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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 continues to update its mailing list. 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.

Women's Center study table/tutoring will be held Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Tutoring will be offered in lower division math (including calculus) and lower division biology classes. Even if you don't need tutoring, stop by the Center Thursday evenings for a quiet place to study. In addition the Center will be open Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. for study table. The coffee pot is hot and the environment pleasant for concentrating on studies.

Women's Center Hours

8:00 am - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
 6:30 - 10:00 p.m., Monday & Wednesday
 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Thursday

April - May Programs 1984

*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, April 3

WHAT'S IN THE STARS FOR YOU. Learn more about the elements of astrology from **Judith Street**, an astrologist, polarity therapist, Tarot reader, herb gatherer and massage therapist. After sharing information on the signs, she will talk about health hints and diet tips, according to astrology, for the water, fire, air and earth signs.

Tuesday, April 10

DUAL CAREER PARTNERSHIPS. **Joy Passanante Williams** and **Gary Williams** will share how they have put together their dual career marriage. They will talk about negotiating the ground rules, the prevention of possible problems and suggest pragmatic solutions to those problems that inevitably arise despite all the best planning.

Tuesday, April 17

FIDDLE FOR THE MASSES. **Marvella** explains how you, too, can become a folk musician — she'll present a variety of styles of fiddle music. As a bonus, she'll provide an explanation of the difference between a fiddle and a violin.

Tuesday, April 24

FINALS PREPARATION. **Judy Wallins**, Director of the Learning Resource Center will talk about good study habits and techniques, but will also give hints for last minute preparation for those final examinations.

Wednesday, April 25

LAST CHANCE POTLUCK. Another annual tradition at the Women's Center. Take a break before dead week and finals begin, bring some food to share and celebrate the end of another school year. This is your chance to say a preliminary good-bye to the wonderful circle of friends at the Women's Center. We'll start about noon and go until the food is gone.

Special Program

Wednesday, May 15

MUSICAL HEALING WORKSHOP **Kay Gardner**, noted flutist, will conduct the workshop at the Women's Center, the cost of which is \$10. For more information about the workshop, call either 882-7341 or 882-3410 after 5:00 p.m. Watch for posters and information in the newspapers!

Feminization Of Poverty. Theresa Cusick, appearing before the Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education, shared some of the following statistics:

✓ The number of female-headed households has more than doubled in the past 20 years, from 4.5 million in 1960 to 9.4 million in 1981.

✓ The proportion of poor families maintained by women is increasing drastically. In 1981, 70 percent of poor black families, 50 percent of poor Hispanic families, and 39 percent of poor white families were maintained by women. Among them, these families included seven million children.

✓ 15 million women entered the workforce between 1971 and 1981.

✓ Almost one million additional women will enter the workforce each year in the 1980s — two-thirds of the new entrants.

✓ American girls — 90 percent of them — can expect to work outside of their homes for most of their adult lives. Forty percent will be heads-of-households.

Court Action. On March 19 a federal judge in California sided with an employer, saying women have no right to get the same or a similar job back when they return from maternity leave. The ruling found that such promises discriminate against men, who get no similar guarantees when they go on disability leaves. (The connection escapes us.)

The decision may be appealed. An attorney with the state Fair Employment and Housing Department said, "This is a serious setback. It is going to force women to make a choice between having children or having a job." It is not yet known if the ruling has implications beyond California. The California law, passed in 1978, requires employers to grant pregnant women up to four months maternity leave and guarantee "the same or equal" job when they return. U.S. District Court Judge Manuel Real said the law was contrary to the federal Civil Rights Act, which says women cannot be promised their old jobs back unless men get the same assurances. The case grew out of a 1982 complaint by a woman who wanted her receptionist job back when her maternity leave ran out.

Sexual Harassment On Campus with Women, the publication of the Project on the Status and Education of Women reported that the director of the Counseling and Testin Center at Boise State University, accused of having sexual relations with a student client, resigned from the university following a six month suspension of his license by the Idaho Board of Psychologist Examiners. Prior to the board's investigation, the university had removed Maximo Callao from his counseling center duties but had permitted him to continue teaching.

