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SWAP WELCOMES YOUR INPUT. THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS IN SEPTEMBER, 1996. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 1.
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Reminder: PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEEDED FOR MANITOBA & NOVA SCOTIA.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SWAP MEMBERS

XXVI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY: August 16-21, 1996
Montreal, QUE. The SWAP business meeting will be held on Friday, August 16, 1996 from 9:00-11:00 A.M., Harlequin A Room, Meridien Hotel. The student travel and paper awards will be presented at this meeting.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 1996-97 SWAP EXECUTIVE & SWAP DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD.

Nominations, including self-nominations, are invited for the positions of COORDINATOR-ELECT and SECRETARY/TREASURER. The Coordinator-Elect will serve as Coordinator for 1997-98 and Past Coordinator for 1998-99. The Secretary/Treasurer's term of office is 2 years. The positions will be filled from the nominations received by means of a membership vote at the Section's annual business meeting in Montreal in August, 1996. For more information or to submit a nomination, contact:
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Nominations are invited for the SWAP Distinguished Member Award. This is an award presented annually to a SWAP member who has made an outstanding contribution to our field. The SWAP Executive requests nominations for this award by June 30, 1996.

Notice: CPA Website Addresses
French: http://www.cpa.ca/tcp.html
English: http://www.cpa.ca/home.html

FROM THE COORDINATOR

Well, I have just gone back and deleted my September message to write my final message as SWAP Coordinator. The time has gone by quickly but I am aware that I am not quite finished in the position of Coordinator and have many duties left to complete before I turn the responsibilities over to Vivian Lalonde in August.

One of my first responsibilities is to remind you of the SWAP DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD. This is an award presented annually to a SWAP Member who has made an outstanding contribution to our field. Three very distinguished members of SWAP have been the previous recipients of this award, Dr. Sandra Pykes (1993), Dr. Meredith Kimball (1994), and Dr. Carrie Stark-Adamec (1995). The recipient of this award is an individual who has made a contribution to the study and stature of women in psychology. The SWAP Executive would be pleased to receive nominations for this award by June 30, 1996. Please send me a letter of nomination indicating the reasons why you believe the nominee merits this award.

Two other areas where "work" has been happening are in the development of "Guidelines for Non-Discriminatory Practice" and "Guidelines for Psychologists in Addressing Recovered Memories". A committee of psychologists, Dr. Carolyn Larson, Dr. Jean Pettila, Dr. Lynn Sloan and myself along with an occupational therapist, Ms. Susan Harris, have come together to work from a collaborative and collegial framework to develop guidelines for nondiscriminatory practice. These guidelines are shaping up to
FROM THE EDITOR

Two recent reports on the participation of women in psychology and the social sciences may be of interest to SWAP members. The December 1995 issue of the APA Monitor summarised the “Report of the Task Force on the Changing Gender Composition of Psychology,” a task force that was created by APA in 1991 and chaired by APA President Dorothy Cantor. (A no-charge copy of the complete report can be obtained by contacting the APA Woman’s Programs Office, (202) 336-6044)

As reported by APA:

"...The number of women in other scholarly disciplines and professions has...increased over the past two decades. Women now represent about 50 percent of accountants, 34 percent of journalists, 27 percent of lawyers and 24 percent of physicians. From 1973 to 1991, the number of men in psychology increased by more than 130 percent; the number of women, however, rose 530 percent..."

Several factors are cited to explain why the field has become more attractive to men during the 1980s and to explain the increased participation of women. These are 1) stagnation in the academic labor market; 2) increased difficulty in obtaining research funding; and 3) erosion of the professional autonomy of psychologists in the practice sector. These factors may have decreased the financial rewards available to psychologists. Research presented in the report shows that when a profession becomes less attractive to women, relative to other professions with similar training requirements, men will leave the profession and women are hired in increasing numbers. The growth in women's participation in psychology is related to increased demands for psychological personnel and improved educational and job access. As of 1991, 73% of bachelor's degrees in psychology were awarded to women, while the figures at the master's and doctoral degree levels were 69% and 61%, respectively.

The majority (62%) of the doctoral level workforce in psychology as of 1991 was
The March 29, 1996 issue of Science contained an article entitled, "Researchers find feminization a two-edged sword" (Vol. 271, p.1919). The article reports on the increased participation of women in the science disciplines over the last 15 years; now women make up one-half of the PhDs in the social and behavioural sciences and are the majority of PhD holders in psychology and anthropology. According to the article, social science professional organizations are concerned about the issue of "feminization" because of the consequences for decreased prestige of a profession and lower income. Economics is a social science discipline in which the participation of women remains relatively low (24% of PhDs in 1994 were women, a figure that is comparable to the 21% of female math doctors). The authors suggest that across the range of social science fields those that are more people-oriented, such as psychology, anthropology, and sociology, have a higher percentage of participation by women compared to political science, economics and geography. Thus, it is proposed that women are attracted by the content within certain disciplines which deal with "issues central to women's lives..."

I invite comment from SWAP members on the ideas summarized in these reports, especially any comments on "feminization" and "people-oriented" versus "other" social science fields. As I recall, the APA task force was originally to be named the Task Force on the "Feminization of Psychology" until objections to the terminology were raised and the "Changing Gender Composition" title was chosen.

Clare Forac, Editor

FROM THE INTERNET

In the last issue of the newsletter, we included some websites that may assist SWAP members in their research and study. This time, we cover some list serves available to those of you with an interest and an e-mail account.

