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**WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM
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PROGRAM NOTES

NEW NETWORKS FOR TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND RESEARCHERS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES!

About 550 delegates from programs involved with feminist education all over the country came together in San Francisco in January to found the first National Women's Studies Association. At the same convention, delegates from the states designated by NWSA as the "Great Lakes Region" (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan) met and organized a Great Lakes Women's Studies Association; this will be an integral part of the national organization (Ruth Dickinson of Northern Michigan University is the new regional coordinator). Both groups have the same goals: to provide networks of communication, information, and support of various kinds to women and men involved in feminist teaching and research at all educational levels and diverse educational settings. Both groups provide specifically for representation in the governing council from a variety of special interest caucuses within the national association: Third World women (Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American), lesbians, students, staff workers in women's studies programs, and teachers at the elementary and secondary levels. The delegates in both groups were impressive for their diversity in age, race and ethnicity, appearance, occupation, economic bracket, and lifestyle--we are truly a mixed lot. Our regional council includes a dean of a college of education, several university professors, a community college instructor, two students, a high school teacher, a clerical worker, a women's center organizer, and a research librarian.

In the wake of the national convention, the Chicago Consortium of Women's Educational Programs (CCWEP) met and voted to change its name to the Chicago Area Women's Studies Association (CAWSA). Officers for the coming year include two persons from our program: President Jean Gillies of the Art Department, and Membership Secretary Paula Wolf of the Women's Studies Board and the Business and Management Department. Blanche Hersh will represent our program on the Board of Directors.

The establishment of these new networks follows on the heels of two important national trends in education: the phenomenal growth of interest in women's studies, and the equally significant movement of women returning to school. These two happenings, as might be expected, are related. Florence Howe, in her recent review of women's studies programs nationally, found that a disproportionate number of both faculty and students are "re-entry" women who had been out of school for a number of years, sometimes as long as twenty years. Well over half the students majoring in women's studies and about one-third of their instructors fall

into this category. This is a confirmation of what WS teachers see every day: knowledge of women's history and experience has special meaning for women whose own lives are undergoing radical changes in direction; the relevance for them of these kinds of new facts and new insights is striking and sometimes involves a powerful sense of recognition and fulfillment.

All of these new networks are busy with plans for future meetings and activities, which will be reported in this space. Look for them.

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Returnees, a club for returning women, will meet Wednesday, February 23 at 1 PM in the WSP Resource Center, 0-041. For information, call Ellen Dauber, Ext 375.

International Women's Day is March 8 - look for announcements of Feminist Club activities to celebrate this event.

Yes, the WSP Resource Center, 0-041, is in operation. Our apologies for the frequently-changing hours, which vary with the changing schedules of staff person Laurie Mueller and volunteers Beth Bracco, Diana Hartmann, and Linda Redelman. Check with us at ext 423 for current hours. We continue to invite contributions but please give us date and name of publication on articles and clippings! Thanks for recent contributions of books and magazines go to Joyce Flory, Marion Etten, Donna Iven, June Sochen, Sandra Styer, and WICCA.

The Women's Studies Board is planning a Women's Film Festival on May 7 as part of UNI's Academic Fair, an all-day celebration which will open a week of activities in honor of the inauguration of our new president.

Barbara Moch in our Office of Research and Development informs us that some scholarships for women over 25, based on financial need, are available through the Business and Professional Women's Foundation. For more information, contact her at ext 271.

New Chicago happenings of interest to women: the founding of the Midwest Women's Center at 53 West Jackson (call 922-8530); a new newsletter of the Illinois Women's Agenda to publicize women's activities (call 663-5400); a new Loop spot to browse, eat, and talk: Jane Addams Bookstore and Bakery, 37 S. Wabash (call 782-0708).

Women in Chemistry, a one-day program of information and discussion for high school girls considering a career in chemistry, will take place on Saturday, March 5. Call Chemistry Department or WSP for details.

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The following courses offered through other departments are cross-listed by the Women's Studies Program. See registration materials for reference numbers and rooms.

SPRING ONLY

SECONDARY EDUCATION 363C-41	Workshop: Incorporating Women's Experience Into The Secondary School Program	June 20-July 1 9-4:30MTWThF	Jane Hawley and Others
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For high school teachers in all academic areas; workshop will include lectures by women's studies people in several disciplines, "how-to" sessions devoted to development of materials for classroom use, and consciousness-raising talk sessions (3 credits). Contact Dr. Hawley, ext 8263, for further information.

ANTHROPOLOGY 350A-41	Proseminar in Anthropology: Role of Women Cross-Culturally	10-11:50M 9-10:50TTh	Barbara Cropper
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A "must" course for students interested in Women's Studies. It is conducted as a true seminar, based largely on student research; each student chooses a culture area of the world and prepares a research paper on the role of women in that area (3 credits).

NOTE: "Philosophy of Sexuality" will be offered in Summer only.

SPRING - SUMMER

SOCIOLOGY 376-01	Sociology of Working Women	1-1:50M 12-12:50TTh	Donna Iven
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An analysis of the American working woman, her special needs and problems, and possible solutions to these problems; the course will focus on working women from different social classes (3 credits).

SUMMER ONLY

ANTHROPOLOGY 350B-71	Proseminar in Anthropology: Witchcraft and Sorcery	10-11:50M 9-10:50TTh	Barbara Cropper
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A cross-cultural examination of witchcraft, sorcery, and satanism, and examples of these phenomena in Medieval Europe, 17th century Salem, and contemporary United States.

PSYCHOLOGY 304E-71	Proseminar in Psychology: Women and Psychotherapy	10-12MTTh	Ann Buchmann
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An examination of traditional psychotherapeutic approaches to women's problems as well as alternatives, and a discussion of the role conflicts and uniquely female life cycle and traumatic events that lead women into psychotherapy.

PHILOSOPHY 271-91	Topics in Philosophy: Philosophy of Sexuality	5-7:30TTh 8-950 MTTA	Hugh Moorhead
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An introduction to sexual attitudes and practices in past ages and other societies, and a discussion of current issues and attitudes toward sexuality, including such topics as women's liberation, new marriage styles, and sex research (3 credits).

MORE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM PEOPLE

Joan Berman, of the Sociology Department and Women's Studies Board, gave a presentation about our program at a panel on women's studies at the Association of Women in Psychology Convention in St. Louis in February; Marlyn Grossman, who teaches part-time in our Psychology Department, has an interesting article on "Menopause," written with Pauline Bart, in Women AND Health, May/June 1976, available in our Resource Center. An essay by June Sochen of History, "Frontier Women: A Model for All Women?", appears in the Winter 1976 edition of South Dakota History. "A Partnership of Equals: Feminist Marriages in 19th-Century America" is the title of an essay by Blanche Hersh to appear in the next issue of University of Michigan Papers in Women's Studies.

NEW WOMEN, NEW NURSERY RHYMES

Juanita Kreps, a noted economist recently appointed by President Carter as Secretary of Commerce, is a modern woman who has, among other things, modernized some sexist nursery rhymes. Sample (courtesy of Chronicle of Higher Education):

Old Version

The King was in his counting house
Counting out his money;
The Queen was in his parlor,
Eating bread and honey.

Kreps Version

The Queen got bored with sitting
So looked for work more fitting
And discovered earning money
More to her taste than honey.
The King at first was shaken
With this new tack she'd taken
But found his burdens lightened,
So he's no longer frightened.

Representation of the world, like the world itself,
is the work of men; they describe it from their own
point of view, which they confuse with absolute truth.

Simone de Beauvoir

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