

## Colgate Women in Science

On Wednesday, February 26, the Center for Women's Studies will sponsor the first meeting of Colgate Women in Science. With the guidance of Professor Vicky McMillan, the student-run group will serve as an on-going special interest and support group for students who intend to pursue further study or careers in the natural and physical sciences and health care. Possible group events include research presentations by students, faculty, and staff, and discussions on women's status in the scientific community. In addition, the group will sponsor social gatherings for informal conversation and sharing of interests. All faculty, staff and students who have an interest in the sciences are invited to attend a reception and organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at 4:30pm in the Center for Women's Studies.

## Women's Studies Coming Attractions

- A campus-wide effort to stock the Hamilton Food Cupboard (February)
- International Women's Day pot-luck at the Cultural Center (March)
- Betsy Sweet ('78), "Careers in Political Change: Women Making a Difference" (March)
- "Women and Sport Psychology" (April)
- Women's Leadership Conference (April)

## From the Director . . .

Among the many Women's Studies activities planned this semester (see Women's Studies Calendar inside), one that merits special attention is our celebration of International Women's Day. Since 1978, International Women's Day, marked on March 8th, has been officially recognized as a holiday by the United Nations. Few people, however, know the origins of this day which pays tribute to women around the world.

The first women's day celebration in fact occurred in the United States. In 1909 the Socialist Party organized an "American Women's Day," with public demonstrations dedicated to the struggle for women's suffrage. Learning of its success in the United States, Clara Zetkin, a German Socialist leader, proposed March 8 as "International Women's Day" dedicated to "universal women's suffrage." While celebrations on this date have been common throughout Europe since 1911, in the United States it was not until the emergence of the Women's Movement in the 1960s that International Women's Day became widely recognized and celebrated.

This year, Colgate's Women's Studies Program is proud to join thousands of groups and organizations in celebrating International Women's Day. In doing so, we pay tribute to the accomplishments of women all over the world. As we join together to express our joy in women's achievements worldwide, we are at the same time painfully aware of the serious problems still facing women. Poverty, sexual violence, inequality, and discrimination

- even in 1992 - continue disproportionately to affect the world's women. Here in the United States, women face not only these injustices, but as well must struggle against recent efforts to reverse many of the rights and gains won over the last decades.

International Women's Day then is a time of joy and of hope, but also of rededication to working together with women and men throughout the world to eliminate the special oppression of women.

I invite you to join the Women's Studies Program in celebrating International Women's Day! At the beginning of March, Betsy Sweet (Colgate '78), a Political Consultant, will speak on "Careers in Political Change: Women Making a Difference." On Tuesday, March 10th join the Coalition for a Better World at the Cultural Center for a pot-luck dinner in celebration of International Women's Day.

And on Sunday, March 8, I hope you will take a minute to think about what you can do — here at Colgate and elsewhere — to make sure that no woman is robbed of her right to think and act as a free and equal human being.

Joan D. Mandle

### Center for Women's Studies Hours:

Monday-Friday,  
9am-5pm

# Women's Studies Calendar, Spring 1992

## February

### 3 Monday

Roxana Ng, Associate Professor of Sociology in Education. Ontario Institute for Educational Studies. "Immigrant Women and Feminist Organizing in Canada."  
Women's Studies Classroom.  
Center for Women's Studies.  
3:30pm.

### 4 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch.  
Topic to be announced.  
Women's Studies Classroom. 12pm.

### 15 Saturday

Alumnae Career Forum.  
Forum for Careers in Human Services, Law, Business and Higher Education.  
Alumni Hall. Room 110. 1pm.

### 18 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch.  
Film: *Gotta Make This Journey: Sweet Honey in The Rock*.  
Women's Studies Classroom. 12pm.

### 26 Wednesday

Reception for Colgate Women in Science.  
Center for Women's Studies.  
4:30pm.

### 29 Saturday

Self-Defense Workshop.  
Location to be announced. 1pm.

## March

### 2 Monday - 6 Friday

SCRC Awareness Week.  
Coop table, speakers, and a speakout.

### 3 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch.  
Professors Ulla Grapard and Jill Tiefenthaler.  
"Women and the Economy."  
Women's Studies Classroom. 12pm.

### 8 Sunday

International Women's Day.

### 10 Tuesday

Open House in Celebration of International Women's Day.  
Pot-luck Dinner.  
Cultural Center.

