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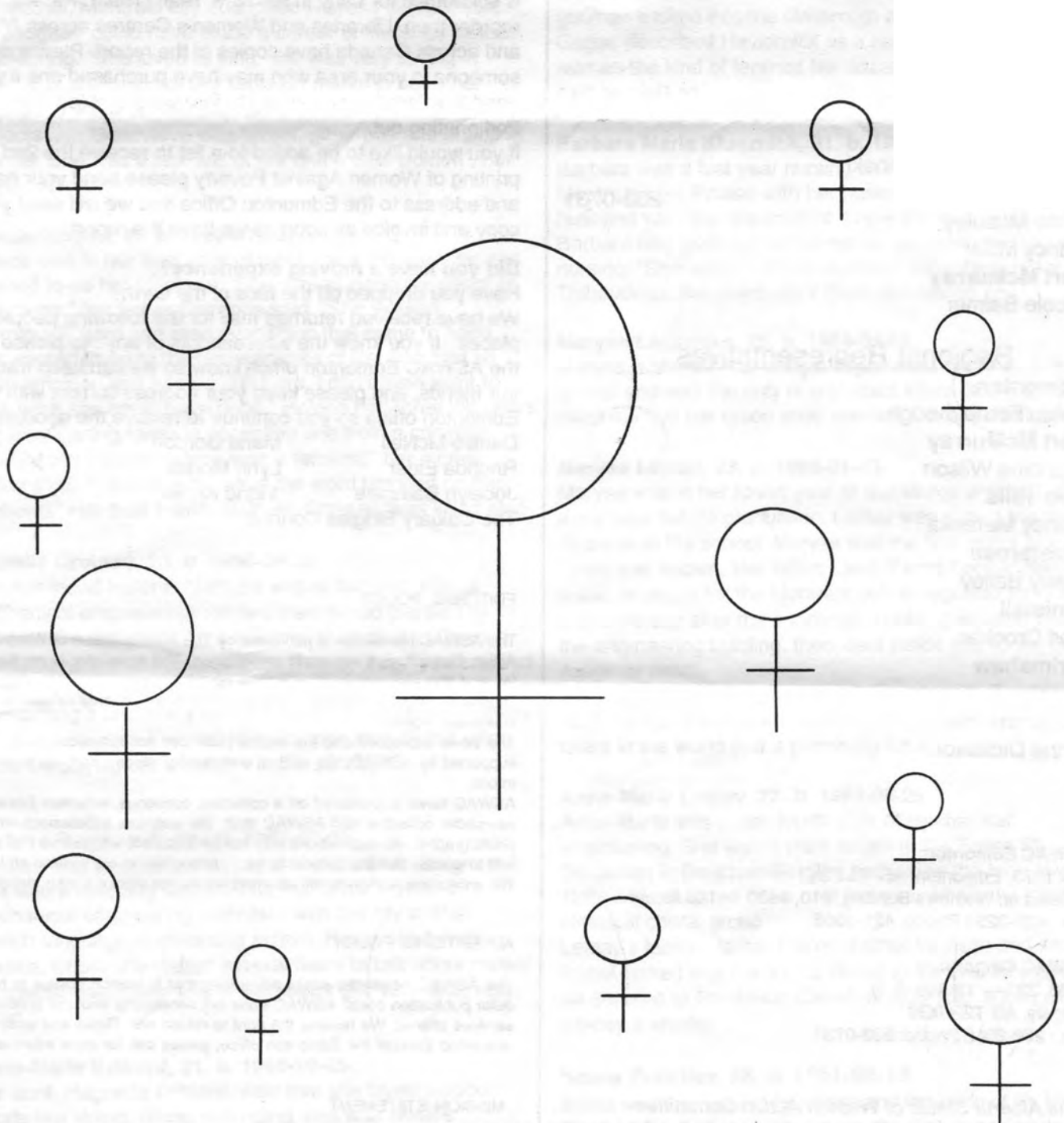
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## ASWAC EVENTS

### **Alberta Women Unite!**

ASWAC is currently planning for the upcoming provincial election. We are asking women for input. What would you like to ask candidates? What would you like ASWAC to ask candidates? How can we encourage women to vote?

If you have ideas or concerns please contact the ASWAC office nearest you.

**No More "WAPS"** ASWAC's WOMEN AGAINST POVERTY Report is temporarily unavailable. A 2nd printing is scheduled for early in the New Year, (1993). Please reorder then. Libraries and Women's Centres across Alberta and across Canada have copies of the report. Please call someone in your area who may have purchased one if you need to reference something before we are able to get the 2nd printing out.

