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### Goodbye, Women's Studies Newsletter—Hello, Women's Studies Quarterly!

In the fall of 1972, the *Women's Studies Newsletter* appeared for the first time, as four pages of national news about women's studies in schools and colleges. We were "national" at least in part because there were no "local," "regional," or even campus-based newsletters. Since then, the *Newsletter* has followed the growth of women's studies across the nation—in schools and colleges and in such nontraditional settings as prisons, nursing homes, and community-based women's centers. The network thus created became the core for the National Women's Studies Association's beginnings in 1977. It is not surprising that now, in 1980, one can point to dozens of campus-based "women's studies newsletters"; to NWSA's regional "newsletters"; and to a new program directors' "newsletter" within NWSA. It is even confusing on occasion to refer to "the" *Women's Studies Newsletter*.

Meanwhile, for more than half its life, the *Newsletter* has been a 32-page publication and not really a "newsletter" at all. Increasingly during this period, we have wanted more space for publishing the reports and features needed by feminists working for educational change. We turn away far more than we can print, and we pare to the bone the material we do print. We allow very little space for the occasional poem or drawing that delights as well as instructs.

For these reasons, therefore, we are pleased to announce that, beginning in 1981, the *Women's Studies Newsletter* will become the *Women's Studies Quarterly*. We are pleased also to continue the copublishing arrangement with NWSA. Long-term subscriptions to the *Newsletter* will be honored by the *Quarterly*, though our pages will expand and regular subscription rates will rise somewhat.

What will the new *Quarterly* be like? The *Quarterly* will deepen our coverage of growing and mature women's studies programs, their institutional structures, their responsibility not only for the development of interdisciplinary women's studies courses, but for "mainstreaming"—for insisting upon affirmative action throughout the curriculum.

At present, the U.S. college campus is still the major stronghold of women's studies. The *Quarterly* will expand our coverage of a larger and perhaps still more important base: the private and public schools responsible for the formal education of half the population who never reach the campus, as well as the preparation of those who do. The *Quarterly* will publish not only essays about successful model courses, but also analyses by women's studies practitioners working inside city school systems and state departments of education.

As if these challenges were not sufficient, there is also the rest of the world. The *Newsletter* has already followed women's studies across national borders to Canada, Europe, and Asia. The UNESCO document on women's studies and the report on a major international conference in this issue, along with the information on Women's Studies International seminars and roundtables, press us to recognize needs beyond our borders, and to deal with questions involving illiterate as well as educated women, "developing" as well as "industrial" countries.

As readers, you know still other areas we have not yet mentioned here. We hope you will find time to write to us about those priorities you consider urgent for coverage. And we trust that you will take the time today to resubscribe or renew your membership in NWSA, which will include all four 1981 issues of the new *Women's Studies Quarterly*.

*Florence Howe*

*A special note on the seasons:* Alert readers and librarians will note that we have labeled this issue Fall/Winter 1980. This is because we have finally decided to catch up with the seasons so that the first issue of the *Women's Studies Quarterly* that you will receive will coincide with the arrival of Spring and be appropriately so labeled. Likewise the Summer, Fall, and Winter issues will appear at the beginnings rather than at the ends of their respective seasons. No one will lose any issues. Volumes and numbers will clearly identify all issues so that continuity is maintained. We hope you will forgive us for any temporary confusion in the interest of ultimate clarity.