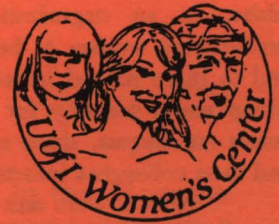




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WOMEN'S CENTER



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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 individual woman is required...a thousand times a day to choose either to accept her appointed role and thereby rescue her good disposition out of the wreckage of her self respect, or else follow an independent line of behavior and rescue her self-respect out of the wreckage of her good disposition.

--Jeanette Rankin
 1941 First woman
 elected to Congress

Programs begin at 12:30 in the Women's Center lounge.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS 1992

**October 6
 Tuesday**

WORLD OF LIGHT: PORTRAIT OF MAY SARTON. A filmed visit with author/poet May Sarton at her sea coast home in Maine, following her activities as she explores her life and works, discusses her creative process and presents her views and experiences on the discipline, integrity and relationships of the woman writer.

**October 7
 Wednesday**

CREATIVITY WITH BILL MOYERS: MAYA ANGELOU. A video with Moyers and poet Maya Angelou returning to her home town of Stamps, Arkansas where they make note of the ways memory and experience impinge upon art.

**October 13
 Tuesday**

SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY: In honor of National Coming Out Day, this 1976 documentary takes a look at our own local history. Gay men and lesbians from Moscow talk about their lives and struggles for dignity and civil rights. Thomas Talbot, ASUI Attorney General, will give us an update on the state of gay rights locally and in Idaho.

**October 14
 Wednesday**

FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY: Women's explorations in spirituality are bringing a new twist on an ancient understanding of religion as connected to the rhythms of the earth and of our lives. Reverend Lynn Ungar, minister of the Unitarian Church of the Palouse and a published poet, will share both her experience of women's rituals and her poetry, which centers on the relationship between the sacred and the mundane.

**October 20
 Tuesday**

SO WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE "ISMS"?: It is easy to think that racism, sexism, heterosexism, adultism, classism and ableism are simply abstract words used only by the "P.C." (politically correct). What do these mean, how are they intertwined, and how do they affect our daily lives? Eleta Wright from Alternatives of Violence of the Palouse will speak.

**October 21
 Wednesday**

WOMEN'S ART: FEMININE, FEMINIST, OR...? Local artist Rebecca Rod will present a slide show featuring art by Miriam Shapiro, Louise Bourgeois and Judy Chicago. What makes art feminist? Is all women's art feminist to some degree?

**October 27
 Tuesday**

WORKING WOMEN: FITTING INTO MALE SHOES. The home sphere and the work sphere were initially separate places. With women entering the work force at the greatest rate ever, that is no longer true. How can women meet the standards of the workplace and still raise families? What adjustments to the work world need to be made to fit family life? Chris Dixon, graduate student in political science, will lead this discussion.

**October 28
 Wednesday**

WOMEN AND COMICS: Roberta Gregory, the first woman to self-publish her own comic, cartooning since 1974, and currently publishing in "Naughty Bits", will share her experience in a male dominated industry and her own comics.

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.

ATHENA: An Association Supporting the Interests of Faculty and Other Professional Women at the University of Idaho, is an organization providing the means for professional women to become acquainted with each other and to share mutual interests, activities, and concerns. The group meets monthly for a catered dinner and to consider issues on campus, share research, discuss books or articles, and meet colleagues informally.

Notices were sent to many university employees, but if you did not receive one please call an officer: Kathy Clark, President, Athletics, 885-0200; Judy Nielson, Vice President, Library, 885-7951; Rebecca McCoy, Secretary, History, 885-7166; and Mary George, Treasurer, PSES, 885-6276. Regular meetings begin Monday, October 5, in the Morin Room at 6:00 p.m. Dates for fall meetings are November 5 and December 1.

WHAT ARE TODAY'S STUDENTS LIKE? How about last season's entering freshman? According to a nationwide survey, the percentage of students interested in business is at its lowest point since 1975. Interest in the health professions is up for the fourth year in a row, although interest in teaching careers remained steady. Idealism and a social conscience are still alive, although not in the obvious ways characteristic of the late sixties and early seventies. Indeed, entering freshmen report they are more confident of their ability to influence society than their predecessors were in years past.

