

## Student Spotlight

**Amanda Pomeroy '94**, a Biology major and Environmental Studies minor, is also a Student Assistant at the Center for Women's Studies. After a semester of planning and gathering information, Amanda will be reorganizing Colgate's **Women in Science**.

When asked about the purpose of Women in Science, Amanda stressed the need to provide information and resources specific to women in scientific fields. "The group would encourage first and second year students to continue with science classes, and help female majors by providing them with information about jobs, graduate school, medical school and scholarships."

Last semester Amanda surveyed female science and math majors to determine the programs they felt would be most effective. Using the survey information as a guide, **Women in Science** is planning discussion groups with students and professors, inviting speakers, and hosting other informal meetings.

The impetus for Amanda's involvement comes both from personal experience and from the experiences of her peers. Noticing that many female science students had the same questions and fears, she states: "I wanted to help ease women's transition into the fields of math and science, and help them find the funding and career opportunities available."

Currently Amanda is applying for a National Science Foundation grant to do independent research on aquatic ecology in Wales.

## From the Director...

It's great to be back! I spent my Fall sabbatical researching and writing about the influence on today's feminist movement of the civil rights, anti-war, student, and women's liberation movements of the 1960s. I was especially concerned to explain the increasing separation of these movements for social change from one another, and the often uneasy relationship existing among them today.

My study analyzes the extent to which justice and equality for women has been slowed by the absence of coalitions among such groups. From my research thus far, it seems clear that cooperation among social movements is necessary to counter the formidable strength of those who would impede women's progress in our society.

While I was investigating these issues, Ellen Kraly as Acting Director of the Women's Studies Program, and Becca Etz, our Program Assistant, did a terrific job of moving our Program ahead. The Center for Women's Studies is bustling with activity, and we are offering fifteen courses Spring Semester. I want to thank both Ellen and Becca for their commitment and excellent work.

This Spring, Colgate's Women's Studies Program is again proud to join millions of women and men around the world in celebrating International Women's Day on March 8. We will mark the day with a series of events. (see calendar)

As I think about International Women's Day, my heart goes out to women - like those in Bosnia and other areas of the world - who are suffering

the terrible effects of civil war. They must find ways somehow to cope with rape, starvation, dislocation and even death. We need to remember those women whose lives are full of pain.

But March 8 is also a time to celebrate women's strength and determination to end that pain. The Global Summit on Women — for which American representatives will travel to Taiwan next month - is one of many international efforts to promote peace, overcome poverty, and ensure that women share power equally. As the call for the Conference states:

"Women around the world speak many different tongues and embody all cultures, colors, and classes, but they can be united in their common quest for a healthy, economically just, and peaceful planet."

Come join us on International Women's Day, and for the many other programs listed in our calendar. We want you to get to know us. We want to learn about you!

Joan D. Mandle, Director  
*Women's Studies Program*

### Center for Women's Studies Hours:

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

# WOMEN OF THE WORLD

## Cristina Brautigam to Visit

September 1995 will see the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. Cristina Brautigam of the UN, the primary coordinator of the conference, will visit Colgate on February 10th. She will explain the concerns of the United Nations, the purpose of the conference, and her involvement. Her lecture is scheduled at 7:00 pm in the Women's Studies Classroom.

Ms. Brautigam will be presented with a petition, signed by Colgate students, addressing the human rights

of women. The petition also calls on the United Nations to proactively address women's world-wide and cross-cultural concerns.

The September 1995 conference is a continuation of efforts begun during the United Nations' declared **International Decade of Women, 1975 to 1985**. During that time, three international conferences on women's issues were held, most recently in Vienna. Together, they have helped to create an international women's movement dedicated to justice for women.

## Colgate Students Petition the United Nations

Student Assistants from the Center for Women's Studies will be collecting signatures from Colgate students in January and the beginning of February to petition the United Nations. This petition is one of hundreds being coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University, Douglas College.

Headed by Charlotte Bunch, the Global Campaign for Women's Human Rights was first introduced by a coalition of more than 900 women's organizations. The Global Campaign seeks to find ways to highlight women's social and economic rights during the World Conference on Women in Beijing, and to force the United Nations into action on these issues.

The petition reads as follows:

*The Universal Declaration of Human Rights protects everyone "without distinction of any kind such as race, color, sex, language...or other status" (art. 2)...In addition, the 1993 Vienna Declaration of the World Conference on Human Rights states that the "Human rights of women and of the girl-child are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights," and declares a commitment to eliminate "violence against women in public and private life." Therefore, we the undersigned, call upon the United Nations to fulfill this commitment and to report on its efforts to promote and protect women's human rights at the Fourth World Conference on Women.*

If you would like to be involved, please send us the form on the back of this Newsletter.

