



University of Idaho Women's Center

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September 1984 Programs

Women's Center programs educate, enrich and entertain. Bring your lunch and join us! Unless otherwise specified, programs begin at 12:30 in the Women's Center lounge and are free and open to the public. If you have suggestions for future programs, please call or stop by.

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The Women's Center Newsletter is published six times during the academic year. It includes announcements and information about the many services and programs offered by the Center to the University and Moscow communities, as well as items of general interest about women's issues. If you have announcements or information you would like included in subsequent issues, please let us know. Suggestions for changes, improvements, or additional items are welcome.

The Women's Center is updating 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 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 Hours
8 a.m. — 5 p.m., Monday — Friday.

Wednesday, September 12

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK! A NEW tradition at the Women's Center — potlucks have always been for holidays and goodbyes. This year we welcome newcomers and share old friendships with good food and companionship, starting at noon at the Women's Center. Bring food to share. Special bonus — a hot game of Trivial Pursuit!

Tuesday, September 18

FAMILY VIOLENCE: EMERGING INTO THE PUBLIC EYE — The first of three programs about violence in the family. Today's program is a film, **No Longer Alone**, produced by the Washington State Shelter Network. It shares the stories of several victims of spouse abuse who learn to work through their situations and problems; a graphic and eye-opening film. Following the film, leaders of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, Moscow-Pullman's domestic violence service agency, will discuss issues of domestic violence.

Wednesday, September 19

FAMILY VIOLENCE: EMERGING INTO THE PUBLIC EYE — The second in our series. **Katherine Ann Campbell**, Executive Director of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, will discuss domestic violence from a local perspective — statistics, local resources, and the law.

Tuesday, September 25

FAMILY VIOLENCE: EMERGING INTO THE PUBLIC EYE — Last in our series on family violence, this program examines **CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**. **Lawton Fox**, psychologist, and **Donna Francis**, social worker, will discuss what kinds of signs to watch for in children that might indicate sexual abuse, the long-term effects of such abuse, and counseling approaches.

Wednesday, September 26

EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE PEACE CORPS. Representatives from the Peace Corps will talk about their experiences living and working in developing countries and will present a slide show titled **Women in Development**, which features the work of women in the Peace Corps.

Tuesday, October 2

ETHICAL DILEMMAS: NEW POLICY ISSUES IN REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY. **Bob Blank**, Professor of Political Science and author of the book *The Political Implications of Human Genetic Technology*, will discuss some of the ethical and public policy issues raised by developments in the rapidly changing field of reproductive technology.

Wednesday, October 3

AN OLD FRIEND, A NEW NOVEL. **Jeanette Ross**, writer and former Director of the Learning Skills Center at the U of I, will present a reading from her recently published novel *K Ranch*. This will be a special treat for all of us! Copies of *K Ranch* will be available for sale and autographing.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe, but after just a week of classes, the Women's Center is already in high gear. The blackboard is full of messages, the lounge is full of coffee-drinkers, the phone is ringing off the hook, and all of us are filled with that wonderful beginning-of-the-semester energy. Although I have no plans for major projects this semester (like last year's women's studies conference), the semester promises to be busy-as-usual. The library has some fine new books, the resource files are bulging, and all of us have been busy with peer counseling. Closest to my heart is a concern that everyone participate in the election — by working for a candidate, by taking time to understand candidates' positions in order to vote wisely, or, most importantly, by REGISTERING and VOTING. The right to choose those who will govern us is precious; please exercise that right.

The Women's Center staff has a new face, and a new name. Carolyn Caster has replaced Susan Baumgartner as secretary. We miss Susan but are enjoying Carolyn's warmth and efficiency. Over the summer, I returned to the use of my birth name — new name, same person!

The Women's Center offers many services and resources — programs, the library and resource files, peer counseling, information and referral, and a place to stop and relax. It's a humane place that respects individuality and cares about people. I hope you will stop by and get acquainted or reacquainted, check out a book, have a cup of coffee or tea, and enjoy yourselves. You are welcome and appreciated.

— Alayne Pettyjohn

Top Administrators' Leadership Crucial to Increase Women Faculty — A recent survey of 183 doctoral institutions indicated that leadership from top administration is critical in producing positive changes for women faculty. Case studies of the three universities ranking highest in increasing status for women faculty revealed that the president-/chancellor/provost at each institution had made it clear that affirmative action was a high university priority. At each of the three universities, this was achieved by:

- Accordinging high visibility to affirmative action, with repeated discussion in public speeches and informal gatherings of goals and progress in achieving them;
- Treating affirmative action as an important institutional priority, with resources and staff dedicated to implementing affirmative action goals;
- Closely monitoring hiring decisions, and holding decision-makers accountable for good faith efforts; and
- Maintaining effective two-way communication between top administrators and women's groups.

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure in Concert Another special, spectacular concert sponsored by More Music for Moscow and the U of I Women's Center. Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will appear September 14th in the SUB Ballroom at 8 p.m. There are still tickets available, so now's the time to purchase yours — \$8.00 for general admission, \$9.00 at the door; stop by the Women's Center for more information or for tickets.

Book Sale — The annual American Association of University Women used book sale is EARLY this year — September 28th and 29th at the fairgrounds. If you have used books to donate, drop them off at Washington Water Power or the U of I Women's Center. Proceeds from the book sale are donated to the AAUW Educational Foundation, which offers scholarships to women. This event is the best ever to stock up on a year's worth of reading at minimal cost.

