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## April 1986 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 any suggestions for future programs, please call or stop by.*

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.

"There was nothing to prevent one or all of us becoming victims at any moment."

— **Doris Lessing** in  
*The Memoirs of a Survivor*  
1975

Victim Rights Week  
is April 20-26

- Tuesday**  
April 1  
**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL:** This is no April Fool's Joke. Pam Watchous, the Family Nurse Practitioner at UI Student Health, will present the opinions and their effectiveness and ease of use. She will also discuss health issues surrounding contraception. Personal decision making will be covered.
- Tuesday**  
April 8  
**WEAPONS BAZAAR, THE GREATEST BOMB SHOW ON EARTH:** Bill Kuhre of the UI English Department will show this audio slide show that depicts how weapons are sold to the Pentagon and Congress, how sex is used to sell machine guns, tanks, and bombs, why Boeing charged the Air Force \$1,118 for a chair cap, and how the "Soviet Threat" is an effective sales gimmick for lucrative Pentagon contracts.
- Wed.**  
April 9  
**11:30-12:30**  
**CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT:** Last year Congress passed this act to help states collect unpaid child support for the custodial parent, usually the mother. Frances Thompson, local attorney and Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer for our area, will discuss this legislation and tell us where Idaho stands in respect to implementation. She will also discuss relevant and recent changes in the divorce laws.
- Tuesday**  
April 15  
**HOW TO SPEAK CAR:** Carole McNew and Mary Butters will discuss the how-tos of buying, repairing, or getting a car repaired. What to look for, how to listen to your car, and how to finance a purchase will all be discussed.
- Wed.**  
April 16  
**BENEATH THE BLADE OF THE SURGEON:** Joyce Majure, M.D. and local surgeon, was a student in the first class that accepted women at Yale Medical College. Dr. Majure will share some of the funny, but poignant stories of those years and the residency that followed. She will discuss women and surgery, when to seek second opinions, and how to prepare for it. There will be time for questions and discussion. Also, what an opportunity to meet a new member of the female medical community.
- Tuesday**  
April 22  
**"PINK TRIANGLES":** A film about prejudice against lesbians and gay men. The film puts current forms of discrimination in historical perspective. Its name is drawn from the Nazis' practice of forcing gay inmates of concentration camps to wear pink triangles. This is a highly acclaimed film and is rarely available for showing in the Moscow community.
- Wed.**  
April 23  
**VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND VICTIMS' COMPENSATION:** Nancy Wolff, Latah County Prosecuting Attorney, will explain what victims' rights are under the 1985 Idaho Victim's Rights and Restitution Law. She will also talk about this year's Victims Compensation Bill. (At printing we do not know whether it has passed.) She will lead us through the process of assistance available to crime victims. This is National Victims Rights Week.
- Tuesday**  
April 29  
**WHO CLEANS THE TOILET?** Shelly Coverman, WSU Sociologist and noted researcher in gender issues, will talk about the division of labor in the home. Are men sharing more of the housework and child care? Is there a way to deal with the drudgery in an egalitarian way? Don't miss this opportunity to pick up some pointers and to meet and welcome Coverman to the Palouse.

**Women's Center Hours**  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

# Networking News

The Moscow Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet April 9 at Cavanaugh's at 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the program. Call 882-7181 for dinner reservations and for the program topic. The board will meet April 23. The national AAUW is conducting a "Restore the Statutes of Liberty" campaign in an attempt to bring attention to the Civil Rights Restoration Act and to gain its passage. This legislation, now in the House in Congress, will restore the civil rights laws regarding age, sex, race, and handicap status to the original intent of Congress. Every major women's and civil rights group is backing this legislation. Call AAUW, NOW, or the Women's Center for details.

The Moscow Chapter of the National Organization for Women will have its business meeting on April 8 at 7:30. The program meeting will be April 22 at 7:30, and they will show the film "Pink Triangles." This is open to the public. Both meetings will be in the Student Union Building. The Moscow chapter sent a delegate last month to the Los Angeles March to Save Women's Lives. She joined a dozen other Idaho NOW members from Boise, Harrison, Coeur d'Alene, Meridian, Kuna, and Homedale, and all marched with 20,000 others in the rain to show their support for keeping abortion and birth control safe and legal.

