



University of Idaho Women's Center

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The gathering impulse to break loose from our existing gender arrangements, to free ourselves from the fixed symbiotic patterns that have so far prevailed between women and men, is part of the central thrust of our species' life toward more viable forms. It is of the same order as, and inseparable from, our long effort to identify and surmount the forces that make us each other's murderers, tyrants, prey; the effort toward what in a male-dominated world is still called brotherhood...[We wish] to reject what is oppressive and maiming in our prevailing male-female arrangements...restructure them to fit our conception of full humanity, and restructure them again as that conception continues to develop.

— Dorothy Dinnerstein
 from *The Mermaid and The Minotaur*

HOURS:

8a.m.-5p.m., Monday - Friday
 7p.m.-9p.m., Monday,
 Wednesday,
 and Thursday

April and May Programs

Women's Center programs educate, enrich, and entertain. Bring your lunch and join us! Unless noted otherwise, all programs begin at 12:30 at the Women's Center and are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 5

AMERICAN WOMAN: PORTRAITS OF COURAGE This film highlights the lives of ten American women who were involved in the struggles to establish, preserve and expand our liberties. It also presents the accomplishments of many other women who have made outstanding contributions.

Wednesday, April 6

HERPES: THE SCARLET H? **Jan Murray**, a registered nurse, talks about herpes, one of the most prevalent viral diseases. A physiological background of herpes and its psychosocial implications are two areas she will cover. Ms. Murray will also discuss ways of dealing with herpes using a "wellness" orientation.

Saturday, April 9

Judy Fjell, singer/songwriter at the Borah Theater. More details inside!

Tuesday, April 12

GETTING READY FOR SUMMER—BICYCLING Now that we all have spring fever, our thoughts turn to outdoor activities. **Frank Pettigrew**, an Associate Professor in Recreation, will talk about bicycling—basic bike care, long-distance touring and trips to take locally.

Wednesday, April 13

MOTHERS AFTER DIVORCE In this film, four women talk openly about their new lives, including: managing a job and family, loneliness, discovering new potentials within themselves and helping their children to love.

Tuesday, April 19

TIME OUT TO LISTEN Ann Copeland, the Distinguished Visiting Fiction Writer in the English department, will read a selection from her fiction and discuss the practical problems she has faced in becoming a writer.

Tuesday, April 19
Borah Theater, 7:30 p.m.

FILM: SALT OF THE EARTH The Women's Center is sponsoring a special showing of this classic film, produced in the late 1940's by the Mine, Mill and Smelter workers. The issues of class, sex, and race are all important in this powerful film. Don't miss it! (It's free!!)

Wednesday, April 20

GETTING READY FOR SUMMER—BACKPACKING **Jim Tangen-Foster** will present information about family oriented backpacking. Is it really possible to go out in the woods with a small child? Come and find out what Jim has found out about making backpacking a family affair.

Thursday, April 21

TIME OUT TO LISTEN Lea Baechler, Instructor in the English Department, will be reading a few short poems and one long poem. Her poetry has women as its central theme, but includes issues of concern to everyone.

Tuesday, April 26

WHITE SUPREMACY IN IDAHO A videotape on the Aryan Nations group in Hayden Lake will be shown. Afterwards, **Liz Sullivan**, a member of the Idaho Human Rights Commission, will lead a discussion about these activities and recent efforts to pass a Malicious Harassment bill in the Idaho Legislature.

Wednesday, April 27

TIME OUT TO LISTEN Tina Foriyes, Associate Professor of English, will read from her poetry. Another opportunity for you to hear from a local author.

Thursday, April 28

IS THE CLASSROOM A CHILLY CLIMATE FOR WOMEN? Members of the Task Force on Science and Technology (part of the Women in Curriculum Project) will present information about the differences in the educational experiences of men and women.

Tuesday, May 3

HEALTH CARE: EXPECTATIONS OF PHYSICIANS **Dr. Connie Brumm**, a newly practicing physician in the Palouse, will talk about what you can reasonably expect from your doctor in becoming a healthy person. Dr. Brumm would also like to get input about health concerns of women in this area so that she can do a series of programs next year.

