

World Habitat Day

Women and Shelter Development was the theme for the 1993 celebration of World Habitat Day. Sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the central concept of the day was: "Without the full mobilization and participation of women — and the removal of obstacles to their full participation — the goal of the Global Strategy of providing shelter for all cannot and will not be met."

The day of events culminated in a panel discussion featuring six influential female leaders. Ms. Betsey Wright, moderator of the panel, began her opening remarks by pointing out that currently, women comprise over fifty percent of the world's population but own only one percent of the world's property.

Of the panelists, Colgate students were most impressed with Susan A. Maxman, Fellow and 1993 President of the American Institute of Architects. Ms. Maxman is the first woman ever to be elected President of this national organization. Maxman's comments concentrated on the pioneering efforts of Huang Lee, an architect working in conjunction with community members to build a new housing project in Hong Kong.

Huang Lee designed the project by meeting with the men and women of the community to

From the Director ...

I have recently read reports on the annual meeting of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA), held in June in Washington, D.C. The 1993 meeting was held under new rules of order which were crafted with the intention of strengthening the position of caucuses within the organization's political process.

Previous meetings of the Association had been marked by conflict among women within the organization concerning the relationships among policy-making processes, representation, and diversity. There had been

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determine their personal and business needs. The result was a settlement designed around the social and economical needs of the family. Maxman, convinced that Lee's approach is a product of her gender, travels from lecture to lecture showing slides of Lee's work and holding it up as a model for others to achieve.

In the past, three erroneous assumptions have been made regarding women and shelter. As stated by Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Under-Secretary General of UNCHS (Habitat), these assumptions are: first, that the household always consists of a nuclear family of husband, wife, and two or three children; secondly that within the family there is a clear

Do you know the #1 Cause of Injury Among American Women?

An estimated four million women are beaten by spouses or intimate partners every year. This makes battering the number one cause of injury to American women. Statistics obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation show that incidents of rape have risen nearly four times as fast as the total crime rate, and are continuing to rise.

Large annual increases in violent crimes against women

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division of labor in which the man of the family, as the "breadwinner", is involved in productive work outside the home, while the woman takes overall responsibilities for reproductive and domestic work; thirdly, that there is equal control over resources and power of decision-making within the household between the man and

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Center for Women's Studies Hours:

Monday-Friday,
9am-5pm and
Sunday-Thursday,
8pm-10pm

Chief Mankiller and the Women of Seneca Falls

The National Women's Hall of Fame is located less than two hours from Colgate, in Seneca Falls, New York. On October 9, 1993 a group of Colgate students and faculty traveled there to witness the induction of twenty seven women into the Hall of Fame.

"I am not only proud to be the person who introduced the word 'sex' in the 1964 Civil Rights Act," stated Martha Wright Griffiths, a former member of Congress, during her induction, "I am also the only one who stayed around long enough to enforce it." Griffiths was honored for her pioneering work in Congress in providing protection against discrimination for working women.

Wilma Mankiller, a recent guest at Colgate University, was also among the day's honorees. Chief Mankiller, who is the first woman to be elected Chief of the Cherokee people, spoke of the many connections she had to the Hall of Fame. During her acceptance speech she noted that when the first conference on women's rights was being held in Seneca

Falls in 1848, the Cherokee people were making the important decision to build schools to educate their female and male children. It was to Mary Lyon, a fellow inductee of the Hall of Fame, that the Cherokee turned for guidance.

Chief Mankiller also spoke of her personal friendships with other women honored by the Hall of Fame: Gloria Steinam, the founder of MS. magazine, Betty Friedan, the founder of the National Organization for Women and Dolores Huerta, founder of the United Farm Workers with Cesar Chavez. And she talked of her pride at being honored at the same time as

women like Rosa Parks whose refusal to stand up in a bus in Montgomery, Alabama sparked the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement.

Chief Mankiller ended her remarks by explaining that women should take her advice and "Never get into an argument with a fool. Someone walking by and seeing you argue will not know which one of you is the fool." Yet women should also follow her example and, like the other women honored on October 9, act to advance the cause of justice and peace for all people.

Director. . .

critical concern about the effective representation of women of color within the association.

The new political arrangements in effect in 1993 were apparently effective in facilitating a return to discussions about the interrelationships among feminism, women's studies programs, activism, scholarly inquiry.

Formal comments by several speakers at the NWSA meeting emphasized the importance of acknowledging and effectively embracing differences among women as a basis for forging stronger political foundations. Women were encouraged to listen closely and critically to these differences and to strive to understand the roots of diversity among women in experience, philosophy and strategies for action.

I am struck by the salience of these ideas for Women's Studies at Colgate. The encouragement to embrace differences while building on points held in common assumes a strong core of community and collegialship.

I believe such strength exists among persons interested in women's studies here at Colgate. I draw my conclusion using the lens of a geographer by considering the use of space. Spaces in the Center for Women's Studies are used for an extremely broad range of purposes and function, by an equally diverse group of women.

The high volume of use of the Center results in the crossing of paths among people who come to the Center for a variety of reasons. Because the culture of the Center is one of collegiality and mutual support, people coming to use the space tend to introduce themselves to one another and to engage in conversation.