If you would like to be added to a list to receive the 2nd printing of Women Against Poverty please send your name and address to the Edmonton Office and we will send you a copy and invoice as soon as we have the report.

### **Did you have a moving experience?**

Have you dropped off the face of the earth?

We have received returned mail for the following people/ places. If you know the whereabouts of anyone please let the ASWAC Edmonton office know so we can keep track of our friends, and please keep your address current with the Edmonton office so you continue to receive the goodies.

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### EDITORIAL POLICY

The ASWAC Newsletter is published by The Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, a non-profit organization. The newsletter is produced by, for, and about women in Alberta. The newsletter was created to share information with our members and women's organizations, as well as interested women.

The views expressed and the events publicized are not necessarily supported by ASWAC. We neither endorse nor recommend; we seek to inform.

ASWAC News is produced on a collective, consensus, volunteer basis by the newsletter collective and ASWAC staff. We welcome submissions-written or photo/graphic. All submissions may not be included; we reserve the right to edit to ensure that the content is not in opposition to our mission statement. We encourage women to tell us when we do not meet our own standards.

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The ASWAC newsletter seeks advertising that is women positive to help defer publication costs. ASWAC does not necessarily endorse products or services offered. We reserve the right to refuse ads. Rates and sizes can be requested through the Edmonton office, please call for more information.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee is to advance the status of women in Alberta by providing a forum for women's voices, raising awareness and sharing resources to effect change.

# OUR FEATURE

14 Women for all of us to remember!

**Genevieve Bergeron, 21 b. 1968-11-26.**

Genevieve was a second year student in civil engineering who was involved in many extra-curricular activities. She played basketball, swam and sang in a choir directed by Iwan Edwards of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. Bergeron also worked for the Montreal Citizens' Movement, to which her mother had recently been elected as party president. As a teenager in 1984, Genevieve went door-to-door to help Mayor Jean Dore win his first election. Her mother, Montreal city councillor Therese Daviau, said her daughter could have made a career in music as well as engineering. "She loved to sing; she was very strong in music. But she also got high enough marks in her other subjects to win a scholarship. It's a rare combination of subjects. . . . Genevieve was sweet, generous and bubbling with life. She was a real ball of fire and a total woman", her mother said.

**Helene Colgan, 23 b. 1966-07-20.**

Helene was in her final year of mechanical engineering and planned to do her Master's. "She was as good a student as they came," her father Clarence said. "She worked enormously hard and read everything that came to hand. She wanted to go to the farthest limits of life. She had so much ambition and hope. . . oh Lord, I don't even want to think what she could have done." Helene had three job offers and was leaning towards accepting one from a company near Toronto. "Sure Helene was a feminist," her mother Liliane said, "but she didn't have the word tattooed on her forehead." Her best friend, Nathalie Croteau, was killed also.

**Nathalie Croteau, 23. b. 1966-09-25.**

Like her friend Helene, Nathalie was in her final year of mechanical engineering; the two friends had planned to leave on December 29 for a two week vacation in Cancun, Mexico. Her father Fernand said, "Twenty-three years aimed at graduating with a degree. She's only three months away from getting it and she's killed. Her life has been taken away from her just when it was starting to look as if all that effort would be paying off. It doesn't make sense."

**Barbara Daigneault, 22.. b. 1967-03-02.**

Barbara was to graduate at the end of the year. Daigneault was also a teaching assistant for her father Pierre, a mechanical engineering professor with the city's other French-language engineering school. Professor Adrian Cernea, whom she visited several times to talk about career prospects, said, "She was a marvelous girl, very nice, very smart."

**Anne-Marie Edward, 21. b. 1968-10-25.**

Her aunt, Huguette Leblanc, said that she loved outdoor sports like skiing, diving and riding, and was always surrounded by friends. "I can tell you that she had the

makings of quite a woman."

**Maud Haviernick, 29. b. 1960-02-20.**

Maud was a second-year student in engineering materials, a branch of metallurgy, and a graduate in environmental design from the Universite du Quebec au Montreal. She and UQAM engineering professor Serge Gagon, 37, her boyfriend of seven years, lived together in a quiet part of Laval. Maud was giving an end-of-term presentation to her class about a metals project, on which she had worked for the entire term with her friend Michele Richard, when the gunman walked into the classroom and started shooting. Gagon described Haviernick as a hard-working, job-oriented woman-the kind of feminist her assassin, in his suicide note, said he disliked.