Wednesday, May 4

LAST CHANCE POTLUCK!! Let's celebrate the (almost) end of the school year with a final potluck. Bring a dish to share and take a break before finals. We will start about noon and go until the food runs out!

Please post.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This is the last issue of the Women's Center Newsletter for the 82-83 academic year. I have enjoyed the opportunity to share events, activities, resources, and ideas with all of you. It's been a tremendously busy year for all of us at the Women's Center with programs well attended, extensive use of the drop-in lounge, innumerable books circulated, and varieties of research projects utilizing the files and other scholarly resources at the Center. We have counseled many, answered hundreds of questions over the phone, and assisted numerous students in finding their way through the university system. In other words, it's been a good year.

I am frequently asked the question, "Is there a men's center here, too?" My response to that question is always, "The whole world is a men's center" and although I say it with a laugh, the truth of the statement remains. We may have come a long way, baby, but we still have a long haul to achieve full equality. The need for women to have a place of their own has not changed, and the Women's Center has provided that space for thousands of women—and men—for a decade. It's fundamental purpose has not changed in those ten years—to serve as a focal point for women's issues and concerns at the University and in the community, and to provide a supportive, caring environment where people can explore what it means to be women and men in a changing and complex world. We do that well, here, at the Women's Center.

The Center is not staffed during the summer. Although we do our best to keep the doors open on a regular basis, it's sometimes hit-and-miss during June and July. Feel free to stop by; all our regular resources except formal programming are available when we're open.

Good luck on finals, have an enjoyable summer; we look forward to seeing you in the fall. There shall, after all, "never be another season of silence until women have the same rights as men on this green earth."

— Alayne

GOOD READING: Books at the Women's Center

Circles on the Water: Selected Poems. *Marge Piercy.* This collection includes poems from **Breaking Camp, Hard Loving, 4-Telling, To Be Of Use, Living in the Open, The Twelve-Spoked Wheel Flashing,** and **The Moon Is Always Female.** If you've never read Marge Piercy's poetry, now is the time to start! If you have, this collection is a delight. Marge Piercy is right when she says, "...readers will find poems that speak to and for them, will take those poems into their lives and say them to each other and put them up on the bathroom wall and remember bits and pieces of them in stressful or quiet moments. That the poems may give voice to something in the experience of a life has been my intention. To find ourselves spoken for in art gives dignity to our pain, our anger, our lust, our losses." Piercy's poems do that; they're well worth reading for many quiet moments.

Women and Male Violence. *Susan Schechter.* This book examines domestic violence and the social movement that has grown in the past decade against such violence. It describes not only the experiences of victims but the dynamics of groups that demand an end to violence against women. Schechter incorporates a wide range of topics, including the struggle for police, judicial, and social reforms; the role of academic sociologists and professionals; racism; state and national coalitions; and the role of men in the movement. The book is important both as history and theory; it is a valuable contribution to the increasing scholarship on battered women.

Woman in the Year 2000. *ed. Maggie Tripp.* In this anthology, 26 writers project what they believe will happen for women by the beginning of the 21st Century. The group of contributors includes journalists, novelists, social critics, politicians and teachers; a biologist, a filmmaker, a college student, a TV director, and a lawyer. Some of the writers are feminist; some are not. But all of them share the view that we are in the midst of the greatest revolution in the history of women, and all make projections for the future of women. The book includes four sections: "On Her Destiny," "On Her Working Choices and Rights," "On Using Her Body and Mind" and "On Her New Worlds." Whether you agree or not with the assumptions and predictions of these writers, their ideas will stimulate you to new and creative thinking about women's future.

A Guide to Midwifery: Heart and Hands. *Elizabeth Davis.* The avowed purpose of this book is to offer a practical guide to midwifery, and its intended readers those women interested in becoming midwives. This book does much more than that. In addition to being accurate and factual, it embodies both literary and political qualities. Its readership should include not only health professionals, but women and men who are interested in the pregnancy and birthing process. The book includes information on prenatal care, pregnancy problems, assisting at births, labor complications, and post-partum care. It is beautifully written and photographed. It is a gem.

Alternatives to Violence, a Moscow-Pullman organization that provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, will begin their next volunteer training session April 12, 1983. ATV needs volunteers—we need YOU. If you are interested in becoming an advocate or would like to work with the organization in some other capacity, call Alicia, at the Women's Center, before April 8 and leave your name and phone number.

