"No Turning Back": Endowing Excellence in Women's Studies was the title Judith Gold Stitzel, Professor of English and Women's Studies, chose for her October 31st-November 1st retirement events and lecture. In so doing, she honored the late-19th-century WVU women who used the motto in its original Latin, vestigia nulla retrorsum, to signal their resolve to gain access to higher education. She also linked the future of WVU Women's Studies to growing donor support.

During her lecture, Judith set the development of WVU Women's Studies in historical context, thanked friends and family who "made and continue to make something happen together which could not be done alone," and announced establishment of the Judith Gold Stitzel Endowment for Excellence in Women's Studies Teaching and Learning.

Judith initiated the endowment with a bequest in her will and a leadership pledge of $1,000 made with husband Bob Stitzel. She anticipates eventual establishment of a Professorship in Women's Studies through the endowment.

Donations to the fund met the $10,000 endowment minimum in September. Gifts and pledges now total over $41,300. The first award from the endowment is anticipated by Fall 1999.

Judith Stitzel began her WVU career in the English Department in 1965, served as first coordinator of the Women's Studies Program (1980), and first director of the Center for Women's Studies (1984), before returning to full-time teaching in 1993. She assures friends and colleagues her retirement marks only a change in ways of working for, not retirement from, her commitment to feminist goals. Building the new endowment and service on the Alliance Board of Directors, Center planning and Dickinson Symposium committees, prove this commitment!

Copies of the Nov. 1st program, lectures, and "Declaration of Sentiments" on Judith's retirement are available through the Center for Women's Studies, PO Box 6450, Morgantown, WV 26506-6450; lwaugh@wvu.edu or (304)293-2339.

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"Spectacular!" "Magnificent!" are the most frequent comments we hear about the October 31st-November 1st gala. It seemed that everyone who heard of it added their own stitch to the rich tapestry, not to mention the web of subterfuge, which made the final product such a pleasant surprise for Judith.

The event grew so big so fast that the planning committee quickly dubbed it the "Judithon." To start, husband Bob told us Judith wanted to give a lecture. Then a ROTC retirement ceremony inspired outgoing Center director Helen Bannan and me to envision a formal ritual. Remarks by Department of English chair Pat Conner and Barbara Scott Winkler led to a full-dress academic procession.

Marlene Robinson-Witherstey added the finishing touch—custom-designed WVU Women's Studies academic stoles and a one-of-a-kind stole for Judith. Center work-study students wondered how many friends any one person could possibly have as they mailed out several thousand invitations. WVU News Services' Karen Zeller cranked our news releases at a furious rate.

It was a magical weekend! Halloween Eve over 200 people gathered at Ali Baba Restaurant to reconnect with old and make new friends. The next day family, friends, faculty, staff, current and former students, and administrators came together to honor a very special person and model a university informed by feminist principles and thriving because of cross-disciplinary networking.

We look forward to the video that will allow us to share all the pageantry and excitement with those unable to attend: Judith's superbly crafted lecture; the Powerpoint introduction to Women's Studies and biography of Judith, the special "Declaration of Sentiments" that links us to our feminist forebears and the many funny, reflective, and loving tributes which were read, compiled in a student-produced Memory Book, acted, African-drumped, and crafted of brilliant glass.

We are gratified to report that since August response to the new endowment has produced not only a record yield in donations and pledges, but also a rich harvest of good will, connections and reconnections to the Center and Alliance.

We've done more than celebrate:
"Women and Technology" is the focus of the 1999 Dickinson Symposium, about which you will shortly receive more information.
Freddie Stenger (nursing),
Mary Wimmer (biochemistry),
and Dale Birkle (pharmacology and toxicology) are organizing panels of WVU colleagues to address this theme in relationship to health care professions, ecofeminism, and new careers for women, respectively. Cheryl Taylor and Kim Cordingly are organizing the final session.
• With Marshall University, we submitted grants to the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education to develop a web-based "Introduction to Appalachian Women's Studies" course.
• We organized sessions on women for the West Virginia Council for the Social Studies conference in November.
• We gave two Alma and Claude Rowe Excellence Through Equity Awards (see page 3).
• Our new long-range planning committee has many exciting ideas.
• We did our first survey of graduates.

