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**OF THE WOMEN
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GEOGRAPHY
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This is our second issue of the newsletter. We were delighted to receive so many varied contributions. It seems that e-mail is an effective (and cheap) way of communicating. Perhaps we can include email addresses on the mailing list of CWAG members to encourage regional diversity in both contributions and correspondence. Next year Emily will be in Bristol, Deborah will be at Queen's, so there's a search on for new editors. This will be raised at the CWAG meeting and lunch on Wednesday, ~~April~~^{Nov} 18 in Waterloo, 12-1:30 p.m. We hope you have found the newsletter to be informative and interesting. If you have any

suggestions on ways in which it could be improved, please attend the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Emily, Deborah
and Judy*

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☆ CALLS FOR PAPERS ☆

GENDER, PLACE AND CULTURE: An editorial meeting for *Gender, Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography* was held at the AAG in San Francisco. As Damaris Rose writes: "At the editorial board meeting of this new journal, there was a long discussion about how to ensure that this journal has an international focus and how to increase the representation of people other than white North Americans and Europeans on the editorial board. Board members (among whom CWAG members are well represented) were encouraged to solicit manuscripts from graduate students whose work is in the area of gender, culture and development, for example." Submissions are welcomed and the first issue is now available. The journal highlights the relevance of geographical research to feminism and women's studies. Two copies of your manuscript should be sent to either Liz Bondi, Department of Geography, University of Edinburgh, Drummond Street, Edinburgh EH8 9XP; or Mona Domosh, Department of Geography, College of Liberal Arts, Florida Atlantic University, 2912 College Avenue, FL 3314, USA.

PAPERS ON DISABLEMENT ISSUES: Vera Chouinard (McMaster University) and I (Liisa Cormode, University of Manchester; now visiting at the University of Toronto until the end of May) would like to inform newsletter readers of a special collection of papers related to disablement issues that we are putting together. Our interest is in developing 'non-ableist' geographies that will enrich our discipline by incorporating the experiences of people with disabilities and examining the inter-relationships between disablement and gender, class, ethnicity, citizenship and space. We welcome inquiries and proposals for papers related to our project, especially from people with disabilities and graduate students. We can be reached as follows: Vera Chouinard, Department of Geography, McMaster University, 1280 Main St. W., Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 4K1; Email: chouinard@mcmail.cis.mcmaster.ca or Liisa Cormode, School of Geography, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, England, M13 9PL; Email: l.cormode@man.ac.uk (after June 15).

☆ CAG PAGE:
CWAG INFORMATION ☆

CWAG AGENDA:

The CWAG meeting and lunch are scheduled for Wednesday 18 May, 12:00–1:30 p.m. (This is the only lunch day that is free of other official business.) Please contact me if you are planning to attend as I would like to know how many people are turning up for the business meeting: see the addresses listed below. To help me organize an agenda for the CWAG Business Meeting, I would appreciate receiving topics for discussion by May 12, 1994. The agenda usually includes, in no particular order:

Election of Chair, representatives, newsletter editors; reports from regional representatives and newsletter editors, and the financial report.

I am only aware of two other items: the CAG child care policy and the syllabi library. Please let me know if there are any other items that people want to discuss. Please send your ideas by mail, fax or electronic mail. You may reach me at Valerie Preston, Geography, York University, 4700 Keele St., North York, Ontario, M3J 1P3. Fax: (416) 736 5988. Email: preston@vml.yorku.ca

I look forward to hearing from everyone. See you at Wilfred Laurier in May. Be sure to attend the meeting.
Valerie Preston

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

Stop the presses! As of now newsletters are distributed to all members of the women's committee of the Canadian Association of Geographers. One of the items just added to the agenda at the CWAG business meeting (see above) is the distribution policy of the newsletter to those who are not members of CWAG. Also the mailing list appears to be incomplete. With luck these issues will be resolved before the next issue.