Judy Fjell, singer/songwriter and recording artist, is returning **Saturday, April 9** for her third Moscow performance in less than two years.

Judy is noted for the strength and versatility of her voice, her fine guitar arrangements, her sense of humor, and her warm performing style. She performs feminist, romantic, humorous and political songs in a range of styles from folk to jazz.

The concert begins at **8 p.m.** in the **UI Student Union Borah Theater**. Admission is \$3, at the door. The event is sponsored by More Music for Moscow and the UI Women's Center.

The 1983 Index/Directory of Women's Media is now available. It provides a network among women's media and with those who have information to share. The *Directory*—with 379 women's periodicals (over 100 outside the U.S.), 92 women's presses and publishers, 74 women's bookstores, 37 women's music groups, 51 radio & TV groups and regular programs, 28 film groups, 57 art/graphics/theatre groups—is published to increase communication among women nationally and internationally.

Other categories include news services, women's columns, distributors, speaker bureaus, special library collections on women, as well as hundreds of individual media women and media-concerned women in the Individuals section—listings written by the women and groups themselves with addresses, phone numbers, contact people and descriptions. Being annually updated assures accuracy of information in the *Directory*.

To order a copy, send \$8 to WIFP, 3306 Ross Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, (202)966-7385.

Tutoring/Study Table Finals are just around the corner. Do you need help? Do you need a quiet place to study? The Women's Center is available for **FREE** tutoring according to the following schedule:

Monday, 7-9 p.m., Chemistry

Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., Math 160 & Physics 114

Thursday, 7-9 p.m., Math 180

These sessions are free and open to anyone; just drop by for help. Tutors are trained and provided by the Special Services program at the U of I. In addition, you may drop by the Center Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. if you need a quiet place to study. The coffee pot and tea kettle are always available to assist you!

A special opportunity—April seems to be the month for poetry and fiction readings! This one's particularly special. Margaret Atwood, well known poetry and fiction writer, will be reading from her work at the Fine Arts Auditorium, WSU, April 22, at 8 p.m. It's too good to miss!

For more information, or if you would like to carpool to Pullman, call the Women's Center.

Women's Campaign Against Poverty. At the current rate of increase, female-headed households will comprise 100% of the poverty population by the year 2000 (according to the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity). To combat this increase, 15 national women's groups have launched the Women's Campaign for Jobs and Economic Justice. It will focus on federal affirmative action policies, economic literacy for women, national training and employment systems, and lobbying for favorable federal budgeting. For more information, contact Wider Opportunities for Women, 1511 K St., N.W., Suite 345, Washington, D.C., 20005.

Newspaper for Mormon women. *Exponent II* is a quarterly newspaper that publishes articles dealing with issues of concern to Mormon women and of interest to women and men. Subscription price is \$6 for one year 4 issues, plus a bonus issue. Order from Exponent II, Box 37, Arlington, MA 02174.

WOMEN'S CENTER RESOURCES

Each year the Women's Center answers hundreds of questions and makes as many referrals. We often tell people, "If you have a question—any question—ask the Women's Center. If we don't know the answer, we probably know someone who does." We answer questions about job opportunities, food stamps, health care, a cheap place to shop for food, a good book to read over a weekend, where to go for a quiet drink, how to make Corky's mushroom casserole, how to handle sexual harassment, how to get tutoring if you're not eligible for Special Services, how to find an apartment in Moscow, who knows about child care, what to do if you want a divorce or are battered or have been raped. We refer people to appropriate campus offices and services, to community agencies, to organizations, to support groups, to networks. We help people find volunteer opportunities appropriate to their skills. Every two years we publish a booklet, **The Woman's Survival Catalog**, which lists organizations and services of special interest to women in the Moscow-Pullman communities; it is free to interested persons. We have a variety of pamphlets and booklets free for the taking, from information about cervical caps to copies of **Women and the Laws in Idaho**. Women's Center staff are well acquainted with the University and the Moscow-Pullman communities and will help with information and referrals whenever they can. And if they can't, they'll tell you who can!

Have a happy summer!



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