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WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT THE CLEARINGHOUSE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

For those who haven't heard about the Clearinghouse, some words about our history. For more than two years we have been collecting information about women's studies courses and programs. As a project of the Modern Language Association's Commission on Women, and in collaboration with KNOW, Inc. of Pittsburgh, we published two collections of curricular materials and essays: FEMALE STUDIES II and III, in addition to A GUIDE TO CURRENT FEMALE STUDIES (a bibliography of 610 courses, in progress as of October 1971). In 1972, the Clearinghouse moved to SUNY/College at Old Westbury where it functioned with the aid of the college's resources and with some support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. During the past year, the Clearinghouse has published and distributed—free of charge—two FACT SHEETS on women's studies, still available on request. We have prepared THE NEW GUIDE TO CURRENT FEMALE STUDIES II, (now available for \$1.00, or with a subscription to the NEWSLETTER). In December we will publish a volume of curricular materials from high school feminist courses.

Recently, in October 1972, the Clearinghouse became an educational project of The Feminist Press, a non-profit educational and publishing organization that is also housed at Old Westbury. The Press publishes books for children and adults (a biography and reprint series) as well as educational materials. The Feminist Press/Educational Projects currently offers in-service courses to teachers in New York City and community workshops on children's books in Westbury, Baltimore and Holyoke, Massachusetts.

WHY A NEWSLETTER?

A year ago, at a women's studies conference in Pittsburgh, a group decided to organize a women's studies newsletter. The Clearinghouse on Women's Studies, organized in the summer of 1970, was the obvious place for it to begin, but lack of staff (there were only two of us, Carol Ahlum and Florence Howe) prevented us from taking it on. We decided that a page in THE SPOKESWOMAN would substitute temporarily.

One year later, with additional staff—work/study students at SUNY/College at Old Westbury—and with increasing demands from women's studies correspondents, we at the Clearinghouse are initiating the newsletter.

We want it to be a forum throughout the country for the women's studies movement—in higher education, continuing education, secondary and elementary schools, and in community liberation centers. We hope students, faculty, and movement women will write about their work. We look forward to articles about the major issues of the women's studies movement, and want especially to print reports about the developments and directions of women's studies programs.

We expect to print issues twice the size of this one, and welcome articles of 600–1200 words, as well as briefer notes and announcements. All manuscripts should be typed and submitted in duplicate.

The WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWSLETTER is published four times a year at SUNY/College at Old Westbury by The Feminist Press, Box 334, Old Westbury, N. Y. 11568. Subscriptions are \$5.00 for individuals, \$10.00 for institutions. Subscribers will receive four issues, in addition to this free one, plus THE GUIDE TO CURRENT FEMALE STUDIES II.
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