CAG: GRAD STUDENT GET-TOGETHER

There will be a grad get-together on Wednesday night, May 18. That night the Royal Canadian Geographical Society speaker—Cole Harris—will begin at 7 p.m. The talk is about one hour after which there is a get-together for everyone in the foyer of the hall at 8 p.m. where there will be a cash bar. At the moment the plan is to stay there for a while and then head to Uptown Waterloo (about a fifteen minute walk) at about 8:30/9 p.m. and visit a local bar (probably the Heuther, where they brew their own beer) which is right on King St. For more information contact Dana Wells, Wilfred Laurier University. Email: well5173@mach1.wlu.ca

OTHER CAG INFORMATION:

CAG policy on child care: On a one year trial basis the Canadian Association of Geographers will provide a grant of up to \$30 per day to a maximum of 3 days to be used towards child care at home or to bring a child to the annual meetings. To be eligible for the grant, the parent must be a paid-up student or non-waged member of the Association and presenting a paper. For further information see the first issue of the CAG newsletter this year. To receive an application form, please contact: Ms. Aileen Lebofsky, Executive Secretary, The Canadian Association of Geographers, McGill University, Burnside Hall, 805 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2K6. Tel: (514) 398 4946; Fax: (514) 398 7437.

OTHER NEWS:

"Masculinist Character of Tenure/Promotion System": Anyone who is concerned about the masculine character of the academic promotion system is asked to contact Ted Relph. Unfortunately Ted will not be attending the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers and if people are interested in organizing an informal meeting there, please contact Ted c/o the Department of Geography, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1. Tel: (416) 287 7287.

☆ AAG 1994: THE GEOGRAPHY OF PARTICIPATION ☆

The AAG conference, held over the Easter weekend in San Francisco, was the largest meeting in the history of the Association. Over 2100 abstracts were submitted, and of these 54 were from women affiliated to Canadian institutions. Women at universities in Alberta and British Columbia submitted a total of 19 abstracts while those located in Ontario and Quebec were particularly well represented with a total of 35 abstracts. No abstracts were submitted by women affiliated to institutions in Atlantic Canada. Among the abstracts emanating from central Canada, 23 were submitted by women from Queen's, Toronto, York, and McGill, with at least five from each, while Waterloo and Brock were also well represented with a total of seven abstracts from these institutions. The conference generated the greatest interest of all, however, among women at UBC. A total of 11 abstracts were submitted from that institution alone, but a further six women from the universities of Victoria and Simon Fraser demonstrated their desire to participate in the conference.

A brief examination of the titles and key words illustrates the breadth of women's current interests, ranging from the advertising industry, through 'dangerous classes', floods and forests, hymnody (the study of hymns for those who may have wondered), Nicaragua, structural adjustment, wartime housing, to youth gangs. 'Gender' was the key word that appeared most frequently, followed closely by 'environment', but there was also strong interest in 'communities' and 'neighbourhoods', women's health, 'labour markets', 'the social construction of space' and 'local' or 'small scale economic development'. Sessions organized around the theme of literary landscapes attracted several women geographers, while others submitted abstracts discussing current theoretical, methodological, or pedagogical issues. The majority of abstracts covered topics under the general rubric of 'human' geography, but there were at least two that examined aspects of our physical surroundings. In addition there were several papers focussing on geographic techniques.

Of note, there were a number of sessions that

specifically addressed issues of gender. Among them, the sessions on Geography and Sexuality sponsored by the Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group and Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Caucus, not only addressed issues of gender but also deftly combined theory and practice. For example, Heidi Nast's paper, "The Space Which Is Not One: Henri Lefebvre and Jacques Lacan," outlined the striking parallels in Lefebvre's and Lacan's narratives of history and the practical implications of these parallels for those conducting Lefebvrian analyses of space, while by contrast, Angela Martin's paper "Sexuality, Nationalism, and an Irish Sense of Place" illustrated, through a theoretical framework combining Massey's place as process with practice theory, that the 20th century Irish sense of place depends upon the 'othering' and desexualization of Irish women through a series of transformations in meaning that associate them with the West of Ireland, the Land, and an asexualized mother figure. As Damaris Rose has noted, the session on "Should women count?" which Pam Moss helped organize, "was particularly useful". Damaris writes that "The discussion helped bring together people using very different kinds of research methods and I think helped to build some bridges around common concerns. The organizers taped the discussion and should be encouraged to get this aired in print somewhere (the PG for example)."

