Women's Leadership Conference: A Success

On Saturday, February 22, over 100 students participated in Colgate's Fifth Annual Women's Leadership Conference, entitled "Women Making Change." Keynote speaker Wendy Kaminer discussed the conflicts and changes in the women's movement, and panel presenters and workshops en-couraged student leaders to make change. Lunch-time round-table discussions were a favorite part of the day. Students led discussions on sexuality, diversity and feminism at Colgate. The success of the confer-ence was due to the strong contribu-tions of staff members and volunteers at the Center for Women's Studies. "Women Making Change" was covered by both the Maroon News and The Hamilton Tribune.

From the Director...

In this last newsletter of the year, I want publicly to thank the many people who continue to make the Center for Women's Studies a vital and exciting place for students, faculty, staff and the community to meet, discuss, argue and enjoy one another. This year's graduating Student Assistants have played an especially critical role in the Center's accomplishments.

Tania Connaughton '97 spear-headed the organization of our many International Women's Day events, commemorating women's ongoing struggle for justice and equality everywhere in the world.

Arshi Gyani '97 has been a wonderful part of the Center since she was a first year student, and this year she concentrated on promoting internet literacy and on creating our new "Web Page."

Heather Lindammood '97 also is a long-time Center participant. This year Heather single-handedly wrote and sent out the weekly e-mail "Women's Center Outreach," informing over 300 Colgate stu-dents and faculty of news items, "factoids," and important gender-related events at Colgate and beyond.

Rachel Lutwick '97 created the idea of volunteer babysitting for needy families in Madison County and has carried through that project with her usual flair and competence.

Allegorical Athena - the Center's Literary Magazine - was begun last year by Joanna Najarian '97, and now as a Senior, she and Kristin Parsons '97 are continuing to work on this exciting project.

A new dormitory-based out-reach program, AACE (Advice About Colgate Experiences), was run out of the Center this year. Alysson Pisculli '97 and Corinne

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Spring 1997 Calendar

March - Women's History Month, International Women's Month
4 - Tuesday - 11:00 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Natasha Levinson
"Hannah Arendt"
Center for Women's Studies
7:00 pm
Visiting Filmmaker, Abigail Child
Is This What You Were Born For?
Love Auditorium
6 - Thursday - 7:00 pm
Uma Narayan
"Feminism and Religious Fundamentalism in India"
ALANA Cultural Center
7 - Friday - 7:30 pm
Free Film Series
Terms of Endearment
Center for Women's Studies
7-8 - Friday & Saturday
SUNY Morrisville Conference
"Women and Work"
SUNY Morrisville
8 - Saturday
International Women's Day
11 - Tuesday 11:00 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series
Invitation to Inspiration
Carol Naughton '82, Deputy General Counsel & Director of Non-Profit Affairs, Housing Authority of Atlanta
Center for Women's Studies
7:00 pm
Coalition for a Better World
Open House for International Women's Month
ALANA Cultural Center
7:00 pm
Alternative Cinema
Yvonne Rainer, Murder and Murder
Love Auditorium
21-22 - Friday & Saturday
SUNY Oneonta Student Conference
"Women Making Meaning"
SUNY Oneonta
24-25 - BIGLAD week*
25 - Tuesday - 11:00 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series
Invitation to Inspiration
Liz Powell '94, D.C. Lobbyist and Grassroots Organizer
Center for Women's Studies
28 - Friday - 7:30 pm
Free Film Series
Antonia's Line
Center for Women's Studies
*March 31-April 4: Sexual Violence Awareness Week*
31 - Monday - 7:00 pm
Self-Defense Demonstration and Discussion
Steve Moore
Hall of Presidents
7:30 pm
Open Discussion
"Being Jewish, Being Female"
Saperstein Center
8:00 pm
Viewing of the film, Dreamworlds
Center for Women's Studies

April
1 - Tuesday - 11:00 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series
"Sexual Assault at Colgate: How to Help a Friend"
Panel Discussion organized by SCRC
Center for Women's Studies
2 - Wednesday - 8:00 pm
Sexual Violence Speakeout
Hall of Presidents
3 - Thursday - all day
Clothesline Project
the Coop
4 - Friday - 7:30 pm
Free Film Series
The Piano
Center for Women's Studies
8 - Tuesday - 11:00 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series
film: Teaching about Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues in Elementary Schools
Center for Women's Studies
8:00 pm
Speaker
Marcia Ann Gillespie
editor of Ms. Magazine
"Racism and Sexism"
ALANA Cultural Center
9 - Wednesday - 11:30 am
Open House for April Visit Days
Center for Women's Studies
Time and Place TBA
Take Back the Night
Candlelight March
11-13 - Friday thru Saturday
National Organization for Women's Young Feminist Summit
Washington, DC
15 - Tuesday - 11:00 am
Brown Bag Lunch Series
Jacinda Mawson
"Grassroots Organizing and Women's Public Health Education"
Center for Women's Studies
21 - Monday - 5:30
Women's Studies Banquet
Merrill House

Fall 1997
Women's Studies Courses:

ENGL 408, LITERATURE OF MEDIEVAL WOMEN
Staley. M, 2:30-5:00.

