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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUSAN B. ANTHONY

Monday, February 19, is a national holiday. It's called President's Day, in honor of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, whose birthdays it falls between. There is another birthday to celebrate which also falls between Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays--Susan B. Anthony's.

When you take off for the woods or the mountains or Spokane on February 19, tell your friends that you are celebrating Susan B. Anthony Day, in honor of the woman who won you the right to vote and initiated-- believe it or not-- the campaign to add an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Susan B. Anthony was born Feb. 15, 1820, to a liberal Quaker family. Her female relatives spoke out at meetings, and Susan and her sister were both educated. Frederick Douglass, the black abolitionist, was a frequent visitor. As she began her teaching career--earning one-fourth as much as her male counterparts, she became active in the abolition and temperance movements. She did not consider women's rights as a serious social issue until 1850, when she met Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucy Stone, who had organized the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. two years earlier. They told her about women living in less fortunate circumstances than her own. Her personal awareness grew, however, as she found herself rebuked for speaking at temperance meetings--that was not ladylike. She spent the next several years campaigning in New York for property rights for women, and from 1868-70 she edited The Revolution, a newspaper that promoted universal suffrage. She was among the founders of the National Women Suffrage Association (1869), who tried to persuade the supporters of universal male suffrage to take up the women's cause. From this point on, she was a tireless traveler, speaker and writer.

She especially liked traveling in the West, where audiences were more receptive to women's suffrage. She even practiced civil disobedience. On Nov. 5, 1872, she was arrested for voting in Rochester, N.Y. She hoped to carry the case to the Supreme Court on a writ of habeas corpus, but the judge refused to send her to jail, even though she never paid her \$100 fine. Though she had vowed to retire at 80, she could not leave the thick of the debate, but extended her travels to Europe and began writing a history of the suffrage campaign. She died in 1906, 14 years before the goal to which she devoted half a century was reached. Women won the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920.

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COME AND CELEBRATE SUSAN B.  
ANTHONY'S BIRTHDAY ON THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 15, FROM 2:00 TO 5:00  
IN THE WOMEN'S CENTER.  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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## WOMEN'S CENTER STAFF

The Women's Center staff has both lost and gained personnel since last semester. The official coordinator of the Center is Jane Langenes, Assistant Dean for Student Advisory Affairs, and she is assisted by Louise Dressen, a senior chemistry student. Anne Wallace, who was in charge of publicity last semester, moved to Richland, Wash., over Christmas vacation, and has been replaced by Cheri Register, a former volunteer. The only returning volunteer is Micki McGrane. She has been joined by Rose Marie Borchers, Kay Finley, Sarah McDaniel, Jolene Ramaker and Jeannie Wood.

The staff's responsibilities are to keep the Women's Center "womaned" from 9 to 5 on weekdays and to give out information, make referrals, and just be available to talk with those who drop in. We also meet regularly to discuss problems that arise, to share knowledge, and to get to know and like each other so that we can keep the staff cohesive.

If you would like to work as a Women's Center volunteer, just drop by and leave your name with the volunteer on duty. Times will be arranged to your convenience. If you don't have time to staff the Center, but you do have special skills that might be useful (like artistic ability), please add your name to our local resource file. Our phone number is 885-6616.

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The Women's Center Newsletter is composed, published and distributed about once a month in the University of Idaho Women's Center, on the first floor of the Administration Building. Notices of coming events should be turned in by the first of the month.

## BROWN BAG SERIES

The Brown Bag Series, which drew standing-room-only crowds last semester, is now running on Tuesday noons in the Women's Center. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion. Upcoming programs are:

- Feb. 13--Cancer Identification: Films on breast and uterine cancer.  
-Margaret Fosberg
- Feb. 20--Masculine Business Tactics: Should Career Women Adopt Them?  
-Barbara Petura
- Feb. 27--Day Care: Do We Need It or Not?  
-Sherrill Richarz
- Mar. 6--Women in Literature.  
-Cheri Register
- Mar. 13--Alternative Life Styles.  
-A panel of people.

The series will run through the semester. Other tentative programs include sexism in education, female sexuality, and raising children without sex-roles. What else would you like to hear about?

## WOMEN'S CENTER LIBRARY

Thanks to the generosity of our sisters at the Amazon Bookstore in Minneapolis, who allowed us a 20% discount, the Women's Center library has tripled in size. Among the new acquisitions are:

Eleanor Flexnor, Century of Struggle- a history of the women's suffrage movement.

Mary Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Women- a political tract written in 1792.

Virginia Woolf, A Room of One's Own- speculations on how women writers' self-expressions has been limited.

Toni Cade, The Black Woman- an anthology of essays, poetry and fiction.

Our Bodies Our Selves- a course book on health and sexuality.

Books may be checked out for two weeks at a time.



## REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All the women of Idaho are invited to attend a regional women's conference scheduled for March 2 through 4 at Boise State College, under the sponsorship of the Idaho Commission on Women's Programs. Entitled "Women: Where from Here", the conference will include workshops on such topics as affirmative action, legal rights, women and religion, sexism in education, employment, radical feminism, human sexuality, the stigma of being single, women in politics, and women and minorities.

Advance registration forms are available in the Women's Center. The fee is \$5.00 (\$2.50 for students) and must be submitted by Feb. 23. A chartered 39-passenger bus will leave Moscow on March 2 and return the 4th. The cost per person is \$12.50 round trip. To reserve a seat, put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Women's Center before Feb. 19. The Boise YWCA is offering "floor space" at 50¢ a night for those with sleeping bags. The Women's Center also has information on motel rates.

## WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Are you concerned about the status of women on the University of Idaho campus? Come and join the Women's Caucus, which meets Thursday noons for lunch in the SUB. Right now the Caucus is working on the affirmative action program, which should result in the hiring of more women in faculty and staff positions, as well as upgrade the salaries of those already employed. This is the most pressing problem right now, but the Caucus will also be working on other areas. What it does depends on what you would like to do.

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## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

The new Pullman N.O.W. chapter, which has held two meetings so far, would like to become the Pullman-Moscow chapter. N.O.W., as its name indicates, is a national group which takes action "to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men." The Women's Center will be publicizing all N.O.W. activities.

## CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING

The Women's Center has been trying to organize consciousness-raising groups which would meet on a regular basis. There are scattered people interested, but pulling them together at one convenient time is difficult. Would those of you who are interested in joining a group please identify yourselves to the volunteer on duty and tell her what times would be most convenient for you? We are also in need of a person to coordinate the scheduling of meetings and to phone those who are interested. The person who has been doing it is typing her dissertation and hardly has time to eat and sleep. We hope that things will get off the ground fairly soon. If you would like more information on what consciousness-raising is, there are some hand-outs available in the Women's Center.

## MOVING SOON

The Women's Center is scheduled to move to a new location in the near future. We will then be located in what is presently the Development Office (right across the hall from our present location on the first floor of the Admin. Bldg.).

As a result of this move we will be losing some of our present furniture. So we plan to have a pillow-sewing session after we move. Anyone with sewing skills or material scraps to contribute, please contact one of the volunteers at the Center. Also if you have any old chairs, carpet scraps or the like, we might be able to use them. Any other help you can give us in settling into our new location will be greatly appreciated.