**Barbara Maria Klueznick, 31. b. 1958-10-19.**

Barbara was a first year nursing student. She arrived in Montreal from Poland with her husband in 1987. Her husband said she dreamed of a new life in a safe country. Barbara had given up her career as an economist to take up nursing. "She was a brilliant student," said Marie-France Thibaudeau, the university's Dean of Nursing.

**Maryse Laganiere, 25. b. 1964-04-09.**

Maryse worked in the budget department of the engineering school and was the only non-student killed. She had recently been married her union shop steward Doris McNeil said.

**Maryse Leclair, 23. b. 1966-01-03.**

Maryse was in her fourth year of metallurgy and had one more year before graduation. Leclair was one of the top students in the school. Maryse was the first victim whose name was known. Her father Lieut. Pierre Leclair, director of public relations for the Montreal police, reported for duty at the university after the shootings, spoke to reporters outside the engineering building, then went inside and found his daughter dead.

Jean Blondin, a long-time friend of the family, said, "She was very intelligent and a woman of character. She had all the talent in the world and a promising future."

**Anne-Marie Lemay, 27. b. 1962-06-25.**

Anne-Marie was in her fourth year of mechanical engineering. She was a choir singer at the Eglise St. Sebastien in Boucherville. She had joined the teen choir in 1982 and remained there until last year when she joined a classical choral group. Lemay's family - father Pierre, mother Michelle and sister Isabel, asked that the \$1202 raised in the church collection be donated to Fondation Carrefour Pour Elle, a Longueuil women's shelter.

**Sonia Pelletier, 28. b. 1961-08-19.**

Sonia was the head of her class and the pride of St. Ulric, Quebec, her remote birthplace in the Gaspé peninsula 2 where she was buried. Sonia was killed the day before she



# Alberta Feminist Calendar

## EDMONTON

The Edmonton Women's Music Collective is sponsoring a Women's Dance on December 12 at the Riverdale Community Hall - 9231 - 100 ave. 8:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m. \$7 Sliding Scale Non-alcoholic beverages. All women welcome.

Menopause Support Groups are held the THIRD Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Alexandra Hospital - Women's Centre in the Out-Patient Diabetic Clinic. For additional information call Joanne Symonds at 939-3699, Barb Rocchio at 454-3133, or Gladys Roth at 477-4829.

November 15 - 21 is National Addictions Awareness Week. For further information call 458-1884.

The Women's Program and Resource Centre at the U of A is offering courses beginning in November: Women and Burnout, Nov. 14/15; Women: Understanding Our Depression, Nov. 14/15; Self-Esteem for Women, Nov. 28/29, Mothers are Feminist Too, Nov. 7 & 14, and Counselling Women Who Have Been Battered, Nov. 21/22. The WPRC is also offering a Counselling Women Certificate Program and is holding a Panel Discussion on Reproductive Technology, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. Call 492-3093 for further information and to register

A.R.E. Choice, (Abortion Rights Edmonton), is holding it's Annual General Meeting Nov. 2 at 7:30. Please call the answering service for attendance confirmation and the meeting address. Everyone is welcome.

The Endometriosis Association is holding support meetings on Nov. 14, Jan. 16, & Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2F. 104, Classroom "D", Walter C Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre. For information call 456-6899.

A Centre For Women - A Wellness Association, is holding various support groups on the following topics; PMS, Separated & Divorced, Single Parenting, Eating Distress, Discovery Group, (for survivors of sexual abuse), Working Women, and Women's Voice, (for women who have been battered). All support groups are confidential and free to join. All of the groups are held at the Centre - Room 319, 10305 - 100 Ave. Call 423-9922 Ext. 7327 for further information.

The Centre also holds free health talks at the YWCA Downtown. Call the Centre to register. Upcoming talks are all held at 7 pm: Nov. 5 - Learning about Yourself...Journaling, Nov. 12 - A Positive You...Increasing Self-Esteem, Nov. 19 - Learning To Laugh, Nov. 24 - The Spirit Within, Jan. 14 - Addictions, Jan. 21 - Addictions & Relationships, Jan. 28 - Addictions & Teenagers

PRIME TIME FOR WOMEN II is a one day seminar for women in the middle years being co-sponsored by the Centre for Women and the Edmonton Board of Health. Topics covered include The Spirit Within - Our Inner Resources, Relaxercise, Menopause, Your Sexual Self, Balancing Your Life. There is a \$5 fee which includes refreshments and a light lunch. It will be held Saturday Nov. 21 from 9am - 3 pm at the West Jasper Place Health Centre. There is limited registration, call to register before Nov. 16 at 489-4982. Men & couples are welcome.

