



University of Idaho Women's Center

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The Women's Center newsletter includes announcements and information about the many services and programs offered by the Center to the University and Moscow communities. It is published and distributed at the beginning of each month during the academic year. If you have announcements or information you would like included in subsequent issues, please let us know. Suggestions for changes or improvements in our format are welcome.

The Women's Center is updating its mailing list for the 1983-84 academic year. If your address has changed or if you would like to have your name added to the mailing list, please call or stop by the Women's Center to let us know. If you do **not** wish to receive the newsletter, please call. If you know someone else who might enjoy the newsletter, please pass her/his name on to us.

Once again, the Women's Center is offering a quiet place to study and free tutoring. On Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 10 p.m., the Center will be open for studying. There will be coffee, hot water for tea, and a quiet, comfortable environment. During that time, tutoring will be available for Math 140. On Thursdays, from 7 to 9 p.m., the Center will again be open for study table and for tutoring in Math 140, 180, and 190 as well as lower level biology and chemistry courses. If you're tired of studying in the library, your living group distracts you, and you could use some extra help, stop by the Women's Center. It's for you and it's free!

Hours

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Monday &
 Wednesday
 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Thursday

October 1983 Programs

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

Tuesday, Oct. 4

SECRET PLEASURES, HIDDEN DANGERS According to a recent article in *Ms.* magazine, nearly half of college women suffer from some kind of eating disorder. **Marilyn Murray**, Counseling Center, will talk about the problems of anorexia nervosa and bulimia the two most common disorders. Food looms large in the lives of many people; Marilyn will help us understand why and what to do about it.

SING ME There will be a meeting of anyone interested in singing in a women's chorus at 4:00 p.m. at the Women's Center. If you can't make it to the meeting but are interested, call or stop by to leave your name.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

WOMEN WRITERS IN FILM: Part I "Margaret Laurence: First Lady of Manawaka" This film looks at the books and life of Margaret Laurence, an increasingly well-known and respected Canadian. Come and find out more about this special writer.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

WOMEN WRITERS IN FILM: Part II "World of Light: Portrait of May Sarton" This film explores the life and works of poet and novelist May Sarton. Filmed primarily at her home, it examines, through interviews and readings from her work, the quality of sentiment and strength so apparent in her work, as well as some of the special dilemmas faced by women writers. A beautiful, moving film.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

YOUR BODY, YOUR SELF **Dr. Connie Brumm**, family practitioner in Moscow, will talk about a variety of women's health issues including premenstrual syndrome, DES, and breast cancer/alternatives to mastectomy. This is your chance to air your concerns and questions about women's health issues!

Tuesday, Oct. 25

CAST AN INFORMED VOTE The Women's Center will sponsor a **CANDIDATES FORUM** for Moscow City elections (held Nov. 8). Candidates for City Council will be invited to share their views about the governance of Moscow and to answer questions from the audience.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

FAMILY LAW AND ITS IMPACT ON WOMEN **Linda Trout**, Magistrate Judge from Lewiston and Visiting Lecturer at the U of I Law School, will discuss a variety of family law issues relating to women. Separation, divorce, child support, child custody (particularly the new joint custody law in Idaho), family violence: law in all these areas intimately affects the lives of thousands of Idaho residents. Judge Trout will share information from her perspective as an attorney and, more recently, as a magistrate judge. **IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 11:30, instead of 12:30.**

Your Choices Are Changing A study on changing attitudes toward marriage and single life reveals that, despite the current high levels of divorce, over 90 percent of young Americans expect to marry — a proportion which has shown almost no decline since 1960. Two aspects of marriage plans which do show change, however, are the rising age at which young women expect to marry, and the widespread desire to complete college and to work before marriage. Another study in which 8000 undergraduates at seven New England women's schools were questioned about goals involving career and/or family showed that these college women expect both a successful career and a thriving family life. The Seven College Study showed a number of unexpected findings, among them: women undergraduates have very similar goals to men undergraduates; less than five percent of women surveyed are interested in traditional women's careers, such as teaching or social work. In fact, the career plans of women look almost exactly like those of men. Law, medicine, business, and communications attract the sexes equally. Only 10 of the 8000 women chose homemaking as their future careers. The personal goals of men, in turn, look a great deal like those of the women. About a third of the 1000 men at the coed schools in the study said they would prefer to stay home or work part-time with their pre-school children. Both sexes ranked "time to spend with spouse" and "career" as high priorities. Maybe there really is a revolution brewing!