What a perfect time to stand up and be counted among the friends of Women's Studies as you continue or, if you are a new graduate or friend, start your own tradition of giving to the Center-Alliance annual campaign. Alliance president Victoria Bruhn and I invite you to review our giving options (page 6).

Thank you so much!
Congratulations!

1998 Alma and Claude Rowe Excellence Through Equity Award Recipients

High Rocks Academy
(Pocahontas County)
Susan Burt, Director
and
Sallie E. Dalton
Sex Equity/Title IX Coordinator for Greenbrier County Schools

These awards are made possible through a WVU Foundation endowment established by Eldridge and Rosaline Rowe and son Larry L. Rowe and administered by the Center for Women’s Studies.

Rowe awards, which this year are each $1,000, recognize work which improves access to education in Appalachia. A $1,500 gift matches the High Rocks Academy (HRA) award.

Founded in 1995, HRA offers 13-17 year-old girls intellectual, social, physical and emotional challenges in a free summer camp. Reunions, mentorships, tutoring, and community service work follow during the school year.

Longtime equity activist Sallie Dalton has been instrumental in developing and implementing county and state sex equity policy and has trained thousands of school faculty, staff and administrators on Title IX and equity compliance.

A Lewisburg luncheon honoring the 1998 Rowe awardees is planned for April.

December ‘98 Graduates
New Women’s Studies Minors

Nichole D. Jacquish, English Major
Jerri L. Milam, English Major, Sociology
William L. Townsend, Social Work Major, Gerontology Certificate

Winkler Named Outstanding Teacher

Barbara Scott Winkler (left center) visiting assistant professor of Women’s Studies since 1993, has been selected as one of five 1998 Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teachers. She is shown here with Fall ‘98 Introduction to Women’s Studies Teaching Assistants (from front, left, clockwise), Andrea Soccorsi, Lynnette Chapman, Cherith Boon and Rachelle (Shelly) Raker.

Time to apply!

Women’s Studies is now accepting applications for scholarships and awards. See page 6 for info.
Thank-you, Friends of Women’s Studies!

For your gifts and pledges received in support of the Center for Women’s Studies and the West Virginia Alliance for Women’s Studies from May through January 6, 1999, including those to the newly established Judith Stitzel Endowment for Excellence in Women’s Studies Teaching and Learningintersection,*=Leadership gift of $1,000 or more. IMO= In Memory of. IHO=In honor of. Please advise us if we have made an error in your listing.

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A class act: Students surround Judith Stitzel at her October 31st retirement party. Bottom (l-r) Megan Burkhart, April Stewart, David (Hoby) Botero. Middle: Melinda Tenney, Judith, JeanMarie St. Clair; Back: Heather Hildebrand, and Troy Christianson. Thanks as well to classmates not shown who also helped with the festivities.
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Judith & Bob Stitzel* in celebration
of our parents, Syd & Murray Gold/
Betty & Louis Stitzel
IMO Grandma Judith
IMO Nina Stemen Yoder

History in the making! Newly
retired Judith Stitzel with 1997
Harriet E. Lyon Scholar Hannah
Barnhart, a Martinsburg Theatre
major in costume as "Hattie" Lyon,
WVU's first female grad (1889).
Hannah gave a dramatic reading of
Carroll Wilkinson's "Declaration of
Sentiments" on Judith's retirement.
Photo: Victoria C. Brunn
IMO Syd & Murray Gold/Judith
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IN MEMORIAM
Syd and Murray A. Gold
1907-1998

This issue of Nexus is dedicated with gratitude to the lives
and memory of Syd and Murray A. Gold of New York City.
Parents of Judith Gold Stitzel and Ivan Gold, Murray passed
away September 23 and Syd on November 28, 1998.

