

Newsletter

Women's Center



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EVERY WEEK IS WOMEN'S WEEK!

Women's Week is over, but the interest and enthusiasm generated by the special events of that week must be maintained. Two-hundred people attended the Co-Respondent's performance--among them a horde of teen-age girls, a good omen for the future.

Many exciting new ideas grew out of the Women's Week workshops: a weekend training session on job-hunting and resume-writing, a festival of films with positive female characters, a big sister program for new students, an ad hoc committee on women's studies, a community-organizing campaign, an analysis of sexism in elementary textbooks, an economic campaign to support businesses that treat women fairly and avoid those that discriminate Bringing these ideas to fruition will require time, energy, and commitment--more than the Women's Center staff can supply. However, much can be accomplished on the initiative of just a few people. The Co-Respondents and the Emma Willard Task Force, the two resource groups brought in for Women's Week, are good examples of that.

If you have an idea for a project that ought to be undertaken, go ahead and work on it yourself. The Women's Center doesn't have a monopoly on programs for women. It is here to help you find other interested people, to publicize your efforts, and to provide meeting space, resource material, and encouragement. The Women's Center will help you do-it-yourself.

BUSINESS WOMEN RECOGNIZED

For the first time on the Idaho Campus women have been offered membership in the professional business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi. The National fraternity voted down an amendment this summer to allow women's membership, but the chapter here supported the proposal and women business students will be initiated this week along with the new male members.

ANOTHER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Lewiston Chapter of the American Association of University Women and the YWCA are co-sponsoring a day-long conference called "Woman: Searching for Self" on Saturday, October 27, at Lewis-Clark State College.

Four programs are scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. They are "Do Women Really Have a Say?", a presentation by Norma Dobler, District 5 Representative to the Idaho Legislature; "Laws that Affect Women in the Performance of Their Roles," by Fred Grant, Director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission; a panel discussion on the topic "Wife, Mother, Woman"; and "How to Insult Women Without Really Trying," a set of improvisations by the Lewis-Clark College Drama Department.

Registration for the Conference will cost \$2.00. Those who attend are asked to bring a bag lunch. Child care will be available at the YWCA for a nominal charge.

Moscow residents who need rides or have space for riders in their cars should call the Women's Center, 885 - 6616.

DAY CARE PROGRESS REPORT

Santiago Estrada, the new Assistant Dean and liaison with the Women's Center is working hard to establish a day-care center on the University of Idaho Campus. The ASUI has donated \$2,000, and several sororities are pledging money to help this project. At this point the preferred land site for the center has been rejected by the Physical Plant Administration. Hopefully a site will be selected by the end of this semester so construction plans can be finalized and a building started. Vice President Sherman Carter has said he believes the day-care center should be in operation by September, 1974.

FEMALE EXPERTS NEEDED FOR BORAH SYMPOSIUM

BROWN BAG SERIES -- TUESDAY NOONS

The Borah committee is soliciting suggestions of experts to invite as speakers for the Borah Symposium, to be held in the spring.

Oct. 16 Free Schools
---Cathi Gibson, Troy Merrill
Talisman House Coordinators

Several Women have come to the Women's Center expressing concern that at least one woman be included. Names of women with expertise on this year's topic, "The Rise in Presidential War-Making Powers," should be submitted to Harry Caldwell, Committee Chairman, in Mines 111.

Oct. 23 Women in Other Countries
---A Panel of international women
Moderator: Phyllis Van Horn,
Foreign Student Advisor

Women who have been nominated so far are Elizabeth Holtzman, Representative from New York, who challenged the bombing of supply lines in Cambodia in a legal suit; Edith Green, Representative from Oregon; and Frances Fitzgerald, a Viet Nam War correspondent and author of Fire in the Lake.

Oct. 30 Witches and Things
---Lindy High, graduate student in history, and Jeanne Wood, artist and withcraft enthusiast

Nov. 6 Feminism and Related -isms
---Cheri REGISTER,
Women's Center Coordinator

Last year the University Women's Caucus submitted the names of about fifteen women, one of whom, Wilma Scott Heide, president of the National Organization for Women, was subsequently invited.

