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Womenews

Providing services to meet the academic, vocational and personal needs of women the Womens Services Office serves as a resource and action center for women on campus. It assists women in the pursuit of collective and individual goals regardless of race, class, age, lifestyle, or political beliefs.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1980

An Editorial Note

Greetings and Welcome to the newest issue of Womenews. The most important purpose we hope to serve through this publication is the exchange of information and ideas between women here at UNI. We invite your essays, fiction, poetry, artwork, and letters concerning women's experiences. We also wish to keep up to date on the services available to you on and off campus. We will attempt to include a calendar of events of interest to women, including lectures, groups for women, and entertainment.

To help Womenews grow you can help by informing us of events of interests, contributing artwork or literature, or through your support of the following issues.

Any resource contributions can be dropped off at the Office of Women's Services, B-114 in the Womenews box.

WOMEN IN EDUCATION

I sat down one night trying to decide what to write for this new issue of Womenews. I knew I wanted to include some poetry but did not feel what I had written myself would be apropos for this newsletter. As a result I turned to some literature one of my roommates had acquired or accumulated while taking some Women's Studies Courses here at Northeastern.

I centered my attention on Adrienne Rich's book 'On Lies, Secrets, and Silence. Selected Prose 1966-1978.' Picking up the book I was very much surprised. The title seemed quite misleading. What I found were essays concerning many topics. The three,

however, that I focused on dealt with women and education. My precise thoughts were "What a good way to start both a new issue and a new school year."

Education has existed in one form or another since the beginning of time. Initially it was unstructured trial and error and then became formalized. As structure began women became segregated from the process. In the 19th century men began to consider the possibility of making education available to women. The question was whether or not women were intellectual enough to handle the knowledge taught in the schools.

By the 20th century man decided that the female mind could perhaps handle the education. The new question involved the problem of waste. After all, what did she need to learn at a university about marriage, family, and childbearing.

After 60 years the newest question no longer involves waste but if woman is capable of learning in a male oriented society. Woman has been placed in a structured school of thought that has been dominated for years by men. As a result of both her subservient position in life and her retarded education she must strive to overcome the pressures of a male oriented learning experience with pitfalls of seduction, rape, and discrimination to gain the maximum in knowledge from the total experience.

Contrary to the structure of most university curriculums women have been alive and well and THINKING. If she is to be taken seriously as a student and a potential scholar she must learn to take herself seriously by not losing her own identity or experiences.

Whatever our heritage, lifestyle, or political persuasion, the women of Northeastern owe it to ourselves to share in our learning experiences and to make an attempt at being instrumental in developing an educational experience that will serve all the students of this University equally.

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D E
C E L L S

A compilation of Womens poems, 'Mountain Moving Day' was edited by Elaine Gill and published in New York by The Crossing Press. It has impressive contributions by women who are either into the Feminist Movement, The Women's Movement, songwriters and poetess'. Some contributors to name a few are Susan Griffin, Erica Jong, and Fran Winant. The poems are varied in style and content. I feel women would truly enjoy the book and perhaps find it inspiring. Appropriately named, the book begins with,

The mountain moving day is coming
I say so yet others doubt it
Only a while the mountain sleeps
In the past all mountains moved in fire
Yet you may not believe it
O man this alone believe
All sleeping women now awake and move
All sleeping women now awake and move

written by Yosano Akiko in 1911.

i am woman
i have been battered
i have been abused
i have been raped

as woman

i have been oppressed
i have been ignored
i have been taken for granted

as a woman

i must be better than my male counterpart

if i am to be taken seriously

as a woman

i will have to work towards
the re-education of
not only other women
but of society

knowing my roots though
i can

for I AM WOMAN

r thomas

WOMENS DEFENSE

Womens Services would like to sponsor a self-defense class for women. In order to do this we need at least 10 women to register. The fee would be \$25.00 and the course will be taught through CHIMERA by Kate Bret. If interested contact the Office of Womens Services EXT 375 or fill in newsletter insert.