North West Women's Studies Association The regional conference this year is in Bellingham, WA at Western Washington University, April 26-29. The theme is **Holding Our Own — Breaking New Ground.** The conference will provide opportunity to examine the accomplishments of the past 10-15 years in light of today's conservative trends, to explore methods of maintaining those important gains, and to focus on feminism in action in the economic, political and sociocultural life of the U.S. and Canada.

There will be workshops given about integrating women into the curriculum, re-teaching American Literature, the sacred and the obscene — what's at stake, gender balancing the curriculum, new scholarship on women of Color and other topics. Keynote speakers include Catherine Simpson of Rutgers University, Ladonna Harris, a noted political activist, and Margaret Benston of Simon Fraser University. Margie Adam will perform in concert Saturday evening. The first northwest showing of Judy Chicago's newest work, **The Birth Project**, will be on exhibit at WWU during the conference. **The Birth Project** is an educational / art exhibition generating awareness of the birth process through the media of fabric and needlework.

We have more information and applications at the Women's Center. We also have raffle tickets available. The prizes range from a ceramic mask by Lillian Pitt to autographed books by noted feminist writers. The proceeds will go to assist low income and women of color to attend regional and national women's studies conferences

Women In Religion Study Group The Campus Christian Center continues to offer a staff and student study group at 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday. The group is reading, studying and discussing the book *Sexism and God-talk* by feminist theologian **Rosemary Reuther**. The group is open to anyone interested. For more information, contact the Campus Christian Center.

Get It Off Your Chest The Women's Center is sponsoring a Consciousness Raising/Support Group this coming semester. If you would like to participate, please stop by the Center or call by March 15. Leave your name and your class/work schedules, and we will find a time for you to meet.

Arrest and Domestic Violence A 16 month study by The Police Foundation, aided by the Minneapolis Police Department, concludes that battered women may be better off if their partners are arrested rather than given a lesser penalty or remedial counseling, according to an article in *Tabs: Aids for Ending Sexism in School*. Only 10 percent of those who were arrested were re-arrested within six months, compared to a reoffense rate of 16 percent for those given advice or mediation services, and 22 percent for those simply ordered out of the house for eight hours. The study contradicts the common notion that mediation is the best solution to domestic violence.

Women Hotline Women USA Hotline is a toll-free number you can call any time of day or night, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for a 90 second report on national news affecting women, legislative action alerts, background information on key issues that are current. Dial 800-221-4945.

N.O.W. Fundraiser Moscow N.O.W. is holding a drawing as a fundraising event. The premise is simple — there is one grand prize, which is one-half of the proceeds that N.O.W. collects (a possible \$900). The drawing will be held May 8, 1984 at the chapter's regular business meeting. Tickets are available from N.O.W. members. For more information, write Moscow N.O.W., P.O. Box 8763, Moscow, ID 83843.

Pornography Ban *The Washington Post* reports that the Fairfax County (Virginia) Fire Department, which has four female firefighters as well as women administrative personnel, has banned X-rated video cassette movies and magazines from fire stations. The chief, who made the order, said that the female nudity in the movies and magazines "is degrading to females and in fact would be intimidating to them in the department." Another fire official who has been in the department 25 years said "... times are changing ... we are no longer a male bastion ..." The ban is extremely unpopular among male firefighters.

Violence in the Home Calling family violence and "insidious crime problem," Attorney General William French Smith enumerated for the Task Force on Family Violence the terrible effect violence within the family has on the lives of its innocent victims. Smith said, "Conservative estimates indicated that nearly two million wives are abused by their husbands each year and battery is the single major cause of injury to women in America. Each year, as many as one million children are victims of abuse and more than two thousand of these die. Many of those who do survive bear for the rest of their lives the hurt and injury inflicted on them as children. Abuse of the aged may be as high as five percent among dependent elderly Americans."

"Family violence is considered by much of the public and by many government officials to be a private matter and not appropriate for official intervention despite the unique destructiveness of this form of violence," "all I needed was someone who I felt I could confide in," "as soon as you explain to the police, yes, she's married to him, that changes things almost immediately" and "a marriage license is a kind of hitting license" were recurring themes at the task force committee hearings.

