and I love seeing how those interests get put to good use both on and off campus. I will take this opportunity to thank you all for your commitment to Women's Studies.

Kay Johnston

The End is Near (continued from front page) life outside of the Colgate bubble. No one way is better; what matters is taking action that is meaningful to your life. Consider what you have done this year, great and small, learn from it and vow to do better next year.

It is my pleasure to announce that I will be returning in the fall for a second run as Program Assistant. This year has been tremendous in so many ways, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to apply what I have learned to another year of programs. I wish to take this opportunity also to sincerely thank Kay Johnston for her work as Program Director, and to acknowledge the incredible staff of Student Assistants without whom the Center could not have thrived. Good luck on exams, and don't forget to check that high shelf when you're packing!

Karen B. Zaidberg

Thank You, Student Assistants!

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| Khatera Abdulwali | Suzanne Lowell |
| Kiwanda Austin | Jessica Massanari |
| Ariel Dannis | Natalie McLenaghan |
| Catharine Donahue | Corinne Mescher |
| Kelly Ehlers | Uchechi (Chi-Chi) Obichere |
| Heather Grant | Heather Rich |
| Ashley Hightower | Jessica Ann Ruggiera |
| Jessica Loreto | Amanda Stephenson |
| Jamie Warsavage | |

"As long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there with her, so it means you cannot soar as you otherwise might."
Marian Anderson

The web site is here!

http://departments.colgate.edu/womens_studies

On-line information about the Women's Studies Program and the Center for Women's Studies, including course listings, upcoming events, Brown Bag Lunch speakers, links to women's organizations, job and internship opportunities, and more!

Check it out today!

HOLD THE DATE!

May 1, 2000 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Commons

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit
Community Action Program of Madison Cty.

Special performance by the Swinging Gates!

\$3 Donation

?s Contact Ashley x.5364

Center for Women's Studies Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday 6:00-10:00 p.m.



ANNOUNCING EXTENDED HOURS FOR READING PERIOD AND EXAM PERIOD!!!

SUNDAY, MAY 7 - THURSDAY, MAY 11

6:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.