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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.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY PROGRAMS 1992

January 15, 21, 22, 23 & 24

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: See back page for a partial schedule of events.

January 21
Tuesday

MUSIC: SPEAKING FROM THE SOUL: Moscow vocalist SUSAN HOFFIUS will share songs of peace, songs that speak to the heart, and discuss the power of music in one's life and the meaning music has in her personal life.

January 22
Wednesday

WOMEN OF COLOR: Join us for an interactive discussion with TIAJUANA COCHNAUER, GEORGIA YUAN, MICHELLE WARD and others, addressing the world of women of color. During this week of public awareness of the civil rights movement, inequality and racism, this discussion, through sharing personal experience, offers further insight into our country's political and social development and the realities of the combination of racism and sexism.

January 28
Tuesday

RACISM 101: This documentary program, produced by Frontline, explores the unsettling resurgence on college campuses of the overt racism that flared during the civil rights movement.

February 4
Tuesday

PINK TRIANGLES: A film about prejudice against lesbians and gay men. The film puts current forms of discrimination in historical perspective. Its title is drawn from the Nazi practice of forcing gay inmates of concentration camps to wear pink triangles. This is a highly acclaimed film and rarely available for showing.

February 11
Tuesday

HEALTH CARE SCREENING FOR WOMEN: DR. SUSAN GELLETTY from the UI Student Health Center will discuss health care interventions and screening procedures vital for women's self-care. Dr. Gelletly returns by popular request for another informative and interesting program.

February 12
Wednesday

SUSAN B. ANTHONY BIRTHDAY AND VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION: Continuing a time-honored tradition the Women's Center will again host a birthday celebration in honor of this early suffragist born on February 15th, 1820. Join us for punch and cake for *Susan B's* 172th birthday.

February 18
Tuesday

NEVADA RANCH WOMEN: EVELYNE PICKETT, doctoral candidate in history and author of the forthcoming book, *Ladies in the Empty Quarter*, will present slides of Nevada ranch women and discuss their work and lifestyles.

February 19
Wednesday

WOMEN AND CREATIVITY: This film is part of the "Creativity with Bill Moyers" series and addresses the choices between a life of creativity and raising a family with artists Judy Chicago, Bernie Lasseau and novelist Mary Gordon.

February 25
Tuesday

GRACIE PFOST: IDAHO WOMAN OF NOTE: UI History Professor KATHERINE AIKEN presents this program focusing on Gracie Pfof, the only woman to have been elected to represent Idaho in Congress. This remarkable woman held her congressional seat from 1953 to 1963. Throughout her career, she urged women to enter public life and support one another and endure the hard knocks inherent in working for change.

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.

WHEEL CHAIR AND BABY STROLLER ACCESS IS VIA THE TUTORING AND ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE NORTH END OF THE WOMEN'S CENTER BUILDING.

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

...we still wonder at the stolid incapacity of all men to understand that woman feels the invidious distinction of sex exactly as the black man does those of color, or the white man the more transient distinctions of wealth, family, position, place, and power; that she feels as keenly as man the injustice of disfranchisement.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton
(1815-1902)

(History of Woman Suffrage,
Vol. I, with Susan B. Anthony
and Mathilda Gage 1881)

ADOPTION NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE: Chain of Life is a feminist newsletter for people who are involved with adoption, children and other reproduction issues. In addition to supporting open records, the newsletter addresses concerns of people conceived by donor insemination, lesbian and gay parenting issues, feminist views of motherhood, and the politics of international and domestic adoption. Thirteen back issues are available for \$2.50 each. For a list of topics and subscription information, write to Chain of Life, P.O. Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707. (*Women Oughta Know, November 1991*)

CAN'T KEEP OUR MOUTHS SHUT!: OK, OK. We thought it was curious that *Thelma & Louise* has become known as a "male-bashing" movie among some circles. But we weren't going to say anything about it. We're getting used to accusations of male bashing flying around, especially in conversations about male violence toward women. But there's been a recurring theme in reviews of the Ridley Scott movie that we felt we just couldn't let pass.