LIST SERVICES
Apart from "surfing the net" by examining websites, list serves are another way to take advantage of electronic communication. There are probably as many list serves available as there are interests. From Women's Studies List serve, we have noted a few that express this variety and feature discussions on, for instance, women's health, gender issues, and ecofeminism. Here are some list serve topics, listed alphabetically, and how to subscribe. (Note that the process of subscribing generally requires that you e-mail the list serve at the address provided and type only "SUBSCRIBE [NAME OF LIST SERVE] [Your Name]" in the text of the message. As an example, if your name is Jane Doe, and you want to subscribe to the Breast-Cancer List serve, you would send the following message to LISTSERV@MORGAN.UCS.MUN.CA

SUBSCRIBE BREAST-CANCER Jane Doe
It's that simple! A brief description of some of the list serves available to you follows.

BREAST-CANCER
This is an unmoderated list that features discussion on any issue that relates to breast cancer. To subscribe, contact LISTSERV@MORGAN.UCS.MUN.CA

CCWEST
For women and girls in science and technology in Canada, this list serve forms a resource for electronic exchange. If you're interested, subscribe to LISTPROCESSOR@CUNORES.COM

COE
An acronym for Circles of Exchange, this list serve acts as a forum for women who wish to share their spirituality with others. The e-mail address for subscription is COE-REQUEST@USIS.COM

CYBERSEX
Cybersex features discussions on the role of computer technology in people's expression, communication, and definition of their sexuality. Your subscription request should be sent to LISTSERV@SOUNDPRINT.BRANDYWINE.AMERICAN.EDU

ECOFEM
From local to international concerns, this list focuses on women and the environment. Subscribe to LISTSERV@CSF.COLORADO.EDU

FEMISA
FEMISA is a list on feminism, gender, women, and international relations. You can subscribe at LISTSERV@CSF.COLORADO.EDU (Internet)

GAYNET
This list deals with lesbian and gay issues on campuses. Send your subscription message to MAJORDOMO@QUEERNET.ORG

INTERNET WOMEN-Help
A women-only list, this is as a forum set up to help subscribers with questions on Internet-related functions and issues. If you would like to subscribe, the address is MAJORDOMO@BEST.COM

LIVING
LIVING is a support list for women who are temporarily or permanently physically challenged. For subscription info, contact LIVING-REQUEST@QICLAB.SCNS.RAIN.COM

MUTERL
List moderators hope to build an international network for those persons who are interested in Chicana and/or Latina issues. Send a subscription message to LISTSERV@UMD.DU.UMD.EDU (Internet)

WOMEN-L
The teaching, research and study of women's issues are the focus of this list. Job and conference announcements and calls for papers, along with bibliographies and files [like this list serve bibliography], that relate to Women's Studies are also available. If you would like to subscribe, the addresses are LISTSERV@UMD.UMD.EDU (Bnet) or LISTSERV@UMD.DU.UMD.EDU (Internet)

Do you have any websites or list serves that you would like to share? Please contact the Editor; we look forward to hearing from you! Maria Barnes, Editorial Assistant
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APA NEWS
As you know, the 104th Convention of APA will be held in Toronto, ON, August 9-13, 1996, just before the International Congress of Psychology in Montreal, August 16-21, 1996. For those of you who can attend both conferences there will be a number of exciting program events related to women's issues at APA and at the International Congress. Here are some highlights of Division 35 (Psychology of Women) events at APA.

Friday, August 9, 1996
J. Sgall (Chair), M. Glus, P. Pollard, Cross Cultural Perspectives on Reactions to Sexual Harassment in Academia.

S. Pyke (Chair), D. McCleary, K. Krabik, V. Helgeson, H. Fritz, J. Allen, A. Stewart, Undesirable Gender Roles: Theory, Method and Outcomes.

Saturday, August 10, 1996

Sunday, August 11, 1996
Carolyn Sheriff Award: G. Wyatt: Being Different: Studying, Measuring It, Treating It and Living It.

Monday, August 12, 1996
M. Brabeck (Chair), K. Kitchener, K. Quina, B. Greene, J. Makali, Feminist Theory and Ethics: Challenge and Response to Psychological Practice.

J. Worrall (Chair), M. Brabeck, R. Chandler

Evaluating Process and Outcomes in Feminist Therapy Counseling.

Tuesday, August 13, 1996

S. Hanby (Chair), C. West, L. Duncan, V. Banyard, C. Bushman, Theorizing about Gender Socialization and Power in Family Violence.

DIVISION 35 T-SHIRTS
Division 35 has also been offering t-shirts for sale. The front has the Division 35 logo and says "What are women doing?". The back states "Women are transforming Psychology through More women in leadership Research about women as people Teaching the contributions of women Sanctions against sexual harassment and sexual abuse of patients"

Hopefully, some t-shirts will be available at the Toronto meeting.

ICP AGAIN
While we're on the topic of the "Summer of Psychology" being planned for Canada this year, keep in mind that the International Congress has a number of invited symposia on gender issues that are listed in the preliminary program. Some of these are:

- Gender & emotion (K. Deaux)
- Work motivation & gender: Cross cultural comparisons (L. Friese)
- International perspectives on rape & sexual harassment (C. Hult)
- Evolution of the status of women in psychology (S. Pyke)
- Gender & personality (A. Stewart)
- Gender as a social construction (R. Unger & A. Kahn)
- Qualitative research: Space for critique and creativity (L. Kidder)

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