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From the Director...

This promises to be a very exciting Fall for the Colgate Women's Studies Program! We hope you will join with us and the entire Colgate community in our continuing programming and dialogue concerning gender issues.

I'd like to use this opportunity to welcome Gretchen Kinder to Colgate. Gretchen is serving this year as Program Assistant in Women's Studies. During her undergraduate years, Gretchen was a student leader on gender issues at The American University where she has studied Women's Studies, Sociology, and Biology. She also has had experience working for the National Women's Health Network and the National Cancer Institute. Gretchen's office is in the Center for Women's Studies (first floor of Dodge, KED), and she will be responsible for the Center's day to day operation. Stop by anytime to meet Gretchen, find out what is happening, and share your ideas!

What makes this Fall especially important, and not just at Colgate, is the November election. This is a critical election, whether you are concerned with issues of reproductive choice, the growing number of women and children living below the poverty level, the probable selection of another Supreme Court Justice within the next four years, or the question of women's representation in the House and Senate. Along with our other programs, Women's Studies will be distributing information about and helping students to get involved in working for candidates at every level. (See the back page.) Your energy, your caring, and your vote can really count!

This year, Colgate Women's Studies continues its tradition of offering a wide variety of interesting courses, ranging from 'Women in Africa' and "Language and Gender"

to the "Female Protagonist" and "Women in Science". Women's Studies courses are open to all students, as are the programs run by the Center for Women's Studies. Check out the calendar on page 3 for a complete listing of programs of interest.

Come learn about us and help us learn about you.

Joan D. Mandle,
 Women's Studies Program

Library Collection More User Friendly

Books held in the library at the Center for Women's Studies can now be checked out. The Center has developed an experimental system that will allow students and faculty/staff to use the collection for research and enjoyment in their homes, dorms, and offices. Previously, books were only available to those doing work at the Center.

The circulation system works as follows: Individuals must sign-out books with the Student Assistant on duty. The loan period is 24-hours. Books can be renewed for another 24 hours either in person or by phone. There is a three book sign-out limit. Periodicals, including *Women's Sports and Fitness*, *Ms.*, and *Signs*, are still available for use in the Center.

The Center for Women's Studies houses a collection of over 600 books. Topics are as diverse as women's health, psychoanalysis, women's poetry, and poverty/welfare. While books are currently shelved alphabetically by author, plans are underway to also provide a subject index for users. We encourage all members of the Colgate community to use the library collection held at the Center for Women's Studies.

Everybody Loves a Movie!

Women film directors are being recognized at the box office and by their peers. Penny Marshall, Jodie Foster, and Barbra Streisand are among the hottest names in Hollywood film making.

The Center for Women's Studies is sponsoring a free film series that focuses on popular movies made by women or that highlight the power and problems that face many women in today's society. During the fall semester we will be showing "Little Man Tate", "Thelma and Louise", "Big", and "Diary of a Mad Housewife". Movies will be shown once a month, on Friday night beginning at 7:00 pm in the Center for Women's Studies Classroom (Dodge Hall, 1st Floor, K.E.D.). Come support and enjoy these films. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fridays at 7:00 pm
 Center for Women's Studies
 Classroom:

September 25—"Little Man Tate",
 directed by Jodie Foster

October 9 —"Thelma and Louise"

November 13 —"Diary of a Mad
 Housewife"

December 11 —"Big", directed by
 Penny Marshall

Center for Women's Studies Hours:

**Monday-Friday,
 9am-5pm and
 8:00-10:00 pm**

Bring Your Lunch!

The Center for Women's Studies is again sponsoring a Brown Bag Lunch Series! Our discussions will be on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Women's Studies Classroom (Dodge, 1st floor). A wide variety of topics and speakers is planned to bring stimulating discussion to your lunchtime break. Among them, Dr. Merrill Miller will discuss conflict between male doctors and female patients (September 23) and Dr. Joan Mandle will lead a discussion on the role of women's rights in the 1992 presidential campaign (October 28). The list below provides information on the full series.

We encourage students, faculty, and staff to bring a brown bag, pick up a sandwich, or just take a break to come participate. We'll provide the coffee, tea, and dessert. You bring your ideas and a friend!