For those of you who don't know the film, the two women flee after Louise shoots to death a man who had tried to rape Thelma. Louise explains to Thelma that since many people saw Thelma drunk and dancing and flirting with the guy, the police would not likely believe that there was a rape attempt. Terrence Rafferty of *The New Yorker* (6/3/91) wrote "Louise makes this radical decision, to go on the lam rather than face the skepticism of the authorities, instantaneously and with unanswerable conviction. For the audience, the moment requires a leap of faith that is far greater than the one the cops would have to make in order to believe the women's story."

Would that that were true, Mr. Rafferty. But we're talking *real world*, here. It is still the case that people in our society (including police, prosecutors and jurors) are more likely to blame and disbelieve the victim if she is drunk, "seductive," or "loose." And Thelma had the appearance of all three! That moment of decision in the film is utterly credible. I wish we lived in a world where Louise's "radical decision," made "instantaneously and with unanswerable conviction," didn't make sense. But today, in virtually any community in the United States, it doesn't even take a tiny hop of faith to understand her. (*Beyond The Shadows, Fall 1991*)

PARENTING CLASS: Moscow Junior High School will offer an "Active Parenting for Teens" class beginning in late January. This video-based program will be facilitated by Judy Nest, County Extension Agent and will run for six sessions. The sessions are two hours, 7-9 p.m., and the cost is \$15.00. For more information call 882-3577.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE: The Academic Affairs office and Athena are sponsoring a professional development conference scheduled for February 1, from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the SUB. The conference will focus on issues ranging from tenure and promotion to working with minority and disabled persons. The conference is open to all UI faculty and staff members. For more information, call Janice Anderson, Athena Secretary and Chair of Professional Development, at 885-8950.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SKI WEEKEND: It's time for the annual Women's Center Cross County Ski Weekend. It

is scheduled for January 25th and 26th at Huckleberry Heaven in Elk River. We will leave Moscow the morning of the 25th and return the afternoon of the 26th. Approximate cost for meals and lodging is \$25.56 per person (this includes dinner on the 25th, breakfast and a sack lunch on the 26th).

We have reserved two apartments for the trip, each equipped with a kitchen. You may want to bring snacks and beverages. You must bring a swimming suit if you plan to use the hot tub. Ski equipment can be rented from Huckleberry Heaven (826-3405, call early to reserve your size) or Outdoor Rentals in the SUB (885-6170).

There will be a meeting of those wishing to attend this year's ski weekend on Thursday, January 16th at noon at the Women's Center. Please plan to attend this meeting if you want to go to Huckleberry Heaven with us, since we'll be discussing the final cost, departure time, who will drive, and who will bring their own food and who will purchase meals. Mark the trip and meeting on your calendar!!! It is not necessary to attend the meeting in order to go on the ski trip, you just have to live with the decisions the group makes. It is also not necessary to ski to enjoy this great weekend. There's a hot tub and there will be table games (Trivial Pursuit and Pictionary) and, of course, lively conversation and a sharing time for all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUSAN B. ANTHONY!: Susan B. Anthony was brought up in a household of socially conscious Quakers. She attended her first Women's Rights Convention in Syracuse, New York in 1852; before long, she was completely committed to the feminist cause.

Anthony insisted that she could neither write nor speak from a platform effectively. With a pen in her hand, she complained she felt as clumsy as if "mounted on stilts." She confided in her journal in 1860, "It is a terrible martyrdom for me to speak." Her forte was as an organizer. There was no other woman of her time who was her equal in this respect. From Elizabeth Cady Stanton's memoirs comes this vivid picture of Anthony in the early days of the movement:

"(W)henever I saw the stately Quaker girl coming across my lawn, I knew that some happy convocation of the sons of Adam was to be set by the ears, by one of our appeals or resolutions. The little portmanteau, stuffed with facts, was opened, and there we had...false interpretations of Bible texts, the statistics of women robbed of their property, shut out of some college, half paid for their work, the reports of some disgraceful trial; injustice enough to turn any woman's thoughts from stockings and puddings...Night after night, by an old fashioned fireplace, we plotted and planned the coming agitation; how, when, and where each entering wedge could be driven, by which women might be recognized and their rights secured."

