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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

"I was forced to live far beyond my years when just a child, now I have reversed the order and I intend to remain young indefinitely."

Mary Pickford
 1893-

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SEPTEMBER 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.

September 12
 Tuesday

WORLD OF LIGHT: PORTRAIT OF MAY SARTON: This 30 minute film is a perennial favorite of the Women's Center which we have not had for several years. It is a 1979 visit with author-poet May Sarton at her sea coast home in Maine, following her activities as she explores her life and works. It examines through interviews and readings, the quality of sentiment and strength so apparent in her work, as well as some of the special dilemmas faced by women writers. A beautiful moving

September 13
 Wednesday

SKIN WELLNESS, A Program for a Lifetime of Healthy Skin: Skin cancer is by far the most common type of cancer today. It is estimated that skin cancer accounts for approximately one third of all malignancies reported. *Deborah Welch*, a professional consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics will show a video and explain the self-exam body maps which will be given to each participant.

September 20
 Wednesday

THE WEBSTER DECISION: *Linda Pall*, area attorney and long time civil rights activist will discuss this summer's U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding a Missouri case that states in the preamble that life begins at conception. Pall will address immediate and possible long term consequences of this decision. She will also share her predictions about the possible overturning of the 1973 Roe Vs. Wade decision, the case that made abortions a matter between a woman and her physician in the first trimester.

September 27
 Wednesday

THE ALL AMERICAN GIRLS BASEBALL LEAGUE: A professional women's baseball league consisting of four to twelve teams played in the U.S. from 1943 to 1954. *Marilyn Francis*, a doctoral candidate in American Studies at WSU, will share her collection of memorabilia from this era and lead the discussion following a showing of a documentary video. The video interviews several of the women who played professionally during these years and explores the popularity and portrayal of the sport and these women's role in it. A fun and educational program.

October 3rd
 Tuesday

OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH: It is estimated that every 18 seconds a woman in this country is beaten by her partner, ex-partner or boyfriend. *Kitty Tobin*, the Executive Director of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, the local Moscow Pullman Shelter and Rape Program, will lead a discussion about this increasing crime following the showing of a film.

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.

BOY/GIRL LEARNING STEREOTYPES UNFOUNDED: A series of studies at the University of Michigan has found that sexual stereotypes about learning abilities in young children are as widespread and unfounded in the East as in the West. Extensive testing of thousands of elementary children in the United States, Taiwan, and Japan show that boys and girls generally perform equally well in reading and mathematics and have similar cognitive capabilities. Nevertheless, mothers in all three countries were more likely to rate girls as better readers and boys as better in math. Researchers at Michigan's Center for Human Growth and Development expressed surprise that given the test results sexual stereotypes are so pervasive. They conclude that the differences between boys and girls are not nearly as frequent or as impressive as the similarities. Although past research has shown that male and female adolescents and adults perform differently in mathematics, the new research suggests that these differences may develop as part of a self-fulfilling prophecy. For further information, contact Center for Human Growth and Development, University of Michigan, 300 N. Ingalls, Ann Arbor, MI. 48109.

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SPECIAL TOPIC COURSE ACQUAINTANCE SEXUAL ASSAULT: The Criminal Justice Division of the Department of Sociology/Anthropology in cooperation with the Women's Center is offering a Special Topics course, CJ 404, for 1, 2, or 3 credits on the subject of Acquaintance Sexual Assault and Rape. Individuals will receive training on all aspects of this crime and profound social problem and will give presentations in the dormitories, sororities and fraternities. For more information call the Women's Center.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS: We will continue our *Brown Bag Friday's* a drop in social gathering at the Women's Center. This is a time for students to meet each other, share ideas, ask questions, etc... the Women's Center lounge is set aside from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Friday. In addition, this year we are beginning a *Tuesday Feature Film Series*. Join us and other non-traditional students for popcorn and some of the best in current or classic film video's. Meet at the Women's Center from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. to relax, meet others and see some great films! Call us at 885-6616 or stop by the Women's Center.