The Coalition for Lesbian & Gay Studies and the NFB Women's Program is co-sponsoring a presentation by Lizard Jones, a member of Kiss & Tell, who are creators of DRAWING THE LINE - an exhibition exploring lesbian sexuality. There will be videos, slides and a presentation around the issues of erotica, pornography and women's sexuality. This hour long study will be followed by a panel discussion facilitated by Jones. Where? NFB Theatre, Canada Place, When? Nov. 24 & 25 at 7 pm. Please note that the Nov. 24 evening is for women only. Tickets - \$3 available through Woman to Woman Books at Insight '92.

December 10 is HUMAN RIGHTS DAY- the anniversary date which internationally commemorates the 1948 signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Alberta Human Rights Commission has developed a simple ceremony which can be used by any group who wishes to commemorate this event. Call 1-800-432-1838.

CANADA WORLD YOUTH is recruiting interested youth between the ages of 17 & 21 who wish to participate in a 7 month exchange program between Canada and a country in Asia, Africa, Latin America or the Caribbean. For further info contact Canada World Youth at (403) 424-6411. Application deadline is Jan. 20.

The NFB Women's Program and the Women's Program and Resource Centre, Faculty of Extension presents ON THE EIGHTH DAY - Two one hour documentaries about the new reproductive and genetic technologies: Making Babies & Making Perfect Babies; 7:30 pm, Nov. 12, Education Bldg. North, 2-115 87 Ave - 112 St., U of A Campus. Free Admission, Wheelchair Accessible.

Edmonton Working Women & Misener/Margetts Women's Research Centre present ...FOR JUSTICE IN THE WORKPLACE - A Conference for Women - Nov. 28, 9am - 5pm, (on-site registration at 8:30 am), U of A Humanities Building: Lecture Theatre - 1. Free On-site Childcare and Carpooling available to those who pre-register by Nov. 20. For more information call 429-3370.

'WOMEN IN THE SHADOWS' A Conference On Violence Against Metis Women. This will be an educational conference using training workshops and "Healing" Circles to 3 give and receive information. Nov. 27, 28, 29 - Camp He-Ho-

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# Alberta Feminist Calendar

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Ha Lake Isle. (Transportation Available). Contact Jo-Ann Daniels at Women of the Metis Nation 484-7989.

Woman to Woman Books will be set up at 9930-106 Street, Lower Floor, on Saturday December 12, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please drop in and see their selection of books for sale. Books make wonderful gifts!

## CALGARY

CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RELATIONS, presented by Parent Support Association, 7 pm - 10 pm, Connaught Community School, 1121 - 12th Ave. S.W. For further information contact Leslie Mac Donald at 281-2266.

As part of WOMEN'S VISION series The Maenad Theatre is presenting 3 Festival Shorts: Mothers & Daughters, Midway Train & Best Before, at the Pumphouse theatres by the Bow River. Nov. 7, Fem Fest: The Cabaret, will include Shawna Dempsey's "We're Talking Vulva". Tickets \$10. Feb. 25 - March 13, - Bluto will be showing. For further information on any of the Women's Vision events call 276-1558.

Nov. 26 - COFFEE HOUSE at 7:30 pm at the Old Y Common Room, 223-12 Avenue SW. The purpose of coffee houses, (held every 4th Thursday), is to provide a meeting place for lesbians, and several activities can be conducted in this room, including: discussion groups, game nights, info-sharing, guest speakers, women's entertainment, movie nights, workshops, etc.

THE FAMINE WITHIN - W.R. Castell Central Library, 2nd Flr. Theatre, 616 Macleod Trail S.E., 7:30 pm. These films are part of the By and About Women Film Series, co-sponsored by CSWAC and the NFB. Free admission, no registration.

Upcoming organizing meetings for the INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY celebrations will be held on Tuesdays from 5 pm - 7 pm at 302, 501 - 18 Ave. SW on Nov. 17 & Dec. 8. Call Brenda at 244-2721 or Mutriba at 262-1873 for more information.

The Calgary Legal Guidance Centre is holding a seminar on WRONGFUL DISMISSAL, Nov. 16 at 7 pm, to be held at McGafferey Goss: 1800, 350-7 Ave SW. Admission is free but space is limited so advance registration is required. Call 234-9266.

SEX LIES AND BODY TYPES; APPRECIATING YOUR OWN BODY. A course on sexuality and body language being offered by the Calgary Birth Control Association will be examining your present beliefs about your body and explore links to your sexuality and self-esteem. It will be held on Thursday evenings 7 pm - 9 pm beginning Nov. 26.

ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP. Calgary Birth Control Association is offering a support group for women who have experienced an abortion and would like to share feelings and discuss with others concerns about how abortion affects our lives. For more information call 283-5580.

The Alberta Coalition Against Pornography (ACAP) needs your participation, volunteers are needed to assist in educating the public. If you have 3 - 8 hours per month to give, please join ACAP at 10:00 - 2:00, November 14 for an information and training session. For information call 264-6778. "How to Talk With Your Child About Pornography" workshop is ready to be presented to interested groups, please call if you're interested.

Canadian Woman Studies is calling for papers exploring the links between the women's movement and the protection of nature; between Canadian women and women from other nations concerned with the global crisis in the environment; between the subordination of women and the degradation of nature. Articles should be typed and double spaced, 7-12 pages long. The deadline is December 30. Please call Women Looking Forward for more details, 269-1144.

Pandora's Studio is a radio program for women about women, on CJSW Radio, Tuesdays at 8:00 on 91 FM. Women on the Verge follows from 9:00 - 10:00 pm.

## JASPER

The Jasper Friends of Y.E.S. (Yellowhead Emergency Shelter for Women) invites you to the Jasper Women's Film Festival: Voices of Strength scheduled for November 6 - 8 in Jasper. The cost of the weekend is \$25, if you have any questions please call Nancy at 852-4518.

## LETHBRIDGE

Please note the new address of the Womanspace Resource Centre is #8, 740-4 Ave South. The grand opening will be held on November 20, phone 329-8338 for more information

A production of DANDELION MOON will be held on November 27 call 329-8338 for information.

December 6 Memorial events are being planned please call Womanspace Resource Centre for information.

INSIGHT '92, A Women's Film Festival will be held in Lethbridge on February 12 - 14, watch for details.

Woman's discontent increases in exact proportion to her development.  
-Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902), -American suffragette-



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graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. Sonia had a job interview lined up for the next week. The university decided to award her degree posthumously. Her father is a retired carpenter. Sonia has five sisters and two brothers. "She was a brain," said her sister-in-law Danielle Pelletier, "her marks were always from 95 to 98 percent."

### **Michele Richard, 21. b. 1968-05-05.**

Michele was in second year engineering materials, and was killed as she presented a paper with Maud Haviernick.

### **Annie St. Arneault, 23. b. 1966-05-11.**

Annie was a mechanical engineering student from La Tuque, Quebec, a Laurentain pulp and paper town in the upper St. Maurice river valley. She lived in a small apartment in Montreal. Her friends considered her a fine student. Annie was killed as she sat listening to a presentation in her last class before she graduated. Annie had a job interview with Alcan Aluminum scheduled for the following day. She had talked about eventually getting married to the man who had been her boyfriend since she was a teenager. A neighbor said, "She had no faults. She was very kind and she loved life."

### **Annie Turcotte, 21. b. 1968-03-01.**

As an engineering student, she focused on environmental issues, especially recycling. From Granby, Quebec, she was in her first year of university and lived with her brother in a small apartment near the university.

Her mother Carmen said, "She had such presence. She was always striving to be better and the more she strived the better she became." Her father Rene said his daughter was athletic, she was a diver and swimmer - and went into engineering so she could one day help improve the environment. Landlord Martin Baillargeon said she was a gentle girl, always smiling.

Sources: Le Devoir (7 Dec. 1989), The Calgary Herald (9 Dec. 1989), La Gazette (8 & 12 Dec. 1989). Written by Rita Wong and Bernadette Andrea.

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## SISTER SUPPORT

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"Sister Support" has been initiated as a result of our common struggle for money. We encourage those of you who can contribute, while those of us who are financially unable can still offer support in many ways. These women have contributed to our Feminist Community in Alberta and now it's time to thank them, and show our support as sisters in struggle.

Lorraine Coutrille was a woman with a vision. She wanted a better world for her children and her native peoples. Education was her solution. Tragically, Lorraine was killed while returning from a presentation at a Reserve school earlier this spring. The U of A Aboriginal Students Council has initiated a memorial fund in Lorraine's memory. The bursary will be awarded to an Aboriginal student (with dependants), based on financial need. Donations are welcomed. Make cheques payable to: U of A Lorraine Coutrille Memorial Fund, Development Office, 450 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, T6G 3E8. Tax receipt issued for all donations.

We need to help restore the loss of women's lives, the denial of those talents that have been rejected through existing belief systems and rationalizations. We need to celebrate, in memory, the courage of the women who have dared to pursue a dream for their lives. If you can, please donate to the 'WOMEN'S MEMORIAL BURSARY, ENGINEERING'. Jean Adams, U of A Development Office, 450 Athabasca Hall, T6G 2E8.

