



# 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 and 180. 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

## September 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.*

*Regularly scheduled, lunch-time brown bags for September will focus on topics relating to the upcoming "Visions and Re-visions: Gender in the Humanities" conference — a "sneak preview" so to speak! Bring your lunch for programs which explore ways that the women's movement and women's studies are transforming our belief systems, our culture and our self-concepts.*

*Tuesday, Sept. 13*

**HISLAND HISTORY** Reading traditional western history often leads one to believe there were no women West of the Mississippi; women moved West, of course, in large numbers and in non-traditional ways. **Sue Armitage**, Director of Women's Studies at WSU and Associate Professor of History, will talk about how our understanding of women in the West is being transformed by feminist historians.

*Wednesday, Sept. 14*

**A FILM: BIG BOYS CAN CRY—THE CHANGING AMERICAN MAN** Why are today's men changing? What is the impact of these role changes on sexuality, careers, personal relationships, and parenting? This film examines these issues and others in an in-depth look at an increasingly familiar American phenomenon. It explores why some men are trading in the confining roles of the past in favor of a new set of values for coping with today's world. A fascinating and thought-provoking film.

*Tuesday, Sept. 20*

**SNEAK PREVIEW: DILEMMAS OF WOMEN IN LITERATURE** Is there such a thing as a female hero in literature? How do fictional women reflect the culture's view of woman's place? **Barbara Meldrum**, Professor of English at the U of I, will discuss some ways feminist scholars have changed our views of women in literature.

*Wednesday, Sept. 21*

**INTERNATIONAL FEEL GUILTY DAY** Bring food to share for a potluck between 11:30 and 1:00 and purge yourself of guilt for the coming semester (see article inside for further information about this annual only-in-Moscow event).

*Tuesday, Sept. 27*

**SNEAK PREVIEW: FEMINIST THEOLOGY—MORE THAN FATHERHOOD** Over the past decade, feminist theologians have rethought, transformed, re-visioned the roles of women in the Christian church and traditional theology. **Deanna Mason**, coordinator for the Gender in the Humanities symposium and a lay theologian, will discuss some of the new insights and visions which are having a profound impact on contemporary theology and religion.

**EVERY MONDAY**, 7 - 10 p.m. Monday evening study table and tutoring for Math 140 and 180. Stop by the Center for a quiet place to study and help with your math.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**, 7 - 10 p.m. Same as Monday evenings — study table and tutoring for Math 140 and 180.

**EVERY THURSDAY**, 11:30 - 1 The "Everyone Else Is So Young" lunch bunch. Students 25 years and older are invited to brown bag at the Women's Center each Thursday for friendship, support and a time to share the joys and frustrations of being older students at a predominantly youthful university.

**EVERY THURSDAY**, 7 - 9 p.m. Study table and tutoring in lower level math, biology, chemistry.

**As you can see from the enclosed flyer,** the Women's Center and the College of Letters and Science at the University of Idaho have received a grant from the Association for the Humanities in Idaho to sponsor a major women's studies conference in October. We think it will be tremendously exciting; we hope you will plan to attend. It will be held October 14, 15 and 16 on the UI campus.

Since this is an AHI funded project, we must match the grant dollars with volunteer dollars and hours. So, of course, we have volunteer needs and hope that you will help. Right now, our most pressing need is housing. WSU's homecoming is the same weekend; as a result many motels are already full. We are planning to offer 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 will ask guests to pay \$15 for the two nights and ask the volunteer homes to donate the money to the Women's Center library fund. Thus we accomplish three objectives: housing for people who need it, money for a worthy cause, and match — each volunteer home can count expenses for food and time as match for the grant. Would each of you give serious consideration to opening your home in this way? If you are willing to participate, call the Women's Center (885-6616).

There will be many other volunteer jobs as we get closer to the conference. Let us know if you wish to help.