The League of Women Voters of Moscow meets every Wednesday at noon at the SUB. April 2, 9, and 16 they will focus on their national study: Financing the national government: entitlements, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children. April 23 will be the legislative wrap-up of the Idaho session. April 30 will be the conclusion of the study of

This will be the Women's Center's last newsletter for this school term. We have some great programs scheduled for the month of April. We hope that you will be able to join us for some or all of them. We will not sponsor programs during the first two weeks of May because life does tend to become very hectic around here as finals and vacation approach. We want to thank all of our friends and supporters who have given programs, attended programs and shared of themselves, and all those who stop in once or a hundred times a year to say hello, study, drink coffee, or seek support in a crisis. Over this school year we have tried to support women students in whatever way we could, with support groups for returning women, with reassurance and referrals for victims of violence, with directions of where to go to find what they needed but didn't know where to start, with counseling for problems with money, grades, relationships, roommates and various other issues.

We no longer have any 12-month staff at the Women's Center, so our hours this summer will be mostly non-existent. There will be very few times when staff will be here doing paper work preparing for fall, so if you need to get in to use our resources, call and you might be lucky.

Whether you are student, faculty, or staff, thank you for the great year. Good luck on finals to those of you who are students and to those of you who grade them. Have a good vacation, be it three months or three days. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Betsy

**How to Speak Car.** Our apologies to the women who came to this program in March when the presenter did not. We are repeating the program this month and it will happen. Last month Molly, not Nolly, Schmidt, had arranged with the management of her former employer to either send her, send someone else, or to cancel. Fifteen minutes before the program, the manager told us he was sorry.

**Shelley Monahan:** Just a reminder that the KREM news and weather reporter will bill in Colfax on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. for a rape awareness program. It will be at the High School Auditorium. Call the Women's Center for details or for car pooling.

financing the government.

**Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse:** Everyone has household and other items merely occupying space and we will be glad to help. If you are like most people, you can't bear the thought of tossing out a perfectly useful, but never-used article. ATVP will pick up any item of any value with which you have finally decided to part. The sole restriction is that we won't take out your trash (but any recyclable item is hardly trash, so save your newsprint, aluminum, etc!) Your donations will be saved for a future fund raiser, used in the assistance of survivors, or in the agency's operation. In return we will acknowledge your contribution and provide a written receipt. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing you've helped in a significant way survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence while gaining needed storage space. ATVP definitely needs a cassette recorder, slide projector, any office equipment including tape dispensers, desk organizers, tables, chairs, shelving (e.g. boards, bricks, brackets, or anything of this nature), filing cabinets, archival storage boxes, good used clothing (both women's and children's), kid's toys, food, emergency supplies, sheets, pillows, and many other things. If you think it would be useful, it probably will be. Call 882-3720 and leave a message on the recorder. We will arrange a pick-up.

ATVP hopes to have a new director on board soon. In the meantime, the advocates and the board are filling in and picking up both the crises work and the administrative duties.

If you are one of the people who usually receive a joint Women's Center, ATVP, or NOW newsletter, you will not find it complete this time. We are trying to straighten out a misunderstanding with the post office. Some of you may have noticed it last month. The post office returned all copies that had ATVP or NOW enclosed in the joint mailing. We had to pull those and just send the Women's Center section.

**Women, the Family, and Freedom, the Debate in Documents:** A book we included in our holiday wish list arrived as a gift last week. Thank you anonymous donor! This book explores the debate in Western nations over women, their relationship to the family, and their claims to freedom from 1750 to 1950. Statements of prevailing ideas, all published in their time, are juxtaposed with the contemporary challenges to these ideas. Each part of the book is introduced by an essay that places the documents in their historical context. The authors and editors, in their presentation of the debate, balance well-known female and male writers against those who are less well known. They introduce works by a number of forgotten women authors as well as by better-known women, all of whom made significant contributions to this debate. Many of the texts included have never before been available in English; others are only accessible with great difficulty. The authors and editors intended this collection to be a contribution to the study of the history of ideas and to the field of women's studies. They came to view this book as more than documentary history. They write in the preface: "For, in fact, the 'woman question' still lies embedded in the heart of the Western debate about individual liberty; its resolution is central to the full realization of such liberty within the framework of the democratic state." This two-volume collection of 264 primary source documents was edited by Susan Groag Bell and Karen M. Offen. Offen is a UI alumna.

