

will be many guest speakers.

Feminists Involved in Reaching
Equality - FIRE club
Faculty Advisor - Angela Dunne

FIRE is the official feminist club of John Dewey High School. The club plans to take trips to exhibits, plays, films, herstoric sites, etc., of relevance to women. There will be speakers on feminist issues. FIRE hopes to sponsor more events like the rape panel that was co-sponsored by the Law Institute.

FIRE's purpose is to provoke thought and to develop a feminist consciousness within the school and ourselves.

FIREWORKS
Faculty Advisor - Mindy Eisenberg

FIREWORKS is the publication of FIRE and the Women's Studies Institute. It will report on what's happening to women at Dewey and throughout the world. It will be an open forum for debate on feminist issues, as well as an outlet for creative writing relating to the female experience.

These are the three facets of the John Dewey High School Women's Studies Program. FIRE, FIREWORKS, and all the classes are open to everyone. You don't have to be a member of the Institute to be involved.

Women's Studies Program

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The Need for Women's Studies

Looking through any textbook would give one the impression that women, like Jimmy Carter, are such a recent phenomena that the publishers didn't have the time to include them in the book.

Sex role stereotyping is the most wasteful influence on both sexes in society today, stunting intellectual and emotional growth. Although it is crucial that young women attain the self respect and self confidence society denies them, there is also a lot to be gained by male students through participation in the program.

Through the teaching of women's studies we hope to instill knowledge of and pride in women's history and culture.

John Dewey High School has continued to be innovative since its inception in 1969 as "an alternative in education." The main reason for this is the pride and enthusiasm teachers, students and staff have for the school.

The Women's Studies Program hopes to sustain that pride and enthusiasm while fulfilling the Dewey philosophy by presenting students with the ideas and opportunities that will lead to the exploration of many new alternatives.

Debra Schultz

The Women's Studies Institute Faculty Advisor - Carole Cilento

To be a member of the Institute, a student must fulfill three requirements:

- a) Service - by participating in the FIRE club and/or FIREWORKS or by assisting a women's studies teacher.
- b) Fieldwork - one cycle of 4N1 in a non-traditional job, a community or government organization serving women, or a feminist business or organization.
- c) Academics - five women's studies courses are needed. "Women In America" is required. The other four may be chosen from the following:

BUSINESS

Women and Work - topics include stereotypical roles, effect of feminism and the women's movement, new career options for women and problems such as discrimination and sexual harassment.

ENGLISH

Women in Literature - 2 cycles. Portrayal of women and women's role in literature. The first cycle gives a historical perspective. The second cycle focuses on contemporary works.

Women's Voices - examination of the female experience through the poetry and prose of women. Topics include childhood, reaching maturity, our bodies, finding an identity, oppression and equality, marriage, mothers and daughters, and aging.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Women in Spanish Literature - 2 cycles. Through the reading of plays, poetry and short stories in Spanish, students will analyze portrayal of women and reasons for lack of women characters and writer Role of men and machismo is discuss

MATHEMATICS

Women and Math - women's role in math historically and currently. Students will learn the formulas and theories women mathematicians worked on and discuss women's traditional incompetence in and fear of math. Guest speakers and field trips on careers in math.

MUSIC

Women in Music - Female interpretations of music - women singers, composers, musicians. Attitudes about women in music - ro songs and opera. Opportunities for women in careers related to music.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Feminism and Philosophy - an introduction to philosophy and definition of feminism. Examination of radical feminism and the relationship between the sexes.

Herstory - the long lost history of women in America from colonial times to today. Emphasis on suffrage movement and contributions made by women in all fields.

Women in America - REQUIRED. A survey course examining the many issues concerning women in American life today. Topics include the Equal Rights Amendment, rape, abortion, the family, working women minority women and the role of men. Emphasis on personal experiences a key to understanding. There