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WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM
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PROGRAM NOTES.

BROWN BAG SEMINAR schedule inside. Mark your calendar for September 27 to hear Alice Adler, head of national Gray Panthers.

OFFICE FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

The discussion at our May 31 Brown Bag Seminar on Nonsexist Counseling revealed the need at UNI for counseling of mature people in the community who are thinking of returning to school but have not yet been accepted as students (and therefore do not have the services of the Counseling Center available to them). Many of these students are women anxious to complete a formal education begun years before (see next article). A proposal was made by the Women's Studies Board to President Williams for an Office for Returning Students. We are happy to report that the president responded immediately and positively. As a result, we will have the beginnings of such an office this fall under the auspices of Community Services and its Director, Ron Wendell. Rose Levinson, who in the past has done Lifespan Planning with women at UNI, will be in charge of this new program. We're pleased that our discussion had such a speedy and useful outcome, and we are glad of the interest of our administration in making the path back to school easier for our "older" students.

WOMEN RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Women are going back to school in greatly increasing numbers, according to the 1975 census data. Between 1970 and 1975 the number of women aged 25-34 attending college rose more than 100% and the total undergraduate enrollment of women increased 45%; the number of women earning the doctorate increased by 59% and the number of women receiving first professional degrees increased by 184% (starting from a low figure of course). In 1975 women comprised nearly half the first year enrollment in graduate and professional schools (although the number receiving degrees that year was still low: 21% of all doctorates and 12.5% of all professional degrees). (Source of this data is the June 1977 issue of On Campus With Women, published by Project on the Status and Education of Women.)

FEMINIST ETIQUETTE

The Feminist Etiquette discussion at the July 26 Brown Bag Seminar led to the formation of a committee interested in developing guidelines for handling business and social situations in which traditional etiquette and behavior are sexist and inadequate. We are collecting ideas and suggestions for feminist strategies that work; contact Rebecca Moskowitz in the Psychology Department office, x671; Linda Hodshire or Melody Sundling in the Business and Management Department office, x672; or Blanche Hersh in Women's Studies, x423.

NOTES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN'S STUDIES PEOPLE

You Are Invited to a Wine and Cheese Party on October 5, 3-5PM, in CC214 to meet Sarah Hoagland, new to the Philosophy Department and the Women's Studies Faculty, Marge Witty, new Coordinator of Women's Services, and Rose Levinson, who will be directing the new program for returning students. The Women's Studies Board and the Philosophy Department will co-sponsor the party.

Feminist Study Group will meet on Wednesday, September 21 in CC214, at 12N to discuss an essay that has become a classic, Linda Nochlin's "Why Are There No Great Women Artists?" This is included in Gornick and Moran, Woman in Sexist Society, on order at Beck's Bookstore; a copy is also in our Resource Center. For information, call Nancy Green at x8335 or the Women's Studies Program at x423.

Resource Center Hours this fall will be MWF, 11-1 and by appointment (it is located in 0-041). Our collection of books, journals, and clippings has grown with the help of donations. The bibliographies file is especially helpful in planning papers, research projects, and courses; it includes a newly acquired set from Alverno College Research Center on Women on 12 different subjects relating to women. The file on nonsexist education now includes the curriculum units prepared in Jane Hawley's high school workshop this past summer, and we have a growing collection of books on careers for women.

Women's Studies Board will resume its regular Friday meetings on September 16, 1-2PM in C-505. If you are interested in what we do or have a contribution to make, please come and visit.

Returning Women Club will be working with Rose Levinson this fall. If you're interested, contact her in Community Services, x326, or call the Women's Studies Program at x423.

A Woman's Vision of Church: How Does She Belong? June Rizzolo, Campus Minister, invites women to share and explore their feelings, their difficulties, their needs as a woman in today's Church. Is there interest in forming a support group? Meet with her on Tuesday, October 4 at 2PM in Newman Center, 5450 N. Kimball.

Attention Women's Studies Faculty: Several dozen each of the following have been donated to the Resource Center and are available to you free for distribution to your classes: U.S. Working Women, A Chartbook (U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, 1975); Aphra, Vol. 1, No. 2 and 3; Sexism, A Book of Readings, edited by Donna Iven.

