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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- GREETINGS FROM PENNY:

WAWH activities over the past few months have gone ahead in high gear, with our 1981 conference planning heading the list. Although our annual conference may seem far off with the dates of May 22-24, Linda Popofsky and Mollie Rosenhan and their committees have found that it's not too soon to move ahead with programming and local arrangements with Asilomar. Every member is encouraged to submit ideas, proposals and questions, not only about the meeting itself but also about how to get there. Write or call chair people, local contact people, and me. See the articles on our conference activities in this newsletter, page 2.

Secretary-Treasurer Betsy Perry has been conducting a successful membership drive. We welcome our new members from all over the West, and also from more distant regions, who have joined our association as well as their local women historians organization. Thanks are due to our very busy members who have taken the time to get their 1980 dues paid up so that we can cover newsletter costs as well as make deposits for the conference.

WAWH has the opportunity and honor of an invitation from The National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History to become a constituent member. As NCC's project director, Page Miller explains we will be informed as an organization and as individual members about ways and means of promoting the subject and field of history in both academic (elementary through college) institutions and in the public sector. We have been asked to make a small financial donation to the Committee, and I am in the process of polling the executive board on this matter. Members who wish to contact Page may address her at NCC in the AHA offices: 400 A Street S.E., Washington, DC 20003.

The California Committee for Promotion of History will be presenting a public conference entitled "Professionalizing History in California". This will take place Saturday, January 17 and Sunday morning, January 18, 1981, at UC Santa Barbara. For additional information, contact Ann Johnson, 717 Christie Avenue, Davis, CA 95816.

Although we have not arranged for special events or rooms, WAWH members can get together at the forthcoming American Historical Association Convention in Washington, DC, from December 28-30. The headquarters hotel is The Statler. Frances and I will be attending CCWHP meetings and urge you to join us at these, in our own rooms, and at sessions. In addition, the NCC (see above) will be sponsoring four sessions there.

Please continue to send suggestions, criticisms, requests for names of potential speakers and conference participants, questions about forming local branches of WAWH and personal news about yourself and your work. Have a happy and healthy holiday season and a wonderful 1981.

Editor's Note: Penny has accepted a University appointment for 1981 as Affiliated Scholar, Program for the Study of Women and Men in Society (SWMS), from the University of Southern California.

WAWH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Western Association of Women Historians will hold our annual conference meeting at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA May 22-24, 1981. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!**

Women historians in all fields are invited to submit proposals for papers and full panels either relating to the theme of "Women Historians as Educators" or concerned with any field of history whatsoever. Please send proposals for papers or sessions to Linda Popofsky, Department of Social Sciences, Mills College, Oakland, CA 94613. Some of the topics for which the Program Committee has received proposals are: the politics of "women's work", integrating women's history into survey courses, women in 17th and 19th century English literature, health care and women's roles in related professions, future projections for women in higher education, and southern women in Victorian America. Proposed workshops on history in elementary and secondary school curricula, alternative careers for historians, opportunities and issues for women in the politics of the '80s, and research in progress still need participants. Since the Program Committee seeks to encourage a balance in the program, we encourage not only proposals compatible with the above but also suggestions for sessions on historical topics which do not focus specifically on women. Please send proposals soon. Our deadline is December 31, 1980.

Those of you who are among our first members will wax nostalgic at memories of our early meeting at Asilomar. For those unfamiliar with Asilomar, Mollie Rosenhan, Conference Coordinator sends along this information:

Part of the California State Park System, Asilomar is nestled in woods at the edge of the sea. While close to Carmel and Monterey, the Conference Center is quiet and self-contained, providing an excellent environment for getting acquainted and network building.

Plan to register by April 15 in order to get a special reduced registration fee. Kathryn Poss is Chair of Local Arrangements. If you can help her or if you want to make special arrangements about travel or diet, contact her at Box 3488, Stanford, CA 94305 or call (415) 497-4530. If you wish to join a car pool, contact one of the following people: for the Bay Area Peninsula, Kathryn Poss (address above); for San Francisco area, Carole Hicke, 57 Coronado Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070 (415) 591-0501; for Pasadena and Orange County, Betsy Perry, 296 Redwood Dr., Pasadena, CA 91105 (213) 257-4986; for Los Angeles Nancy Jaffe, -1001 Wellesley Ave, LA CA 90049, (213) 826-0514; for Sacramento Francesca Miller, 90P Fordham Dr., Davis, CA 95616 (916) 756-1250.