Those of you planning to attend the upcoming CAG Conference at Wilfred Laurier University should make a note of the three sessions to be sponsored by CWAG. The first is a panel discussion entitled "Frontiers in Feminist Geography: Theory, Methods and Political Practices". Organized by Vera Chouinard, it will take place on the morning of Wednesday, May 18. Participants include Vera Chouinard, Ali Grant, Liisa Cormode, Nancy Ross, Susan Ruddick, and Geraldine Pratt. The second and third sessions in this series will both take place on the afternoon of Friday, May 20. Session two on theory and methods will again be organized by Vera Chouinard, and will include Kim England, Pamela Moss and Fran Klodawsky as participants, while

the third session entitled 'Women in Rural Areas' is being organized by Donna Maitland. Donna will present a paper in this session together with Tony Fuller, Clare Wasteneys, and Jackie Wolfe-Keddie. Of course, there are also interesting papers by women to watch out for in the other sessions. In addition to these events, make a note to attend the

CWAG lunch and business meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

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☆ UPCOMING CONFERENCES ☆

BEYOND BORDERS: THE GENDER IMPLICATIONS OF MULTISTATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES: The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography will be holding a symposium on "Beyond Borders" at the University of Heidelberg, August 16-20, 1994. Speakers from Europe, North America, Sri Lanka, Australia and New Zealand have already shown their interest (contact Jan Monk, SIROW, 102 Douglass Building, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 85721). The IGU meeting will be in Prague, 22-26th August. The IGU commission on gender and geography, along with the World Political Map and Public Administration Commissions are organizing a series of sessions around the theme of "The Politics of International Migration and Citizenship" (contact Eleonore Koffman, Department of International Studies, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, NG11 8NS, England). The Gender Commission is also interested in coordinating sessions at the Prague Congress that address relevant themes, especially papers dealing with women and environmental or political change. If you are intending to participate, please contact Janet Momsen, Department of Geography, University of California, Davis, CA, 95616, USA.

NEW HORIZONS IN FEMINIST GEOGRAPHY WORKSHOP to be held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, USA, January 11-15, 1995. Through paper presentations and roundtable discussions, the workshop seeks to solidify progress around three of the most important issues arising out of recent developments in feminist geography. These issues have been

identified as: 1) Difference and Diversity, 2) Methodological Frontiers, and 3) New Forms of Representation. Correspondence regarding the workshop should be addressed to the organizers Heidi Nast (hjnast01@ukcc.uky.edu) and Sue Roberts (geg207@ukcc.uky.edu), c/o New Horizons in Feminist Geography, Department of Geography, 1457 Patterson Office Tower, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0027 USA; PHONE (606) 257 2931, FAX (606) 258 1968.

GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT: To be held in Ghana, August 9-12, 1994. Contact: Dr. Elizabeth Ardayfio-Schandorf, Geography Department, University of Ghana, P.O. Box 59, Lagos, Ghana.

MIGRATION AND GENDER: Announcement of Symposium presented under the joint auspices of the International Geographical Union, the Commission on Population Geography, and the Commission on Gender and Geography. To be held at the Department of Geography, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, 9-13 April, 1995. The first circular and call for papers related to the theme will be distributed shortly. For further information and suggestions contact: Migration and Gender Symposium, Department of Geography, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, 0002 South Africa. Telephone: Prof. Philip Hattingh 97-12-420-2489, or Dr. Joan Fairhurst 97-12-420-2882. Telefax: 97-12-420-3284. Email: Philip Hattingh: PHATTING@SCINET2.UP.AC.ZA, or Joan Fairhurst: UJFAIR@SCINET2.UP.AC.ZA

☆ CORRESPONDENCE ☆

Montréal, April 24, 1994

Greetings from Montréal, where the crocuses are finally in bloom but the frost still not fully out of the ground, and where, sad to say, the chilly climate for women in science seems once again to have raised its ugly head — this time at the Montréal Neurological Institute, affiliated with McGill University. Let us hope that the two inquiries initiated by McGill, into the academic career and the procedures used to evaluate the work of Dr. Justine Sergent, will cast light on the circumstances surrounding her suicide. Before moving on to altogether cheerier things, CWAG members might be interested to know of the findings of a study authored by Prof. Marc Blais of the Département de psychologie at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). Commissioned by the faculty union at UQAM, this study examined the quality of working life, health and well-being of academics by means of a survey of UQAM professors (he obtained 917 responses, a response rate of 39%). More specifically, it explores the factors that generate excessive stress, leading, in some cases to "burnout". Among a long (and, for many of us, all too familiar) list of factors generating severe stress, the constant chase after grant money came top of the list, closely followed by the sense of never being able to get one's work done within the length of a "normal" working day. Blais also emphasizes that, while the current trend in human resource management in universities and other such institutions is to focus attention entirely on the capacity of the individual to adapt to her or his working environment (this is the underlying philosophy of Employee Assistance Programmes, for example), one should also consider how the structure of the organization and the pressures it imposes on faculty contribute to stress-related problems. And, yes, you guessed it, Blais found that female professors were more stressed than their male colleagues. (Source: *Université, the newsletter of the fédération québécoise des professeures et professeurs d'université*, 3(4), avril-mai 1994.)

