

From the Director. . .

Welcome back! This promises to be a very exciting Fall for the Colgate Women's Studies Program.

This year is special because, as a community, Colgate is celebrating Twenty-Five Years of Coeducation. Many events and discussions will focus on the past twenty-five years in which women have been part of the Colgate community. Others will examine how to improve the experience of women and men learning and working together. We invite everyone to join us in reflecting on and participating in the challenges of coeducation in the 90's and beyond.

This year the Women's Studies Program is very lucky to have Jennifer Leigh as our Program Assistant. Jennifer is a recent graduate of Swarthmore College, where she majored in History and Women's Studies. She was very active in student affairs at Swarthmore and especially in organizing around issues of gender. We are happy to welcome Jennifer to Colgate's Women's Studies Program. Stop by and share your ideas with her!

As I am sure you know by now, during September the Center for Women's Studies has been temporarily located in Alumni Hall, while renovations for our new space on the lower level of East Hall are completed. I am happy to announce that after October 1, we will be in our new home in East. The Center will be open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday, there is always free coffee and good conversation, and everyone is welcome. Be sure to watch for announcements of the grand opening of the Center in its new and permanent location.

As always, the Women's Studies Program is dedicated to providing

an environment which encourages free and open dialogue among students, faculty, and staff on issues of gender and women's studies. Consult our calendar in this news letter (page 3) and plan to join us at a Brown Bag Lunch, a discussion, a film, or as part of an organizing project.

We want to be a positive force for change on campus and in the wider community, and we would like you to be part of that change.

Joan D. Mandle
Women's Studies Program



Return of the Brown Bag Lunches - This Year Every Week!

The ever popular Brown Bag Lunch series will continue as a mainstay of the Center for Women's Studies calendar this year. These informal lunch-time discussions provide an opportunity for the Colgate community to exchange ideas. This year's topics promise to be exciting and informative.

Brown Bag Lunches cover a wide range of issues including student leadership, Title IX, health, economics, world politics, and diversity. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch, a friend, and your ideas. The Center for Women's Studies will provide coffee, tea, and dessert.

Spotlight on the Faculty

The Women's Studies Program welcomes Professor Georgia Frank to Colgate. She will be teaching in the Philosophy and Religion Department, as well as in the Women's Studies program. She recently finished her dissertation at Harvard University, where she also taught.

Her research has focused predominantly on Christian pilgrims in the fourth and fifth centuries and early monasticism. Professor Frank's interest in Women's Studies began during her undergraduate career, when she was exposed to women's and gender issues as an integral part of the curriculum. Professor Frank's interest in women's studies was advanced by her love of archaeology. As she says, "Archaeology exposed me to aspects of women's lives you don't get to see in books."

Professor Frank's class offerings this semester include *Women's Lives in Religious Traditions: Pagan, Jewish, and Christian Women in the Greco-Roman World* and the *New Testament*. In the future Professor Frank hopes to explore her continuing interest in Women's Studies by researching women travelers in the Ancient World.

Students will have a chance to meet and welcome Professor Frank to Colgate on October 4th at the Brown Bag Lunch Series. Her talk will be on, "Women on the Road: Women Pilgrims in Ancient Christianity."

Off Campus Events

Lectures:

* "Breast Cancer, Treatment and Options" will be the first topic in the Special Interest Programs on Health Care at Marywood College, Scranton, PA. This lecture will be held on September 22, from 7:00-10:00pm. This forum will focus on breast cancer and understanding treatment options.

On October 20, from 7:00-10:00pm, the second lecture in the series, "Women's Health Care Issues," will focus on menopause. The panel discussion will focus on the risk/benefit of hormone replacement, heart disease, osteoporosis, and adjustment reactions to aging and illness. For more details about these lecture series contact the Center for Women's Studies at x7156.

Conferences:

* The Mid-Atlantic Region National Women's Studies Association Conference will be held at East Stroudsburg University from October 20-22, 1994. The title of this year's conference is "Bridging the Gap Among Women's Communities." Michele Wallace, author of *Black Macho and the Myth of the Superwoman*, will be the keynote speaker. For more information about this event contact the Center for Women's Studies.

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And More Conferences :

* "Women's Voices/ Women's Power: Theory, Action, Transformation," is the title of the fourth annual Women's Studies conference of Southern Connecticut University. The conference sessions include presentations of academic research, practical workshops on women's issues, films, and poetry readings. Featured events are presentations women's music, women's healing alternatives, women's legal issues, women and AIDS, and the humorous side of political correctness. Highlights include a presentation by Brenda and Wanda Henson of Camp Sister Spirit; a reading by Ntozake Shange, author of *For colored girls who have considered succeed/ when the rainbow is enough*; and performances by comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer and jazz singer, Suede.