Pacific Grove is also easily reached by plane; Air California, Apollo, United Airways, Yosemite Airlines all fly there. A shuttle to Asilomar is available.

NOTE: ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1, 1980! Send to Betsy Perry (below)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

University Affiliation _____

Fields of Interest (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

_____ Fully employed, donor member: \$10.00

_____ Permanently, full-time employed: \$7.50

_____ Part-time employed and graduate students \$5.00

_____ Tax-deductible contribution: \$5.00

Please change my address to: _____

Please return this page to Betsy Perry, 296 Redwood Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105

PLEASE SEND FULL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HISTORY FIELD AND INTERESTS AND WORK AND ACTIVITIES AND BACKGROUND. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE ENTERED ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD.

WAWH DIRECTORY: Jackie Barnhart reports that responses to the Directory of Women Historians in the Western States questionnaire have been steadily trickling in since the last newsletter. We are, however, still regrettably short of a complete list to make such a Directory useful and meaningful. If you have not returned the form, please do so today. If you know of women colleagues in your department or in other colleges, libraries, archives, etc., in the appropriate area who are not members of WAWH please xerox a copy for them. Our organization is often asked to supply speakers, reviewers, experts in various areas. The Directory will be made available for these purposes--make sure you are a part of it! (If members do not complete the form, Jackie intends to fill out the list from information on our membership cards. If you do not want your name included, please let her know.)

Directory

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Education: Highest Degree awarded _____ year _____

Graduate Institution _____

Present position: _____

Previous positions: _____

Publications: _____

Professional Papers: _____

Grant/Proposal Requests: _____

Grants: Awards; fellowships; honors; ect. _____

Membership Professional Organizations _____

Administrative experience _____

Teaching Speciality _____

Research Speciality _____

Please include a concise summary of information not covered above you would like included in the Directory. Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Send information to: Professor Jacqueline Barnhart
Department of History
California State University, Chico
Chico, CA 95929

The University of Santa Barbara has an active Women's Center which promotes the equalization of opportunities for women by providing programs to develop their educational, professional, and personal goals. It offers women's re-entry programs, group studies in career planning, self-image improvement, rape prevention, and assertion training. It also offers a comfortable environment where women can meet informally to exchange ideas, seek assistance, or to gain support for creative projects.

Interesting things are also going on at Arizona State University. Mary A. Rothschild, Director, Women's Studies, writes that Women's Studies at ASU is an interdisciplinary program which grants a Certificate of Concentration. The goals of the program are to examine the central issue of the quality and shape of woman's experience, provide a model for interdisciplinary teaching and research, and promote research on women's experience. Women's Studies has a beautiful new resource center with a lending library, and is able to offer free counseling services by feminist therapists. The program publishes a Newsletter, holds a weekly colloquium-film series and sponsors a weekly brown bag lunch. For further information, write to The College of Liberal Arts, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85281.

The Women's Studies Department at San Diego State University has been offering a fall lecture series called New Views of Women, covering such topics as managing stress, feminist visions, alcoholism, women in China, and contemporary feminist art.

This Newsletter welcomes information on all programs of interest to western women historians.

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In a sample survey conducted in 1979, the Commission on Human Resources, National Research Council, found that only 11 percent of the doctoral scientists and engineers in the U.S. labor force were women, compared with 25 percent of the humanities Ph.Ds. With the exception of Ph.Ds in mathematics and computer science, the percentages of unemployed Ph.Ds were consistently higher for women than for men in all fields of science, engineering, and the humanities. In all fields, women Ph.Ds reported lower median annual salaries than men.

In another survey, the Census Bureau reported that the number of women attending college in the U.S. has surpassed that of men for the first time since World War II.