CAG Equity Committee: This committee has

been officially constituted since the Ottawa CAG last year. For those of you who have not yet had a chance to read the full terms of reference, they will be published in a CAG Newsletter in the near future. At the moment the committee is chaired by Damaris Rose (INRS) who is also a Councillor on the CAG Executive (NB: it is a requirement in the terms of reference that one member of the Equity Committee be on the CAG executive, so in the future this is something that should be borne in mind when casting votes for candidates for the Executive). The other members are presently Alison Gill (Simon Fraser), Winston Husbands (Ryerson) and Audrey Kobayashi (McGill). We are still looking for a student member. If you are interested please contact one of the four of us—NB: you MUST be a member of the CAG! The major activity of the Equity Committee in 1993-1994 has been the designing of a survey which is to be sent to the Chairs of all geography departments in Canada with the aim of getting more detailed data about the composition of faculty and—even more importantly—about the graduate student body by equity category than what is available from other sources. The survey will also seek to elicit more qualitative information about equity-related issues, especially as regards graduate students. The idea behind this is not only for the CAG to monitor equity-related issues in Geography but also to raise the general level of discussion, and help departments share information about what is working well and what still needs to be done. A draft version of this survey was submitted to the CAG Executive at the end of January 1994. This generated a lot of discussion and subsequent written feedback. It was decided that the Equity Committee should submit their revised version to an independent ethics committee (which Larry Bourne is convening) before a final version could be sent to geography departments. For the usual litany of reasons, we are behind schedule with our revisions, but this initiative is still very much on track and we will keep everyone posted. We also intend to compile a bibliography of recent national and provincial surveys and reports that deal with equity issues in universities and

colleges, including university-level reports that deal specifically with equity issues as regards to graduate students. IF YOU HAVE ANY REFERENCES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS LIST, PLEASE SEND THEM TO ONE OF THE EQUITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Here are our Internet addresses:

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A. Kobayashi: kobayashi@felix.geog.mcgill.ca

D. Rose: rose@inrs-urb.quebec.ca

If you prefer snail mail you can find our addresses in the CAG directory.

Women's Issues Network of the Social Sciences Federation of Canada: This network meets once a year (a Saturday in September or October) in Ottawa and brings together women representatives named by the member associations of the Learned Societies. It is chaired by the SSFC VP for Women's Issues, currently Cannie Stark-Adamec. The idea of the Network is to facilitate communication around issues affecting women in social science, to lobby the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and so on. For instance at the last meeting Damaris Rose told the Network about the CAG Equity Committee, and a summary of its objectives have been published in the WIN newsletter. Also, there were discussions about chilly climate issues, the backlash against employment equity as reflected in a newsletter by something called the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship (has anyone heard of these guys?) and a long discussion about the SSHRC's "Women and Change" theme in the Strategic Grants Program (see below). Damaris Rose has been the CAG representative to the WIN since 1991 and so it is time to think about nominating someone else. The CAG delegates this responsibility to CWAG and the nomination is made at the CWAG annual meeting. It is important that the representative show up at the annual meeting (the SSFC pays travel and hotel expenses—at least, the budget hasn't been slashed yet...) or make sure that a well-briefed substitute can attend. It is more than advisable that our representative be at least what the jargon calls "passively bilingual" i.e. be able to understand what is being said in either official language.

SSHRC Strategic Grants Program: Women

and Change Theme: It is nice to see that out of the 25 grants awarded in April 1994 in this interdisciplinary theme, the jackpot went to a research team that includes a geographer! Denise Piché, Louise Quesnel and Paul Villeneuve obtained \$150,000 over 3 years to examine the relationships between urban planning and the conciliation of work (of all kinds) and family life. Congratulations! None of the other projects funded appear to have much of a grounding in geography.

