

**Misener-Margetts Women's Research Centre,
Activity Report
April 1st 1990 to March 31 1991**

This was a very busy year for the Research Centre, and the loss of a part-time co-ordinator due to lack of funds made it a very demanding year. The major activity was the annual fall Feminist Research forum, held on the University of Alberta campus on September 22 and 23. It was again a major success, with 125 to 150 women attending, and interesting concurrent sessions all day Saturday.

It was a great help that we were able to obtain a CEIC grant for student employment in the summer, and Eileen Morouney did a wonderful job as conference coordinator. In addition, Caroline Geekie worked as a research assistant at the centre, gathering information on the Native Women's Education and Employment project, and assisting with a member's VON history research. It was good experience for both the women, but demanding for the organizing committee chair who had agreed to supervise their work.

Throughout the year we also held six public research sessions, small evening sessions for women to present their research at the Centre. These were not quite as successful as in previous years, and it is possible that we need to rethink this particular activity. A major meeting was held with community women in March, discussing the Research Centre. From that there were a number of suggestions which we should follow up on in this coming year.

The major work of the year has been sponsoring the 1991 CRIAW/ICREF conference. A committee of three met in April and May of 1990 to select a theme for the conference and begin preliminary work, but the full conference planning committee was not struck until after the Fall Research Forum, in late November. Although many of the members of that committee are not from the Research Centre, its work has taken up most of the Centre's organizing committee's time.

As in previous years, we continue to participate with the Women's Program and Resource Centre in two activities, the Canadian Women's Periodical Index which is published three times yearly and the Alberta Women's Archive Project. Both have separate funding to support them, and our major contribution is time and expertise. We also continued to support Lorraine Courtrille's research, and her report is almost ready for publication. As in previous years, we have provided office space to a researcher for a number of months and space for one class in Women's Studies on the campus at the U of A and a number of meetings of women's groups in the community. All of this was only possible because of the volunteer work of two committee members.

Finally, you will notice in the financial statements that there was one capital expenditure, a Macintosh Plus computer. We added it to the DOS computer which Athabasca University donated to the Centre last year, and it has been essential to our work this year.