### 14 Saturday - 22 Sunday

Spring Break.

### 24 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch.  
Topic to be announced.  
Women's Studies Classroom. 12pm.

## April

### 7 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch.  
Film: *Still Killing Us Softly*.  
Women's Studies Classroom. 12pm.

### 15 Wednesday

Reception for Prospective Concentrators.  
Location and time to be announced.

### 11 Saturday

Women's Leadership Conference.  
Location and time to be announced.

### 21 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch.  
Topic to be announced.  
Women's Studies Classroom. 12pm.

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## Colgate Women's Leadership Conference

The Center for Women's Studies will hold a Women's Leadership Conference in April, 1992. The student-run conference will feature various workshop and presentations. Colgate faculty and other experts will facilitate sessions on many different topics including the following:

"Women's Leadership and Diversity"  
"Activism as a Career"

"Time Management"  
"Dealing With Sexual Harassment at Work"  
"Women and Stress."

These sessions will explore the variety and complexity of Women's Leadership experiences. They will provide opportunities for discussion and creative interaction regarding useful leadership strategies for women in both the classroom and the work-place. First-year students through seniors are invited to participate in the day-long program. More information will be posted as the semester progresses.

## Internships and Job Opportunities Abound!

If you're looking for an internship or career opportunity in a field related to women's issues, the Center for Women's Studies can help. Cathy Ross ('92) spent last semester researching careers in Women's Studies and discovered a wealth of opportunities. We at the Center were pleased by the vast number and variety of political, economic and research-oriented career options currently available in fields related to Women's Studies.

We are now in the process of cataloging the information Cathy gathered and will be happy to share it with you. We can help you research opportunities available in your own field of interest. Please stop by the Center and ask for our files on career choices. If you're looking for a short term opportunity, we have also compiled a list of summer and semester-long internships. Internship announcements are on display at the Center. If you don't see what you're looking for, let us help you start your own internship/career opportunity research project.

In addition to the literature available in our files, the Center for Women's Studies will sponsor several career-related workshops and presentations throughout the semester. Watch for advertisements announcing these events.

## A Semester of Service

On Friday, October 4, four Colgate students participated in the Center for Women's Studies' first community service project. Melissa McGarry, Madeline Oldham, Heidi Tuers and Jennifer Fuld spent the afternoon helping out at Emmaus House. Established in Utica in 1983, Emmaus House is a temporary shelter for women and children who are homeless due to fire, poverty, and addiction.

In recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in November, our second community service project focused specifically on domestic violence. The Center for Women's Studies, in cooperation with the Panhellenic community, sponsored a food and clothing drive on behalf of five area shelters for battered women and their children. To provide background information, the Center also sponsored a workshop on domestic violence. More food and clothing were collected from the Colgate community than the five shelters' storage capacities could

accommodate, and the excess was donated to other shelters in need. The Center for Women's Studies would like to thank the Panhellenic community for their enthusiastic participation in this community volunteer project.

## Gender Roles and Popular Culture

Beginning in February, eleven female and male students with a special interest in communication and gender issues will facilitate discussions across campus about gender roles and popular expectations. The program, sponsored by the Center for Women's Studies, is designed to initiate and facilitate group discussions in campus residences through a non-confrontational and open format. Students will be invited to engage in conversation which explores many different perspectives on gender, and which welcomes expression of individual experiences and perceptions.

## Free Self-Defense Workshop

The Center for Women's Studies and SCRC are sponsoring a free self-defense workshop on Saturday, February 29 at 1pm. (Location to be announced.) If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to the Center for Women's Studies, Dodge House by Wednesday, February 19.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Box # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to attend the self-defense workshop on February 29.

I would like to attend a self-defense workshop, but I will be unable to participate in the program scheduled for February 29.



**The Center for Women's Studies  
and The Career Planning Center**

present

**An Alumnae Forum on Careers in  
Human Services, Law Higher Education and Business**

**Saturday, February 15, 1992**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Alumni Hall, Room 110**

Short Presentations, Small Group Question and Answer Sessions  
by Graduates of Colgate University

**The Women's Studies Program**

celebrates International Women's Day with

**Betsy Sweet**

(Colgate '78)

**Political Consultant**

speaking on

**"Careers in Political Change:  
Women Making a Difference"**

**Early March**

**(Watch for Date and Time)**

Women's Studies Classroom

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