

# NATIONAL N.O.W. PRESIDENT WILL VISIT MOSCOW

Wilma Scott Heide, president of the National Organization for Women, has accepted an invitation to speak at the Borah Symposium at the University of Idaho April 2-4. Her name was placed in nomination by members of the Women's Caucus. She will approach the topic, "Power as a Cause of War and a Solution to Peace", from the perspective of a feminist behavioral scientist.

While in Moscow, Ms. Heide will also meet informally with local residents interested in the women's movement. She is tentatively scheduled to appear at the Women's Center Brown Bag Series at noon on Tuesday, April 3. Please watch the staff letter, the Argonaut, and local newspapers for further details.

Ms. Heide is a former commissioner of the Pennsylvania Commission on Human Rights. She has testified before Congress on sex discrimination and has campaigned actively for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. She is noted as a dynamic and devoted feminist and a witty speaker.

## LOCAL N.O.W. GROUP

Women (and a few men) in Moscow and Pullman have banded together to form a chapter of the National Organization for Women, which meets monthly in Pullman.

In addition to the general membership meetings, there are smaller action and interest groups, some of which are listed below, along with the names and numbers of the people to contact about joining:

- Auto Mechanics: Anita McGuire, 567-7063
- Sexism in Education: Mary Marie Taylor, 332-1940, or Ruthellen Dickinson, 567-7681
- Publicity: Karla Kalasz, 564-7622
- Poverty: Marylee Hansen, 335-4531
- Herstory: Marsha Shewis, 567-3621
- Newsletter: Marsha Shewis, 567-3621
- Fundraising: Celia Banks, 567-3621
- Body Awareness: Sioux von Baeyer, 332-3665

N.O.W. is holding a fundraising yard sale on March 31 at N.W. 1230 Clifford St. in Pullman. The next regular meeting is at 8 pm April 10 at the Washington Water Power Auditorium in Pullman.

- ( WHAT IS THE WOMEN'S CENTER )
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- ( WHAT SHOULD IT BE? )
- ( )
- ( PLEASE SEND IN THE ENCLOSED )
- ( )
- ( EVALUATION SHEET )

## NOBODY LIKES JUNK MAIL

The first three issues of the Women's Center Newsletter have been circulated to all of the women listed in the faculty-staff directory, as well as to women's living groups. This was the most convenient starting point, but our primary concern is to reach people who are interested.

If you happen to see this newsletter accidentally and would like to be a regular reader, please leave your name and address at the Women's Center or call 885-6616. On the other hand, if you would like your name removed from the mailing list, please let us know by calling or by simply returning the newsletter via campus mail.

NEW FEATURE:  
WEEKLY RAP SESSION

Many women have been dropping by the Women's Center eager to talk about a recent experience or a new discovery. Often the only listener available is the volunteer on duty, who may also be typing or making posters or answering the telephone. To better meet the needs of those who come in for conversation and discussion, a special time has now been set aside for an open rap session.

Beginning April 2, those who come in on Mondays between 1:00 and 3:00 can be fairly sure of finding several women to talk to. The discussion will proceed as the women present want it to proceed. It might focus on one topic or it might be completely spontaneous. There will be no speaker or discussion leader unless one is selected from the group.

Stop by any Monday afternoon. Everyone is welcome!

BROWN BAG SERIES

The ever-popular Brown Bag Series will continue to run weekly on Tuesdays at noon, throughout the semester, in the Women's Center. Remaining programs are:

- Mar. 27-- Sex Typing Children  
    --Bobbi Myers Hay
- Apr. 3-- Discussion with Wilma Scott Heide,  
    President of N.O.W.
- Apr. 10-- Uterine Cancer  
    --Andrew Devlin
- Apr. 17-- A New Classroom  
    --Judy Gridley  
    Linda Lewis
- Apr. 24-- Alternative Life-Styles  
    --Micki McGrane  
    Ginny Wolf  
    Kay Finley & others
- May 1-- Sexism in Education  
    --Jolene Ramaker
- May 8-- ??? (Suggestions welcome)

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Women's Center may have moved into its new location next to the President's Office. In the process of moving, we have lost some of our furniture, which has been reassigned to other offices. If you have any old furniture, pillows or rugs that you might like to donate to the Women's Center, or sell at a modest price, please call 885-6616. We are also seeking people with sewing and carpentry skills.

HOW TO HANDLE DISCRIMINATION

What do you do if you are refused a job or denied credit or not admitted to graduate school because of your sex? The Women's Center has a procedure set up for handling complaints of sex discrimination.

First of all, you come to the Women's Center and fill in a complaint form, which asks for a simple account of what happened. The form is then turned over to a third year law student, Linda Cook, who will contact you for more detailed information and to discuss what action to take. She also does the necessary legal research. If the act of discrimination violates state laws, the complaint may then be submitted to Liz Sullivan, the local member of the Idaho Human Rights Commission, for further action by that group.

CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING:  
A PERSONAL ACCOUNT

"I have questions or something starts bothering me. I want to talk. I have to say these things to understand them myself. But since I am unsure of what I think and feel I want to talk to someone who is trying to understand and is struggling with some of the same questions herself. The consciousness-raising group last semester gave me the freedom to just blurt out whatever came to mind without feeling committed to what I said. We helped me to sort through a lot of conflicting ideas and attitudes."

--Kay Finley

To join a consciousness-raising group, either all-female or coed, sign up in the Women's Center.

WOMEN'S CENTER EVALUATION

Now that the Women's Center will be moving into a new location, it seems appropriate to take stock of what the Center has done and to consider how it might function in the future. Please fill in this form and return it to the Women's Center, Administration Building, University of Idaho.

Have you been to the Women's Center? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Seldom in area \_\_\_\_\_, No time \_\_\_\_\_, No child care \_\_\_\_\_, Parking problems \_\_\_\_\_, Not interested \_\_\_\_\_, Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been to the Brown Bag Series? \_\_\_\_\_ What topics would you like to hear discussed at the Brown Bag Series?

Would you come to programs in the evening? \_\_\_\_\_

Following are the functions which the Women's Center now performs. Please rank them in order of their importance or potential importance to you personally:

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving as a drop-in center for conversation and coffee, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Making referrals for counseling, birth control, health care, child care, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Providing resources on the status of women and the women's movement

\_\_\_\_\_ Scheduling special programs, like lectures, films, discussions, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Processing complaints of sex discrimination

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicizing activities of special interest to women

\_\_\_\_\_ Scheduling regular programs, like consciousness-raising, rap sessions, study groups

What other services should the Women's Center provide?

Would you like to be more involved in the Women's Center? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ By volunteering time to staff it

\_\_\_\_\_ As a resource person in \_\_\_\_\_ (specify skills, knowledge, experience)

\_\_\_\_\_ On call for special help: Typing \_\_\_\_\_, Telephoning \_\_\_\_\_, Sewing \_\_\_\_\_, Carpentry \_\_\_\_\_, Art \_\_\_\_\_, Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ As a participant in consciousness raising \_\_\_\_\_ or study groups \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments:

Name & phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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