Awareness Week — WSU's annual focus on issues of race and gender bias will be held early this year, the second week of October. Although all dates and times are not yet finalized, speakers and performers include the following:

- Bernice Johnson-Reagon** from the group Sweet Honey in the Rock;
- Carl Degler**, sociologist who has written and spoken widely on issues of women and family life;
- Suzanne Lacy**, performance artist;
- Jean Catalani**, speaker on women in Nicaragua;
- Delores Huerta**, Vice President of the United Farm Workers;
- Christine Craft**, former ABC reporter.

Set some time aside the second week of October to hear some or all of these presenters. For further information, watch the local press and/or call the Women's Center at W.S.U., 509-335-6830.

Another Conference Opportunity. George Orwell's 1984 has assumed mythical dimensions. To some, 1984 represents a vision of consummate misuse of power culminating in hopelessness and despair — a dire prediction of the future. Others say the work has been overrated and merely reflects Orwell's own sense of frustration and futility. This paradox, as well as the relevance of 1984 in a larger sense, will be addressed in "George Orwell's 1984: Myth, Reality, and Legend." The symposium will be held September 16, 17 and 18 at Washington State University. The symposium is free and open to the public. For more information about program and speakers, call the Women's Center or contact Allan Kachelmeier at 509-335-9666.

BOOKS, BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS

The Women's Center has some exciting new books for your research needs or for wonderful spare-time reading. You might try one of the following for starters.

Sweet Death, Kind Death by *Amanda Cross*. This newest murder mystery features sleuth Kate Fansler solving the mystery of an apparent suicide at a prestigious Eastern women's college. The professor's death makes no sense, and in her usual witty, urbane way, Kate unravels the mysterious events leading up to the tragedy.

Fly Away Home by *Marge Piercy*. Marge Piercy's newest novel follows the break-up of a traditional suburban marriage and the growing political and personal awareness of its hero, a woman known nationally for her cookbooks, but whose skills and fame are never acknowledged by her husband. The novel is well written and hard to put down — good reading for a fall weekend.

A Special Opportunity — and it's Free! "A View From the Bench: Women and the Law," a conference sponsored by the Women's Law Caucus at the U of I College of Law. The conference will be held on Saturday, September 22, 1984, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the law school courtroom. Speakers include the following: **Judge Betty Fletcher**, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco; **Judge Deborah Ball**, District Judge, Boise; **Chief Judge Wanda Miles**, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai; **Judge Barbara Rothstein**, United States District Court, Seattle; **Chief Judge Anita Dupris**, Colville Tribe, Nespelem, Wash.; and **Judge Linda Copple Trout**, Magistrate Court, Lewiston. Speakers will be addressing such issues as sex role stereotyping in the courtroom, litigation, the relationship of the courts to the Indian community, and "Becoming a Judge." The conference promises to be interesting and informative to the general public as well as to those involved in the legal profession. For more information, call the Women's Center or contact the Women's Law Caucus at the U of I College of Law.

KUID-TV will air a series of programs in September called **CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD KNOW**. The series is endorsed by PTA and the American Academy of Pediatricians, and will also be aired by KWSU-TV. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, September 17: for parents, teachers, doctors and other adults working with children;

Tuesday, September 18: for children kindergarten through 3rd grade, and 4th through 7th grade;

Wednesday, September 19: for junior and senior high students;

Thursday, September 20: for young adults.

Air times are all 7 p.m. On Friday, September 21st, at 8 p.m., KUID will air a local follow-up to the series which will examine the issue of child sexual abuse from a local and state perspective. (Please note that this series coincides with the one on family violence sponsored by the Women's Center for its lunchtime programs — see front page for details.)

Between Ourselves: Letters Between Mothers and Daughters 1750-1982, edited by *Karen Payne*. This is a truly extraordinary collection of letters, both historical and contemporary. Arranged topically, each series of letters includes biographical information about the letter writer and her relationship with her mother or daughter. There is something for every woman in this collection, a letter or phrase or comment that speaks to the heart of each of our relationships with our mothers or daughters.

The Writer on Her Work, edited by *Janet Sternburg*. This collection of essays by women writers about their craft includes such authors as *Alice Walker*, *Nancy Milford*, *Erica Jong*, and *Gail Godwin*. The essays vary from comments about craft and method to biographical essays. They are frequently moving, always revealing of self, and very readable.

Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse — Volunteer Training. Fall training for people interested in working for ATVP begins September 13th. ATVP needs YOU — as an advocate (a person who provides services to victims of domestic violence or rape), as a safe home sponsor (a person who provides space in his or her home as safe shelter for victims) or as an organizational volunteer (a person who helps out with the day to day details of keeping the organization running). If you are interested, come to an organizational meeting Thursday night, September 13th, at the U of I SUB, 7:30. The actual training will begin Monday night, September 17th, and continue each Monday night through November 12th. Please share your time and talents. For more information, call the Women's Center.

The Future is November 6th. The Women's Center is participating in a non-partisan coalition of individuals and organizations in Moscow to get out the vote for November elections. But before you can vote you **must register**. For registration information, call the Women's Center; we can tell you your precinct, the name of your precinct registrar, and how to get registered.

Need Academic Help? Special Services is a federally funded project to help students improve their grades and graduate from college. Students must be either low income, or handicapped (includes learning disability), or first generation (neither parent has a college degree). Because of various limitations, Special Services will be able to accept fall semester students **only through the month of September**. If you fall under one of the eligibility requirements listed above and will need tutoring or basic skills help during this semester, contact the Special Services office for an appointment now. Special Services is located in Phinney Hall 302, 885-6746.



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