
Network News

Millennium quilt project goes on tour

The Millennium Quilt Project, a public education effort started by *New Moon: The Magazine for Girls and their Dreams*, began touring in March 2002 to commemorate Women's History Month. The project began when the editorial board asked girls worldwide to contribute squares that illustrated an event or paid tribute to a girl or woman from history, celebrated the pioneers of women's rights, recognized a girl or woman who has been influential in their life, or created a representation of what girls might be like in the future. Over three thousand squares were received from around the world, contributed by individuals, Girl Scout troops, school groups, mother-daughter book clubs, Boys and Girls clubs and 4H clubs. Each of the fifty double-sided quilts has seventy squares. Quilts will be on display in several states during 2002. For a tour schedule of confirmed venues, information on how to arrange a showing in your area, or to view some of the quilts, logon to <http://www.newmoon.org/fgted/quilt.htm>.

More women presidents of community colleges

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* reports that the percentage of women holding presidencies of community colleges has increased ten per cent in the last five years. The American Association of Community Colleges survey reports that the percentage of women community college presidencies grew from 17.8 in 1996 to 27.8 in 2001. The percentage of presidencies held by members of minority groups did not change over the five year period studied.

Women under-represented in European academe

A study conducted by the Helsinki Group, a research organization within the European Commission, shows that women comprise only a small percentage of the full professorships at European universities, averaging eleven per cent throughout the European Union. According to a report in the Tuesday, January 24, 2002 *Chronicle of Higher Education*, members of the Helsinki Group will return to their home countries to explore ways to include more women in higher education positions.

University for poor women planned in Bangladesh

An international coalition plans to open The Asian University for Women in 2005. Students will be recruited from Asian countries where access to higher education is difficult for women. Refugee women will also be encouraged to attend. A four-year liberal arts undergraduate degree will be offered, with hopes of producing scientists and public service leaders. English will be the language of instruction. The coalition hopes to foster a wide range of perspectives on women's roles and positions in society by women interacting with other Asian women. Students will be expected to pay back tuition costs over a ten to fifteen year period after graduation. For more information, go to <http://www.asianuniversity.org/>.