Women geographers at INRS-Urbanisation (all two of us...) ponder questions of difference and the politics of the research process... Among other activities, both of the women geographers at INRS-Urbanisation have recently been involved in research projects dealing with various aspects of inter-ethnic or inter-cultural relations in Québec, and in Montréal in particular. This is, to say the least, an interesting experience for us, as the work—which, incidentally uses mainly qualitative research methods—has been funded by Québec government agencies at a time when the question of immigration and issues of ethnicity and identity are very "hot" in this little corner of the world. Montréal has become a multiethnic, multicultural city within an extraordinarily short time-frame and this is sending shock waves of some magnitude through Québec society. Anne-Marie Séguin is just finishing up a co-authored project for the Société d'habitation du Québec (the Québec Housing Corporation) dealing with inter-ethnic relations in social housing. This is a follow-up to an earlier, more theoretical study that includes an international literature review. The latter can be obtained upon request from the Société d'Habitation du Québec. The full reference is: Dansereau, Francine and Anne-Marie Séguin with the collaboration of Jean Gaudette (1993) *La cohabitation interethnique dans le logement social: état de la question*, Montréal, Société d'habitation du Québec, Direction analyse et recherche, 2 place Desjardins, 22e étage bur.223, Montréal, QC, H5B 1B5, 66pp. Damaris Rose (in collaboration with four women colleagues) is finishing up a research project for the ministère des Affaires internationales de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles. This project explores community life and inter-cultural relations in seven multiethnic neighbourhoods in inner-city and suburban

Montréal. This too is a follow-up to an earlier, more theoretical study, which has been published and is available from the Ministry. The reference to the earlier study is: Germain, Annick and Damaris Rose, with the collaboration of Nathalie Chicoine and Anne-Marie Séguin and the participation of Francine Dansereau and Richard Morin (1993) *Vie de quartier et immigration*, Montréal, ministères Communautés culturelles et d'Immigration, Direction des communications, Collection Notes et Documents no 2, 54 pp. We hope that both the empirical studies will be published in some shape or form in the near future, and will keep you posted. On the same general theme, Anne-Marie Séguin has co-organized an all-day colloquium

about immigration and ethnic minorities in the city. The official title is "L'insertion urbaine des immigrants et des minorités ethniques" and it will be held at UQAM on May 16, 1994 at the annual meetings of ACFAS (the Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences). (Unfortunately the dates of the 1994 CAG overlap with those of ACFAS, which is THE conference of the year for most francophone geographers. We hope this is never allowed to happen again!)

Damaris Rose
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February 14, 1994

I'm a Canadian PhD student at Manchester University, now doing fieldwork out of the University of Toronto for several months. My work is in the area of economic and population geography. I read with interest your notice in the CAG newsletter requesting feedback on how the newsletter can serve the needs of non-feminist geographers. I would like to offer some suggestions, from my experiences as a woman in geography not doing a "feminist" topic, or studying here in Canada.

First, I feel there is a real need to balance a discussion of explicitly "feminist" geography with a discussion of more general "women in geography/academia" issues. This is important because in practice explicitly "feminist" geography work can be very focussed (e.g. in the U.K. it seems to revolve around women's paid and unpaid labour, identity issues and lesbian topics), even though other kinds of research may be very important for doing or understanding "feminist" issues or women's reality. I suspect this may even be a subjective judgement, stemming in part from different types of "feminism." The work Vera Chouinard does on state formation, and how this can be used to understand how state activities are "gendered" comes to mind—although to me this is crucial for understanding gender issues, other "feminist" researchers have argued that we do not need to conceptualize the nature of the state.

By "women in geography/academia" issues I mean things such as: women's difficulty in finding mentor relationships, sexual harassment, the influence of the old boy's network, the difficulties of integrating professional and personal lives (dual academic couples, the clash between the tenure-track process and women's lifecycles and how this could be resolved), a lack of older female role models and mentors, the importance of starting off your first job in the right way to avoid being stuck with a heavy teaching load, how women typically receive less support from family and possibly undergraduate teachers to continue with their studies, disablement issues, etc. These issues could perhaps be addressed through an advice column, or perhaps a published series of interviews with a variety of women in geography. These interviews could tell about their careers and how they have resolved the challenges they have encountered.

