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LOOKING FOR AN INTERESTING COURSE FOR WINTER TRIMESTER?
(Those with asterisks* are new courses recently approved
for cross-listing with the Women's Studies Program.)

At Evanston High School:

Sociology of Working Women (Joan Berman) 6:30-9 Th.

At UNI:

*Social Issues in Education: Sexism in Education (Mitchell Vogel
and Nancy Green) 11-1T, 11-12Th.

*Communication Between the Sexes (Joyce Flory) 11-12:30MW.

*Law and Social Change (Shirley Castelnuovo) 11-12TThF.

*Women in Politics (June Sochen and Shirley Castelnuovo) 2-4Th.

Women in France and the U.S. (Josiane Caron) 6-8W.

*Research and Field Experience in Women's Services (See instructor
Josiane Caron in B-114).

Readings in World Literature: Women Writers (Elizabeth Libbey)
3TWTh.

(Consult registration materials for course numbers)

Coming Events: "Women and Psychotherapy," the excellent course offered
last summer, will be offered again in July-August. In the fall,
Physical Education will be offering "Special Health Problems of Women."

DEPARTMENT OF GOOD AND NEEDY CAUSES:

The funds of ERA ILLINOIS are completely depleted because the fight has
been so prolonged. This next year is a crucial one, and the prospects
look slightly more promising. Small donations are badly needed and go to:

ERA ILLINOIS
55 E. MONROE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603

(Our Women's Studies Program had joined as a member organization.)

Another good cause in trouble is the NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION'S
founding convention in January. Money is needed to bring delegates from
programs and community groups that have no funding. We are looking for
corporate donations of up to \$1000 as well as small personal contributions.

BROWN BAG SEMINARS • TUESDAYS at ONE

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

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 Student Union Building (Commuter Center). Rooms will be posted.



TUESDAY : JANUARY 18 : 1 PM : 216

WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Dr. June Sochen of the History Department will give her much-requested slide talk; for everyone who asks "Is there really such a thing as women's history?"

TUESDAY : FEBRUARY 1 : 1 PM

THE WOMAN RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Jan Behnke, student in sociology and women's studies, and Dorothy May of the Psychology Department will discuss their research on women who return to school in their middle and older years.

TUESDAY : FEBRUARY 15 : 1 PM

WOMEN AND THE CHURCH

Jeanne Baly, UWW student and member of Daughters of Sarah, a Christian feminist group, and Sister Jane Reilly of Instructional Media will lead a discussion of the movement within the various faiths to achieve equality for women.

TUESDAY : MARCH 1 : 1 PM

THE WOMAN AS POET

A special treat -- our poet-in-residence, Elizabeth Libbey, who also teaches a course on women writers, will read and discuss poetry by and about women.

TUESDAY : MARCH 15 : 1 PM

TITLE IX AND THE WOMAN STUDENT

The law calling for equal treatment of the sexes in education has caused much controversy, especially as it pertains to athletics. Resource people for this discussion will be Eleanor Prueske of Physical Education and Joyce Flory of Speech and Performing Arts, also active in NOW's Project for Equal Educational Rights.

TUESDAY : MARCH 29 : 1 PM

THE LATINA WOMAN AND THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

Dr. Angelina Pedroso of Foreign Language, who chairs the Women's Studies Board as well as the Faculty Senate, will discuss the problems of Latina women and the relevance for them of the women's movement.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN'S STUDIES PEOPLE

Students: Are you interested in helping to revive the organization on campus for WOMEN RETURNING TO SCHOOL? Call x423.

Dorothe Weinberg (Psychology) will be showing the film "CROSS-CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF SEX ROLES AND SOCIAL STANDARDS" on Wednesday January 26 and Thursday January 27; call x423 for times.

An inservice workshop on "INCORPORATING WOMEN'S EXPERIENCE INTO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM" will be offered by Jane Hawley next June.

The UNI FEMINIST STUDY GROUP will meet on January 12 at noon in the faculty and staff lounge, basement of classroom building. Readings will be articles by Weisstein and Bardwick in Woman in Sexist Society.

A TEACHERS OF WOMEN'S STUDIES RAP GROUP has been formed as a spinoff of the Chicago Consortium of Women's Educational Programs; call Cheryl Miller 338-4421 for information. Next CCWEP meeting is January 29. Please contact Jean Gillies x587 at U.N.I.

JEAN GILLIES, who is vice-president of the National Women's Caucus for Art, chaired two sessions on "How To Survive as a Woman Artist" at the October meeting of the Mid-America College Art Association; MARY STOPPERT was one of the panelists. MARGO SMITH participated in a seminar on "WOMEN, DEVELOPMENT, AND SOCIAL CHANGE" at an NFS-AAAS meeting in November.

Frank Dobbs, Chemistry Department chair, will again present a program in February on "WOMEN IN CHEMISTRY" to acquaint high school girls with the profession (good idea for other departments too).

New books in THE WSP RESOURCE CENTER, 0-041, include: Sexism in School and Society, eds. Frazier and Sadker; And Jill Came Tumbling After: Sexism in American Education, eds. Stacey, Bereaud, and Daniels; Sex, Gender and Society by Ann Oakley. (We continue to welcome donations.)

The WOMEN'S STUDIES BOARD recently filled its vacancies by appointing graduate student Barbara Wilson and faculty members Anne Lembesis (Elementary Education), Sister Jane Reilly (Instructional Media), and Dorothe Weinberg (Psychology). Elections for next year will be held in March.

The American Library Association at its recent convention passed a resolution stating that the ALA "actively commit its prestige and resources to a coordinated action program that will combat racism and sexism in the library service" by taking steps which include reexamining library school curricula, developing model inservice programs, and reforming cataloging practices that now perpetuate racism and sexism.

Historical Quote of the Month (Courtesy of Equal Rights Monitor):

"The appointment of a woman to office is an innovation for which the public is not prepared, nor am I."

--Thomas Jefferson

(Editor's comment: He also expected us to remain a rural nation.
Oh well, nobody's perfect.)

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REPORT ON PIE/WSP EXPERIMENT IN INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION

"Introduction to Women's Studies" was offered this past trimester as a team-taught course designed to acquaint students with a variety of disciplinary approaches to the study of women. Instructors from four different fields (history, anthropology, political science, psychology) co-taught the course, with at least two present for most classes and as many as three and four participating in at least half the sessions. Guest instructors were also brought in for several meetings.

Evaluations of the course were made by both PIE and WSP, using student questionnaires. Though the students would have liked more time to discuss the many issues raised by the faculty "team," all were enthusiastic about the exposure to several disciplines and the many perspectives presented. As a side benefit, many enjoyed hearing their instructors engage in unplanned debate. One of the students declared that it was "the most broadening educational experience" she'd ever had. Several women have organized an informal rap group to continue meeting and discussing the questions raised in class. On the instructors' side, the class was exciting because of the interest and participation of the students and the "esprit" that developed in the course of the trimester in spite of diversity in age and educational background.

Because of the positive response, the course will be offered again next fall as a team-taught, interdisciplinary introduction to women's studies, meeting twice weekly.

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