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CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS:

The American Historical Association's 95th Annual Meeting will convene December 28-30, 1980, in Washington, D.C., at the Sheraton Washington. Accommodations are available at the Sheraton, Shoreham, Washington Hilton, and Normandy Inn hotels. Rates average \$45 a night single, \$48 double. For reservations, write to AHA Housing Bureau, 1575 Eye Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20005. Charter flights are being sponsored. For information, contact Glen Roc Travel, 194 Scotch Road, Trenton, NJ 08628 or call (609) 883-3353. To date, Los Angeles and San Francisco are listed among the cities of departure. Flights will leave December 27 and return December 30.

The 1981 annual meeting of the AHA will be held in Los Angeles, CA, December 27-30. The Program Committee has called for proposals by historians (academic and non-academic), scholars in related disciplines, and affiliated societies. Each proposal must include an abstract that summarizes its thesis, method, and significance, as well as a vita for each participant. Deadline for receipt of proposals is February 1, 1981. Send proposals (in duplicate) to Leon F. Litwack, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Since the meeting is in California, WAWH is considering sponsoring a session and possibly a luncheon.

The 24th annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 12-14, 1981. Papers and sessions are invited in traditional topic and area studies as well as quantification, psychohistory, teaching methodology, research tools and techniques and interdisciplinary studies. Proposals should be submitted by November, 1980, to Oliver B. Pollack, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska 68182.

Juried papers on topics of interest to women will be presented at the annual statewide California Women in Higher Education conference March 27-29, 1981. Submit papers to Dr. Eleanor Willemsen, Department of Psychology, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA 95053.

Women Educators announces the Second Annual "Curriculum Materials" Award, to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in Los Angeles, April 13-17, 1981. Please send one copy of materials relating to women that have been developed for use in educational settings to: Janet B. Kuenne, Ed.D., Curriculum Award Chair, Women Educators, 63 Bainbridge St., Princeton, NJ 08540. Include a one-page description of how the materials relate to sexism, sex-role stereotyping, and the image of women and girls. The deadline for entries is December 15, 1980.

At the same meeting of the American Educational Research Association, a "Research on Women in Education" Award will be presented. Published or unpublished research reports in journal article format on any aspect of women in education are eligible if conducted or written during 1979-80. Deadline for entries is December 15, 1980. Send five copies (on four of which the author is not identified) and five copies of a 200-250 word abstract of the entry to: Charol Shakeshaft, Coordinator Elect, Women Educators, School of Education, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550.

The Newberry Library is offering the following fellowships for 1980-81: short-term resident fellowships for individual research in any field appropriate to the Newberry's collections, appointments with stipends of \$600 per month, for periods not exceeding three months. Applicants must have the Ph.D. or have completed all requirements except the dissertation. Preference will be given to applicants who particularly need to use Newberry resources and to applicants from outside the Chicago area. Resident fellowships for unaffiliated scholars: stipends of \$250 or \$500 per calendar quarter are available for scholars not employed professionally as such, who have the Ph.D., and who propose to use the Newberry as a scholarly base. Applicants must be working on a specific research project in a field appropriate to the Newberry's collections. Stipends may be renewed quarterly up to one year: after the first year fellowship status may be renewed annually, but without stipend. Applications due March 1, 1981.

The Sixth Annual European Studies Conference will be held on October 8, 9, and 10, 1981 in Omaha, Nebraska. This conference is an interdisciplinary meeting with sessions devoted to current research, research techniques, and teaching methodologies, as well as traditional topics. The Conference stresses the interdisciplinary theme focusing on Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals. Abstracts of papers or suggestions for panels should be submitted by May 1, 1981 to Dr. Patricia Kolasa, Dept of Educational Foundations, or Dr. Bernard Kolasa, Dept of Political Science, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska 68182.

Since conference program committees are generally more receptive to complete panels than to individually submitted papers, the Coordinating Committee on Women In the Historical Profession is maintaining a paper matching file to enable people to locate quickly other papers similar in scope to their own. For information, write to Michel Dahlin, 1040 West Barry, Chicago, IL 60657.

