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NEWSLETTER

THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND THE CURRICULUM UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT ORONO

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MOVING TOWARD A BALANCED CURRICULUM:

A Symposium Sponsored by the Committee on
Women and the Curriculum
May 19 and 20, 1981
140 Little Hall

The symposium contained surprises for many, even for those who had planned and worked toward the two days of meetings. The first surprise was the number and variety of people who attended the meetings. The people already engaged in the pilot project of the Committee on Women and the Curriculum and the people who have long been at work on similar endeavors were refreshed and inspired by the eloquence of colleagues. The second surprise was that, although the goal of providing information on the pilot projects was met, it was far surpassed by the numerous suggestions for further discussion and work that came primarily from the morning meeting on May 20. The best part of this newsletter responds to those suggestions with plans for the academic year 1981-82.

NOTES FROM NANCY

I would like to thank everyone who was involved with making the Symposium a success, from Paul Silverman and Elaine Reuben to the dining hall staff members in Hilltop who allowed Fred Hutchinson to have lunch without a meal ticket. Those two days were very happy ones. The group who attended expressed their enthusiasm for the symposium in person, through letters, and on the evaluation forms. My favorite evaluator firmly checked NO under "Were your expectations of the Symposium fulfilled?" The reason given was "Far more positive than I expected—and useful." Perhaps the most valuable comment was "Very important to follow through on what has been started." The Executive Committee takes this reminder seriously. Through this newsletter, through the Tuesday lunches, through the Task Forces, through the pilot projects and the meetings with consultants next semester and in the future, we hope to do so.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

We give hereby a reminder that Women's History Week will take place in the spring of 1982. Let us plan many exciting ways to celebrate.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TUESDAYS

Beginning with the second week of classes in the fall, September 8, a room in the Memorial Union will be reserved each Tuesday for the Committee on Women and the Curriculum from 12 noon until 1:30 PM. You are invited to bring your brown bag lunch and to join us for alternating weeks of just lunch and topical discussions. The first Tuesday, September 8th, will be purely to say hello again after the long and active summer. On September 15th we want to plan the meetings for the remainder of the semester. We have asked each of the pilot project teams to present the materials that they have evolved during their summer's work. We also hope to have guest speakers, to address current issues, and to respond to concerns from the Advisory Committee and the UMO community at large. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays next fall.

TASK FORCES

During the symposium it was recommended that the following task forces be formed to address specific issues. Happily we already have volunteers to serve on these groups, but we need more. Please consider offering your expertise in any of the following areas:

1. Students
2. Reward system
3. Textbook analysis
4. Women's membership on committees
5. Professional and Classified Staff

WATCH FOR OUR BOOKPLATE

With the cooperation of Dr. James C. MacCampbell, Director of Libraries, a new UMO bookplate will be appearing in texts in Fogler around the beginning of September. Inscribed "The Collection of the Project on Women and the Curriculum," these materials are being purchased by funds earmarked for the new scholarship on women.

THE NEWSLETTER

Remember that this newsletter serves to keep you informed of the work of the committee on Women and

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the Curriculum. Let us know what you would like to see in its pages. Write or phone Pat Baron, Alumni Hall, X2777.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Cathleen Bauschatz, JoAnn Fritsche, Sandra Haggard and Marie Urbanski attended the annual meeting of the National Women's Studies Association at the University of Connecticut, May 31-June 4. The theme of the meeting was "Women Respond to Racism." A short report on the conference will appear in a subsequent issue of the newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 8th, 12 noon—Brown Bag
lunch, in Memorial Union

Friday, November 6, Visit of Germaine Greer