Calgary feminist Peggy Ward is now recording her second album. "Songs to Clean Your House By", will be released Dec.'92. As with her powerful and empowering debut album "We Are the Dance", Peggy is again turning to the community for financial support. Please note, individuals or groups able to make donations of \$100 or more will receive a limited edition autographed cassette of "Songs to Clean Your House By". Thanks for your support! Donations of any size can be sent to Peggy Ward c/o Laughing Outloud Music, 116 - 7th Ave. NE, Calgary, T5E 0M5, or call 277-2272.

Common Woman Books was Edmonton's sole feminist bookstore and made a valuable contribution to our community. It began in 1978 as a volunteer collective, always struggling financially. As Andrea Harbour, a past manager of CWB told *Herizons* magazine, "the bookstore was always playing catch up with money". In fact there were times, Harbour, along with Halyna Freeland, a founding member, personally guaranteed loans to prevent closure. Their commitment has been greatly appreciated by many women in Edmonton, including Sara Berger, an early member who has initiated a fundraising drive to help defray the \$20,000 debt. Donations of any size are being accepted. Send to 9618-83 Ave. Edmonton, AB. T6C 1C2.

December 6th Memorial Events are being planned across Alberta. Please watch for details in your area or call the ASWAC office nearest you for a listing of events.

**FIRST MOURN THEN  
WORK FOR CHANGE!**



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## WRITE ON!

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As feminists, it is important that we are politically active in whatever capacity we can be. While political activism takes on a variety of meanings for a variety of people, one method of activism in which many of us can participate is letter writing. Writing

letters to MLA's and MP's is a relatively effective way of lobbying on an individual basis.

In order to provide ASWAC's membership with information regarding issues warranting letters we have created this section for political information sharing. To this end, we encourage members to let us know of any other letter writing campaigns in which they are involved.

The Edmonton ASWAC office has a copy of MP's names and ridings, if you require this information please call the office. **Please send a copy of your letter to the Edmonton ASWAC office.**

THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOMEN'S PROGRAM is currently being evaluated and its "mandate" expires March 31. At that time the program may be renewed or cancelled. It is important that everyone write to the government and urge them to continue this vital program for the sake of women's lives. Letters should be written to Robert R. deCotret, The Secretary of State of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0M5. For a sample letter, call the office at 262-1873, Calgary or 421-0306, Edmonton.

RIVERDALE VILLA ASSOCIATION needs your help! They are the only organization in Western Canada offering both residential treatment and residential halfway house services for women recovering from alcohol and/or drug dependence. They are facing a huge deficit due to shrinking funds from the Alberta Alcohol And Drug Abuse Commission, (AADAC). They will be generating a package of letters that they would like you to sign and send to a number of MLA's. Please call 245-8444 or write to Ruth Hartley, Riverside Villa Association, 1916 - 12 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T3C 0R8 to receive a package of these letters, and for further information.

Breast Cancer Action, urges women to write to your respective Members of Parliament, requesting more research dollars be spent as soon as possible. One in nine women are at risk of developing breast cancer, and over 5,000 women die of this disease each year, we feel that breast cancer should become a national health priority.

Please write letters calling on Parliament to re-affirm its commitment to seek the elimination of child poverty in Canada by the year 2000. In November 1989, a resolution was passed unanimously in the House of Commons on this

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## WRITE MORE!

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issue. The Minister responsible for welfare, Benoit Bouchard has openly admitted that the government had no plan to cope with the problem "exclusively for children". You are asked to send your letters to Ottawa and your M.P.'s as well as a copy to Mary Clancy before November 24, 1992 - the anniversary of this resolution.

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## HUG THESE WOMEN

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The ASWAC Newsletter collective consists of women who volunteer their time and energy. We take this opportunity to thank these women for their work. Angele Courchaine, Christine Leonard, Dorothy Mandy, Moyra Lang, Sheryl McInnes, Harriet Huestis, Sharon Reiner, and Cathy Meade.

The office is running at full speed again as of October 26, 1992. A big thank you to all the women who helped out during this difficult time, your patience and support have been wonderful. The staff also thanks the Board members who checked the office and helped out with the workload.

The Take Back The Night Committee Edmonton, thanks all the women who helped plan and who attended this year's march and rally. It was one of the best marches Edmonton has seen. A special thanks to our speakers and to Mom's Deli, Comfortable Shoes and the Feminist Choir. A big thanks to Cafe La Gare and The Alberta Women's Secretariat for their financial contribution.