Second, I think the needs of a very specific segment of the Canadian geographic community, those of Canadian students based outside of Canada, should also be considered. From personal experience I can tell you that it is very difficult to study abroad and keep one eye on the local scene and another focused on Canada, to where you want to return when you finish your studies. I know too from my reading on the "brain drain" and return migration that ongoing contact with your country of origin is crucial for successful return and reintegration. Also Canadian geography has a long

tradition of non-Canadian academic staff and Canadians who have received their degrees abroad, not least because some parts of geography (e.g. population geography) are not well-developed here. Two key measures would be to extend the series of departmental profiles (on women staff and students in Canadian geography departments) by perhaps having one column that notes Canadian students or staff that are based at/working out of non-Canadian universities. A second measure is to work towards including e-mail addresses of newsletter editors and contributors, so as to facilitate communication.

Overall I feel the newsletter has served my needs as a female geographer doing a non-explicitly

feminist topic very well, certainly much better than has the U.K. equivalent which is almost exclusively focused on feminist geography. My e-mail letter to this effect was published in the last edition of the newsletter.

Publishing a newsletter is a lot of work. Your efforts to have feedback from the Canadian geographic community are inspiring. I look forward to the next edition of the newsletter.

Yours Sincerely,

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☆ GUEST COLUMN ☆

In light of current events in South Africa, impressions that emerged during a recent visit "home," as well as the debate at the San Francisco AAG meeting, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the South African question. At the San Francisco AAG this year, engaging with debates surrounding post-colonialism characterized many of the papers that pertained to South Africa. While theorizing is a welcome and necessary turn in geography relating to South Africa, we need to move carefully. By examining the development of historical racialized discourses and narratives we could be rushing in where South African social historians presently fear to tread, given the problematic empirical turn they confronted during the last decade. I am not disputing that "memory is a weapon" and that revisiting the history of apartheid is important. Rather, that we should examine ways in which these processes affect South Africa today, this week, and in particular this month. The apartheid narrative is by no means a closed chapter. How, for example, has a history of apartheid doubled the distance between black women and the "new order" in South Africa today? Today racist and sexist consequences of apartheid continue to mutate and flourish as part of post-apartheid South African life.

The lack of income opportunities for black women, the inability of single black women to gain access to housing and shelter, the union movement's general neglect of female-dominated

occupations, and the increasing incidence of violence against women within black townships are examples of the ways in which race, class, and gender intersect in South African life. "Maybe for the man it will change. But for the woman, nothing will change. We will work, we will have the babies, we will sweat, we will lose our men and children, we will die. And still no one will see us," remarked one South African woman recently (*Boston Globe*, April 19, 1994). Unlike male counterparts who are negotiating a reversal of race-based politics, black South African women confront the effects of spatial racism and a very particular form of spatial sexism that also marked the apartheid movement—a point that has gone almost unnoticed by geographers.

As all South Africans go to the polls for the first time later this month, it is important for those of us interested in the outcome to examine the gendered nature of the results carefully. While a new government takes hold of the reigns of power next month, the struggle to end apartheid will not be over, for it is only then that it will have begun. It is at that point that a 'raced' and a gendered understanding of the multi-dimensional nature of apartheid will become more important than ever in defining what is meant by the term "post-apartheid."

Glen Elder

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☆ SOME ONTARIO REGIONAL NEWS ☆

Apologies in advance to those universities and individuals who have been omitted.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: Kim England and Sue Ruddick received a three year SSHRC grant for a project entitled "Spatial conflicts and shifting social identities in a secondary world city: The case of Toronto." Next academic year Kim will be on research leave; from January to July she will be a visiting scholar at the University of Cambridge. Marcia Nation successfully defended her PhD thesis "Gender, Irrigation and Development in the Upper Valley of the Senegal River." Marcia is now doing consulting work in Montréal. And congratulations to Susan Cornish who has verbally accepted a tenure-track appointment as Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia, starting January 1995.

RYERSON: Mireya Folch-Serra has been asked by Peter Lang Publishers to publish her PhD thesis entitled "Voices of Place: Dialogical Landscapes in the Catalan Pyrenees." Ann Buttimer has agreed to be one of the referees. The book is about the impact of modernity on the traditional lifestyles and cultural landscapes of the Pyrenees. This study, which is based on over a year's fieldwork, concludes that tradition and modernity co-exist; the resultant conflicts are analyzed through the dialogical philosophy of Bakhtin. The impact is examined from the bottom-up, with examples drawn from among others, oral histories and iconic representations such as parades, festivals, homes, market-places and churches.