* Cornell University Women's Studies Program will celebrate its 25th Anniversary September 23-25, 1994. Keynote speakers include Shelia Tobias, organizer of the first Women's Studies conference at Cornell; Kimberle Crenshaw, professor of law at UCLA whose work emphasizes the intersection of race and gender; Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, professor of English at Duke and leading theorist on questions of sexuality; Ann Snitow, long-time political activist and member of the faculty of the New School and co-founder of the Network of East-West Women.

Study Abroad Opportunities:

* The Center for Global Education at Augsburg College is offering two study abroad semester programs that focus on Women and Development. Study for a semester in Latin America or Southern Africa for learning about women's struggles for economic justice, appropriate

development, and human dignity. For more information contact the Center for Women's Studies.

* Syracuse University is now offering a Women's Studies Focus in their study abroad programs in Europe and Africa. Their program is affiliated with a number of working groups and academic institutions. Scholarships based on academic performance and study abroad grants based on need are available to students from any campus who wish to study overseas through Syracuse University. For more information call (315) 443-3471 or their toll free number 1-800-235-DIPA. (3472).

Internships:

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is offering student internship positions each semester at their Headquarters in Washington D.C. NOW interns participate in a wide range of activities from lobbying, discussion groups, organizing, and workshops.

For more information stop by the Center for Women's Studies or contact Beth Beck, Intern/Volunteer Program Director, 1000 16th Street, NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20036.

Register for Your Right to Vote!

Are you registered to vote in the upcoming election? If not, then go to 3 Broad Street to register. 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!

Fall 1994 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

20 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
11:30-12:20; Alumni 3rd Lounge

22 THURSDAY

New Faculty Reception
4:00; Home of Professors' Jordan Kerber and Mary Moran, 19 W. Pleasant St.

23 FRIDAY

Free Film Series
"Angie"
8:00; 7 Lawrence

Cornell Women's Studies 25th Anniversary Conference
Shuttle Departs at 2:00pm

27 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
11:30-12:20; Alumni 3rd Lounge

OCTOBER

1 SATURDAY

Parents Weekend Reception
4:00; Persson 2nd Floor Seminar Room

4 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
11:30-12:20; Center for Women's Studies
East Hall, Lower Level

7 FRIDAY

Free Film Series
"Like Water for Chocolate"
8:00; CFWS, East Hall

11 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
11:30-12:20; Center for Women's Studies
East Hall, Lower Level

Fall Break October 14-18

21 FRIDAY

Free Film Series
"Age of Innocence"
8:00; CFWS, East Hall

24 MONDAY

Lecture: "Women's Organizations in the English Speaking Caribbean"
Lynne Bolles
4:00; Location TBA

25 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
11:30 - 12:20; Center for Women's Studies
East Hall

28 FRIDAY

Free Film Series
"Daughters of the Dust"
8:00; CFWS, East Hall

Sleeveless Theater Performs *The F Word* at Colgate!

Feminism is anything but a dirty word in Sleeveless Theater's vaudevillian-style revue, *The F Word: A Fresh and Funny Look at Feminism*. The dynamic stage group, Sleeveless Theater, performed at Colgate Thursday, September 8th. This was the first arts event sponsored by the Center for Women's Studies this year. The troupe addressed a variety of topics in their performance, including the current status of feminism in the United States and some of the shortcomings of the women's movement. The Sleeveless performers were able cleverly and comically to debunk some of the notorious stereotypes of feminism.

One of the highlights of the show was the group's parody of "The Wizard of Oz." Dorothy was a co-ed who claims she's not a feminist until she was propelled into "Retro-land." There she meets Gloria, the Good Witch of the Left, who tells Dorothy she must follow the feminist path to meet women who struggled for the rights she enjoys. Finally, Dorothy must destroy Phyllis, the Wicked



Witch of the Right, who plays on the girl's fears about feminism.

The *F Word* also examined the shortcomings of the women's movement. Sleeveless rappers Wonder Bread and Tapioca Pudding lamented, "Why are we so white?" as they hip-hopped through reasons for racism among women. In addition, the play wove a multi-cultural history where little known facts were illuminated.

Troupe member Kate Nuget describes their presentation as, "our way of reclaiming the women's movement. We've taken the issues and the history off the written page and developed a living political cartoon." *The F Word* surely lived up to the challenge of giving pause to anyone caught saying, "I'm not a feminist, but..."

The Center for Women's Studies

presents

Carol Tavris

author of

The Mismeasure of Woman

Tuesday, November 8, 1994

Center for Women's Studies
East Hall, Lower Level

Get Involved at the Center for Women's Studies!

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, Alumni 328 until October 1st.

Name: _____

Phone# _____

Box# _____

I want to participate in:

Community Service. Projects focusing on women's needs in local communities and shelters.

Colgate Women in Athletics. Help celebrate more than twenty years of women's varsity sports at Colgate through fun runs, campaigns, and workshops.

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

25th Anniversary of Coeducation Celebration. Week long celebration of 25 years of coeducation at Colgate to be held this fall.

Here's my idea.. _____
