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May 21, 1987

Dr. Dallas Cullen, Chair
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Committee on Women's Studies
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Marilyn - I've written her to get in touch with you or Jean (to whom I sent the original of this).
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We have also been given the name of Dr. Susan Jackal, Chair, President's Advisory Committee on Women's Issues. Are the two committees interrelated and working towards the same goal?

Due to the short term of our research co-ordinator, we would appreciate your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Dawn Currie
for Prof. Dawn Currie
Co-chair, Women's
Studies Research Unit



Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada
La Fédération pour le planning des naissances du Canada

January 9, 1987

Dear *Dallas Cullen,*

As a member of a university community--and particularly in the area of public relations, I have been able to follow the development of women's studies programs in Canada. I am pleased that the federal government saw fit to fund joint chairs in women's studies at five universities and I am encouraged by the new emphasis and the new resources directed to this important work.

I am writing now, not as a university colleague, but as a member of the Board of Directors of the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada (PPFC). Because we can no longer depend entirely on government subsidies, PPFC has become "proactive" and is now engaged in its own fundraising, and in improving our public perception. The Board of PPFC is now composed of provincial reps and special skills people. It has renewed purpose and vigour, and is much more of a "working board."

One of the ideas, discussed at a recent Board meeting in Winnipeg, and which we felt worth pursuing, was to establish prizes and (eventually) scholarships for students in women's studies programs. We felt it would stimulate interest and research in the whole area of access to family planning information, and related fields--ie healthy sexuality, sex education, pornography etc.--and at the same time raise the profile of PPFC.

It is entirely possible that if there is a favourable response to this suggestion, the PPFC would fund two or three essays or honours theses prizes to the amount of \$300 in 1987. The Board would consider awarding these prizes annually, and eventually establishing a scholarship for work at the graduate level.

I would be pleased if you would consider these ideas and let me know if your institutions would be interested.

Sincerely,

Mary Huband

Mary Huband
Public Relations,
Carleton University



Chair of Women's Studies

Dear Marilyn

The first scholar to be chosen as Chair of Women's Studies in the Prairie Provinces and the North West Territories will be installed in July 1987--one of the most exciting events of the new year!

But let us begin at the beginning. In 1984 the Federal Government, having been petitioned by women's organizations from coast to coast, became aware of the need to stimulate the growth of women's studies in universities throughout Canada. The Secretary of State decided to award \$500,000 as seed money to five universities across Canada to establish Chairs in Women's Studies. In March of 1985 the proposal for a joint Chair, shared by the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba, was accepted. The Chair will serve Brandon University and the universities in Alberta and Saskatchewan in an advisory capacity in teaching and research. The Chair will also serve community organizations and groups in an outreach and integrative capacity throughout the prairie region and the North West Territories.

The federal grant stipulated that matching funds be raised as part of the contract. An endowed chair means that only the earnings from the fund may be used. This means more funds need to be raised to enable the Chair to travel to centres within the region, hold conferences, supervise research and give special lectures.

A volunteer Fund Raising Committee has been set up to bring the total funds to \$1.5 million in order to fully endow the Chair in perpetuity. This will ensure the continuation of the Chair and insulate it against fiscal restraint and cut-backs. The outline of the fund raising objective is as follows:

- \$500,000 from the Federal Government
- \$500,000 from Provincial Governments and the NWT
- \$500,000 from individuals, academics, alumnae, corporations and community groups.

To date we have on hand or pledged a total of \$850,520, including the Government of Manitoba pledge over five years of \$330,000.

Knowing of your interest in education the Fund Raising Committee is inviting you to participate in this exciting event by becoming a Leader or Patron of the Chair in Women's Studies. You will be a Leader of the Chair if you contribute \$1000 by March 31, 1987; a Patron of the Chair if you pledge to contribute \$1000 over the five-year period of the campaign; a Supporter of the Chair if you make a contribution of any amount.

We already have a number of Leaders and would like to add your name to the scrolls which will hang in the two universities. However, if you prefer your contribution to be kept confidential we will, of course, respect your wishes.

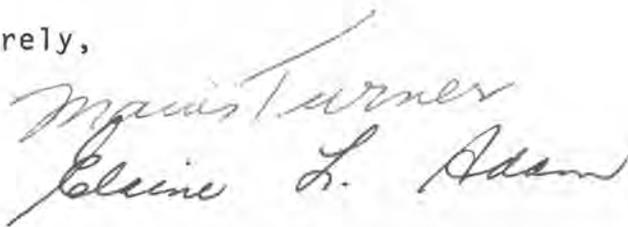
In deciding to become a Leader, Patron or Supporter of the Chair you will know that you have contributed to educational opportunities for prairie people in a specific area which has not been given sufficient recognition to date.

Please give as generously as you can so that Women's Studies can assume its rightful place in teaching and research within universities, and in service to the community throughout the Prairie Provinces and the North West Territories.

Your contribution will help to make the Chair of Women's Studies a reality to the benefit of ourselves, our children and generations to come.

You can make a difference!

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'Mavis Turner' and the second is 'Elaine L. Adam'. Both are written in dark ink.