Wednesday, September 23

Male Doctors and Female Patients

Speaker: Dr. Merrill Miller

Wednesday, October 14

Columbus Day Topic
Power of Women in the Native American Cultures

Wednesday, October 28

The Politics of Women's Rights in the 1992 Presidential Campaigns
Speaker: Professor Joan Mandle

Wednesday, November 11

Veteran's Day Topic
Women Working Towards Peace
Speaker: Professor Carol Rank

Wednesday, December 2

Topic to be announced

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Spotlight on Women Athletes

Ranked third in the Patriot League, women's sports at Colgate are something to be proud of. During the fall, the female Red Raiders will compete in cross-country, field hockey, soccer, volleyball, and tennis. Preseason has shown that women are geared up for a winning year.

In an interview with Holly Rendle, Captain of the Women's Volleyball Team, we gained some perspective on the difficulties of balancing sports, academics, and extracurricular activities at Colgate.

CWS: How do you feel about the upcoming season?

HR: I feel very optimistic about the season. Our squad has a lot of talent. But more important to our success is the work ethic we share. Everyone is willing to work hard and make the commitment necessary to win.

CWS: What makes you want to compete?

HR: Adrenaline allows me to transcend normal limitations. In a competitive situation, my vertical jump is higher, I'm faster, I feel no pain...It is a great feeling to exceed one's expectations and "rise to the occasion" of a competition!

CWS: What do you find frustrating about your sport or athletics here at Colgate?

HR: What I used to find frustrating about women's athletics at Colgate was the low profile they sustained. I'm not sure if women's athletics have become more respected since my first year, or if it is only more so among my close friends and supporters! During my first year most people didn't even know we had a varsity volleyball team. Now, I'm constantly being asked about our progress and our schedule. We even have fans!

CWS: What is the biggest challenge to you as a woman athlete?

HR: The biggest challenge I've faced is gaining the aforementioned recognition. At first, many people don't take a woman athlete seriously. It isn't until people see us time and time again in the weightroom, in the sweat soaked tee shirt, or trudging to

and from practice covered with ice bags that they realize how dedicated we are to our sport. However, once you have earned the respect of fellow students and athletes, the support is phenomenal!

CWS: Are you glad that you have participated in college sports?

HR: I couldn't be happier about the advantages of being a college athlete. I have developed an intimate relationship with my teammates, coach, and trainers and have had the opportunity to travel as a representative and ambassador for Colgate. Establishing a positive identity as a volleyball player on campus has made all of the hard work, injuries, and lost social opportunities worth it.

Plan on taking the time to attend a woman's sports event this semester. Copies of the Fall sports schedule are available at the Center for Women's Studies and the Athletic Department.

College Students Talk About the "F" Word

Feminism is a word that evokes many different images. For some it is a positive image of people working for women's rights and global understanding, while for others it is a negative image of radicalism. For many women and men it is considered taboo to identify with the word feminism, for fear of being stigmatized.

Paula Kamen has investigated why college-age people hold these diverse views of feminism. Kamen is a young journalist who's book, *Feminist Fatale: Voices from the Twenty-Something Generation*, asks people of all genders, races, and politics how feminism relates to their lives.

Paula Kamen will be coming to speak to the Colgate community on Tuesday, the 13th of October. At 7:00 pm, in the Center for Women's Studies Classroom (1st floor, Dodge Hall), she will discuss her findings, and ask for your opinion. Join Kamen to explore how feminism and the feminist movement relates to your life.

Fall 1992 Calendar

September

10 Thursday

Liberian Lawyer working with U.N. Commission on Women
"Women Refugees in Africa"
4:00; Cultural Center
co-sponsored: Center for Women's Studies

"Interpreting the Casey Decision"
Lecture discussing the implications of the Supreme Court decision in "Casey v-Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania." Question and answer period to follow,
Amy Bartel
Planned Parenthood of Syracuse
8:00; Center for Women's Studies

11 Friday

Reception for All First-Year Students
4:00-5:00; Center for Women's Studies. Refreshments will be provided

14 Monday

Alicia Quintano presents discussion of Eating Disorders
7:30 pm; Clark Room
sponsored by: SIG Education Committee

15 Tuesday

Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate Seat

"The Accompanist Art: Listening to Willa Cather Play Schubert"
Professor Sarah Wider
4:00; Chapel

"Daughters of the Dust"

Directed by Julie Dash
7:00; Love Auditorium
co-sponsor: Center for Women's Studies

16 Wednesday

Susannah Heschel and Rabbi Barbara Borts debate the challenges of feminism and Judaism
4:00; 105 Lawrence Hall
co-sponsor: Center for Women's Studies

17 Thursday

Students for Choice Meeting
7:00; place to be announced

23 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
"Male Doctors and Female Patients"
Speaker: Dr. Merrill Miller
12:00; Women's Studies Classroom

