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WOMEN'S STUDIES
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WSP COURSES
SPRING/SUMMER 1976

Spring

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| 42-350-41 | Proseminar in Anthropology: | 10-12M, 9-11TTh |
| Anthropology | Witchcraft and Sorcery | 3-071, Cropper |
| An examination of witchcraft, sorcery, and satanism: differences and similarities, occurrences, function, and case studies. | | |
| 47-340-41 | Sociology of Sexuality: | 10:30-1 TTh |
| Sociology | Towards 1980 | T,S129, Th,3-081, Iven |
| An examination of sexual behavior and lifestyles, sexual myths and realities, changing cultural definitions of sex. | | |
| 83-292-41 | Advanced Gymnastics: | 9-10 MTWTh |
| Phys. Ed. | Women's Events | Gym C, Meyer |
| 95-324-42 | Women and Psychotherapy: | 2-4 MW |
| Psych/PIE | Theories and Assumptions | 0-040, Kahn |
| This course will deal with theories and research on female psychopathology and with the therapeutic process as it affects women. | | |

Summer

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| 14-325-71 | Readings in World Literature: | 12-2:30 MW |
| English | Many Voices of Women | 2-031, Patton |
| A brief introduction to the varied literary voices of women from Sappho in ancient Greece to Colette and Gertrude Stein in the 20th century. | | |
| 42-350-71 | Proseminar in Anthropology: | 10-12M, 9-11 TTh |
| Anthropology | Role of Women Cross-Culturally | 3-071 Cropper |
| Students in this research seminar will choose a culture area such as Sub-Sahara, Polynesia, etc., and prepare on paper the role of women in that area. | | |
| 44-383-71 | The Women in American History | 11-1 T, 10-12WF |
| History | | S-360 Sochen |
| A survey of the sweep of American history from the point of view of the American woman. | | |
| 44-422-79 | Seminar in Afro-American History: | 4-6:30 T Th |
| History | The Black Woman in America | S-211 Crawford |
| An examination of the contributions and experiences of Black Women with emphasis on key social institutions. | | |

Spring/Summer

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| 47-306-01 | American Women: | 3-4 MWTh |
| Sociology | Their Changing Image | 2-109 Schwartz |
| An examination of the economic, political, social, and sexual status of women in contemporary American society. | | |
| 95-324 | Self-Development Seminar | 2-4 Th |
| PIE | for Women | S-301 Levinson |
| An opportunity to explore the personal, social, and emotional issues that confront women today. | | |

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ABOUT THE WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM...

The Women's Studies Program at Northeastern is the result of the persistent efforts of students and faculty working together for the last five years. Officially recognized by the university in 1973, it is a response to the need felt by many women for greater understanding of their cultural heritage and of the social institutions and forces that limit women's status and shape the roles of women and men. The rapid expansion of Women's Studies Programs nationally as well as at UNI has been an integral part of the women's movement and of the effort of women to develop themselves to their fullest potential and become autonomous, equal members of society. The growing number of "Returning Women," so important a part of UNI's student body, is evidence of this movement.

At the heart of the program are WS courses that offer new knowledge about women, bring a feminist perspective to traditional areas of study, and help women to gain useful skills and more positive attitudes about themselves. These courses are at present offered through the regular departments and approved for cross-listing by the Women's Studies Advisory Board. Over fifty courses have been taught in eleven departments and through the Program for Interdisciplinary Education since WSP began. They are open to both women and men. Undergraduates may choose a cluster of electives in WS to supplement their major, or they may use the Kaskaskia Plan to devise their own interdisciplinary WS major. Graduate students may choose a WS major through the M.A. in Social Science Program.

The main goal of WSP will continue to be the encouragement of a high level of research and teaching about women. Women's experience has been different and separate from men's and yet until recently has remained largely unexamined. We hope to bring light to bear on past assumptions about "male" and "female" beliefs and attitudes that have served to limit what women can do and what they expect of themselves. Much of traditional knowledge and teaching has been neither "neutral" nor "objective" but has reinforced stereotypes about women and neglected their contributions and their history.

While trying to expand the academic program for women, we will be keeping in close contact with the Office of Women's Services, located at present in 0-041. Josiane Caron, acting coordinator, and Rose Levinson, women's counselor, are working to provide the kind of support system that many women (and men too) need in order to take full advantage of the academic program -- guidance and self-development seminars, child care, and help with health, legal problems, and other areas in which women encounter obstacles. We see Women's Studies and Women's Services as interrelated and equally important parts of UNI's program for women.