## Women in Black at Colgate

*Women in Black* will be a month-long campaign at Colgate for awareness and support of women's peace efforts around the globe. Black ribbons, much like AIDS ribbons, will be made available through the Center for Women's Studies for every member of the Colgate community. We will be distributing information on *Women in Black*, and a member of *Women in Black* will address a Colgate audience on March 9, to celebrate International Women's Day. Silent vigils will also be planned.

*Women in Black* is an international collective of groups of women protesting the atrocities of war torn countries. Often, women on both sides of the conflict will join forces and jointly demonstrate against the violence.

*Women in Black* first began in England, protesting the British occupation. Since then the group has appeared all over the world, protesting all forms of occupation, oppression and killing. Protests most often involve silent vigils in high traffic areas by women dressed in black to mourn the dead.

Weekly silent vigils by *Women in Black* have been occurring in countries such as Israel for many years without interruption.

The following statement, signed by women from Cyprus, Turkey, Serbia, Croatia, Israel, Palestine, South Africa, Russia and Morocco was endorsed in Bangkok, Thailand at the 1992 Conference on Women Overcoming Violence.

### ***A Resolution by Women from Countries at War***

*We are women from countries with conflicting interests and countries at war, who have seen bloodshed, the loss of life, and the loss of dignity as a result of racism, sexism, antagonism, and militarism. These have given rise to internal strife, military intervention, or foreign occupation.*

*We demand that our voice be heard as a condemnation against violence as a means of resolving any problems in a state or between states. We demand an immediate end to the war and violence between opposing sides within our countries and the immediate withdrawal of foreign occupying forces from our countries.*

*We, victims of violence and war, demand that all differences be resolved through peaceful negotiations, and that every measure be taken for enhancing the quality of life. We shall not support efforts that do not respect human rights or that use violence against people (women or men), whether in their own countries or against other countries.*

Join the *Women in Black* campaign at Colgate!

## International News Briefs:

... **Iran:** In June 1993, close to 800 women were arrested in Tehran for violating Islamic dress codes requiring women to conceal all but their face and hands. President Hashemi Rafsanjani called the enforcement "a duty as important as prayer."

... **Turkey:** 1993 saw the first woman elected as Turkey's Prime Minister. Tansu Ciller's victory has been hailed "as proof of Turkey's secularism and allegiance to the West." Ciller formed alliances with "pro-family" conservative parties during her campaign. This could effectively block any attempts to address pressing issues such as domestic violence and divorce law.

... **Thailand:** January marks the one year anniversary of Charatsri Teepirat's official appointment as Governor of the Nakhon Nayok province. Chosen by the Prime Minister, Teepirat is the first woman ever to govern one of Thailand's 73 provinces. After nullifying the law that excluded women from holding top administrative positions, Prime Minister Leekpai stated, "From now on, sex will not count while capability will."

## Friday's Free Film Series Continues

The new semester begins a new series of popular films featuring the power and problems of women. The following movies will be shown at 8:00pm in the Center for Women's Studies:

*The Long Walk Home* - Jan. 21

*Mystic Pizza* - Feb. 11

*Not Without My Daughter* - Mar. 11

*Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* - Apr. 1

*Thelma and Louise* - Apr. 22

We'll bring the popcorn, you bring a friend!

## New Film Series

The Center for Women's Studies, in conjunction with the Office of Intercultural Resources, is planning a new Women of Color Film and Discussion Series. Four short films highlighting women's issues within the community of color will be shown at the Center. Colgate students will be trained to facilitate discussions following each film.

We hope to see you there!

# Spring 1994 Calendar

## JANUARY

### 21 Friday

Free Film Series, *The Long Walk Home*; 8 pm, Women's Studies Classroom, Dodge

### 24 Monday

Brown Bag Lunch, Tim Byrnes; noon, Center for Women's Studies  
Roe v. Wade; 7 pm, 209 Lathrop

### 6 Wednesday

Student Activities Night; 7 pm, Hall of Presidents

\* 1/24 - 2/7 Petition to the United Nations for Women's Human Rights Campaign

## FEBRUARY

### 8 Tuesday

*Daughters of the Dust*; 8 pm, Women's Studies Classroom

### 10 Thursday

Cristina Brautigam, Coordinator, United Nations, Fourth World Conference on Women; 7 pm, Women's Studies Classroom

### 11 Friday

Free Film Series, *Mystic Pizza*; 8 pm, Women's Studies Classroom

### 15 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch, Topic TBA

### 17 Thursday

Meliss Bunce, "Creating New Heroines"; 4:30 pm, Women's Studies Classroom  
7 pm Meliss Bunce, Storyteller, "Memories. Dreams and Jubilations!"; Location TBA