Judith credits her parents with instilling three core values
in their children—the importance of listening, speaking out
against injustices and helping
others to act on their own behalf.
Program Development

WVU Foundation Women’s Studies Program Fund - gifts to this fund, including undesignated gifts, provide programming flexibility and support otherwise unfunded programs and activities. Last year the Center cosponsored over 40 events. Because such events are not underwritten by state monies, the Center for Women’s Studies encourages special consideration of gifts to this fund during this campaign.

Women’s Studies’ Library Endowment - purchases books which enhance the university’s women’s studies collection. A $500 gift establishes a named endowment. If you are a current WVU employee, please inquire about special matching monies which increase your gift.

Judy Mossburg Fund - honors the memory of an original Center for Women’s Studies staff member, by supporting faculty, staff and students with grants for research and professional development activities. Recipients present their work in public seminars.

Judith Gold Stitzel Endowment for Excellence in Women’s Studies Teaching and Learning - ensures that women’s studies knowledge will be available to future generations of students and promotes integration of this knowledge into the fabric of instruction at West Virginia University through supporting faculty in their women’s studies teaching.

Awards and Scholarships

Carrie Koeturus Scholarships for Returning Women Students - facilitate undergraduate education of nontraditional women students who, because of life circumstances, are more likely than men to have interrupted their education. A former Morgantown activist for women’s issues, Koeturus was a nontraditional student. The West Virginia Alliance for Women’s Studies takes a special interest in this endowment.

Alma and Claude Rowe Excellence Through Equity Award - established by Eldridge and Rosaline Rowe and their son Larry on the occasion of the WVU Women’s Centenary, this award recognizes and stimulates teaching, scholarship and community service which increase access to education in Appalachia.

Sallie Lowther Norris Showalter Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Related Disciplines - recognizes an undergraduate woman who demonstrates high mathematical/scientific achievement and commitment to social justice. One of the first women admitted to WVU, Showalter won the 1890 freshman math prize and was an outspoken advocate for women’s right to college education.

Velma Miller Women’s Studies Graduate Scholar Award - honors its namesake, a pioneer businesswoman, political reformer, public servant, and founding member of the WV Alliance for Women’s Studies. Recipients emulate Miller’s pragmatism, vision, and love of learning.

Winifred South Student Enrichment Fund - provides professional opportunities related to Women’s Studies to undergraduate and graduate students. Established in 1998 by the Eberly College of Arts & Sciences to honor the first woman to earn a WVU graduate degree (1898).

Winifred South Knutti Graduate Award in Women’s Studies - recognizes exemplary graduate student work in Women’s Studies-related discipline. Funded through generosity of and donations to the Loyalty Permanent Endowment Fund of the WVU Alumni Association.

For more information, please call Mary Beth Garvin at (304)293-2339 or go to http://www.as.wvu.edu/wwmst
Balloon Festival Fund-raiser Boosts Scholarship Fund!
The annual Alliance fund-raiser, held this year at the Pines Country Club, garnered $2,163 for Carrie Koeturius Scholarships for Returning Women Students. Ruby Nieves de la Mata (center) is shown enjoying the event with fellow WVAWS board member Carole Boyd (left) and Barbara Ducatman.
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Welcome, Safoura Ashaby Boukari!

Dr. Boukari, shown here (left) with Professor of French and Women’s Studies Faculty Associate Janice Spleth, as 1998-99 visiting assistant professor of Women’s Studies, hales from Benin, Togo and received her Ph.D. in American Studies from SUNY-Buffalo in 1998. Her teaching responsibilities include: Introduction to Women’s Studies; Mothers & Daughters; and African Women’s Literature; and co-teaching Women’s Studies 240 (Methods and Perspectives) with Barb Howe. Photo: Judith Stitzel

Kudos to Judith Gold Stitzel
Named 1998 Most Loyal Faculty and Staff Mountaineer in recognition of her outstanding career-long service to WVU.