

CONFERENCE

THE SCHOLAR AND THE FEMINIST III

The academic conference of the Barnard College Women's Center, coordinated by Hester Eisenstein will be held this year on Saturday, April 10, 1976. The third in a series examining the impact of feminism on traditional modes of scholarship, this year's conference, The Scholar and the Feminist II^I: The Search for Origins, focuses on a basic problem now attracting the attention of feminist scholars in many disciplines: What are the origins and sources of the position of women in society and culture? How far back can they be traced? In what structures--psychological, social, economic and political--does the position of women have its basis.

In the morning session, two major papers will be presented. Rayna R. Reiter, an anthropologist at the New School for Social Research, will give a theoretical and critical review of some classic points of origin--the family, the growth of the state, and the development of capitalism--suggesting areas for further research. Elaine H. Pagels, a scholar of early Western religion at Barnard, will present a case study to show how the development of religious hierarchy coincides with the expulsion of women from their earlier symbolic and priestly roles. In the afternoon, scholars in a variety of disciplines will speak to the question of origins, broadly defined.

Attendance at the conference will be pre-registered and will be limited to 250. In the past, student attendance has been low, in part because students either do not hear about the conference, or are too late in signing up. However, this year 20 spaces will be reserved for Barnard students until March 15. After that date, reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. It costs \$5.00

AUCTION

Last March, the Barnard Women*s Center established a legal and medical emergency loan fund for Barnard students. All loans are confidential, and there is no interest charged. In less than a year, the Women*s Center has made loans to twenty students. Most have been or are being paid back. However, the fund is low. At the current rate of ten loans a semester, the fund needs your help to continue.

FEB 19

We are planning to hold an auction at Spring

Festival, Saturday, April 24 in order to

raise money for the fund. If you are inter-

ested in helping us organize this event,

please come to an organizational meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 12:30-1:30, in the

WOMEN*S CENTER, 100 Barnard Hall. If you

are unable to attend, please call--

Joy-----x1498

Jennifer--749-4704

Beryl-----x1074

or drop by the Women*s Center (x2067) and

leave your name.

12:30^{PM}

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