**Baby Mortality:** The Children's Defense Fund released a study last month showing an increase in the post-neonatal mortality rate, the first in forty years. The death rate among infants 28 days to one year rose 3%-5% for blacks from 1982 to 1983. The rise in infant deaths occurred during a time of rising childhood poverty and decreasing health and nutrition services for infants and their mothers. The Fund blamed federal budget cuts and said federal budget balancing efforts would cause further damage. The report said that in 1983 one baby a day "might have lived if its mother simply had received adequate prenatal care." Among other findings of the report: In 1983, the gap between white and black infant mortality was the greatest since 1940; in 1983 for the third year in a row, the percentage of pregnant women receiving late or no prenatal care increased; and the percentage of babies born at low birthweight increased in 1983. Low birthweight babies are 20 times more likely to die in the first year.

# April, 1986 Networking Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Women's Center program 12:30	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Women's Center program 12:30  NOW business mtg. 7:30 SUB	<b>9</b> Womens Center program 11:30  AAUW branch mtg. 6:30/7:30 Cavanaugh's	<b>10</b>  Rape awareness Shelley Monahan 7:30 Colfax High Auditorium	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Idaho State ACLU Board mtg. Moscow
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Women's Center program 12:30	<b>16</b> Women's Center program 12:30	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Women's Center program 12:30	<b>23</b> Women's Center program 12:30  AAUW Board mtg. 7:30	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  2:30-9:00 7:00-9:00 Diana Nyad	<b>26</b>  Northwest Regional NOW Conference Seattle, UW campus  Northwest Women's Sports New Agenda Conference — Boise Red Lion 8:30-5
<b>27</b>  Northwest Regional NOW Conference Seattle	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Women's Center program 12:30  NOW program mtg. 7:30 SUB	<b>30</b>  Expanding Your Horizons 9:00-3:15 for high school girls, SUB			

For more information about these events, see this newsletter or call the Women's Center, 885-6616

# Have a happy summer!

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**Victim's Rights Week:** The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that one out of three families will learn the pain and suffering of a vicious crime this year alone.

In 1984, there were 35,476,000 crimes committed nationwide.

Of this number, 5,594,000 were crimes of violence.

Every 26 seconds, one American is victimized by violent crime.

Every 28 minutes, an American is murdered.

Every six minutes, a woman is raped.

Every one minute, someone is robbed.

Every 20 minutes of each day, someone is killed by a drunken driver.

Every four to six seconds, an aggravated assault is committed.

It is estimated that domestic violence occurs in almost one of every three marriages.

Reported cases of child abuse increased 200 percent between 1976 and 1981.

In 1984, nearly 125,000 cases of sexually abused children were reported to authorities.

In 1981, the cost of crime to American society was \$10.9 billion.

In 1981, the cost of medical expenses alone of violent crime victims was \$223 million.

Less than 30% of all crimes are reported to authorities.

Of this number, only 10% result in arrest.

And only 1% of these arrests result in convictions.

Our nation spends almost \$625 million each year for defense attorneys for indigent defendants. Victims of crime, whether indigent or not, have no legal standing in the courtroom unless they are called upon to testify as witnesses.

*Information provided by Sunny Von Bulow National Victim Advocacy Center.*

**Christine Craft Update:** On March 3 the U.S. Supreme Court turned down TV anchor Craft's appeal to hear her sex bias suit against Metromedia. The only dissent from that decision came from the lone woman on the court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Following the decision, Craft said, "That tells me that we need more women in the judicial system, government, and TV news." O'Connor is not considered particularly friendly to women's issues in general, but this vote should be noted.



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