Members of the Fund Raising Committee
S. June Menzies
Elaine Adam
Mavis Turner



Chair of Women's Studies

Feb. 3rd

Dear Marilyn,

I believe you were speaking with Helary Lips and Vanya Dhavrajia at a conference regarding our fund raising campaign for the Chair of Women's Studies. I know of your personal interest through Doreen Smith at the University of Winnipeg.

I hope you will see fit to join us in our effort to make the Chair of Women's Studies a reality. I also want you to know that we have a group of overhead projector slides and an accompanying script ready for use. We are looking for knowledgeable people who would be willing to make presentations to organizations and women's groups. If you would be willing to give presentations in the western the University and organizations in the community we would be most appreciative. If this is not possible, could you put us in touch with someone who would be able to take on this responsibility?

We have not received a positive answer from the Alberta government regarding our request for support. I expect it will take pressure from women's groups to move them. We are only requesting \$75,000 for a three year period which does not seem too much to be too great a burden (Manitoba gave \$330,000). If you have any ideas we would be glad to know them. We have to date 30 Leaders + Patrons (two from Saskatchewan) and about 53 supporters. I request a total of about \$39,000. We still have a way to go to reach \$531,000.

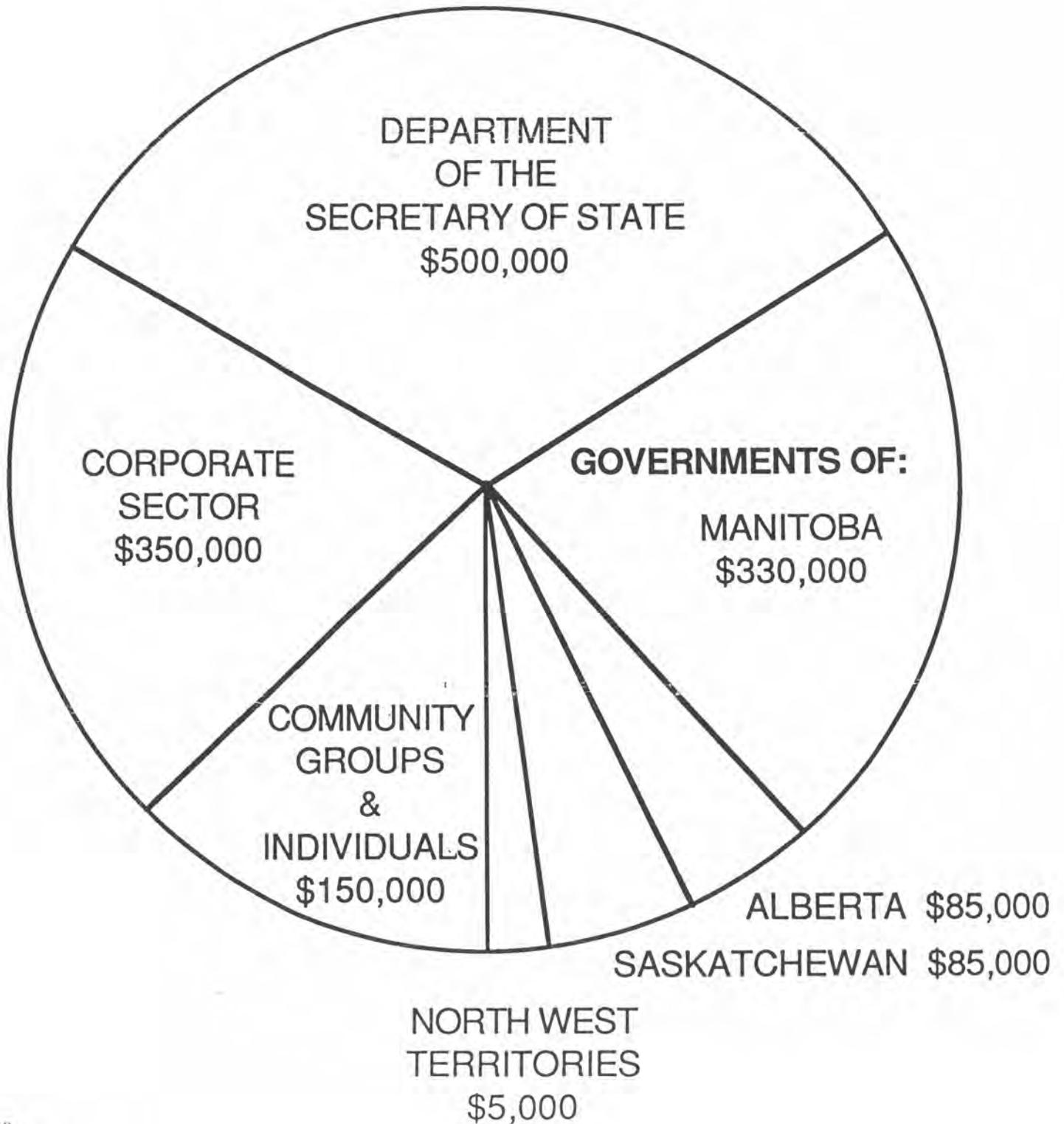
It is encouraging for us to know we have supporters throughout the region and we appreciate your interest and enthusiasm. In sisterhood,
Maavis Turner.



INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP OPPORTUNITY

- LEADERS - \$1000.00
payable by
March 31, 1987
- PATRONS - \$1000.00
pledged by
March 31, 1987
Payable at
\$200.00 per year
- SUPPORTERS - All other
contributions

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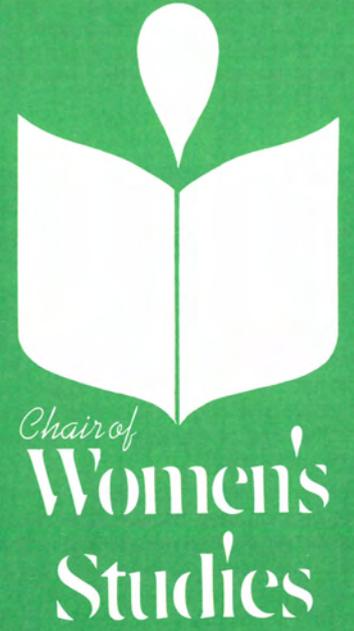




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"The Decade for Women has witnessed the rise of centers and programs of women's studies in response to social forces and to the need for developing a new scholarship and a body of knowledge on women's studies from the perspective of women ... The promotion and application of women's studies inside and outside the conventional institutions of learning will help to create a just and equitable society in which men and women enjoy equal partnership."

Q: What is Women's Studies?

Women's Studies is the study of all aspects of the roles women fulfill in the development of the world. Women's Studies gives visibility to women's relationships to society, to the family and to themselves. Using systematic and academically rigorous methods, Women's Studies developed so that women and men can better describe and understand the experience and achievements of women.

The perspective of women is brought to university education through courses such as women in history, women cross-culturally, women's economic role and women as writers and artists. Men and women learn the importance of feminist issues to the development of women as equal participants and contributors in Canadian society.

Women particularly need to discover their heritage, their capabilities and their potential in order to direct themselves with confidence to the achievements of their goals in life and society. Women's Studies provides an opportunity for women to achieve this need.

Q: How has Women's Studies grown?

Women's Studies is one of the fastest growing academic fields. Research and scholarship focused on women has been instituted in five hundred universities in North America. Women's Studies courses, institutes and centers for research have developed worldwide.

Prior to 1971 there were no Women's Studies courses taught in North American universities. Women faculty members recognized the need to make visible women's contributions to society. Prairie universities were in the forefront offering courses with a women's perspective in the early 70's and offering programs in Women's Studies

within the decade. Women's Studies has created knowledge and transformed methodology in the social and natural sciences, the arts and humanities, administrative studies and the professions.

In Canada this combination of growth and demand at a time of fiscal restraint has resulted in a shortage of funding for undergraduate programs and has slowed the growth of postgraduate studies and research.

Q: What is an Endowed Chair of Women's Studies?

A Chair is an endowed position for a scholar of excellence who will provide a focal point for teaching and research in the university.

A Chair will provide an impetus for sharing knowledge, information, and scholarly research. A Chair will contribute to the improvement of research across the campuses by encouraging all disciplines to ask new questions and to pose old questions in a new way. A Chair will assist researchers to convert assumptions about women and men which have gone unchallenged into questions which can be scientifically examined.

The Federal Government is providing a stimulus for the expansion of Women's Studies in Canada through the Secretary of State Endowment Assistance Program. Recognizing the serious underfunding in this area, it is partially funding five Chairs in Women's Studies in the five regions of Canada.

The Chair of Women's Studies for the Prairie Region and the Northwest Territories is being awarded jointly to the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg on the basis of their unique proposal to combine academic excellence and community outreach.

Q: What will the Chair of Women's Studies accomplish?

The Chair of Women's Studies will:

- give visibility to the contributions of women to societies throughout history,
- encourage university researchers and teachers in all disciplines to question gender-biased scholarship,

- integrate research, and expand and distribute information,
- match the research needs of the community with able and interested researchers in the universities,
- research the needs of women for social and economic policy development and legislative change,
- encourage the development and delivery of credit and noncredit courses both on and off campus,
- enrich the Women's Studies programs, and
- provide and promote lectures, seminars and conferences throughout the region.

Q: What can you do?

Make the Chair of Women's Studies a reality. Grasp this opportunity to demonstrate support for this exciting academic advance!

Donations are required from the governments of the Prairie Provinces and the Northwest Territories, corporations, institutions, women's organizations, academics, alumni and YOU!

The Fund Raising Committee requires \$1.5M over a five-year campaign period to fully endow the Chair of Women's Studies for the Prairie Region and the Northwest Territories. Only the earnings from the endowed funds can be used to support the Chair.

Contributions from the public totalling \$670,000 are needed to achieve this goal of \$1.5M for the Endowment Fund. This will augment the Secretary of State grant of \$500,000 and the Province of Manitoba pledge of \$330,000. Every dollar you donate will help to ensure success of the Chair of Women's Studies.

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PLEASE MAKE YOUR PERSONAL PLEDGE TODAY!
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