COMPOSER SEEKS SUBMISSIONS: Kay Gardner, a well known women's composer, has been commissioned to write an orchestral/choral work about the cycles of women's lives. The work will be premiered at the 20th National Women's Music Festival in June of 1994. Ms. Gardner is looking for submissions of short dramatic narrative texts and traditional or original pagan chants. Submit to Kay Gardner, P.O. Box 33, Stonington, ME 04681, (207) 367-5552. (*Women Oughta Know, November 1991*)

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1992 NETWORKING CALENDAR

JANUARY: 25th Anniversary of National Organization for Women.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
JAN. 13 Women's Lobby Day Boise *Lesbian Supper Club	14	15 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	16	17	18/19 10:05 WTBS Live cover- age MLK Jr. parade in Atlanta
20 UI Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	21 Women's Center Program -12:30-	22 Women's Center Program -12:30-	23 "Eyes on the Prize" 1 Awakenings: (1954-1956)	24	25/26
27 *Lesbian Supper Club	28 Women's Center Program -12:30-	29	30 "Eyes on the Prize" 2 Fighting Back: (1957-1962)	31	FEB. 1/2 Athena Prof. Dev. Workshop SUB 8:45- 5:00
3 Athena	4 Women's Center Program -12:30-	5	6 "Eyes on the Prize" 3 Ain't Scared of your Jail (1960-1961) 7pm SUB IPEA	7	8/9
10 INTSWAW Boise *Lesbian Supper Club	11 INTSWAW Boise Women's Center Program -12:30-	12 Women's Center Program -12:30-	13 "Eyes on the Prize" 4 No Easy Walk (1962-1966)	14 Valentines Day	15/16 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
17 UI Closed President's Day	18 Women's Center Program -12:30-	19 Women's Center Program -12:30-	20 "Eyes on the Prize" 5 Mississippi: Is This America: (1962-1964)	21	22/23
24 *Lesbian Supper Club	25 Women's Center Program -12:30-	26	27 "Eyes on the Prize" 6 Bridge to Freedom: (1956)	28	29

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

*Lesbian Supper Club, the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month, 6:00pm. For more Information Call 335-6830.

AIDS RESEARCH: We are interested in knowing what research on HIV+ and AIDS is being conducted on this campus. If you or your department is doing research or if you know of someone who is, would you call us so we can add it to our information register.

EYES ON THE PRIZE: The Women's Center will be showing "Eyes On The Prize: America's Civil Rights Years" beginning Thursday, January 23rd, at 12:30 with the first of the 14 part series, "Awakenings" (1954-1956). The series will continue every Thursday at 12:30 until April 30th.

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION**

*(Partial Schedule of Events)*

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| January 21 | 6:30pm            | Speaker: Jesse Sanchez Berain "Keeping the Dream Alive"<br>Discussion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision and how it applies to Hispanics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| January 22 | 6:45pm<br>7:30pm  | Candlelight March from Friendship Square to UI Administration Auditorium<br>Moscow-Pullman Gospel Choir - UI Administration Auditorium<br>Speaker: Carter Womack, "Racism, Its Overt and Subtle Faces"<br>National President of Phi Beta Sigma and Senior Vice President of "Black Collegian" magazine                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| January 23 | 12:30pm<br>6:30pm | "Eyes on the Prize" 1 film showing at UI Women's Center. The Women's Center will be showing this entire series in weekly installments, each Thursday at 12:30 through April 30.<br>Panel Discussion/Forum - SUB Ballroom<br>"Who Owns Coeur D'Alene Lake?"<br>Panelists include:<br>Larry Echohawk - Idaho Attorney General<br>Bob Bostwick - representing Coeur D'Alene Tribe<br>Lawrence Aripa - Native American Storyteller<br>Chris Johnston - UI Geology Department<br>Nez Perce Drummers and Nez Perce Hoop Dancer |
| January 24 | 5:30pm            | Cultural Food Fair - SUB Ballroom<br>Cultural Activities Including Phi Beta Sigma - Step Dancing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION PLEASE CONTACT  
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