The Take Back The Night Committee Calgary would like to thank the following organizations for financially supporting Calgary's 11th Annual March: The Calgary Sexual Assault Centre, ASWAC, Women Looking Forward, The Calgary Birth Control Association, The U of C Women's Collective and Resource Centre, CJSW Pandora's Studio (Women Celebrating Women), and Egg Press.

Thank you to the women who helped on the Youth Initiative project during the summer and to Aine Humble who was the summer staff on this project, for her wonderful work.

Thanks to the many women who renewed their memberships and made donations. ASWAC could not continue without your support.

Goodbye and thank you to Donna Gould from Calgary, we'll miss you.

ASWAC wishes to thank all the women who have given us feedback on the Making Connections '92 conference and the conference report that followed. Your suggestions will be very useful to us when planning and preparing documents in the future, and we always welcome input on everything. Keep your letters and calls coming.



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# ASWAC ATTEMPTS TO REACH YOUTH

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"The Youth Initiative Project" was initiated by ASWAC in order to create awareness among youth about the issue of women and poverty. I was hired for the summer by ASWAC to work on the project which was funded by the Federal Government student employment program (SEED).

Working closely with ASWAC Board member Tammy Horne and an advisory committee comprised of educators, feminist researchers and interested women in the community, I developed an educational package for high schools based on ASWAC'S *Women Against Poverty* report. The package covers such topics as students' definitions of poverty, structural and social barriers to leaving impoverished situations, the relationship between poverty and a cycle of poor health, the relationship between poverty and the cycle of abuse, and ways in which students can become more involved in advocating for solutions and change. It is our intent that this package will be used by interested teachers in courses such as Career and Life Management, Studies in Contemporary Society, or Health.

My experience this summer has been three-fold. When I started I had a limited knowledge of the issue of women living in poverty, having only briefly read the *Women Against Poverty* report. Working on this project gave me a much better understanding of the feminization of poverty. Advisory Committee members, Sheryl McInnes and Tammy Horne were especially helpful in helping me understand the concept of structural barriers facing women. Thus, the most important part of my experience at ASWAC, was my increased identification as a feminist, and my increased awareness of the aspects of a patriarchal society that permeate our lives as women. Secondly, this experience was very valuable for me in a professional way, in the areas of program planning and interpersonal relations. The experience of working with an advisory committee was beneficial and challenging, considering the amount of diversity and feedback I received at every meeting. Everyone's input was taken into account, and I can only hope that the final product is acceptable to everyone! Please no more feedback for a while!! Lastly, this experience was memorable for me in a personal way, through meeting all the strong and inspirational women on the advisory committee, and all the people that came through the office.

Two memories that I will never forget are: 1) Frantically photocopying and faxing copies of the package at 2:00 a.m. on a week night, all alone in the building and imagining noises. Nervousness increases exponentially by the minute in those types of situations! 2) Alone again in the building on my final day, a Saturday afternoon, and hearing a knock on

the door. Nobody was there. I was petrified. I was certain it was a ghost. It turned out to be Tammy knocking on the outside door. She was coming back to haunt me!

I would like to thank ASWAC, Sharon, Moyra, and the Board for giving me the opportunity to work with them this summer. A special thanks to Tammy Horne, for her incredible guidance and help. I couldn't have asked for a stronger supporter, (or a more energetic one)! I am definitely looking forward to more involvement with ASWAC in the future.

I strongly encourage everyone to find out more about the final product of the Youth Initiative Project. The package is presently before the Board for approval, and copies are available for perusal in the ASWAC Edmonton office. Although my official role ended in August, I am still very interested in the project's progress. Its success and ASWAC's success depends on everyone.

#### Youth Initiative Project Advisory Committee Members

Noreen Bell  
Lorraine Gregoire  
Sheryl McInnes  
Janet Blond  
Joy Myskiw  
Carmen Klotz  
Jenny Kain  
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and several other women who provided valuable input as educators involved in both secondary school systems.

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## NEWS FROM NAC

### Constitution/Referendum

The decision to vote No in the referendum was not made lightly. The NAC executive agreed that we could not support the Chalottetown Accord and I believe we stood up for what we believed in. Now that it is defeated we will do everything we can, with your help, to encourage a more open process in which many more voices in Canada are heard.

In a message on Oct. 25 Judy Rebick said, "I think whatever happens we can feel very proud of ourselves. My impression from my travels is that our member groups and even feminists on the Yes side feel very positive about the role NAC has played. We have put our 52% solution into effect in a surprisingly effective way."

