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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

SURVIVOR'S POEM

I have been victimized.
I was in a fight that was not a fair fight.
I did not ask for the fight. I lost.
There is no shame in losing such fights,
only in winning.
I have reached the stage of survivor and
am no longer a slave of victim status.
I look back with sadness
rather than hate.
I look forward with hope
rather than despair.
I may never forget,
but I need not constantly remember.
I was victim.
I am a survivor.

(Author unknown to us)

Women's Center programs educate, enrich and entertain. Bring your lunch and join us! 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.

APRIL PROGRAMS 1990

April 3
Tuesday

WOMEN IN THE COURTROOM: Women have begun to appear in professional roles in the Courtrooms of America in larger and larger numbers since the early 70's. What effect this has had on the system and on the women appearing in court will be addressed by Magistrate Judge Linda Trout. This is a fascinating topic and will also provide a rare opportunity to meet a woman who is a candidate for District judge.

April 4
Wednesday

CHINA: Diana Armstrong, UI Instructor in Public Speaking, spent 14 months in China during 1988-89. While there she taught English in one of the Universities and traveled throughout the country. She was in China during the 1989 student uprisings. Armstrong will share some stories and slides and answer questions.

April 5
Thursday

RECEPTION FOR GINNY WOLF: NOON TO 3:00 PM Many of us remember Ginny Wolf, former UI instructor in the Health, Physical Education, and Dance Department. She served as a role model for many during her years on the Palouse. Ginny is in town for Dr. Zinser's inauguration tomorrow and has agreed to be at here to meet her many friends and new acquaintances. Whether you knew her forever or have only heard about her, stop by for some enlightening conversation, punch and goodies.

April 10
Tuesday

BIRTHMOTHERS—ENDING THE SHAME AND SECRECY: Birth mothers are not supported in their decisions to relinquish their children for adoption. Lois Melina, adoptive mother and noted authority and author on adoption, will lead a discussion about this topic. Such discussions, it is hoped, could begin to bring the events and emotions surrounding the relinquishment of children into acceptance.

April 17
Tuesday

THE END OF SCIENCE: REFLECTIONS ON THE 1989 NOBEL CONFERENCE: Barbara Hannan PhD., Philosophy, and George Patsakos PhD., Physics, represented the University of Idaho at the 1989 Nobel Conference held in October on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. Professor Hannan will present an overview of the basic issues in the philosophy of science which were at issue during the conference. Professor Patsakos will assess these issues from the point of view of a practicing scientist.

April 18
Wednesday

VICTIMS: WHAT ARE THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW: Craig Mosman, Latah County Prosecuting Attorney, will discuss the legal rights of victims. He will discuss current law, bills passed and defeated by the 1990 legislature. He will share what the different options are confronting a victim of crime.

April 24 & April 25
Tuesday &
Wednesday

COUNSELING CENTER WEEK

DREAMS AND IMAGERY: Hidden Worlds, Hidden Meanings: U of I Counseling Psychologists Beth Waddell and Ted Murray will discuss aspects of internal imagery and suggest some methods of interpretation.

May 1
Tuesday

A WOMAN'S PLACE: A historical look at successful women in America through the 70's such as Helen Keller, Susan B. Anthony, Barbara Walters, and many others. Historical outlook of a woman's place. Very inspirational. This movie was scheduled for last month, but another film with an extraordinarily similar name was sent instead.

May 2
Wednesday

WE THE WOMEN: This film dramatically traces the history of the women's movement from colonial times through the 70's. It's fast-paced, humorous, and sometimes deeply moving. This movie was scheduled for last month, however we were unable to show it because of time limitations.

May 9
Wednesday

GOOD-BYE FOR THE SUMMER AND GOOD LUCK TO THE GRADUATING STUDENTS "FINGER FOOD" POTLUCK: Take this opportunity for one last potluck before finals week and before so many depart for the summer. Bring a box of crackers, or cheese, or fruit, or carrot sticks, any finger food to share with others and say good-bye, hello, or congratulations. We'll start eating around noon.

VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK: April 22-28 is National Victims Rights week. The Latah County Sheriff's and Prosecuting Attorney's Offices will be sponsoring a basketball game on Friday April 27 at the Moscow High School gymnasium. The players will be the outstanding athletes of the county schools striving to win against area celebrities. The game will be at 7:00 p.m. and proceeds will go to establish a fund to assist victims of crime with court costs. Frequently victims move away to try to escape the scene of the crime committed against them. They often need child care during court procedures or newer clothing. The fund would help facilitate their being able to assist in the proceedings. The public is invited and urged to attend. In addition there will be displays at the Palouse Empire Mall during that week sponsored by the same offices and other community groups. We, the Women's Center, have scheduled several programs and a bulletin board display to help bring attention to this problem.

CRIME DOESN'T PAY. VICTIMS DO: There is nothing in your life, short of war, famine, pestilence, that can prepare you to be a victim of violent crime. Most Americans are unaware of the pain of victims, for a variety of reasons. Movies and television show a system of police officers, prosecutors and judges who are fighting for the victim. Their job is to get the criminal and put him away. All within sixty minutes. In reality it doesn't work that way. A victim may suffer a physical, emotional and financial breakdown from his or her experience, while the attacker is out on the streets again in a matter of hours, days, or months. Violent crime is not an isolated problem. In 1986, one violent crime occurred every 21 seconds in this country. A property crime every 3 seconds. A forcible rape every 6 minutes. A murder every 25 minutes. Five out of six of today's 12-year olds will someday be a victim of violent crime. And one in every four American families will be touched by crime in this year alone. (From the National Victim Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics)

ON THE IDAHO FRONT: One murder every 9.6 days (69% were committed by a relative or acquaintance of the victim), one rape every 2 days, one robbery every 1.7 days, one aggravated assault every 4.1 hours and one violent crime every 3.5 hours. (1988 figures from the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement)

One rape victim comes to a Victim's Center every 4 hours, one child physical abuse case every 4.2 hours, one domestic violence victim every 2.2 hours and one victim of violent crime every 49 minutes (From the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the Idaho Network to Stop Violence Against Women)

ATHENA: The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at the Sweet Avenue House. The program will be a panel of guests presenting "Looking Back, Looking Ahead." The panelists will be Ginny Wolf, retired UI professor whom many of us remember and who served and serves as a role model to numerous individuals; Barbara Petura, former UI employee and current Director of News and Information at WSU and Leo Ames, long time UI staff member and presently UI Coordinator of Corporate Identity. All three were early members of the Women's Caucus. Times are 6:00

for socializing, 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the program. There will be child care available for the meeting; call Kay Keskinen at 5-6721 to place child care and dinner reservations.

THANK YOU: We recently received a \$50.00 donation from a supporter in Lewiston as a result of the Centennial Campaign. Thank you; it is always needed and what a pleasant surprise it was in the morning mail.

CRIME AND OTHER LIFE EVENTS: This table relates various types and levels of personal crimes to other stressful life events, ranging from causes of death to accidental injuries at home or work. For example:

* The chance of being a violent crime victim is greater than that of being hurt in a traffic accident.

* The risk of being the victim of a violent crime is significantly higher than the risk of death from cancer or injury or death from fire.

* The chance of injury is much more likely through accidents (at home or work) than through criminal victimization.

HOW DO CRIME RATES COMPARE WITH THE RATES OF OTHER LIFE EVENTS?	
EVENTS	RATE PER 1,000 ADULTS PER YEAR
Accidental injury, all circumstance	242
Accidental injury at home	79
Personal theft	72
Accidental injury at work	58
Violent Victimization	31
Assault (aggravated and simple)	24
Injury in motor vehicle accident	17
Death, all causes	11
Victimization with injury	10
Serious (aggravated) assault	9
Robbery	6
Heart disease death	4
Cancer death	2
Rape (women only)	2
Accidental death, all circumstances	.5
Pneumonia/influenza death	.3
Motor vehicle accident death	.2
Suicide	.2
Injury from fire	.1
Homicide/legal intervention death	.1
Death from fire	.03

(Source: Report to the nation on Crime and Justice: Second Edition. Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, 1988.)