Personal habits? The percentage of freshman who frequently smoke cigarettes increased for the fourth straight year (11.3%). But beer drinking reached an all-time low of 57.3% and wine and liquor use continues to decline. In a surprising turnabout, college women are now about one-fifth likely more than men to be smokers.

In terms of politics, the rumored turn to the right among collegians turns out to be chimera. The number identifying themselves as "conservative" or "far right" has been declining since 1989, while the number of students categorizing themselves as "liberal" or "far left" went up for the second straight year to its highest point since 1977. Also at an all-time high (75.8%) is support for a national health care plan.

In the sex area, belief that "it is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships" has gone down to an all-time low of 42.2%. And freshmen apparently are more aware of the issue of acquaintance rape, a pervasive campus problem, although a distressing percentage of males (19.6) hold "macho" views. [*Higher Education Research Institute*] (from *The Dial*)

DID YOU KNOW???

--That ONLY 10% of our secondary school principals were women in 1988? Down from 25% in 1958.

--That ONLY 25% of our elementary school principals were women (80% of elementary teachers are women) in 1988? Down from 50% in 1928.

--That in 1984, 43% of the coaches of women's teams in the NCAA were women, down from 79% women coaches of women's teams in 1974? (*AAUW Newsletter*)

WE CAN'T READ IT ALL: Simply, a more accurate way of telling and interpreting the planet's complicated stories. In the intertwined stories of people of diverse origins and perspectives lies the basis of our true national and global identity. Time spent lamenting the fact that there are many pieces to the puzzles of history, society, economics, literature, art, and religion is time we cannot spend in putting the pieces of the puzzle together. Let us then...make a collective open admission of the hopelessness of the late-20th century reader's task (because of the immense explosion of literature being published, it is impossible to read it all.) That admission made, we are released from the burdens of denouncing the politically correct and incorrect, of wrestling over property rights to various fields of inquiry, of yearning for the restoration of a golden age of national harmony that never existed. With the time and energy thus liberated, we many actually have a chance to read. (Patricia Nelson Limerick, University of Colorado at Boulder, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, July 29, 1992)

THE WOMEN'S FORUM: This year's conference by the Coeur d'Alene Women's Forum is entitled "Making Time For Excellence." It will be held October 16 & 17 at Templin's Resort in Post Falls. For more information & a registration packet, contact the Women's Center.

NEW STAFF: Because of grant writing and the assistance of Student Services, the Women's Center was able to add an additional part time staff person this year. The position is entitled Coordinator of Sexual Assault Programs and the person filling that position is Gwen Snow. Gwen is a long time Moscow resident who has been active in victim's rights and disability issues. She brings both knowledge and sensitivity to this new position where she will assist with the class Acquaintance Sexual Assault and Rape, work with students who are Peer Educators, arrange for presentations in the living groups and other classrooms, serve as the professional back-up for the students and help with the crises work that takes place at the Center.

The second new staff member is Elizabeth (Betsy) McCall, the part time Assistant Director. The assistant is responsible for writing and editing the newsletter, planning the noon programs, crises intervention and back-up assistance for the student sexual assault teams. If time permits, that is, if she works miracles with time, she may facilitate a support group for non-traditional women students. Elizabeth is new to the Palouse having moved here recently from Seattle. She is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and is a graduate of Mills College, serving as one of their Alumnae Admissions Representatives. She is experienced in the work of violence against women and its impact and lingering effects. Both Gwen and Elizabeth will help in continuing the magic that occurs in our lounge, where students feel safe, grow, share and assist each other.

JUSTICE LINDA TROUT, first woman on the Idaho Supreme Court, will speak on women's legal careers and their effects upon the court Wednesday, October 7, at 3:30 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom. Reception follows in the lobby at 4:30.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center has a unique role at the University of Idaho and in the Moscow community. It serves as the focal point for women's issues and concerns and as a gathering place for individuals and groups who are committed to support opportunity, equality and justice for women.

