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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.

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

*Remember the dignity
of your womanhood.
do not appeal,
do not beg,
do not grovel.
Take courage,
join hands,
stand beside us,
fight with us...*

*Christabel Pankhurst
English Suffragist,
(1880-1958)*

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MARCH PROGRAMS 1989

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 open to the public. If you have any suggestions for future programs, please call or stop by.

MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**March 1
Wednesday**

UNION MAIDS: Sitdowns, scabs, goon squads, unemployment, hunger marches, red baiting and finally the beginning of the CIO - the 1930's were a landmark period for the American Labor Movement. Union Maids is a film about three women who lived this history and make it come alive today.

**March 8
Wednesday**

RETHINKING RAPE: This video is about the cultural aspects of rape. It deals with advertising, society's views, beauty contests, etc. There is a candid conversation with a woman who is the survivor of a date rape. Another conversation with a man demonstrates how men must be part of the solution. A must see program!

**March 22
Wednesday**

SEX-BASED DIVISIONS OF LABOR: *Susan Palmer*, a sociologist with Rutgers University and instructor for the University of Idaho's Correspondence Study will present how inequality between women and men is rooted in the expectation that women will perform most of the unpaid labor in our society. Her papers, "The Psychological and Material Bases for Sex-based Inequality," presents her theoretical framework and "The Effects of Underemployment on Household Labor Distribution Among Nonmetropolitan Women," is her dissertation proposal for empirical research on the interaction between women's paid and unpaid labor in the Palouse will be available for review.

**March 28
Tuesday**

WHAT DID THE LEGISLATURE DO TO ME THIS YEAR: *Evelyn McGraw*, local employee activist and political observer will tell us what legislation was passed (or is still in the "hopper") that impacts our lives as university employees or students. She will also touch on certain new laws that affect our daily lives.

**March 29
Wednesday**

HEALTH PROTECTION FOR WOMEN: *Susan Gelletly, M.D.*, a Moscow Internist will discuss signals our bodies may send indicating when we should consult a doctor and how to explain symptoms. She will also share what prevention examinations women approaching their 30's and beyond should have. She will tell us what an internist does and why.

**April 5th
Wednesday**

TAKE CHARGE: DON'T WAIT FOR A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR: *Amber Thiemens*, a local Black Belt Kokondo Karate instructor, will demonstrate how to take charge in and control nuisance, holding, and life-threatening situations. Kokondo Karate is not a "sport" karate; it is strictly self defense and does not require power or strength. Thiemens will also address the psychology of the attacker and what the person attacked can do verbally.

WE KNOW THE TYPE ON THE NEWSLETTER IS SMALL. WE HAVE RECORDED IT ON AUDIO TAPE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A SIGHT IMPAIRMENT. LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BORROW THE TAPE AND WE WILL SEND IT TO YOU.

WASHINGTON TO WASHINGTON: WOMEN IN ART TODAY: March 7-30 An exhibition of work by 15 women artists from Washington State will preview at the WSU Museum of Art before traveling to the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington D.C. Opening Reception and Lecture, 7:30 pm, March 6.

"WAS HE ASKING FOR IT?" Recently, Harper's Weekly carried an item from the American Bar Association declaring that few rapists are punished for their crime: Only one of five rapes is reported and only one out of eight reported rapes ends in conviction. In a dialogue to demonstrate why most rape victims prefer not to press charges, the article asks us to imagine a robbery victim undergoing the same sort of cross-examination that a rape victim does:

"Mr. Smith, you were held up at gunpoint on the corner of First and Main?" "Yes."

"Did you struggle with the robber?" "No."

"Why not?" "He was armed."

"Then you made a conscious decision to comply with his demands rather than resist?" "Yes."

"Did you scream? Cry out?" "No. I was afraid."

"I see. Have you ever been held up before?" "No."

"Have you ever given money away?" "Yes, of course."

"And you did so willingly?" "What are you getting at?"

"Well, let's put it like this, Mr. Smith. You've given money away in the past. In fact you have quite a reputation for philanthropy. How can we be sure you weren't contriving to have your money taken by force?" "Listen, if I wanted---"

"Never mind. What time did this holdup take place?" "About 11 P.M."

"You were out on the street at 11 P.M.? Doing what?" "Just walking."

"Just walking? You know that it's dangerous being out on the street that late at night. Weren't you aware that you could have been held up?" "I hadn't thought about it."

"What were you wearing?"

"Let's see--a suit. Yes, a suit."

"An expensive suit?"

"Well--yes. I'm a very successful lawyer, you know?"

"In other words, Mr. Smith, you were walking around the streets late at night in a suit that practically advertised the fact that you might be a good target for some easy money, isn't that so? I mean, if we didn't know better, Mr. Smith, we might even think that you were asking for this to happen, mightn't we?"

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS: Brown Bag Fridays - This is a time for students to meet each other, share ideas, ask questions, problem solve, and hear guest speakers from various campus offices. The Women's Center lounge is set aside for non-traditional students every Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call [885-6616] or stop by the Women's Center if you have questions.

MEDIA AND VIOLENCE: Studies presented at a symposium on the effects of violent pornography at a meeting of the American Psychological Assn. show that violence against women - even non-sexual violence - in the media leads many viewers to accept the attitudes of rapists. In one study, males viewing "slasher" movies over a period of days found the movies progressively less upsetting and more enjoyable. When asked to sit as the mock jury of a rape case, the men often judged the victim to be at fault.