Membership in National Women's Studies Association, which automatically makes you a member of the Great Lakes WSA, is open to everyone interested in women's studies and includes a subscription to the Women's Studies Newsletter, now the official publication of NWSA. Institutional dues are \$50/year; individual dues are graduated according to income: under \$5,000: \$5; 5,000-9,999: \$10; 10,000-14,999: \$15; 15,000-19,999: \$20; over 19,999: \$25. Make checks payable to NWSA and send to Blanche Hersh at UNI, Illinois coordinator of NWSA.

If you want to be on the regional mailing list and receive the GLWSA newsletter without joining the national association, you can subscribe for \$3; make checks payable to GLWSA and send also to Blanche Hersh. Membership in Chicago Area Women's Studies Association is now \$5 and should be sent to Paula Wolf in Business and Management.

BROWN BAG SEMINARS

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Informal discussions will alternate with special programs on women's issues. Women and men are invited. Bring a bag lunch. Meetings will be held on second floor of Commuter Center.

THE OLDER WOMAN - Tuesday September 27 * 1-3 PM * CC217

Special two hour program with Alice Adler, Chairperson of the national Gray Panthers; also participating in the discussion of the problems of the older woman will be Anna Marie Buchmann and Peggye Anderson of the UNI Psychology Department.

MATH ANXIETY - Tuesday October 11 * 1 PM

"Math Anxiety," which leads to "Math Avoidance," has been called the "critical filter" that limits the career choices of many women. Clinics have been functioning in several universities to deal with this problem. Gloria Dimoplou of the Chemistry Department will serve as resource person for this discussion.

SEXISM IN LANGUAGE - Tuesday October 25 * 1 PM

Do the words we use really matter? Will changes in language make a difference to women? Sarah Hoagland of the Philosophy Department will lead this discussion of the relationship between words and women.

WOMEN IN NON-TRADITIONAL CAREERS: GEOGRAPHY - Tuesday November 8 * 1 PM

Guest speaker will be Jane Ratcliffe of the Geography Department at DePaul University who has traveled extensively in Latin America and used her training in geography to build an exciting career planning educational trips for students and others.

NONSEXIST CHILD-REARING: PART II - Tuesday November 22 * 1 PM

Sandra Styer of Early Childhood Education and Dorothe Weinberg of Psychology will return for another discussion--for all of you who enjoyed last summer's session and asked for another.

WOMEN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM - Tuesday December 6 * 1 PM

Mary Marzotto and Pat Sadow of UNI's Criminal Justice Program will be the resource persons for a discussion of one of the most urgent issues affecting women today.

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Brown Bag Seminars are sponsored by the Women's Studies Program at Northeastern Illinois University, x423. Free Refreshments. Please come.

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REGIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE AT UNI IN JANUARY

The Great Lakes Women's Studies Association (GLWSA), one of twelve regional associations established by the new National Women's Studies Association, will hold a regional conference at Northeastern Illinois University on January 20-21, 1978. It will be co-sponsored by our Women's Studies Program and by the Chicago Area Women's Studies Association.

The GLWSA is now issuing a call for workshop papers to be presented at the conference. The focus should be on the development and implementation of feminist education at all levels from pre-K-12 to graduate study: process, impact, pedagogy, strategies. We are interested in the "content" as well as the "process" of women's studies but are looking for those truly interdisciplinary topics that do not fit well into any single discipline but instead bridge the gaps between the disciplines.

The papers should be carefully prepared but informally delivered, and not more than 10-15 minutes each. Suggestions for workshops of 2-3 related presentations and a possible moderator will be welcome. Presenters will be expected to make an outline and short bibliography available well in advance of the conference, for duplication. Examples of workshop topics that women's studies people have expressed an interest in are: Curriculum, Funding, Job Development for WS Graduates, Women's Studies and the Humanities, Program Development Strategies, Sexism in Language, Legal Rights of Working and Married Women, and Rape. If you are interested in participating in these or other workshops, send a 1-2 page proposal and a brief description of your association with feminist education to Blanche Hersh, Chair of GLWSA Conference Committee, at UNI Women's Studies Program by October 1.

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