WILFRED LAURIER AND WATERLOO UNIVERSITIES: Wilfred Laurier now has three women faculty: Mary-Louise Byrne and Jody Decker are both tenure-stream; Helen Parsons is already tenured. Jody Decker has received two scholarships recently: 1) a Wilfred Laurier internal postdoctoral fellowship this summer (to complete her book entitled *We Should Never Again Be the Same People*), and 2) a 3-year SSHRC to do some

work among northern native groups on genetics, TB and sexually transmitted diseases. Wilfred Laurier has a joint graduate programme with the University of Waterloo and there are a few women at both PhD and MA levels. At Wilfred Laurier two women graduate students have been awarded OGS: Catherine Conrad ("A test of the multiquadric method of interpolation using drumlin data from the Lunenburg drumlin field, N.S., and the Peterborough drumlin field, Ont.") and Sue Pallanda ("The effects of landscape modification on ecosystem health"). At a recent meeting (April 7) of the Historical Geography Seminar, Jeanne Kay presented a paper entitled "Gender and Historical Geography: The View from Western American History." Jeanne is Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Science and is known for her critique on the discipline's failure to consider fully the role of women in the shaping of North America.

YORK UNIVERSITY: Kathy Young, who did her Ph.D. at McMaster University, has been appointed to the Department of Geography at York University. She is the first woman physical geographer to be hired by the department; her special field of interest is hydrology. We look forward to her arrival! Lucia Lo has received a three year SSHRC grant for a project entitled "Modeling Economic Interdependence in Consumer Shopping Behaviour." Linda Peake is leaving (again!) for Guyana to continue her fieldwork; she will be away most of the summer. Graduate students at York University have accomplished quite a lot this year. Deborah C. Park has been granted a postdoctoral award from SSHRC, and both Nancy Kingsbury and Emily Gilbert have received SSHRC doctoral awards; Deborah will be affiliated with Queen's University next year, Nancy is entering her second year of doctoral studies and Emily will begin doctoral study at the University of Bristol in the fall. Furthermore, Allison Williams has been awarded a 2-year Studentship by the

Northern Health Human Resources Research Unit to conduct her doctoral research on quality of life in the North.

CARLETON: Fran Klodawsky writes: "We are very hopeful that the Department of Geography at Carleton will have its PhD programme in place by September 1995. One of the areas of specialty is 'feminist geography.' For further information, please contact the Chair of Graduate Studies, Dr. Fiona Mackenzie, Department of Geography, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5B6." Apply now!

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY: Vera Chouinard writes: "Radical and feminist geography is alive and well at McMaster: I am working, in part, on the representation of women and women's issues in Ontario's legal aid clinic system. I am starting up a new research project on disabled women's struggles in the state and disabled peoples' movements. Ali Grant is working away on her PhD thesis on women's struggles against violence against women in Hamilton, Ontario. She is busy writing and transcribing/interpreting detailed interviews with leading local feminist activists. It promises to be a fascinating and path-breaking thesis! Jacques Critchley, is conducting research (for his PhD) on changing class and gender relations in Paris, Ontario and (time permitting) Niagara-on-the Lake. Matt Sendbuehler, also a PhD student, is working on changing ideologies of home and how these are translated into classed and gendered residential built-environments in Hamilton, Ontario, from the early to mid 20th century. Nancy Ross, a PhD student in medical geography and with interests in radical/feminist geography is also a welcome addition to the department. Andrea Litva has joined the department and is also working on a PhD in medical geography."

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY: Effective July 1st, Audrey Kobayashi will be moving to Queen's University as Director of the Institute of Women's

Studies and Professor of Geography. Deborah C. Park will be affiliated with the Department of Geography at Queen's while she conducts her post-doctoral research.

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NOTE: The list of SSHRC recipients was not available at the time of printing. We look forward to publishing complete details of these and other awards in the next issue. Please be in contact with the editors if you have anything to contribute. In particular we look forward to contributions from eastern universities. Thanks!

