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# Newsletter

Women's Center



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## STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD NEEDS OFF-CAMPUS MEMBERS

In order to make itself more responsible to the interests of undergraduate women, the Women's Center is setting up a Student Advisory Board, which will meet once a month to suggest topics for programs and new services to offer. Speakers from the Center have been going out to the women's living groups to explain what the Board will do and to ask for representatives. There is, unfortunately, no similar way to recruit off-campus representatives. If you live off campus and would like to be on the Student Advisory Board, please call 885 - 6616 and leave your name.

## NEW COURSE: WOMEN IN LITERATURE

A new course called "Women in Literature" will be offered by the English Department spring semester. It will be listed as English 302: Special Topics in Literature and will offer three credits. The course will cover the image of women in literature and the reception of female authors by literary critics, with greatest attention to how female writers portray women and women's experiences. The reading list includes the following novels, plus some short stories, poetry, and essays: Sylvia Plath, The Bell Jar; Kate Chopin, The Awakening; Isabel Miller, Patience and Sarah; Paule Marshall, Brown Girl, Brownstones; and Alix Kates Shulman, Memoirs of an Ex-Prom Queen. The instructor will be Cheri Register, Women's Center Coordinator and acting Assistant Professor of English.

## PUBLIC RESOURCE FILE

If, on one of your visits to the Women's Center, you have ventured a furtive glance into the back room, chances are you've noticed the large orange file cabinet in the corner. This file is for your use. It contains clippings; reprints of articles on a wide variety of subjects--everything from A to W. Among these subjects are abortion, beauty and fashion, child care, education, employment, health, law, marriage, psychology, religion, sexuality, women's activities at other universities, and lots more.

If you are writing a term paper that is even remotely related to women, you are welcome to use the materials in the file. You may use it even just to satisfy your curiosity. The only restriction is that none of the materials in the file may be taken out of the Women's Center.

In addition to the alphabetical subjects file, the cabinet also contains back issues of periodicals and the publications of the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

## FILM--MOVIE--FILM--MOVIE

"Schmeerguntz", a fifteen-minute film showing how the popular image of women compares with the realities of women's lives, has been ordered for showing in the Women's Center at noon on Tuesday, November 20. This is the time regularly set aside for a Brown Bag program.

The Center had not yet received confirmation from the distributor at press time, so "Schmeerguntz" is scheduled only tentatively. However, there will be a film shown, even if this one is not available.

FRIDAY RAP GROUP  
WANTS IDEAS

The group which has been advertised as a Graduate Women's Group, meeting at noon on Fridays, is developing into an open rap group. We are considering some plans for a series on financial concerns. This would include insurance, wills, buying and selling real estate and maybe even investments. If you have ideas or interest in the general topic of the legal aspects of managing money (who doesn't?!) pass them on to a staff member or come to the Women's Center at noon on Friday and share them with the group. Everyone is welcome -- come when you can. This group is also the source of a brilliant idea for a means to get a new coffee maker and other items we need in the Center. Bring in your green stamps!

MAGAZINES IN WOMEN'S CENTER

These are magazines that the Women's Center either subscribes to or receives as a donation from subscribers:

Ms. magazine, Spokeswoman, Women's Advocate (from the University of Minnesota Women's Center), National Business Woman, Women's Center Newsletter (Stanford University), Big Mama Rag (Denver), Aphra (a literary journal), Amazon Quarterly, Majority Report, Prime Time (published by Older Women's Liberation), Country Woman, Women: A Journal of Liberation, Feminist Art Journal, Pandora (Seattle), Momma (for single mothers), Women Today, Executive Woman, Women's Press (Eugene, Oregon).

Come on in and browse through the magazine shelf under the double windows.

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PLEASE FILL THIS IN AND RETURN IT TO THE WOMEN'S CENTER, ADMINISTRATION 109.

Have you been to the Women's Center this semester?

What do you like best about the Women's Center?

What do you like least about the Women's Center?

What topics would you like to have discussed in next semester's programs?

Topics

Possible Speaker

Which of these categories do you fit into?

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty \_\_\_\_\_

Community Person \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify)

What is your age group?

Under 25 \_\_\_\_\_

25-30 \_\_\_\_\_

30's \_\_\_\_\_

40's \_\_\_\_\_

50's \_\_\_\_\_

60 or over \_\_\_\_\_

BROWN BAG SERIES

Tuesday noons  
in the Women's Center

- Nov. 20 A film, preferably  
"Schmeerguntz" (see P. 1)
- Nov. 27 "What's in It for Men?  
Male Views of the Women's Movement"  
--A panel of men  
Moderator: Leo Ames,  
Director of Publications
- Dec. 4 "Implications of Nutrition for  
Women"  
--Esther Wilson, Nutritionist,  
University Extension
- Dec. 11 "The Best of the Brown Bag"  
An evaluative session

FOCUS ON FARENTRY

Thursday noons  
in the Women's Center

- Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING--NO SESSION
- Nov. 29 "Sexism in Education"  
--Jolene Ramaker,  
Teaching Assistant in Education
- Dec. 6 "Infant Study"  
--Bobbi Hay, Assistant Professor,  
Child Development
- Dec. 13 An open rap about children

IDEAS NEEDED

What sort of programs would you like to see next semester? Please fill in the survey on the third page of the Newsletter.

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THE SITUATION OF  
UI STUDENTS ON WELFARE

In recent weeks there has been some publicity in the local press about seven women students at the University of Idaho who were being cut from the welfare rolls because they were receiving student loans. All of these women are single mothers with dependent children. Although the Department of Environmental and Community Services, which administers the welfare program, has assured the news media that these women will continue to receive aid, the women themselves do not feel that their financial situation is entirely secure. They feel that it is necessary to keep the public informed about the pressures that they are under and the change in policies and practices of the welfare administrators. If you would like to keep up-to-date on developments in this case, or if you would like to participate in the formation of a Welfare Rights Organization in Moscow, call Marjorie Olson at 882-1495.

BABYSITTER NEEDED!

Several people have called the Women's Center to say that they would really like to come to the Brown Bag or Focus series if only they could find a babysitter. If you like kids and you have a spare hour from noon to one on either Tuesday or Thursday, please report to the Women's Center. The parents who have called are willing to pay if someone will only take their children out on the Ad lawn to build a snowman (snow person?) so that they can listen to the speaker without interruption.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OFFERS  
EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT BRACELETS

The Moscow League of Women Voters is selling specially-designed bracelets to help people remain aware of the campaign to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution and to raise money to support that campaign. The bracelets are made of nickel silver with the letters ERA pierced into them. They sell for \$3.00 and can be ordered from Carol Patsakos, 882-0198.

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