Nov. 13 Are Women Women's Worst Enemies?
--- Open discussion

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FOCUS -- THURSDAY NOONS

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FREE PRAGNANCY TEST

I. Our Bodies, Our Selves

The North Central District Health Department in Moscow has a new pregnancy determination program. The two-minute pregnancy test will be given from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. A urine sample is required, and the test must be given no sooner than fourteen days after the menstrual period is due. It may be given anytime after that. Call the Health Department for more information at 882 - 7506.

Oct. 18 Dr. Andrew Devlin, gynecologist

Oct. 25 A representative from the Aradia Clinic, a feminist health clinic in Seattle

Nov. 1 Summary Discussion

II. Children and Adults

Nov. 8, 15, 29, and Dec. 6 and 13

This series is as yet unplanned. It will cover various aspects of childhood, child-raising, and adult-child relations. Anyone who wishes to help in the planning is invited to a meeting Friday, October 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Women's Center.

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T.V. SHOW ON WOMEN'S WEEK

This publication is on file at the International Women's History Archives, 2325 Oak, Berkeley, California 94708.

The October 15 edition of Verbatim, a locally-produced television show, will feature the Co-Respondents and the Emma Willard Task Force on Education, the guest resource groups at the University of Idaho's Women's Week. Verbatim, an interview program, is broadcast on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on

JOIN THE NEW AD NOC COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

How well would you do on a test that read like this:

1. When was the women's suffrage amendment passed?
2. List 30 famous dead American women, excluding First Ladies and movie stars.
3. List 30 female writers.
4. What percentage of mothers of pre-school children work outside the home?
5. List the measures science has taken to achieve painless childbirth.
6. What role have women played in the development of methods of food preservation?
7. List methods that women, as a group, have used to attain legal reforms.
8. Identify: Louise Nevelson, Nadia Boulanger, the Grimke sisters, Emma Goldman, Lucretia Mott, Margaret Fuller, Margaret Sanger.

Very few women could pass a test that called for knowledge of their own heritage. A new ad hoc committee on women's studies hopes to remedy that situation. It will examine University of Idaho course offerings, reading lists, and text materials to see where supplementary material on women might be added. It will then offer suggestions to instructors and departments any maybe even ask for special courses on women's history, the sociology of women, and so on. Anyone interested in women's studies--particularly students and faculty--is invited to join the committee. More information is available in the Women's Center.

Women's Studies is the name given to a national academic movement that seeks to integrate the study of women into higher education. There are now an estimated 2000 women's studies courses on 500 campuses across the country.

Three women's studies courses are being offered this year at the University of Idaho. Women's and Men's Roles in Society (Guidance 200) intends to raise the student's awareness of the roles women and men play and how they are changing. It is taught by a team of people in student personnel work. Sexism and Discrimination in Education (Educ 499K) is a short course investigating the ways in which schools perpetuate sexism. Jolene Ramaker, a graduate student in Guidance and Counseling, is the instructor. In the spring, the English Department will offer Women in Literature (Eng. 302), taught by Cheri Register, Women's Center Coordinator, who wrote a Ph.D. dissertation on feminist literary criticism.

WOMEN'S CENTER STAFF

The following people have joined the Women's Center staff as volunteers: Stephanie Brody, Debbie Clark, Dee Hager, Linda Hinrichsen, Barb Lenz, Stephanie Martin, Isabel Miller, Mary O'Donnell, Karen Payne, Cindy Rathbun, Helen Redmond, Kerry Ritchie, Celia Schoeffler, Margo Trial, Joy Williams, and Jeanne Wood, with Joanne Kirkwood as a substitute.

The Women's Center Coordinator is Cheri Register and the Assistant Coordinator is Trynn Spiesman. They work with Santiago Estrada, Assistant Dean for Student Advisory Services, who serves as an administrative liaison with the Women's Center.

RAP GROUPS

The Women's Center has accumulated a list of names of people who would like to take part in rap groups or consciousness-raising groups. All that's needed now to get the groups underway is a volunteer who will schedule a meeting in her home and call the people who indicated that they can meet at that time. If you want to take responsibility for that first meeting, please come to the Women's Center and pick up a list of names. One group has already started meeting in the afternoon. If you want to join that group, call Karen Payne in the Women's Center (885-6616) on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 and 2.

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