ATHENA: Athena, An Association Supporting the Interests of Faculty and Other Professional Women at the University of Idaho, is an organization that promotes professional women's concerns at the University. The first meeting will be the 'Welcome Back Picnic' on September 6th held at the home of Kathy Clark, 1830 Appaloosa Road. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and the catered picnic at 6:30 p.m. The special guest will be Dr. Elisabeth Zinser. Notices have been sent to every female university employee.

Normally Athena meets monthly during the first week of the month in the Sweet Avenue House (located diagonally across from the Music Building). The gatherings begin at 6:00 p.m. for socializing, catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. It is quite acceptable to bring your own food for dietary, nutritional or whatever reasons instead of purchasing the catered dinner. Child care is usually available. In addition to the monthly evening meeting, Athena sponsors a coffee hour on Wednesdays

from 9:30-10:30 at the Women's Center (starting September 13) and a weekly no-host lunch at the Blue Bucket. If the evening meeting is on a Monday then the lunches are on Mondays for that month, if the evening meeting is on a Tuesday then the lunches are on Tuesdays, et cetera. The monthly evening meetings alternate from Monday through Thursday in an attempt to decrease scheduling conflicts. The officers are President: Diane Baumgart, Counseling and Special Education, 885-6172, Vice President: Kay Keskinen, Computer Services, 885-6721, Secretary: Candy Gillis, English, 885-6142, and Treasurer: Gail DeSantis, Entomology, 885-6050. If you did not receive a meeting announcement, call Kay Keskinen to make a reservation for dinner and call the Women's Center to place your name on the mailing list or call any of the officers to understand more clearly the scheduling of meetings.

STRIDE FOR THE WOMEN VANDALS: The fifth annual Lady Vandal Stride for Gold fundraiser is Saturday, September 30 with the official stride beginning at 9:30 a.m. In 1989, for the first time, it will involve men. Participants obtain pledges and walk as many laps as possible during the one-hour event in the Kibbie Dome to raise funds for women's athletic programs. Each "strider" will receive their choice of a tee shirt or Vandal logo lapel pin, (all striders who submit at least one pledge sheet by September 22nd will be provided a free admission ticket to the September 28th UI-Montana football game) and anyone raising \$550 or more in pledges will be entered in a drawing for a trip for two with the Vandal football team Nov. 3rd and 4th to Pocatello. Everyone is invited to participate. Kathy Clark has all the details at 885-0200.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 1990 CELEBRATIONS: Anyone interested in assisting in the planning and implementation of activities for the January 1990 Martin Luther King, Jr. committee should call either of this year's Co-Chairs and leave your name, address and telephone. A meeting will be scheduled soon. Co-chairs are Michelle Ward, 882-0526 and Stephen Lyons, 885-8973.

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE OF THE PALOUSE: The local program which helps domestic violence victims and sexual assault victims will be conducting with their annual fall advocate training. The dates of the training are Saturday, Sept. 23 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), Tuesday, September 26 and Thursday September 28th; Tuesday October 3rd; Thursday, October 5th; and Tuesday, October 10th (each 3 hour evening sessions will be from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.). Tentatively, the training will be held at the Cougar Depot in Pullman. If you are interested in attending the training, need additional information or want to confirm the location, call ATVP at 882-3720

FRATERNITIES LOOK AT VALUES AND ETHICS: Fraternities are becoming increasingly concerned about the issue of sexual abuse. As a result, the National Interfraternity Council's Commission on Values and Ethics is promoting an increased awareness among its members of its "basic expectations of fraternity membership." A list of expectations, which will be the subject of discussion at the association's annual meeting, includes the requirement that fraternity members "respect the dignity of all persons" and refrain from "physically, mentally, psychologically, or sexually" abusing any human being.