As part of that mission, the Center provides a wide variety of educational programs and resources to help people explore what it means to be women and men in today's changing society. We strive to ensure that the Women's Center is a comfortable, non-judgmental place where students, staff, faculty and community people can come together and find information, support and friendship. We offer the following programs and resources,

1. *Noon Programs*--Presentations and discussions every Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:30 covering a wide variety of issues.
2. *Advocacy*--We offer support and assistance to survivors of rape, domestic violence, discrimination and sexual harassment. We work closely with the University Affirmative Action Office.
3. *Crisis Intervention*--Staff can provide peer counseling and crisis intervention.
4. *Rape Education*--With the cooperation of the College of Education class, Health and Safety 404, we deliver a comprehensive program on acquaintance sexual assault and rape to on-campus living groups throughout the year.
5. *Non-Traditional Students*--We provide a gathering place for non-traditional students, most of whom live off campus, to meet each other, gather, study, rest, care for infants or to learn they are not the only student over thirty.
6. *Library*--A circulating library of over 800 books dealing primarily with women's lives and issues of particular concern to women.
7. *Outreach*--Programs and speakers can usually be provided for campus organizations upon request. A newsletter is published 6 times a year. Call to have your name added to the mailing list.
8. *Information and Referral*--If you haven't found the answer to your question or you don't know where to ask, drop in or call us. We can help. We publish an updated *Child Care Directory* at the beginning of each semester.
9. *Drop-in Lounge*--A place to relax, read, have lunch, study, meet friends and exchange ideas and feelings. Individuals support, help and empower each other and themselves.

**The University of Idaho Women's Center
Support, assistance and education for women
and those who care about women.**

DIVERSITY WEEK: The week of November 1-5 will bring several great speakers, films and performers to our campus. The week begins on Sunday evening with the Chinese film *The Red Lantern* and concludes on Thursday evening with Giancarlo Esposito, best known for his roles in several Spike Lee movies. Jack Gladstone, singer and story teller whom many of you saw at Rendezvous in the Park this summer, will perform on Monday night. The Spanish film *A Letter from the Chinese to the Aztecs*, which has received raves from all who have seen it, will be shown several times, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a Diversity Fair with food, dance and drama most of the day on Wednesday and Sitar Players that night. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be workshops on many areas of diversity. Watch for posters and media coverage as the dates approach.

BUDGET CUTTING TIME: If you find a series of stars by your name on the address label, please let us know if you want to continue receiving this newsletter. For those marked with stars, a contribution of \$5.00 will keep you on our mailing list. For you who do not have stars by your name, the same contribution will help cover production and postage cost and will earn you our gratitude.

VOTE EARLY, VOTE OFTEN - Tuesday, Oct. 23, Last day to register to vote--courthouse open until 8:00 pm.
Oct. 28, The League of Women Voter's All Candidates Forum 7:00 pm, Moscow Community Center.

KUID T.V. Candidate Issues Debates:

Thursday, Oct. 15: Gaming Debate, 7:00 pm

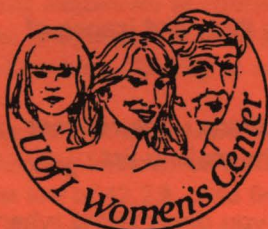
Sunday, Oct. 18: First Congressional District, 6-7:30

Thursday, Oct. 22: Second Congressional District, 7-8:30
Sunday, Oct. 25: U.S. Senate, 6-7:00 pm.
Thursday, Oct. 29, 1% Initiative Debate. 7:00 pm

THE WAR AT HOME: (1) Of the American women alive today, 25 million either have been, or will be, raped at least once during their lives. (2) Last year, the number of women abused by their husbands was greater than the number of women who got married. (3) In 1950, police caught 83% of all rapists; in 1988, police caught only 53% of them. (4) Nearly 50% of abusive husbands batter their wives when they are pregnant, making them 4 times more likely to bear infants of low birth weight. (5) Of all those arrested for major crimes--muder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson--rapists are the most likely to escape conviction. (6) If every woman victimized by domestic violence last year were to join hands in a line, the string of people would span from New York to Los Angeles and back again. (7) More than half of all homeless women are on the street because they are fleeing domestic violence. (8) More than 40% of college women who have been raped say that they expect to be raped again. (9) There were more women "wounded" by rapists last year than marines wounded by the enemy in all of World War II. (10) There are nearly three times as many animal shelters in the United State as there are battered women's shelters. *(From United States Student Assoc.: staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee 8/29/90)*

A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE: HELPING PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS - Panel discussion and light supper Thursday, October 22, 5:00-8:30 pm at K-House, no charge. For more information, call Tish at 332-2611 or 883-8233.

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