These opportunities for casual congregation hold the potential for new friendships, for sharing of new ideas, for synergy. I view the Center as a crossroad for people with diverse points of view. Our strength derives from these opportunities for different paths to intersect within common space in the Center for Women's Studies.

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WINTER 1993 CALENDAR

November

1 Monday

Sexual harrasment video and discussion.
8:00; Center for Women's Studies

2 Tuesday

"Violence Against Women: The Response of the Criminal Justice System."
Speaker: Rick Trunfio, District Attorney, County of Onondaga
7:00; 105 Lawerence
co-sponsor: Kappa Kappa Gamma

3 Wednesday

"Why Focus on Women's Health Issues?"
Speaker: Lorrie Wasielewski, County Health Department
7:00; Women's Studies Classroom

7 Sunday

Volunteers go to Emmaus House shelter for women and children.

10 Wednesday

"Health Care for the Down and Out: Examining the Situation of Women in Poverty in Central New York"
Speakers: Dr. Merrill Miller, Student Health Services, Gretchen Plotkin, Professor of Nursing, Morrisville, and Irene Brown, Community Action Program.
12:00; Women's Studies Classroom

11 Thursday

Recognition of Women's War Memorical Dedicatoin in Washington D.C.
4:30; Women's Studies Classroom

"Chemical Dependence Diseases: A Social Dillemma"

Speaker: Cristina Delgado, M.D.
7:00; Cultural center
co-sponsor: Center for Women's Studies

And The Band Played On
8:00; Women's Studies Classroom

14 Sunday

Volunteers go to Emmaus House, shelter for women and children.

15 Monday

Sexual Health Awareness Week

16 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch
"Let's Talk About Sex"
Guest Speaker
12:00; Women's Studies Classroom

17 Wednesday

Poetry Reading with Michelle Cliff
4:30; Center for Women's Studies

"What Are They Selling....And Why Are We Buying It?"
Speakers: Cindy Lee '96, Jennifer Cole '95, Holly Taylor '94
7:00; Women's Studies Classroom

18 Thursday

Wendi Modeste
An African American Woman Living with Aids
4:30; Cultural Center
co-sponsor: Center for Women's Studies

19 Friday

Free Film series
A League of Their Own
8:00; Women's Studies Classroom

21 Sunday

Volunteers go to Emmaus House, shelter for women and children.

December

1 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch
Trading Places
Film and discussion
12:00; Center for Women's Studies

Common Threads
7:00; 209 Lathrop
co-sponsor: Center for Women's Studies

10 Friday

Awakenings
8:00; Women's Studies Classroom

11 Saturday

Buses for trip to AIDS Quilt meet 12:00 pm in front of the Student Union.

Injury...

demonstrate the need for legislation to combat this trend. The *Violence Against Women Act* (H.R. 1133) was introduced in the first session of the 103rd Congress, summer 1993. The three broad goals of the Act include:

- Making streets safe for women,
- Protecting the right of all Americans to be free from violence based on their gender, and
- Making homes safe for women.

The bill offers several measures for achieving these goals by:

- Providing funds for increased law enforcement efforts,
- Authorizing funds for rape prevention and education, and
- Training for police, prosecutors

and judges to deal more effectively with sexual assault and domestic violence.

How can you help?

Write to your representative member(s) of Congress if you support this bill. For New York your representatives are:

Senator Alfonse D'Amato
Hart Senate Building, Rm 520
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Russell Senate Building, Rm 464
Washington, DC 20510

To find out information on this or any other federal bill, you can call the Federal Legislative Status Hotline at (202) 225-1772.

Habitat...

the woman in matters affecting the household's livelihood.

The assumptions mentioned above have led to the formulation of shelter policies that have failed to take into account the specific shelter needs of women. The Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 is UNCHS's response to these inadequacies.

The United Nations Decade for Women ended in 1985 with the International Conference on Women's Issues, held in Nairobi. The next conference is scheduled for March, 1995 in Beijing. Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding the conference can contact the Center for Women's Studies.

Join Us and be a part of the change!

Student Assistant Application Spring 1994

Name: _____ Year: _____

Concentration: _____

Phone Number: _____ Box Number: _____

Why do you want to work for the Center for Women's Studies?

Are you interested in working on a specific project? Yes No (circle one) If Yes, what kind?

How many hours per week could you work?

Please return to:

Center for Women's Studies, Dodge before January 1, 1994

Wendi Modeste

**An African American woman
living with AIDS.**

**November 18 • 4:30 pm
Cultural Center**

Co-sponsored by AIDS Task Force,
Women's Studies and the Cultural Center

Meliss Bunce

**Story teller and
Creator of Heroines for All!**

**November 17th — 8:00 pm
Location TBA**

****Sign up at the Coop Table!****

**Buses leaving at 12:00pm from
the Student Union to see:**

The **AIDS Quilt**

**Displayed in Syracuse, NY
December 11**

Donate \$1 for a red ribbon or AIDS
button. Donations will be sent to The
Names Project and used to benefit
persons with AIDS.