Interestingly, women who viewed the same movies had a parallel reaction. Additionally, Neil Malamuth, a U. of California psychologist, said that in a series of tests on the effects of graphic nonsexual violence against women, 30% of the men were sexually aroused by the violence - something psychologists previously thought was unique to men who actually raped women. According to John Briere, a U. of Manitoba psychologist, "The most telling effect of scenes of violence toward women may be on our children, who are still forming their sexual outlooks. We won't know for years exactly what the effects of that exposure will be. But it is unlikely to be very healthy." Teenagers are the majority of movie audiences for "slasher" movies. Add that to cable TV, which is watched by even younger children, and the potential for future rapists and victims is terrifying - a real life horror movie. But this trend will continue as long as sex and violence brings in the megabucks!

1944 CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt 29 Wash. Sq. W., NY

Having noticed in the N.Y. Times of Feb. 1st that you are against the Equal Rights Amendment may I say to you that it is the women who have studied the idea of Equal Rights and worked for Equal Rights that make it possible for you, today, to be the power that you are in our country, to work as you work and to have the kind of public life that you have.

The Equal Rights Amendment would write into the highest law of our country, legal equality for all. At present women do not have it and I believe we are considered--half the people.

Equal Rights and responsibilities is a basic idea that would have very important psychological effects on women and men from the time they are born. It could very much change the girl child's idea of her place in the world. I would like each child to feel responsible for the country and that no door for any activity they may choose is closed on account of sex.

It seems to me very important to the idea of true democracy--to my country--and to the world eventually--that all men and women stand equal under the sky.

I wish that you could be with us in this fight. You could be a real help to this change that must come.

Sincerely, Georgia O'Keeffe

WHEN WRITING TO YOUR SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE, FOLLOW THESE SUGGESTIONS:

- 1) Be courteous. Write legibly and use your full name and address, and your signature.
- 2) Limit your letter to one subject and list the bill number if you know it.
- 3) Be reasonable and constructive -- suggest an alternative if you disagree with a stance or a bill.
- 4) When you agree, write a note of appreciation.
- 5) Write early in the legislative session. If a bill or initiative is before a committee, write committee members.

WHO WE ARE: Relating to our Lesbian & Gay relatives, friends, and selves: a weekly group open to the Palouse community regardless of sexual orientation. For more information, contact YWCA [335-3916].

DANCE: Don't be a fool -- Spring forward with a gay dance on April 1. 8:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M., \$3.00 Students/\$4.00 Non-Students. For more information call 883-3437.

MARCH 1989 NETWORKING CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
27	28	MAR 1 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30-	2	3 NTS BROWN BAG 11:30/1:30	4/5
6	7	8 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30- AAUW -6:30/ 8:00: THREE FORKS INN	9	10 NTS BROWN BAG 11:30/1:30	11/12
13 S	14 P R I	15 N G B	16 R E A	17 K	18/19
20	21 ATHENA 6:00 PM 433 E. 6TH	22 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30-	23	24 NTS BROWN BAG 11:30/1:30	25/26
27	28 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30-	29 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30-	30	31 NTS BROWN BAG 11:30/1:30	APRIL 1 GAY PEOPLES APRIL FOOLS DAY DANCE SAT NITE 8 PM FOR INFO 882-6452

*Remember every Tuesday at 12:30 is Athena lunch at the Blue Bucket & Tuesdays at 2:30 pm is Athena coffee at Satellite Sub in March.

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

WOMEN'S HISTORY: HERITAGE OF STRENGTH AND VISION - Women's history provides a whole new way of looking at the events and individuals who have made this country what it is today. The multicultural study of women's lives brings to the fore many new themes in American life, stories to which all can relate.

History, as it has been traditionally taught, has focused on political, military, and economic leaders and events. This approach has virtually excluded women, people of color, and the mass of America's ordinary citizens. To the children of those ignored groups, history has come to be seen as remote and lifeless, a tale having little bearing on their own lives. By expanding the focus of "history" to include the stories of women's lives, whether they reflect everyday life experiences or the role women have played in the major events of our nations past, we can gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of American history.

LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN IN HISTORY - In keeping with the spirit of the National Women's History Month celebrated in March, we asked ourselves what is the history of Latin American Women? Who and where are these women of past generations who have left us a remarkably long list of accomplishments and provided unique role models for us and our children as we try to envision what our futures might hold in store? In our quest to answer these questions, we have reached back into our collective past as Hispanics and have found a wealth of historical information. We have come to recognize how little known and undervalued were the accomplishments of Latinas in the history of Americans. We must also celebrate those Latinas who through their everyday roles as mothers and working people, inspire our youth, change attitudes and pave new roads to opportunities.

Here are some exemplary contributions which Latinas have made from as early as the 16th century, demonstrating their active participation as women of vision, talent and determination in areas such as medicine, civil rights, and educational reform.

- Capillana, Peruvian Indian Botanist of the 16th century, who is the first woman to document her research in architecture and the Natural Sciences.

- Victoria Magana de Fortin, journalist and founder of first vocational schools in El Salvador. As early as 1902, Victoria wrote "equal work deserves equal pay."

- Matilde Hidalgo Navarro de Procell (1896-1930's) Ecuadorian medical doctor was the first Latin American woman to fight for and win the participation of women in elections. She was also the first Latin woman in Ecuador to finish high school and the first woman to graduate from the university in the field of medicine.

- Feminist writer Luisa Capetillo was born in Puerto Rico. Luisa wrote what is considered to be the first women's right manifesto of Puerto Rico in 1912. Luisa Capetillo was an unconventional figure, who is believed to be the first woman to publicly wear slacks in Puerto Rico. It can be said that Luisa Capetillo was a pioneer of the women's movement. Searching, documenting, knowing, telling and understanding are the keys to reclaiming our past and rewriting our future. (from Hispanic Women's Center News Letter, Hispanic Women's Center, New York, NY)

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