**Books, books and more books.** The Women's Center Library has undergone a major renovation over the summer. Formerly arranged alphabetically, the books have been converted to Library of Congress classification. We have also expanded the library shelf space. You no longer need take your life in your hands when pulling a book off a packed shelf! These changes will make the library more accessible for browsing, casual reading, and research. Women's Center staff can help locate books you are seeking. We have also acquired some new books over the summer. Some of these include *The Third Life of Grange Copeland*, a novel by Alice Walker; *Sexism and God-Talk*, an analysis of feminist theology; *This Is Not For You*, a novel by Jane Rule; *Tar Baby*, a novel by Toni Morrison; and *Annapuna: A Woman's Place*, by Arlene Blum, an account of the 1978 American Women's Himalayan Expedition, and many more. The Women's Center always seeks donations of books for the library. In addition, this year we are establishing a Women's Center Library Fund, to increase the dollars we have available for books. If you have books to donate or wish to contribute to the Fund, call or stop by. We welcome contributions!

The Women's Center **is badly in need of a couch.** If you, or anyone you know, has a couch with another few years' use left in it, would you please let us know? We would be glad to pick it up and take it off your hands!

**Something new, something fun** The Women's Center is organizing a women's chorus — women who like to get together on a regular basis and sing! A "good voice" is **not** a requirement; the only thing required is the desire to share good music and companionship. We anticipate that, at least to begin with, we will be singing for fun, not for performance, although who knows — we could become the most exciting performance group on the Palouse! There will be a meeting of all interested people on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Women's Center; we will arrange further details at that time. If you cannot attend that meeting but are interested in singing, call or stop by and let us know.

**Everyone Else Is So Young** Are you a student 25 years or older who is entering college for the first time or returning to school after a break in your education? Do you feel like the only mature student around? Would you like to meet others like yourself? There are over 500 students 25 and older entering the University of Idaho for the first time this fall, and many hundreds more who are veterans of the returning-to-school-at-an-older-age experience. You probably have some needs and concerns different from the traditional 18-22 year old student. The Women's Center would like to help meet some of those needs. Thursday lunch time at the Center is reserved for older returning students. Bring your lunch any time between 11:30 and 1:00; the Center will be for you during that time — no speakers, no programs, just space to meet each other and share your joys and sorrows at being back in school. See you Thursday!

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE** By authority vested in her, Corlann Gee Bush has declared September 21, 1983, International Feel Guilty Day. On that day, we each make notes of those many transgressions about which we feel guilt, and then we burn those notes. In order to celebrate this day, after which you can enjoy several guilt-free months, the Women's Center is sponsoring a potluck and guilt-burning. On Wednesday, September 21, between 11:30 and 1:00, there will be fine food, sisterhood and brotherhood, and a good time. Bring food to share and join us for International Feel Guilty Day!

**As you may have noticed** from the list of lunch-time programs for September, the Women's Center is making some changes in its program format. Regular, lunch-time brown bag programs will be on Tuesdays only, at 12:30. We will occasionally offer some special programs during the lunch hour on other days. We will be sponsoring more special events, support groups, and programs designed to meet the needs of particular groups. So read the newsletter carefully and mark your calendar for those events that interest you. If you have suggestions for events we might sponsor, let us know. We are here to meet your needs.

## WOMEN'S CENTER RESOURCES

The Women's Center is beginning its eleventh year of services to the University of Idaho campus and the Moscow community. Throughout those years, although its services have increased and diversified, its major thrust has remained the same: to serve as the focal point for women's issues and concerns at the University and in the community. It provides a warm, comfortable, caring place where people can explore what it means to be women and men in a changing world. It brings together individuals of diverse backgrounds who share a commitment to opportunity, equality and justice for women.

The Center provides a variety of services. Sack lunch programs featuring a variety of topics and speakers are offered every Tuesday at 12:30. We have a circulating library of nearly 400 books and resource files of information about women and women's issues. We do a landslide business in information and referral; if you haven't found the answer for your question or don't know where to ask, drop by or call — we can help. The drop-in lounge offers a place to relax, read, have coffee or tea, meet friends, study or leave your lunch in the fridge. We also do peer counseling; if you need someone to talk with about a problem, the Center is a good place to start. We provide programs and speakers for campus and community organizations upon request. We publish a monthly newsletter that includes information about programs and services at the Center as well as short articles about topics of concern to women and women's equality. And still more — support groups, classes, special events, conferences, potlucks, and parties. We provide help to older students returning to school.

Yes, it's true. We are a busy, thriving part of the University community. Stop by for a cup of coffee and a chat; call if you have a question; utilize the study table and tutoring services; check out a book. We are here to serve you, and we welcome you.