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EVERYONE'S WELCOME AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center isn't the easiest place in Moscow to get to, but we hope your interest in the women's movement is high enough to get you here. We want you to visit the Women's Center whether you're for or against the women's movement, whether you're male or female, whether you're curious as to what the women's movement is all about or well-informed and eager for action.

The Women's Center is on the first floor of the Administration Building on the UI campus, which means that parking spaces are at a premium during the day. If you circle the parking lots and can't find a space, try parking in one of the lots around the Student Union Building and walk (our coffee will refresh you).

In the meantime, this newsletter will give you some idea of what's going on at the Women's Center. We'd like your reactions to our programs, so give us a phone call if you don't get in for a visit. We're open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5.

"BROWN BAG SERIES" ATTRACTING FULL HOUSE

Wall-to-wall crowds have been filling the Women's Center on Wednesday noon for the programs in the "Brown Bag Series".

These programs are of general interest and are related to various phases of the women's movement. While eating their sack lunches, audiences so far have heard about the legal status of women, about the presidential candidates' attitudes toward women, and about the problems related to hiring women.

Noon programs still to come (that we hope you can attend) are:

Nov. 15--"Men Are...Women Are...", John Hipple, Student Counselor.

Nov. 29--"Sexual Equality? Nature Says No!", Edith Betts, Chairwoman, Women's Physical Education.

Dec. 6--"Subtleties and Openness of Job Discrimination", Anne Hutchins, Publications Editor.

Dec. 13--"Masculine or Feminine----Your Role in Society", Film.

If you live off-campus and want to come to the "Brown Bag Series", you'll find it fairly easy to park near the Women's Center during the noon hour.

We plan to continue the series through the school year. When we pick up again in January, we'll try to find a noon that doesn't conflict with other regularly scheduled noon programs (such as Faculty Forum).

AWARENESS---RAISING GROUPS MEETING WEEKLY

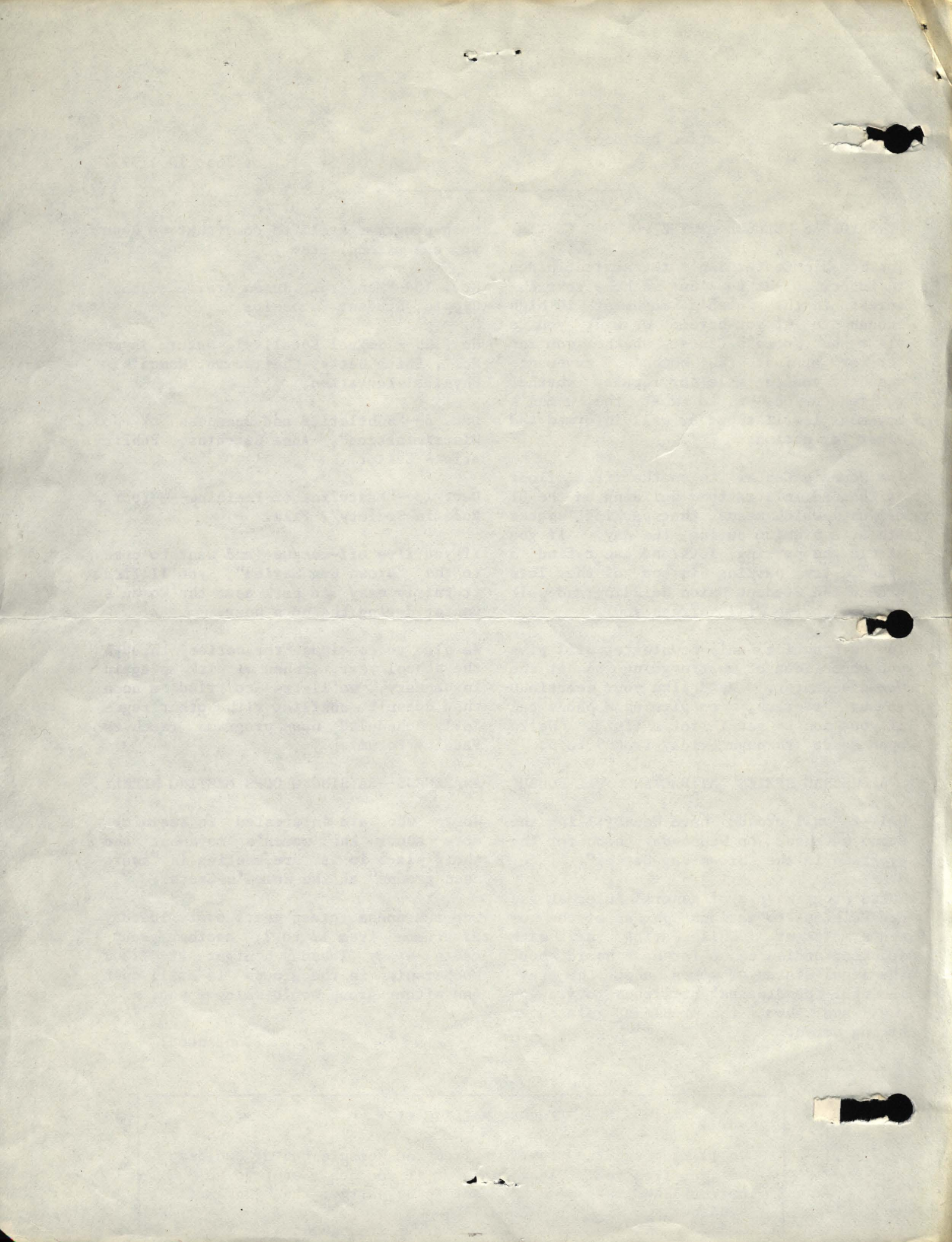
Women who are interested in learning more about the women's movement and their place in it are meeting in "awareness groups" at the Women's Center.