24 Thursday

Reception for All New Faculty and Staff
4:30-6:00;
Home of Mary Moran and Jordan Kerber

25 Friday

Free Film Series
"Little Man Tate"
Directed by Jodie Foster
7:00; Women's Studies Classroom

October

5 Monday

"Prints from the Women's Studio Workshop"
Gallery of the Department of Art and Art History
Exhibit runs through October 28

6 Tuesday

"Dora & Doady"
Professor Margaret Darby
4:00; W.H. Gifford Classics Center

8 Thursday

"The Importance of Nutrition in Women's Health"
Dr. Wanda Koszewski, Cornell University Nutrition Dept.
Dr. Len Marquart, Ph.D.
7:00; Women's Studies Classroom

9 Friday

Free Film Series
"Thelma and Louise"
7:00; Women's Studies Classroom

10 Saturday

"Why Women's Studies?"
Joan Mandle, Director of Women's Studies, will discuss Colgate's Women's Studies Program at this reception for all present and prospective concentrators and their parents.
10:30-11:30 a.m.; Center for Women's Studies

13 Tuesday

"Anne Sexton at Colgate"
Diane Middlebrook,
Professor of English at Stanford
4:00; W.H. Gifford Classics Center

"Talking About the F- Word"

Paula Kamen discusses how feminism does (or doesn't) relate to the twenty-something generation, from her book *Feminist Fatale*.
7:00; Women's Studies Classroom

14 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Columbus Day Discussion
"Power of Women in Native American Culture"
Oneida Indian Nation
12:00; Women's Studies Classroom

"The Significance of Women Artists"
Ann Kalbach, Founder and Executive Director; Women's Studio Workshop
4:30; Ryan Studio Art Center
co-sponsor: Center for Women's Studies

22-25 Midterm Recess

28 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
"The Politics of Women's Rights in the 1992 Presidential Campaign"
Speaker: Professor Joan Mandle
12:00; Women's Studies Classroom

November

11 Wednesday

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Veteran's Day Topic
"Women Working Towards Peace"
Speaker: Professor Carol Rank
12:00; Women's Studies Classroom

13 Friday

Film Series
"Diary of a Mad Housewife"
7:00; Women's Studies Classroom

25-29 Thanksgiving Recess

December

2 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
topic to be announced
12:00; Women's Studies Classroom

11 Friday

Film Series
"Big"
Directed by Penny Marshall
7:00; Women's Studies Classroom

The Center for Women's Studies

presents

"Little Man Tate"

directed by

Jodie Foster

**Friday, September 25, 1992
7:00 p.m.**

Center for Women's Studies Classroom
(Dodge House, 1st Floor)

FREE!

The Center for Women's Studies

invites you and a friend to

**"Talking About the
'F' Word"**

with

Paula Kamen

Discuss how feminism and the
Feminist Movement relate to you and
the twenty-something generation.

**Tuesday, October 13, 1992
7:00 p.m.**

Center for Women's Studies Classroom
(Dodge House, 1st Floor)

Register for Your Right to Vote!

Are you registered to vote in the upcoming election? If not, the Center for Women's Studies, Peace Studies Program, Colgate Students for Choice, College Democrats, and other student groups are organizing a voter registration drive to be held early this fall. Individuals who are not registered elsewhere can do so in Madison County. We will be setting up tables around campus to make sure everyone is able to vote on the 3rd of November. The deadline for registration is October 9th.

If you are registered to vote outside of Madison County, you need to apply for an absentee ballot. Contact the County Board of Elections in which you are registered right away, and have them send you an application. Requests must be processed by the 27th of October.

This is an important election which will affect all of us. Stand up for what you believe in by voting on November 3rd.

Get Involved!

The Center for Women's Studies is again sponsoring exciting programs. We want you to get involved! Check off those programs that interest you, detach this portion of the page, and return it to the Center for Women's Studies, Dodge (in KED).

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Box # _____

I want to participate in:

___ **Community Service.** Projects focusing on women's needs in local communities.

___ **Political Campaigns.** Direct your energies towards helping pro-women's rights candidates win their elections.

___ **Self-Defense Training.** Learn how to protect yourself and others in the event of an attack.

___ **Women in Science.** Establishing a career and support network for women working in scientific fields.

___ **Alumnae Career Forum.** Bringing women Colgate graduates back to campus to share their work, family, and post-graduate academic experience with current students.

___ **Student Research Presentations.** Highlighting the work being done by Colgate students in gender issues and work being done by women.