THE GENDER DIVIDE: Do children as young as three years old respond to conflicts in gender-influenced ways? You bet your Barbie they do. In the first research with children this young, linguistics professor Amy Sheldon spent five weeks in 1989 at University of Minnesota's Child Care Center videotaping three- to five-year old children at play. Sheldon found boys to be more heavy-handed in their conflicts, more

APRIL/MAY 1990 NETWORKING CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
APR 2 FILM: 3-5PM	3 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30-	4 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30- *ATHENA 6:00	5 RECEPTION FOR GINNY WOLF 12:00-3:00	6 INAUGURATION ELISABETH ZINSER 1:30 KIBBIE DOME	7/8
9 FILM: 3-5PM	10 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30-	11	12	13 NTS BROWN BAG 11:30-1:30	14/15
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23 FILM: 3-5PM NATIONAL	24 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30- VICTIMS	25 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30- RIGHTS	26 WEEK DISPLAYS	27 VICTIMS RIGHTS BASKETBALL GAME 7:00 PM AT THE	28/29 MALL
30 FILM: 3-5PM	MAY 1 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30-	2 WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM -12:30-	3	4 NTS BROWN BAG 11:30-1:30	5/6
7 FILM: 3-5PM	8	9 WOMEN'S CENTER POTLUCK -12:00-	10	11 NTS BROWN BAG 11:30-1:30	12/13

* REMEMBER, DURING APRIL THE ATHENA LUNCHEONS WILL BE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 12:30 PM AT THE BLUE BUCKET.

** IDAHO NETWORK TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS, SEE THIS NEWSLETTER OR CALL THE WOMEN'S CENTER, 885-6616.

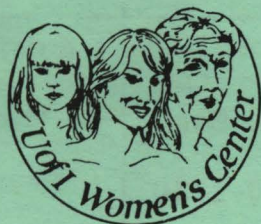
focused on their own interest, and more likely to exclude from the group a playmate who disagrees with them. Girls, on the other hand, used more mitigation than boys, were more concerned with group harmony, and more apt to compromise. Gender distinctions are apparent also in how children play with toys. "What I'm discovering is that giving boys dolls and girls trucks is probably going to be the tip of the iceberg," says Sheldon. In a play housekeeping situation, one boy places a doll in the oven, whereas a girls feeds it, puts it to bed, and is more nurturing. "The object will not magically transform the style in which children use these objects," says Sheldon. "We need to look at how parents, caregivers, and other family members encourage what children do with toys." Few parents would suggest to their son that GI Joe is tired or hungry, says Sheldon, thus limiting the ways he conceives to play with the toy. Even the language of toys is different. GI Joe is an 'action figure'; Barbie is a 'doll'. "There is an implicit statement," says Sheldon, 'that Barbie doesn't do things.' So it makes it harder for us to see what girls are doing as action because the language obscures that." (excerpt from Minnesota Alumni Association magazine, FEB. 1990)

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER: It is hard to believe that I am writing the last newsletter of this school year. It seems we were just working on the January one. It has been another productive year at the Center. Our programs continue to grow and expand. Our luncheon series attract both large and small gatherings. Through the initiation and effort of the Counseling Center we have co-sponsored a monthly

Counseling Center Week which has featured topics in the area of mental health. We hope that this will continue next year. I have once again been blessed with excellent graduate students to assist in the crises work at the Center. And first semester I was fortunate to have the services of a superb secretary who left in January to become a full time student here at the University. Usually I give a summary of the yearly events at this time, suffice it to say that without the aid of any secretary, let alone a superb one, I am not able to do that this year. I could, of course, but the work load is already too outrageous so I am choosing not to and hoping all will understand. We at the Center do want to thank you, our friends, for the support you give us both financially and emotionally. We also want to thank those who have volunteered their time to help put out the newsletter and fires during the months that we have been without staff. We hope to see many of you at our April programs and the May potluck and in the fall. At this writing it is unknown whether the Center will be open this summer. Call before making a trip (our phone are answered by Student Advisory Services if we are closed.) To those of you who are moving on to another place and another phase in your lives, we wish you peace, happiness and success, however you define that. And remember us and don't forget to stop in and say hello when you are back visiting. We won't forget you, you have touched our lives in many different ways; we have tried also to enrich yours. Happy summer and lives to you all!

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