One awareness group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 12 to 2; another group meets every Tuesday night at 7:30. Membership in the groups is still open and either group would welcome you.

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HELP WITH OUR MAILING LIST

We'll keep sending you "News from the Women's Center" unless we hear from you. Please call us if you don't want to be on our mailing list--we don't want to be part of the "junk mail" syndrome.



The group format is structured so that the meetings are not just "gripe sessions". However, members do have a chance to discuss their own problems or to relate incidents that they may feel unable to tell anyone else. But the main time of each meeting is allotted to discussion of a topic of interest to the group and chosen at the preceding meeting. "Friends and lovers, or male--female relationships" was last week's topic.

One goal of the groups is to accomplish a feeling of "getting somewhere", by offering solutions to problems raised or by suggesting action that might be helpful.

According to women who have been in awareness groups, one of the biggest personal benefits is the feeling of support you get from other members. You may feel all alone with your thoughts, resentments and ideas, but when you share in an awareness group, you find people who understand what you're feeling and who know what you're going through.

Help yourself to some understanding and come to one of the awareness groups. If neither time is convenient for you, let us know and we'll try to get more groups going.

SHOULD MOTHERS WORK? PANEL OF "EXPERTS" WILL GIVE VIEWS

What happens to kids when mother is away at work at least 8 hours a day? Are pre-schoolers deprived of love and affection? Do older children tend to become delinquent? Does family life suffer?

A panel of "experts" (Mothers) will give views on these problems that face the working mother. The panel will present the full range of attitudes--from that of the mother who does not interrupt her career when her children are born to that of the mother who "takes a break" during her children's preschool years to that of the mother who devotes her talent and energy full-time to the home.

The "working mother" question will be discussed Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Women's Center (that's Nov. 15). Bring your questions and your husband--after all if you work, he'll be involved!

VOLUNTEERS KEEP WOMEN'S CENTER GOING

One of the women's traditional roles that the Women's Center relies on is that of the volunteer.

Women's Center volunteers keep the Center open and the coffee pot full weekdays from 9 to 5. The volunteers are single and married, aged from late teens through late 30's, from the university and the community.

Women who are now volunteering several hours a week are: Micki McGrane, Peg Sack, Cheri Register, Sue Skinner, Marilyn Keller, Stacie Dages, Helen Kedish and Bonnie Eisman.

The Women's Center coordinator and two assistants try to "keep things straight", plan programs and increase use of the Center. Jane Langenes, Assistant Dean of Students, is the Center Coordinator, and the two assistants are Louise Dressen and Anne Wallace.

If you'd like to become active in the women's movement by volunteering at the Center, let us know. Come in and talk with us, or give us a phone call.

WOMEN'S CENTER HAS SPEAKERS FOR CLUBS, CLASSES AND CIVIC GROUPS

Any topic related to the women's movement could be the subject of the next program at a coming meeting of any club, class or organization in Moscow. Speakers or panel members can come to morning, afternoon or evening meetings.

We hope the programs will give people in the community a clear idea of what the women's movement is--and is not. We also want to let people know about the Center and its activities. So call and get us scheduled for one of your meetings!

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