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SEPTEMBER 1989 NETWORKING CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVED	5	6 ATHENA PICNIC 5:30 PM	7	8 NTS Brown Bag 11:30-1:30	9/10
11	12 Women's Center Program -12:30- Film: 3-5pm	13 Women's Center Program -12:30- AAUW 6:30-7:30	14	15 NTS Brown Bag 11:30-1:30	16/17
18	19 Film: 3-5pm	20 Women's Center Program -12:30-	21	22 NTS Brown Bag 11:30-1:30	23/24 ATVP TRAINING 8-5 (23rd)
25	26 Film: 3-5 pm	27 Women's Center Program -12:30-	28 Heidi Muller Folk Singer Evening	29 NTS Brown Bag 11:30-1:30	30
OCTOBER 2	3 Women's Center Program -12:30- Feature Film	4	5	6 NTS Brown Bag 11:30-1:30	7/8

*Remember every Wednesday at 9:30 is Athena coffee hour at the Women's Center & Wednesdays at 12:30 pm is Athena luncheon during September at the Blue Bucket.

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

STATISTICS ON AGING: From the 1988 AAUW Regional Conference on Aging Women:

Age 65+ Population

1 in 4 will reach age 90; most will be women. Men are twice as likely to be married as women:

Men at 75% to women's 33% are married.

147 women to 100 men are 65+

251 women to 100 men are 85+

For 60% of the women, Social Security(SS) is the sole source of income.

For 75% of all 65+, SS is more than 1/2 of their income.

\$399/month for women is the average SS payment.

\$521/month is the average for men.

20% of the women received pensions averaging \$233/month.

43% of the men received pensions averaging \$484/month.

71% of elderly women are poor.

4M (13%) have no health insurance.

(From the Moscow AAUW Nov. 1988 Bulletin)

WOMAN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP: This will be a seven week study and exploration (for women) into their own spiritual self awareness. The group leader will be Kim Williams who is the Lutheran Campus Minister at the U of I. She explains that as women continue to gain a clearer sense of self in every area of their lives, they are also realizing there are facets of their interior lives that are uniquely female. She says it is this rich, inner world of mystery, power, and promise every woman must enter in order to achieve a true awareness of her identity. The structure of this group will be one of discussion and meditation that will aid in the exploration into our own spiritual awareness. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Women's Center. Sign up at the Women's Center or call Kim at 882.2536.

MEDIA REFORM NEEDED - Cramming for College: How does Plano Molding Co. feel about women earning college degrees? Their answer appears in an advertisement running in national magazines geared toward young women. On a female student's dresser is a Caboodles "beauty" organizer overflowing with make-up, shaver, hair dryer, jewelry, etc. The copy reads, "The big Psychology exam is tomorrow. But right now, the guy from room 302 is out in the hallway! And the girls from 407 want to get first." You've got a Caboodles beauty organizer. And they do. All your make-up is organized in one smart place. Some girls are just a little more prepared for college than others."

The message is that this "proud" owner of a Caboodles beauty organizer doesn't care about the big Psychology exam. Her concerns are the guy from room 302 who's in the hallway, and competing with the "girls" from 407. (Note, Plano doesn't regard female college students as "women.") No need to worry, she has an advantage in this important competition of women against women in search of a man. She's got the Caboodles beauty organizer, something that's vital to a college education. With this product, her make-up is organized in "one smart place." Note-she's not smart, her beauty organizer is.

Women attend college to expand their education, to improve their economic position, and to develop their sense of self, etc. Plano belittles women who pursue higher education by perpetuating the myth that a woman must be beautiful to succeed. The attitude of not taking women seriously is damaging. In fact, the job potential for many female college graduates is equal to that of males who have dropped out of high school. Plano's idea of a woman being a step ahead based on beauty and sex appeal also acts to pit women against women in hopes of "finding a man." (From Challenging Media Images of Women Newsletter, Vol 1, No 3 Summer 1989)

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