In working to raise the consciousness of the university community about women's issues, we hope to help both women and men learn more about themselves. This new awareness could be a way of bringing about social change both inside and outside the university that will mean greater equality and freedom, and fuller lives for everyone -- in short, human liberation. No small goals here!

WS ANNOUNCEMENTS...

WS Elections

The Women's Studies Advisory Board will hold its annual election on March 15 and 16. Any student, faculty or staff member in the UNI community interested in the Women's Studies Program is eligible to run. There are vacancies for 6 students, 2 civil service people, 2 faculty members, and 2 at-large members. The board meets Fridays at 1PM in C-505 and members are expected to attend all meetings. WS board is responsible for approving courses for cross-listing as WS courses, for evaluating ongoing WS courses, and for determining the need for new offerings and working with administration and faculty to develop these courses. They are also responsible for recruiting and nominating all salaried personnel in WSP.

Applications will be accepted until March 8 by Donna Nordenmalm in room C-520. Balloting will take place in C-520; open ballot counting will be held at 4PM on March 16.

Life Span Planning for Women

Rose Levinson, women's counselor, will hold a series of workshops designed to help women clarify their career and life goals. These are highly recommended by WSP and will meet as follows: six Tuesdays, 1-3 PM, February 24 - March 30; six Thursdays, 6:30-8:30, February 26 - April 1; four on Saturdays, 9:30-12:30, February 28 - March 20. Others will be set up as needed. For further information and to register for workshops, contact office of Women Service, 0-041, ext. 503.

Women in Management

Society for the Advancement of Management will sponsor a talk by Nancy J. Miller, executive director of Women's, Inc., on "Women in Management - Have the Doors Opened?" on February 17 at 7PM in CC217.

WS Resource Center

Look for the opening this trimester of the WS Resource Center in 0-041. We are building a reference collective of paperback books and pamphlets, bibliographies and other source material for research, women's newsletters, materials on women's organizations, WS course syllabi, and term papers in WS. Materials will be available to be used in 0-041 by all UNI people.

Rape Crisis Line

A UNI Chapter of the Rape Crisis Line has been granted a temporary charter and is recruiting volunteers. Anyone interested should attend a 3 part training session at the Northside Rape Crisis Line. For information or to sign up, call 728-1920.

Renaissance Club

Renaissance Club will sponsor a program on "Returning Women & Career Goals" on Feb. 21, at 11AM in B-Lounge. For information about the club, call Mary Beau Schwerty at 973-4467, evenings.

C.C.W.E.P.

The Chicago Consortium of Women's Educational Programs (of which our WSP is a member) will hold a meeting on Saturday, March 13, at 10AM in CC216 on "Non-traditional Programs: How Do They Serve Women?"

WS BROWN BAG SEMINARS FOR WINTER TRIMESTER...

Women's Studies Program is sponsoring a series of informal, lunchtime discussions of women's issues. They meet Tuesdays at noon in 0-040 and are open to everyone; bring a lunch and have coffee with us. Interest in the early sessions was encouraging and this may become a regular activity for the future. On January 20 we talked about the needs, problems, and benefits of women's courses. On February 3 the subject was Susan Brownmiller's new, important and controversial book Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape. On February 17 we will meet to talk about some of the many issues involving women and work: discrimination in the job market, the value of women's work at home, women and unions, and volunteer work. On March 2, the subject will be equality for women within the university and especially the touchy subject of women's fair share of the athletic budget. We've saved the most controversial subject for the last session on March 16: are equal marriages and shared parenting the way to equality for women in the future?

THERE ONCE WAS A ...

We are serious Women's Studies people ... but ... we have our silly side too ... so we are having a limerick contest to see who can come up with the wittiest ditties about women. We'll start you off with a couple of limericks about two wellknown historical figures. (If you can't identify them, sign up for "Women in American History"!) Drop your contributions off at C-520 or C-523.

There was a young lady named Susan
Who cried that women were losin':
 "We do nothing of note,
 Cannot even vote,
And our 'sphere' is none of our choosin' !"

There was another woman, Liz Cady,
Who thought about things that were weighty;
 Her brain was on fire,
 With a strange desire,
To be equal and not just a "lady" !

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