WOMENS CALENDAR
On Campus

Womens Coalition Meetings

Thursday Oct. 9 12:00
Oct. 23 12:00
Nov. 6 12:00
Nov. 20 12:00
Dec. 4 12:00

Womens Service Advisory Board

Wednesday Oct. 1 1:00
Oct. 15 1:00
Oct. 29 1:00
Nov. 12 1:00
Nov. 26 1:00
Dec. 10 1:00

Place C-305

Womens Studies Activities

Wednesday Oct. 1 4-6p.m. CC216
Open house for Women's Studies
Faculty, Students, and Friends

Friday Oct. 10 9-4p.m. CC217
Conference: "Women and the 1980
Election"

Tuesday Oct. 14 12:30p.m.
2nd flr. Commuter Center
Brown Bag Seminar: "ERA and the 1980
Election"

Tuesday Oct. 28 12:30p.m.
2nd Flr. Commuter Center
Brown Bag Seminar: "Abortion Rights
and the 1980 Election"

Tuesday Nov. 11 12:30p.m.
2nd Flr. Commuter Center
Brown Bag Seminar: June Sochen
will discuss "Film Criticism
from a Feminist Perspective."

Support Groups for Victims of Child
Sexual Abuse
Mondays 6:00- 7:30 p.m. B-114
Open to the students and community
this group focuses on incest.

Feminist Club

Call Ext 375 for time and place

Off Campus

Take Back the Night

Friday Sept. 26 7:00pm Daley Ctr
Women of Chicago Marching against
Rape and Abuse

Off Campus Cont'd.

Women's Film Forum- Admission \$1.50
Call 329-0854 for location
For details inquire at B-114

Sunday Sept. 28 7PM
Black Women's Film
Friday Oct. 3 7PM
Chicago Women's Film
Friday Oct. 17 7PM
Daughter Rite
Friday Oct. 24 7PM
The Heart of Loisaaida
After the Earthquake
Friday Oct. 31 7PM
One Way or Another

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DIRECTORY

ABORTION

Abortion Rights Association of Illinois.....644-0972

BIRTH CONTROL

Planned Parenthood -BC Clinics,Vasectomy,Teen Scene.....322-4200

CHILD BIRTH

Chicago Board of Health-Maternal and Infant Care.....744-3293

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Thru Nutrition..332-2334

CRISIS

Chicago Emergency Direct Line.....911

Chicago YWCA-Rape and Battered Wives.....Ext.74...372-6600

Crisis Intervention-24 hr Mental Health,Suicide Line.....794-3609

Metro-Help- 24 Hr Referral,Especially for youths.....929-5150

W.I.C.C.A.-Women's Crisis Line,Lesbian Referral.....528-3303

Woman Abuse Coalition-Battered Wives & Lives.....786-9013

Women- Battered or Abused-Ask for Battered Women.....435-4500

ENVIRONMENT

Citizens for a Better Environment-Pollution,Nuclear.....939-1984

EXERCISE

Chicago Park District-Free Recreational Programs.....294-2492

YWCA-Fitness and Sports.....372-6600

PATIENT ADVOCACY AND REFERRAL

Chicago Board of Health-Free City Clinic.....744-4340

Chicago Hospital Council-Specialties and Locations.....751-0700

H.E.R.S.- All Women's Health Information & Referrals.....248-0166

PREGNANCY TESTS AND COUNSEL

Chicago Womens Health Center-Post Abortion,VD Checks,etc.935-6126

Evanston Women's Liberation Center.....475-4480

SELF HEALTH

Chicago Women's Health Center-Well Women's Health Care...935-6126

Emma Goldman Women's Health Care.....528-4310

VENEREAL DISEASE

Chicago Board of Health VD Control- Uptown.....744-3875

Lakeview.....327-0580

MISCELLANEOUS

Chicago YWCA -Free Legal Consultations Wednesdays at Noon327-6600

NOW-National Organization of Women-Referrals.....922-0025

Women in Music-Information.....761-8765

Listed below are services that can be organized.

If interested in one or more please check off
your specific interests, fill in required information
and deposit in Womens Services folder B-114.

If what your interested in is not listed add it on.

- _____ Communications Skill Training for Women
- _____ Women and Divorce
- _____ Rape or Battery Victims Group
- _____ Proyecto Avince -- Training for Latinas for job entry
- _____ Women: Social and Personal Change
- _____ Lesbian Support Group
- _____ Single Mothers
- _____ Black Womens Support Group
- _____ Latinas Support Group
- _____ Womens Music Collective
- _____ Womens Writing Workshop

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Times Available _____