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WOMEN'S ISSUES

Tradeswomen group formed

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For many women in traditionally male-dominated occupations, such as plumbers and electricians, the work world can be difficult without the support of their co-workers or other women. With this in mind, a special support network was formed for these women.

The Western Massachusetts Women in the Trades, an organization formed eight years ago, helps women cope with everyday problems in the workplace. According to Sadie Stull, co-director of the 150-member organization, it consists mainly of an informal mailing list of women in the trades, advocates and those women who may be interested in entering the field.

In 1978, a group of feminists came down and took over the *Collegian* offices, demanding they have a page that would report issues of importance to women. The Women's Issues page was borne from this protest.

Well, now in 1991, it's your turn — yes, YOU, the readers of this page — to sit down and help keep this page alive. We need writers to cover events and keep in touch with what's going on with women in the Happy Valley. We especially need people with the energy and desire to cover issues for women of color.

This is the last page for the semester, but there is still time to write stories for the section. Also, if you have any events you want covered BEFORE the last day of classes — our last issue — please let the Women's Issues desk know before Tuesday, April 14.

As a graduating editor, I cannot emphasize to you enough that we get writers down here. It cannot be done by one or two people alone. If we at the *Collegian* are to serve the community right, we need the community's help. PLEASE COME DOWN AND WRITE. An informed community is an empowered community.

— KATHERINE T. LAMOTHE