Don't Forget — The "Visions and Re-visions: Gender in the Humanities" conference is just around the corner: October 14, 15 and 16. This conference is bringing together an outstanding group of women's studies scholars and activists to explore the ways that gender research and women's studies scholarship in the humanities affects our intellectual and public life. It will be an outstanding event — well worth your interest and time. If you haven't already, put the dates on your calendar. For a brochure/registration form, call the Visions and Re-visions office, 885-7997 or the Women's Center, 885-6616. It will help the coordinators if you will **pre-register**. Putting on a conference this size requires the help of many volunteers. We need volunteers to work during the conference as problem-solvers (you are assigned responsibilities as needed) & at registration. In addition, we need volunteers to provide a "covered dish" for a potluck dinner Friday to welcome out of town guests and presenters. We also need housing. We are offering out of town participants "bed and breakfast" housing: a place to sleep and breakfast for two nights, Friday October 14 and Saturday, October 15, in volunteer private homes in Moscow and Pullman. We are asking guests to pay \$15 for the two nights and the volunteer homes to donate the money to the Women's Center Library Fund. If you are willing to do this, contact the Visions and Re-visions office or the Women's Center. **VOLUNTEERS, WE NEED YOU!!**

Women and the Reagan Roster: Looking past the top level, high visibility jobs held by Elizabeth Dole, Jean Kirkpatrick and Sandra Day O'Connor, the Reagan appointments' picture quickly loses its luster. Of approximately 670 appointments requiring Senate confirmation made during Reagan's first two years, only 63, or 9%, went to women. That's one-third less than under President Carter.



"You're leaving us to get married?"

The Women's Center has completed its annual inventory of library books. As usual, there are some missing. If you have books from the Women's Center that you have had for a long time, **PLEASE RETURN THEM**. If you have copies of the following books that you would like to donate to the Women's Center library, drop by or give us a call. We can scarcely afford to keep up with purchasing new books, to say nothing or replacing missing ones, so donations are critical and welcome.

Among those missing are: **The Fire-Dwellers**, and **The Diviners**, both by Margaret Laurence; **Poems: Selected and New, 1950-1974**, Adrienne Rich; **To Be of Use, The Twelve Spoked Wheel Flashing**, and **Hard Loving**, all by Marge Piercy; **Kiss Sleeping Beauty Good-bye**, Madonna Kolbenschlag; **How To Save Your Own Life, Fanny and Fear of Flying** by Erica Jong; **Selected Poems of May Sarton** and **The Fur Person** by May Sarton; **In Her Day**, and **Rubyfruit Jungle** by Rita Mae Brown.

The Moscow Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its annual Used Book Sale on October 27 and 28 in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. Profits from this event are designated, in large part, to the AAUW Educational Foundation, which awards scholarships and fellowships to women. If you have books to donate, please call 882-2783 or leave at Washington Water Power.

Professor Dennis West, Foreign Languages and Literature, has received funding from the Association for the Humanities in Idaho to present a series of subtitled Brazilian films. Two of these are of particular interest to women. The first will be shown October 19 at the University Gallery at 7:00 p.m. This film, *Gaijin*, was made in 1980 by the woman director Tizuka Yamazaki. In large part autobiographical, it tells the saga of Japanese immigrants who arrived in Brazil in the early 20th Century to make their fortunes. Another film in the series, *Iracema* (1975) will be shown Nov. 16, 1983, University Gallery, 7:00 p.m. *Iracema* records in semi-documentary fashion the story of a poor, exploited Indian girl as she travels the Trans-Amazonian Highway. For further information about these films or others in the series, contact Professor West, Foreign Languages.