OTHER NEWS:

SOUTHERN ONTARIO READING GROUP: The feminist reading group which comprises graduate students and faculty from the University of Toronto, McMaster, Ryerson and York University still persists. Last month we discussed a paper entitled "Un-natural discourse: 'Race' and gender in geography" by Audrey Kobayashi and Linda Peake, and next month we will talk about the articles on Feminist Methodologies and Theoretical Perspectives in *The Professional Geographer* 1994: 46(1).

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☆ REGIONAL REPORT FROM ABROAD: THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND ☆

The Department of Geography at the University of Waikato is part of a School of Social Sciences. It is unique in Aotearoa/New Zealand in being primarily a Department in Human Geography. Specializations include Urban and Rural Studies, Developmental Studies, Environmental Studies, and Geographical Perspectives. The Department also made a commitment to bi-cultural teaching and research, and in recent years distinctive Maori initiatives have been an integral part of Geography at Waikato.

The reputation of the Department amongst feminist geographers is long established. Since the initial appointment of Ann Magee in 1976, and with the support of Evelyn Stokes, the Department has been central to the development of Feminist Geography in New Zealand. The successive appointments of Louise Johnson, Wendy Larner, and Robyn Longhurst have assured the continuity of a strong interest in feminist geography. Today feminist concerns continue to be pursued by staff and students, and are integrated into teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels. They are also reflected in current research projects.

Members of the Department include:

Jacquie Lidgard, a mature student returning to University work after a career as a secondary school teacher. Her doctoral research focuses on the migration and employment experiences of New Zealand women in the 1990s using a range of information collected by the Department of Labour and Statistics, as well as a longitudinal survey of migrant New Zealanders which she has been conducting for the last three years. The research for her Masters thesis titled "Return migration of New Zealanders: A Rising Tide?" was based on a national survey of 740 returning New Zealanders undertaken in March 1991.

Robin Peace is a contract lecturer in the Department. Her doctoral thesis examines the discourse of social exclusion in social policy in the European Community, with respect to poverty programmes and young unemployed women. Her Honours research reflects her ongoing interest in the excluded lesbian in geographical discourse.

Larry Berg is a Canadian Commonwealth Scholar undertaking his doctoral work in the Department. His dissertation is entitled "Writing People and Place: Discourse of 'Race,' Gender and Class in European Constructions of 'Native Rebels' in the Auckland Press, 1863." Published papers of interest to geographers working on issues of gender and geography include "Between Modernism and Post-modernism" in *Progress in Human Geography* 17(3) 1993, and "Masculinity and Empirical Investigations in the Human Geography of Aotearoa/New Zealand" in *Gender, Place and Culture* 1(2) 1994.

Masters theses underway in the Department include those by **Lydia Johnston** (Building Bodies: The Training Environment and Women Body Builders), **Sarah Turner** (Informal Sector Theory in Asia: Time for a New One?), **Deborah Lawrence** (The Role of Transport in the Lives of People who have Physical or Intellectual Impairments), and **Angela Terekia** (Maori Land Alienation in the Waikato 1865-1885). **Polly O'Brien**, **Dana Bezzant** and **Sue Plowman** are all working on Honours projects in which feminist geography is central.

In addition, this year the Department has two Visiting Lecturers who specialize in Feminist Geography. **Wendy Larner** is on a return visit from Carleton University in Canada, and is involved in research on women and restructuring in the telecommunications service industry. While in the Department she is teaching a graduate course on restructuring and globalization. **Loretta Lees** from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland arrives in the Department later this year. She is finalizing her doctoral research into gentrification in New York and London. While in the Department she will make contributions to courses on urban geography and geographical theory.

Wendy Larner
University of Waikato
New Zealand

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Date: wed, 18 May 1994 13:34:02 -0400 (EDT)
From: Winston Husbans (husbans@acc.ryerson.ca)
Subject: Re: survey
To: Damaris Rose (Damaris_Rose@)

On Fri, 6 May 1994, Damaris Rose wrote:

> Thanks Winston. I just finished it and am about to take it over to
> Aileen at McGill. She will fax it to you Monday morning.
> Amandia! (62.5% at latest count)
> Damaris.

Damaris:

My comments are as follows:

1. boxes on pp. 2 and 6: delete "could you" (i.e., "... please attach...").
2. question 13 (p. 5): replace "open up" with "become available".

That's all really. Nothing deserving of a Nobel Prize (but I'd like one
all the same).

Rasta lives!

Winston