Women in Science: Lack of Full Participation A recent article by John T. Bruer in *Science* magazine pointed out that despite dramatically increased participation, women have not yet achieved full equality in the scientific research community. The women scientists receive less salary, fewer promotions and are less often tenured. Over the last decade, the percentage of women receiving undergraduate degrees increased by half in physical sciences, doubled in computer sciences and tripled in engineering. In most scientific fields, women holding the bachelor's degree are now as likely as men to go on to the PhD. In the early 1970s, women received 14 percent of new PhDs, but by the end of the decade they received 26 percent. Between 1967 and 1972 women constituted 17 percent of newly hired faculty, compared to 25 percent between 1975 and 1980. But much remains unchanged. Although men and women have similar training and affiliations, their positions within academic departments are vastly different. A 1981 survey of 1970 - 1974 doctoral recipients showed that 17.2 percent of the men versus 9.2 percent of the women were full professors, 50.8 versus 38.2 percent were associate professors, and 17.3 versus 31.7 percent were assistant professors. For this same group, 13.3 percent of the men under 35 compared to 9.4 percent of the women were tenured or on the tenure track.

Most of what is known about women in science is based on studies of PhDs. But studying only those women will not answer some key questions. More attention must be given to secondary and even primary education as well as to the effects of societal differentiations. The choices of girls and women toward appropriate precollegiate studies or science careers cannot be affected if we do not understand how choices are made by most people, which factors are most influential, or whether men and women utilize the factors differently to reach career decisions.

MUSIC NEWS

IN CONCERT:

Cris Williamson

Cris will appear with Tret Fure in Boise on April 1, 1984. The Women's Center has tickets; they are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. The concert will be held at Capitol High School Auditorium. If you are interested in attending, stop by the Center and ask about a car pool which may be formed if there is enough interest.

Kay Gardner

More Music for Moscow has just announced that Gardner, noted flutist, will be in Moscow May 14-15. She will perform in concert on the evening of May 14 at the Community Center in Moscow. Tickets in advance will be \$4 and \$5 at the door. Gardner will also conduct a Musical Healing Workshop at the Women's Center on May 15. For more information, see page one of this newsletter, "Special Programs." For information regarding either the concert or workshop, call 882-7341 or 882-3410 after 5:00 p.m. Watch for posters and information in the newspapers!

ALBUM NOTES:

From the Heart. Meg Christian.

Meg's newest album, just released, is a fresh presentation of her consistent devotion to quality and musicianship. Her fifth album, *From the Heart* reflects Christian's integrity and talent as a singer, songwriter and guitarist. A look at all five of her albums reveals a definite progression of growth. From her first album, *I Know You Know*, to *Heart*, Christian has maintained a sense of vision in her music, reflecting the changes and growth of her life. While the majority of the songs on this album are reminiscent of Christian's earlier style, she branches out to touch elements of jazz and jazz-rock. *From the Heart* is a very pleasing album with much variety and would be a positive addition to anyone's record collection. (Don't miss **MEG CHRISTIAN** in concert at the University of Idaho Student Union Ballroom on **APRIL 18 at 8 p.m.** Christian is touring to promote her latest album, **FROM THE HEART**. Appearing with her will be **DIANE LINDAY** on bass and **SUE FINK** on keyboards. Ticket prices are \$7 in advance and are available at either Women's Center. **Be there!**)

This is the last issue of the Women's Center Newsletter for the 1983-84 school year. The staff at the Women's Center wants to say thank you to the hundreds of people who have supported us and participated in our activities this year. It has been a busy one: we have counseled many, answered hundreds of questions over the telephone, referred many to where they wanted to be but didn't know how to get there and assisted numerous students in finding there way through the university system.

We will hold programs during April and don't miss the annual year end potluck on April 25th! It will be a fun time before the final rush of taking exams, packing, moving, finding summer jobs and leaving to just sit, relax and share food and time with the many friends that we have shared and joy and frustrations with over this school year.

With most of the Women's Center staff either on ten month appointment or work-study, the Center finds it impossible to be open regular hours during June and July. We do our best to keep the doors open some of every day and all our regular resources except formal programming are available when we are open. If you want to drop by or are in need of our services, call first to see if we are here!

Good luck on finals, have a great summer; we look forward to seeing you in the fall.
Alayne and Betsy

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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