Radcliffe College announced a program of \$100 to \$1500 grants to support post-doctoral research on women. Eligible projects must draw upon resources at the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America and at the Murray Research Center. Scholars must have received the Ph.D. at least one year prior to the time of application and not be receiving support from any fellowship program at the time of their research at Radcliffe. Applications are due December 15, 1980, February 15 and April 15, 1981, and should include a description of the research to be undertaken, a listing of the Library or Center holdings to be utilized, enumeration of the specific expenses for which support is requested (travel, lodging, xeroxing and microfilming, computer time), a curriculum vita, and the name and address of one reference who has been asked to send a letter of recommendation directly to the program. Write Radcliffe Research Support Program, c/o Henry A. Murray Research Center, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

POSITIONS OPEN: The Women's Studies Department, San Diego State University, regularly seeks applicants for its reserve pool of candidates for part-time temporary appointments. For Spring 1981 an instructor is needed for Women in American History, with possible openings in psychology, sociology, health and management. Ph.D. and Women's Studies experience preferred. Apply to Dr. Patricia Huckle, Chair, Women's Studies Department, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182.

North Carolina State University has openings in US History 1900-1941 and Modern European 1789-Present. Both are Assistant Professor, required Ph.D. Apply to Mary E. Wheeler, Head, Dept of History, North Carolina State University, PO Box 5941. Raleigh, NC 27630.

WAWH sponsored a stimulating session on "Slave Societies, Black Historians, and Black Activism" at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association meeting held at the University of Southern California in August. Frances Richardson Keller, Christie Farnham Pope, and Arthé Anthony presented papers. The session was followed by a luncheon meeting chaired by President Penny Kanner, who spoke of the growth of community historical investigations and the need to broaden the base of the profession. Judith Stiehm spoke on "Women and the Military in the U.S. Today" at the luncheon, which drew a general attendance of conference members.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN HISTORIANS:

Catherine Prelinger, President of The Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession, has begun to inquire into the possibility of organizing a conference that would explore opportunities and directions of employment for women historians who are not now permanently affiliated with academic faculties or who wish to direct their training and skills toward other sectors. Kitty has been contacting the regional organizations affiliated with CCHWP and may go beyond this network for participation and sponsorship. She will initiate discussion on the proposed conference at the AHA convention in Washington DC and will pursue the proposal further at the Berkshire Conference on Women in History at Vassar College in June 1981. She asks that all women historians who have ideas, suggestions, and proposals about format, participants, and issues write to her as soon as possible. The question of GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION for the conference is an issue of keen importance for earliest discussion. possibilities of sponsorship and funding are crucial subjects also. Prelinger's address is: 158 Chestnut Hill Road, Killingworth, CT 06417.

FOUNDATION OF A NEW HISTORICAL INSTITUTE: The Southern California Institute for Historical Research and Services was founded officially on October 25, 1980 at a meeting called for the purpose by an ad hoc committee that has been working on the plan for more than a year. The meeting was chaired by Alice Clement. The morning session was devoted to presentations by Nancy Jaffe, Lois Roberts, and Alice who provided the group with a survey of the discussions and proposals evaluated by the ad hoc committee. Penny Kanner surveyed the history and development of recently founded historical institutes in New York and the San Francisco Bay Area. Professor Hans Rogger, chair of the UCLA History Department, extended warm words of welcome and encouragement for the new endeavor. The afternoon session concerned the structure for the new organization: its official name, conditions of membership and appointment of an ad hoc working board of directors. No official titles were assigned so that the board is working as a collective. All correspondence should be addressed to Nancy Jaffe, 1001 Wellesley Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Telephone: (213) 826-0514. Letters of inquiry are encouraged, The Southern California Institute is now looking to enlist members who are concerned with both traditional, university-based aspects of history and with innovative themes, methodology, and applications. Members will be recruited from among faculty at all levels, graduate school students, and independent historians. Dues will be \$30 per year. In return, the Institute will assist in forming research projects; seek community support for these projects; supply "grantsmanship" aid; campaign for the promotion of history as a school subject and as a concern for wider society; encourage the investigation of "roots" not only among individuals and families but also among organizations and commercial enterprises; help to strengthen ties between museums/archives and the average citizen; and provide a professional affiliation for its members.