### 18 Friday

Meliss Bunce, "Imagine That!"; 4:30 pm, Clark Room

\* 2/21 - 3/7 Petition contesting current New York Rape Law

## MARCH

### 2 Wednesday

Cheva Weissler, "American Transformations of the Piety of Eastern European Jewish Women."; 7:30 pm, Location TBA

### 3 Thursday

Women in Black, Silent Vigil, Chapel Steps  
Performance by Sleeveless Theatre, "The 'F' Word"; 7:30 pm, Location TBA

### 7 Monday

Marilyn Hacker, journalist and editor; noon, Center for Women's Studies

### 8 Tuesday

International Day Events!

### 9 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch, International Women's Stories; noon, Center for Women's Studies

### 10 Thursday

Women in Black, Silent Vigil, Chapel Steps  
March Film Series, *Madame Bovary*; 8 pm, Women's Studies Classroom

### 11 Friday

Free Film Series, *Not Without My Daughter*; 8 pm, Women's Studies Classroom

### 15 Tuesday

Annalisa Crannell, "Bawdy Math"; 7 pm Women's Studies Classroom

### 17 Thursday

Women in Black, Silent Vigil, Chapel Steps  
March Film Series, *Howard's End*; 8 pm Women's Studies Classroom

### 19 - 27 Spring Break

### 29 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch, Women Artists, Lynn Schwarzer, noon, Center for Women's Studies  
March Film Series, *Entre Nous*; 8 pm, Women's Studies Classroom

### 30 Wednesday

Wendy Kaminer, author; 7:30 pm, Location TBA

## Campaign for Change

**I. Petition the United Nations** The Petition for Women's Human Rights at Colgate is part of a global campaign (see p.2 of this Newsletter). The petition calls for the United Nations to uphold the Vienna Declarations proactively preventing violence against women and to report on its progress.

**II. Magazine Letter Campaign** The Center will be launching a letter-writing campaign aimed at popular women's magazines. This is a continuation of the Women in Media project begun last semester by Student Assistants. The campaign will communicate women's disgust at the harmful and exploitive use of their bodies in media and advertisements.

**III. Women in Black at Colgate** March will represent a month-long campaign for awareness and support of *Women in Black*, an international peace organization. *Women in Black* protests all forms of occupation, oppression and killing. In war torn countries, women from both sides unite to end the killing. The group also addresses the particular war crimes experienced by women and offers supplies and shelter to female refugees and their children.

## Students in Action

Colgate students are organizing for change. Student Assistants at the Center for Women's Studies are planning three campus **Campaigns for Change**. You can be a part of the difference.

If you would like to be involved in any of the campaigns, please detach this section of your Newsletter and send it to the Center for Women's Studies, Dodge. We look forward to hearing from you — be sure to respond soon!

Yes, I would like to lend my whole-hearted support to the campaigns listed below. Please include me as:  a main coordinator or  a participant for the following campaign(s):

- United Nations Petition  
 Magazine Letter Campaign  
 Women in Black

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

Box Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: 824- \_\_\_\_\_

## Meet Meliss ...

Celebrate the human spirit with a master storyteller. Meet basket weavers and fairy queens, star-crossed lovers and stalwart friends, fortune seekers and treasure keepers in tales that will leave you filled with laughter or smiling through tears. This is storytelling as it was meant to be — rich in mythic symbol, an intimate feast for the heart and mind.

Throughout our lives, we are guided, taught and challenged by our hero/ines and archetypes. They have helped, and continue to help shape our lives, our friendships, our ability to solve problems. It is important that we constantly examine these figures to decide which serve us well and which no longer reflect our needs or self images. Sometimes, we must create new hero/ines who will serve as role models for our continued growth. This is exactly what Meliss Bunce does, and in the process of creation, she shines!

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*“Storytellers are vision carriers...they reflect society's present view of itself and they also create new heroines, new visions to inspire others in their quest for personal fulfillment.”*  
— Meliss Bunce

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Meliss grew up surrounded by people who loved to tell stories. Later on, when she couldn't solve a problem, those stories saved the day. She recalls the hilarious and insightful tales that helped her face the challenges of life, and hopes to offer the same solace as a gift to others.

Since 1980, Meliss Bunce has performed her original stories in front of numerous audiences. In February, Meliss will be coming to Colgate. Her workshop, **Creating New Heroines**, will be held in the Women's Studies Classroom, first floor Dodge, February

17 at 4:30 pm. Later that evening Meliss will present a storyteller's concert.

**Memories, Dreams and Jubilations!** will be performed at 7:30 pm. Meliss' stories have inspired thousands. Make sure you are next!

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