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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

The pedestal is immobilizing and subtly insulting whether or not some women yet realize it. We must move up from the pedestal.

Wilma Scott Heide (1921-1985)

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.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS 1990

November 6
Tuesday

FEMINIST THEORY: Equality versus Difference. Race, Class and Gender. Essentialism. Feminist Theory and the Academic Disciplines. Virginia Woolf, Mary Wollstonecraft, Alice Walker, Simone de Beauvoir and others. **DR. JANICE CAPEL ANDERSON**, visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, will share her plans for PHIL 404 - Feminist Theory to be offered this Spring. She will outline major themes and schools of Feminist Theory. She will also discuss the ways in which feminist theory can enrich work in history, literary criticism, science, anthropology and other disciplines.

November 7
Wednesday

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG RECOVERY: **STEPHEN BONNAR**, Outpatient Counselor at Lakeside Recovery Centers in Pullman will discuss effective alcohol and other drug treatment. He will talk about genetics, adult children of alcoholics issues and stages of recovery. He may address alcohol as it relates to the upcoming holidays.

November 13
Tuesday

UNDECIDED PARENT PROGRAM: **DONNA EULER AND JENNIFER SCHAFFNER**, from the *Lutheran Social Services of Washington and Idaho Undecided Parent Program* will be speaking about adoption, adoption agencies, birth mothers, and adoptive families home studies. They will also discuss the emotional issues surrounding both adopting and relinquishing children.

November 14
Wednesday

THE TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK: It's the time-honored tradition of the Thanksgiving Potluck. The Center will provide a BIG turkey and you bring the trimmings. Everybody will share the good times, good food, and good season. Feasting begins about noon.

November 27
Tuesday

STRESS MANAGEMENT: **DIANNA KOTTKEY**, Nurse Practitioner at the Student Health Center, will discuss aspects of stress management including what causes stress, how to keep it from building up, and dealing with it when it does develop. She will also address coping skills and explain how nutrition comes into play and why exercise helps to reduce stress.

December 4
Tuesday

DREAMING OF A BLUE CHRISTMAS: **BETH WADDEL**, Counseling Psychologist at the Student Counseling Center will do a workshop on exploring strategies for avoiding or surviving holiday stress and depression. What is this phenomenon of the holiday blues and why do so many find this time so upsetting.

December 5
Wednesday

WOMEN'S PATHS TO POWER: This one hour video features author Natasha Josefowitz discussing strategies for women who want to move up, overcoming blocks in the paths to power, exploring gender differences between male/female supervisors and the truth about "Queen Bees." She expertly presents this material in a very humorous and understandable fashion.

December 11
Tuesday

MUSIC AND HOLIDAYS: **MICHELLE WARD**, UI classical guitar graduate student, will present classical selections at this traditional December program. Take a few moments for some fun, relaxation and good music before the last push for finals begins.

December 12
Wednesday

HANUKKAH: **JUDY WALLINS** will be discussing the Jewish holiday of HANUKKAH and some of the traditions associated with it. She will also briefly discuss some other Jewish holidays and what they mean to the Jewish faith.

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

NUMBER OF WOMEN COACHES DROPS: With the passage of Title IX in 1972, many women's sports advocates thought that opportunities for women in all areas of sport would rise dramatically. While that prediction held true for opportunities to play sports, the opportunities for women to coach and administer women's sports dropped dramatically instead. That pattern has been documented in a report, "Women in Intercollegiate Sports: A Longitudinal Study," by Vivian Acosta and Linda Carpenter, professors at Brooklyn College. The report shows an increase in sport offerings for women over the past thirteen years, paralleled by a decrease in women in leadership positions. Sports per school stood at 5.61 in 1977 and grew to 7.24 in 1990. During the same period, the percentage of women coaching women's teams declined from over 90% to only 47.3%. And the percentage of head administrators of women's programs who are female plunged from 90% in 1972 to 15.9% in 1990.

The good news for women in administration is that the number and percentage of women administrators of women's teams have increased since 1988. Six hundred of the 1874 positions in administration of women's college programs are held by women, or 32%. That's up from 528 out of 1827 (28.9%) in 1988. - Headway, *The Women's Sports Foundation Newsletter*, Summer, 1990.