MORE WOMEN EVERYWHERE: In finance and banking, in 1960, there were only 2100 female officers and managers. Today there are over 120,000. In 1960 there were fewer than 100 female sales managers in corporations. Today there are 12,000. While 13% of the physicians in America are female, nearly 25% of the students in medical school are women. Female law students have increased from 5% of their class to 20%. By 1985, the number of women in business schools will double.

POSITION OPENING: There is an opening in Modern European Women's History at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Contact Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Department of History, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

GRADUATE STUDENTS COLUMN: SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Women graduate students are frequently confronted with the problem of sexual harassment. In the last issue of the WAWH newsletter, we discussed how women at Berkeley, faced with this problem, formed Women Organized Against Sexual Harassment (WOASH). They sought both the dismissal of a sociology professor and the establishment of a new procedure which students could utilize to lodge their complaints. When the last article was written, WOASH had not achieved even its first objective: despite overwhelming evidence, the professor was only suspended for a quarter. Since then, however, he has resigned. ASUC vice president Nancy Skinner called his resignation a "victory". "When faced with this kind of action," she commented, "women should not give up and they will continue to be victorious."

But this victory was only one incident. If women are ever to make any lasting changes, they must concentrate on the second objective of WOASH, the creating and enforcing of a formal code against sexual harassment. Ad hoc procedures, which currently exist on most campuses, do not protect students for two reasons. First, as WOASH warns, they often force women to deal directly with their harassers, without protection against subsequent reprisals. Secondly, informal procedures usually lack any effective means of enforcement.

For these reasons, women across the nation are actively seeking to establish formal procedures to protect themselves against sexual harassment. For example, the Association of American Colleges (AAC) reports that women students at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, are working with campus lawyers to draw up a grievance procedure. At Harvard, students may complain to a designated assistant dean. S/he will conduct a confidential investigation and report to a dean. If the dean believes the case to be "of great seriousness", s/he may take formal action to punish the professor. This procedure is widely publicized, appearing in handbooks for instructors and students.

According to the AAC, universities have discovered that when administrators make public statements against sexual harassment, the incidents of such activity decline. Joan Martin, associate dean of the graduate school and ombudsman for sexual harassment at the University of Washington, reported that she was dealing with about one case of sexual harassment a week until the President spoke out strongly against it. Since then, the complaints have decreased to approximately one a month.

Sexual harassment is an old problem and will continue to plague students for generations to come. But, as these articles have pointed out, there are things women can do if they organize and seek to solve these problems as a group. One of the first steps toward organization is gathering information. If you wish to know more, write WOASH. You may ask them questions and request a copy of their handbook, "Sexual Harassment: What It Is, What To Do About It". Address: Women Organized Against Sexual Harassment, 300 Eshleman Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Another important step is building a network of communication among women who are also concerned with this problem and anxious to find ways to solve it. I hope this column will be used to share information regarding your own grievances and successes in combating sexual harassment. Letters and calls may be sent to me.

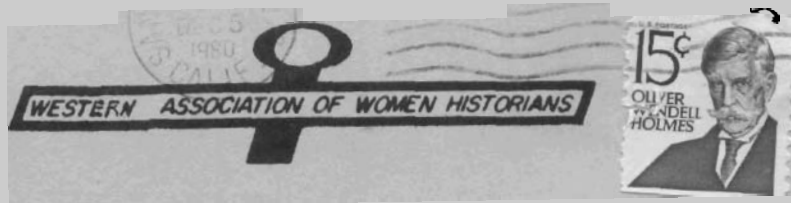
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SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR Alice Clement writes: Censorship of books, even when coming from newer and more humanistic value regarding race and sex, is no service to the public. As legislative action coordinator, I urge you as historians, women, an? citizens to involve yourselves in local library issues, debates, or committee meetings which deal with this sensitive issue of public censorship. Those of us who have fought for more humanistic definitions of race and sex are not served by the removal of material but rather by its availability for public discussion.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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