In Edmonton Trudy Richardson presented the NAC position very capably and Susan Jackel provoked thoughtful analyses. Thank you Trudy and Susan for representing women so well in these discussions.

The Calgary Women's Coalition on the Constitution provided a valuable overview of the various aspects of the Accord which generated great discussions. Thank you Merrill Cooper and Dale Hensley for taking time to talk to me and helping me to understand. I believe it was the women in Alberta who provided the basis for open and fair discussions and I am proud to have been part of that.

### NAC Regional Groups

No formal group has been formed but over the past weeks I met so many women doing interesting things that it seems there is great potential for some meaningful networking.

The Edmonton & District Labour Council Women's Committee invited me to a meeting to discuss the possibility of working on the Future of Women's Work campaign. This committee represents a tremendous network of women and I look forward to working with you.

I will continue to contact member groups in Alberta hoping to set up meetings wherever there is interest. Please contact me if you would like to work with NAC. I would like to see NAC Regional Groups established but if your issue takes priority perhaps we can work together in other ways.

Dorothy Mandy - 451-0933, 11729 - 105 Ave. Edm. AB T5H 0L9

## INSIGHT '92

IN-SIGHT '92 A Festival of Women's Film and Video is IN-SIGHT! Beginning November 20 and running until the 22nd, IN-SIGHT '92 will be featuring over 80 unforgettable films and videos from across Canada and around the world. Now in its fourth year, IN-SIGHT celebrates a unique venue for the presentation of the alternative visions of women. Audiences will be treated to features, animation, experimental works, music videos and documentaries. Look for the Alberta premiere of "Forbidden Love: The Unashamed Stories of Lesbian Lives" and Donna Read's new feature, "Full Circle". The Opening Night Gala will be held at the Myer Horowitz theatre on Friday November 20. On Saturday and Sunday, the screenings and workshops will be held at the Zeidler Hall in the Citadel Theatre, the National Film Board theatre in Canada Place, and the Centennial Public Library theatre. The workshops will be presented by our guests: Toronto Women in Film and Television and film and videomakers attending the Banff School of the Arts. Tickets will be available at **Ticketmaster**, -451-8000. Weekend Pass, (includes Gala) - \$35, Day Pass - \$15, Gala - \$12, 2 Hour Screenings \$5, Workshops - free. There are a limited number of low income passes available. A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - IN-SIGHT relies on the energy and enthusiasm of volunteers. This year is no different. Volunteers are needed prior to the festival and for the weekend of the festival. If you would like to help, please call Ruthanne at 448-1356. Don't miss the chance to be involved! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR: DATA ENTRY, VOLUNTEER COORDINATION, PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, HOSPITALITY COORDINATION, TICKET AND PROGRAM SALES, USHERING, POSTER AND PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION, GALA SET UP, DECORATING AND CLEAN UP.

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**THE LEGEND BEGINS AGAIN...** A woman recently told me about a dream her friend had...A dream she wanted to see become a reality. Her friend from Montreal dreamt that women all across this country made feminine icons in anticipation of a very special day. These icons took the shape of feminine or feminist symbols, Goddess images, little witches, or whatever a woman decided to create. They were made of clay, paper, cookie dough, twigs, feathers, wax or anything else a woman could create with. Then on December 6th, women took their icons out into the world and left them in public spaces for all to see. Some women left them on store window sills, park benches, street corners. Others left them in buses to travel the city, or in elevators to go up and down all day. Wherever a woman left her icon, she left a part of herself and her hope for a peaceful society based on gender and racial equality. This dream was passed on to some women who made and shared their icons these last two years. Again we share this dream with women across Alberta and hope that all of you pass it on to someone else. Can you imagine if on December 6th, you saw thousands of women's icons everywhere you went. Wouldn't it be nice if we did live in a peaceful society based on gender and racial equality? This year, become a part of the dream...make an icon, and continue to work for women's social, economic and political equality.

# MATCH NEWS

On Oct. 30, celebrated feminist, Rosemary Brown, was in Edmonton participating in a fundraising event in her role as Special Ambassador of MATCH International Centre. MATCH is a feminist non-governmental development organization in Canada, organized by women for women, which provides international development assistance to women in other countries through partnership with women's organizations in those countries. A local chapter of MATCH is being formed at the U of A. They will promote an interest in gender & development, violence against women, and women as culture-makers by organizing workshops, sponsoring lectures, holding socials, networking with other women and development organizations, fundraising for Alberta MATCH development projects & other activities. The meetings will generally be held at the International Centre, U of A. If you would like to be involved or informed, contact Joyce Relyea at 492-5929 or Susan Belcher El-Nahas at 477-5092.



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