FEATURE FILMS: Beginning in November we will start showing our feature films on Thursday from 3 to 5 instead of Mondays. We hope this schedule change will make it easier for more of you to attend.

VISITING WRITER READINGS AND WORKSHOPS: November 14, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., UI Law School Courtroom - *Joyce Thompson*, Seattle fiction writer who views herself as a "western woman", reads from her most recent novel and her popular short story collection, *East is West of Here*. Thompson's other works include: *35 Cent Thrills*, *Hothouse*, *The Blue Chair*, *Merry-Go-Round*, and *Conscience Place*. Thompson will conduct a 2-week Advanced Fiction Workshop, English 404/504, one credit, from November 5 through 16, MTTH evenings, 7:00 to 9:30. Enrollment is limited to 15 and interested participants should submit a short story or fiction work with name, address and phone number by 5 pm Oct. 17 to the English Office.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN: You don't need an invitation to join the *American Association of University Women*. All you need is a bachelor's degree and an interest in education, the environment, the community, legislative issues, equal opportunity for women and girls, adult literacy, study groups, literature groups, international concerns, or just a desire to be part of a community of educated women.

AAUW is the third largest grantor of fellowships/grants for women. The Latah County Adult Literacy Project (formerly EFFORT) was funded initially by a pilot grant from AAUW. Several local women have also had fellowships. International fellowships are available to allow non-U.S. citizens to study at U.S. universities.

Of particular interest among the fellowships is the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls. The primary purpose is to help public school teachers develop a better understanding of how girls learn and implement teaching strategies and techniques to help girls excel. Emphasis is

placed on increasing girls participation in math and science studies and on raising the sights of girls at risk of dropping out. Fellowships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The Legal Advocacy Fund also provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Moscow branch meetings are usually held the second Wednesday of the month (see Calendar for specifics). Dinner is at 6:30, generally costs around \$7.50 and is open to members and guests with reservations. The program is at 7:30 and is free and open to the general public. Programs this year will focus on international issues. For more information stop by the Women's Center or call Merle Sargent at 882-4369.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH: The Hate Crimes Statistics Act recently signed by President Bush. It directs the U.S. Department of Justice to collect statistics on crimes motivated by victim's race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, but purposefully ignores gender-biased crimes. - Katie Monagle (*Ms. Magazine*, Volume 1, Number 2)

GAY AND LESBIAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS: St. Sebastian Press, a non-profit, non-sectarian art press announces a call for entries to its 1990 anthology of gay and lesbian authors and illustrators. This will be a collection of stories, poems, illustrations, photographs and drawings by contemporary artists, all working around a common theme: challenging, exploring and revealing the quality of life of gays and lesbians in today's culture.

Until November 15 the press will accept submissions from writers and artists who would like their work considered for this publication. Two top cash prizes of \$1,500, one for writing and one for illustration, will be awarded. Cash honoraria will be awarded to all other work selected for publication by an independent jury of gay and lesbian professional writers, artists and editors. Work will be selected for merit and ability to express the nature of the theme.

In July 1991, the press will publish the 1990 anthology in deluxe, regular letter press, and trade editions.

The press is dedicated to the exploration of popular culture and social values, with a special interest in the contributions of gays and lesbians in our society. Through this publication, they wish to offer a politically sensitive environment in which artistic vision may grow and where documents will be created to express the vital role of gays and lesbians in our society.

If you write prose, poetry, or short stories, illustrate in any two dimensional format from line art to photography, are interested in popular gay and lesbian culture and would like a chance to shape it-they encourage you to enter.

To receive entry information, submit work, or to order a copy of the anthology, write to: St. Sebastian Press 714 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55415 or call (612) 338-3130.

