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Women's Equality Day
A Big Success

At the beginning of this term, one could see men, women, and children eagerly trying to figure out how many years it took for women to win the right to vote in the United States, whether Susan B. Anthony lived to see the suffrage amendment pass, and what literary prize Toni Morrison won in 1993. They were completing a quiz for the Women's Equality Day contest, just one of the activities the Friends of Women's Studies planned to celebrate the anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment.

In addition to studying exhibits prepared by a variety of organizations and individuals, people registered to vote, Girls Scouts and members of Girls Inc. created their own campaign posters, and throughout the afternoon people watched a series of videos about woman suffrage and women's history.

Friends of Women's Studies Board chair Terry Williams kept busy giving interviews to all three local TV stations, and June Wilson and Arleen Rodriguez kept a steady stream of punch and cookies in front of the Women's Studies Resource Center. There was an inspiring display of Women's Equality Day proclamations written by Friends of Women's Studies board member Montie Gonterman and signed by dignitaries, such as the Governor, Mayor, and Presidents of local universities.

It all culminated in a moving address by Nancy Archuleta, founder and CEO of MEVATEC, a local engineering consulting company. Archuleta spoke on "Overcoming Barriers to Equality."

The Women's Studies Resource Center in Morton Hall is becoming a valuable resource for UAH and the wider community. We have a significant number of new books and other materials such as films, periodicals, etc. The Women's Studies Student Organization is supplying volunteers so that we can keep it open more hours.

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The most exciting news is that thanks to a generous anonymous donor we will soon have a new computer in the Women's Studies Resource Center. This will allow us to have our collection on line so that one can check our holdings from remote computer sites. Students working in the Resource Center also will have access to the World Wide Web and the Internet. We still have a wish list for items and services needed:

- Book Shelves
- Printer
- Women's Clip Art Software
- Films (educational)
- and, of course, volunteers to help organize or staff the Center.

For more information call, Julie Early 890-6320.

If you have overdue items that belong to the WSRC, be sure to return them.
Friends of Women's Studies

This past May, a group of people interested in supporting Women's Studies at UAH formed a new organization for that purpose, Friends of Women's Studies (FWS). By now, everyone on the WSIG mailing list has received the FWS brochure inviting you to become a member through donations of time or money. So far about 30 people have contributed money to Women's Studies through FWS, and many more have contributed books, materials, and their time and skills in planning such events as the Women's Equality Day celebration. For example, FWS board member Karen Keith donated the design and desk top publishing of the new FWS brochure. Many of you have complimented us on the "woman with the lamp" logo that Karen chose for this and other Friends literature.

The gift funds contributed by Friends members chiefly go to support Women's Studies events and to build the Women's Studies Resource Center. A committee is now working on selecting videos and other materials for the Resource Center to support Women's Studies courses. Already, we have added some elementary and secondary school curriculum materials and a film about suffragist Alice Paul that was shown on Women's Equality Day. Using an anonymously donated 486 computer and cataloging software provided by the UAH Library, we will soon be putting this Resource Center collection online so that it will be searchable. A special thanks goes to Carol Crosslin and Betty Clemens for the donation of a computer desk and hand scanner for the Center.

If you would like to become an active supporter of Women's Studies through joining Friends, you can volunteer to staff the Women's Studies Resource Center, to help plan spring events, or to assist the Friends board in fundraising plans. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible contribution to Women's Studies, just send your check directly to the return address on this newsletter, made out to UAH Women's Studies program. Invite your friends to join, too! If you'd like additional Friends brochures, just call the Women's Studies office (890-6210) and Annie Harris will send you as many as you need.

Upcoming Women's Studies Conferences

Women's Studies Conference
Middle Tennessee State University
"Women and Power"
February 21-22, 1997
Carol Gilligan will be the keynote speaker at this conference. For more information, contact Women's Studies Conference 1997, Box 23, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132

National Women's Studies Conference
St. Louis, Missouri
"Women Generating Creativity and Change"
June 18 - 22, 1997
For more information, contact National Women's Studies Association, 7100 Baltimore Ave., College Park, MD 20740
Women's Issues in Latin America

The Honors Forum will present Dr. Maureen Shea, from Tulane University speaking on "Latin American Women" 11:15-12:20—Thursday, Nov. 14, in the UAH Exhibit Hall. For further information, call the Honor's Program at 890-6450.

Friends of Jung Society Brings Peri Aston to Huntsville

Peri Aston is a London artist who divides her time between creating and touring her solo theater shows and teaching the Alexander Technique at her home in Wimbledon, England. She trained at Theatre School in London and studied mime with Desmond Jones. She uses these mediums as well as storytelling and poetry to explore themes of feminism and spirituality.

Friday evening, November 8, Peri Aston will perform her solo theater, TRIPLE IMAGE. This show takes as its inspiration the Sumerian myth of Inanna, who descended into the underworld, and the Greek legend of Penelope, left by her husband, Odysseus, to cope alone for twenty years weaving and unweaving her tapestry.

Saturday, November 9, Peri will lead a movement workshop, Spirit in Movement—Mind in Matter. Sponsored by: Friends of Jung Society

PLACE: Unitarian Universalist Church
TIME: Friday 7 - 8:30 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

For further information and for admission, call Betty Clemens, 205-536-0642.

Women's Film Festival in January

This year's film festival will highlight "Woman of Fire," a feature-length film by Kathleen Laughlin. There will also be short films by and about women. If you would like to volunteer or be a part of planning this event and the films included, contact Anna Sue Courtney 536-5137. This event is sponsored by UAH Women's Studies and the Huntsville Film Coop.

Cokie Roberts

Cokie Roberts, National Public Radio (NPR) congressional correspondent and ABC News special correspondent will address students in a brief Q-and-A session at UAH on Tuesday, November 19, at 4 p.m. in Morton Hall, Room 200.

Roberts is coming to Huntsville to help raise funds for WLRH Public Radio's 20th anniversary. Later the same evening, she will give a public address on "Insider Tales of Politics '96" at 7:30 p.m. in the Von Braun Civic Center North Hall. A reception will be held at 9 p.m. at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Tickets for her presentation at the Civic Center are $20. Tickets for the reception at the Museum of Art are $30. For more information, please call Cheryl Carlson at 895-WLRH.

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events. Further details will be in the Spring, 1997 newsletter.

March 1, 7:30 Roberts Recital Hall, Huntsville Feminist Chorus

March, 1997 Administrative Science Auditorium Theatre event co-sponsored by the Women's Economic Development Council and the UAH Women's Studies program.


Women's Studies Events Committee

If you would like to be part of planning future events for Women's Studies, would like to be part of organizing events or you know of other events of interest to women, please contact the Women's Studies Events Committee.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m., MH 343—mark your calendar!
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For further information on these courses, or the Women’s Studies program in general, contact Dr. Rose Norman, Director of Women’s Studies, UAH, 890-6320. Contributions to this newsletter should be sent to Dr. Nancy Finley, Dept. of Sociology, UAH, Huntsville, AL 35899.

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"Give light and people will find the way."
Ella J. Baker