GNED 312, WOMEN & POPULAR CULTURE
Pagano. F, 1:00

HIST 480, WOMEN'S HISTORY IN COMPARATIVE CONTEXT
Townsend. W, 3:00-6:00.

PHIL 360, PHILOSOPHY AND FEMINISM
Thie. MWF, 1:00-1:50.

RELG 234, WOMEN'S LIVES & RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS
Frank. MWF, 11:30-12:20.

WMST 202, INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES
Tiefenthaler. MWF, 10:30-11:20.

WMST 302, WOMEN'S LIVES IN BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Wider. MW, 2:30-3:50.

NAST 301Y, NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN
Moran. Santa Fe Study Group.

WMST 302Y, WOMEN'S LIVES IN BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Darby. Manchester Study Group.
Ms. Magazine Editor to Visit Colgate
Marcia Ann Gillespie, Editor-In-Chief of Ms. Magazine, will visit Colgate on Tuesday, April 8th. Ms. Gillespie will be talking about “Racism and Sexism” at 8:00 pm in the ALANA Cultural Center. A lifelong activist in the struggle for many social reforms, Gillespie has sought to incorporate her activism into her writing and publications. As Editor-In-Chief of Ms., Gillespie provides direction and leadership to a magazine which is considered to be the major feminist publication in the country and is the most widely read publication of its kind in the world. It maintains an advertising-free format so as not to be constrained by the limits of corporate sponsorship. Ms. Gillespie is an African-American feminist who believes that feminism means a willingness to grapple with issues of race, class, disability, age and sexual difference, both within and outside the movement.

Who's Your Favorite International Woman Leader?
Students who helped celebrate International Women's Day at a Center for Women's Studies brunch on Saturday, March 8th, learned about women leaders from all over the world. The celebration was marked by food, presentations, a trivia game, and a soul-rousing performance by Sojourners. Other events in celebration of International Women's Day were a viewing of the film, “Beyond Beijing,” a lecture on Colonialization and Third World Feminists by Vassar College Professor of Philosophy Uma Narayan, an Open House at the ALANA Cultural Center organized by Coalition for a Better World, and speaker Karen Kampwirth from Knox College, who spoke on “Gender Inequality and the Zapatista Rebellion.” The successful, informative celebration was coordinated by Tania Connaughton '97 and a committee of students.

It's Allegorical!
The Center for Women's Studies' Literary Magazine, Allegorical Athena will be available on or around April 9th. Look for this magazine in the Center for Women's Studies, the library, the Coop and other spots around campus. Original student artwork, poetry and prose are included in this spectacular student publication.

Where'd You Get That Great Shirt?
This phrase has recently been heard around campus in response to the eye-catching and creative Women's Leadership Conference T-Shirts. Gray long-sleeve T-shirts with Maroon design and lettering are on sale in the Center for Women's Studies. These shirts commemorate the 5th Annual Colgate Women's Leadership Conference, “Women Making Change.” T-shirts are $12 and come in medium, large and extra large sizes. Checks can be made out to Colgate University - Women's Studies (cash is also accepted). See Leah in the Center for Women's Studies to purchase your shirt before they're all gone! Also available are Buttons celebrating International Women. Buttons are $1 and can also be purchased at the Center for Women's Studies.

Meet Us at the Summit!
The National Organization For Women (NOW) is organizing a summit for young feminists in Washington, DC. "New Voices, New Visions: Young Feminists Taking Action for the 21st Century," will bring young feminists from all over the country to DC from April 11 through the 13. The conference will offer skills-building workshops to address issues of violence, race and class, lesbian/gay rights, reproductive rights, women in sports, and more. Jen Young '97 and Alisa Herrin '98 will be coordinating a trip to the conference. For more information on how to join us on our adventures in DC, contact either of the coordinators (email them at JJYOUNG or AHERRIN), or call Leah at the Center for Women's Studies at x7156.

Ribble '97 originated and implemented these student discussions on relationships, safe sex, and women's health care on campus.

Finally, Kate Simmons '97, has been organizing a Women in Science Week to be held next Fall. We hope Kate will be able to return to see the fruits of her labor.

These graduating seniors have been leaders, mentors, and role models. Along with Leah Grossman, our Intern, they have contributed enormous energy, intelligence, and enthusiasm to the Center for Women's Studies and the Women's Studies Program.

It has been a great pleasure for me to work with these talented young women, and I want to thank them for their contributions and wish them all the best in their lives after Colgate.

Joan D. Mandle
The Women's Studies Program Presents:

Marcia Ann Gillespie
Editor-In-Chief of Ms. Magazine

Lecturing on "Racism and Sexism"

Tuesday, April 8 • 8:00 pm
The ALANA Cultural Center

Application for Student Assistants
Center for Women's Studies
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Get involved at Colgate!
Participate in Making Social Change!
Improve the Lives of Women at Colgate and Beyond!

Name: ___________________________ Year: ______
Phone Number: ____________________ Box Number: ______
E-Mail Address: ____________________

Please Return to the Center for Women's Studies by Wednesday, April 2.