VICTORIA WOODHULL: (1838-1927) is best known as the first woman to run for the US Presidency (1872) and, with her sister Tennie C., the first woman stockbroker on Wall Street. Her ever changing causes included spiritualism, free love, eugenics and communism, but she remained committed to women's rights. Top rank suffragists both wooed her for publicity value and rejected her as too controversial. Her critics were many and harsh. Hurt and forgotten in the U.S., she turned to English philanthropies in her later years.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1990 NETWORKING CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
OCT 29	30 Women's Center Program 12:30	31 Women's Center Program 12:30	1 Movie 3-5:00 pm	2 NTS Brown Bag	3/4 AAUW Booksale 8:00-5:00 County Fairgrounds
5 ATHENA 6:00 P.M.	6 Women's Center Program 12:30	7 Women's Center Program 12:30	8 Movie 3-5:00 pm	9 NTS Brown Bag	10/11 9-1:00 Weight Training for Women
12	13 Women's Center Program 12:30 NOW 7:30	14 12:00 Women's Center Potluck AAUW 6:30/7:30	15 Movie 3-5:00 pm	16 NTS Brown Bag	17/18
19	20 H A P P Y	21 T H A N	22 K S G I	23 V I N G	24/25
26	27 Women's Center Program 12:30	28	29 Movie 3-5:00 pm	30 NTS Brown Bag	Dec. 1/2
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10	11 Women's Center Program 12:30	12 Hanukkah Begins Women's Center Program 12:30 AAUW 6:30-7:30	13 Movie 3-5:00 pm	14 NTS Brown Bag	15/16

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

ATHENA: Monday, November 5 the program is entitled "The Role of Networking" It is a program for members and graduate students. Tuesday, December 4 will be a general discussion meeting on the organization and its committee work and goals. Both meetings will be at the Sweet Avenue House. Social hour is at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:15.

GETTING ALONG WITH PEOPLE: to get along with others:

**Don't say everything you think. And watch your body language. It may say more than you intend or want to say.

**Make few promises, but keep the ones you make if you want to be trusted.

**Learn to praise good work, no matter who did it - including your enemies.

**Have empathy. Make merry with those who rejoice, mourn with those who suffer.

**Keep an open mind. If you are the only one coming up with the right answers, something is wrong. Discuss, don't argue.

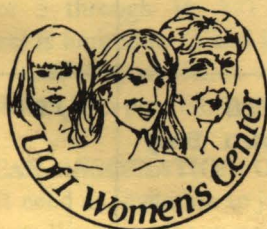
**Let your merits speak for themselves but be ready to discuss them when asked. Do not talk about another's weaknesses unless necessary.

**Treat everybody with importance.

Source: Joseph P. Cangemi, *Western Kentucky U.*, writing in *Psychology*, SUNY, Morrisville, N.Y. 13408. (from NETWORKS National Victim Center Newsletter Vol. 4, No. 2. June '89.)

AAUW BOOK SALE: The annual American Association of University Women's annual BOOK SALE will be held Saturday, November 3rd at the Latah County Fair Grounds from 8 to 5.

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MOSCOW NOW: The local chapter of the National Organization for Women is having a reorganizing meeting on November 13 at 7:30 in the Idahonian Conference Room on Jackson Street. The video *Abortion Denied* will be shown. All interested pro-choice persons are invited.

RIGHT-TO-DIE RULINGS, such as that in the recent case involving Nancy Cruzon, have become headline-grabbing news. In a study published in the Spring/Summer issue of *Law, Medicine and Health Care*, Dr. Steven Miles reveals that right-to-die decisions have everything to do with whether you are a man or a woman.

"Right-to-die" cases are brought when family members ask that life-support treatment be withdrawn from previously competent irreversibly comatose patients who have not executed living wills. In such instances, judges are asked to "construct" a patient's wishes on evidence of opinions he or she expressed on the subject when well. Miles investigated 22 such cases that were brought to appeals courts in 14 states.

Women's statements, the report found, were viewed by the courts as "unreflective, emotional, and immature." By contrast, statements men had made were judged "rational, mature, decisive," and filled with "passionate conviction." Women were consistently demeaned by being referred to in judicial procedures by their first names; men were uniformly referred to by their last names.

The score? In six of the eight cases involving men, courts constructed the patient's preference that life-sustaining treatment be terminated. In 12 of 14 cases brought on behalf of women, the courts said they could not construct such an attitude. (*American Association of University Women Outlook*, Oct./November 1990, Vol. 84, Number 4)

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