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THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CONNECTION AND EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

One of the goals of the College/University Representative, at both the state and branch levels, should be to seek out or renew college/university partners for AAUW. Therefore, in September I traveled to Bloomington, Indiana, to make contact with the AAUW members who are attempting to re-establish a branch for the Indiana University campus and surrounding areas. Indiana University has been an institutional member of AAUW for some time, and certainly a vital branch of committed women would help to foster the C/U connection on that campus. This year I hope to visit some other campuses to forge an AAUW connection.

In February I enjoyed a phone call with a member of the national C/U committee. I was able to learn more about both recruiting and renewing an AAUW college/university partner member, more about the E-student affiliate program, and more about NCCWSL (the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). She explained the current national C/U project with its expressed aim of calling the representative of every college/university partner. Presently I am completing the calls to the listed representatives of the twelve partner institutions in Indiana. At the same time I am noticing that only four Indiana AAUW branches list C/U representatives on their officer rosters. We need to work on this, just as we need to work on the number of C/U partner institutions!

I have also sent to the twelve partner institutions the information on NCCWSL, as well as an invitation to attend this state convention. In the last Indiana bulletin, I asked every branch to nominate a college woman to attend NCCWSL and to help her to apply. Your state board has budgeted \$400 to help with the conference expenses of a woman student leader, so even though it is now too late for early-bird registration, there is still time to get an Indiana woman there with some financial assistance. The C/U connection is an important way to assure leadership for today and tomorrow, so please help in every way that you can.

Finally, I wish to thank Membership Director Kay Depel for all the work she is doing with the Bloomington women and also Webmaster Marsha Miller, who has put so much useful information about the C/U connection on the Indiana website. You will find there the application for the \$400 scholarship to NCCWSL.

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