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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've never found out
precisely what feminism
is: I only know that
people call me a feminist
whenever I differentiate
myself from a doormat.*

Rebecca West 1913

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 1993

APRIL 7
Wednesday

REFLECTIONS ON REVOLUTION AND LEADERSHIP BY SURPRISE: Our own President Elisabeth Zinser will speak on her four days as President of Gallaudet University and the revolution for deaf rights that took place there in 1988. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE IN THE SUB SILVER ROOM.

APRIL 13
Tuesday

ACQUAINTANCE RAPE: In honor of April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Women's Center is presenting two films. "Campus Rape" and "When No Means No", both explore through personal stories acquaintance rape on campus.

APRIL 14
Wednesday

STUDENT SPEAK-OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS: IN THE SUB SILVER ROOM. See article inside.

APRIL 20
Tuesday

MARGINAL VOICES: WOMEN AS OTHER WSU graduate student in Composition and Rhetoric Katherine Kittle-Tsiorvas will explore the voices of women from the margins in American literature, including the authors Maxine Hong Kingston, Toni Cade Bambara, Ana Castillo and Leslie Marmon Silko.

APRIL 21
Wednesday

WOMEN AND THE EARTH: A CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY 1993 Our planet Earth is in need of healing and women's gifts will be crucial for carrying this out. Leisa Huyck and Collette DePhelps, graduate students in Environmental Studies at WSU, will explore the spiritual relationship between women and the Earth. You are invited to participate in a healing ritual for the Earth.

APRIL 27
Tuesday

VICTIMS: WHAT ARE THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW? In honor of National Crime Victims rights week, local attorney Craig Mosman will discuss the legal rights of victims. He will cover current laws, and bills passed and defeated by the 1993 legislature. He will also share the different options available for a victim of crime.

APRIL 28
Wednesday

NATIVE AMERICAN IMAGES IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: Georgia Johnson, Professor of Literature in the College of Education, joins us again for a look at images, both negative and positive, of Native Americans in children's literature. Children are welcome to attend this program.

MAY 4
Tuesday

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ROSIE THE RIVETER": This classic women's history film follows the rise of women into the workforce during World War II, how it changed their lives for the better and set the tone for modern working women.

MAY 5
Wednesday

"A LETTER FROM A CHINESE TO THE AZTECS" A wonderful film that turns the "discovery" of America on its head by posing the question "What if the Aztecs had discovered Europe?". If you missed this one during Cultural Diversity Week last fall, catch it now.
"HOPI: SONGS OF THE FOURTH WORLD" A compelling study of the Hopi captures their deep spirituality and reveals their integration of art and daily life. Their philosophy of living in balance with nature is a model for the Western world of an environmental ethic in action.

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.

ONE DAY IN THE LIVES OF AMERICAN CHILDREN

17,051	women get pregnant
2,795	of them are teenagers
1,106	teenagers have abortions
372	teenagers miscarry
1,295	teenagers give birth
689	babies are born to women with inadequate prenatal care
719	babies are born at low birthweight (less than 5 lbs, 8 oz)
129	babies are born at very low birthweight (less than 3 lbs, 5 oz)
67	babies die before one month of life
105	babies die before their first birthday
27	children die from poverty
10	children die from guns
30	children are wounded by guns
6	teenagers commit suicide
135,000	children bring a gun to school
7,742	teens become sexually active
623	teenagers get syphilis or gonorrhea
211	children are arrested for drug abuse
437	children are arrested for drinking
1,512	teenagers drop out of school
1,849	children are abused or neglected
3,288	children run away from home
1,629	children are in adult jails
2,556	children are born to a single mother
2,989	see their parents divorced
34,285	people lose jobs

Source: Children's Defense Fund

FANS OF WOMEN'S SPORTS: A new, grassroots organization is forming in support of women's sports. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for an informational flyer to Fans of Women's Sports, P.O. Box 49648, Austin Tx 78765. (from Women Oughta Know, Nov/Dec 1992)

ACQUAINTANCE RAPE CONFERENCE: April 16 and 17, 1993 at Gonzaga University in Spokane. Sponsored by the Spokane Sexual Assault Center, Eastern Washington, Whitworth and Gonzaga Universities. The keynote speakers are James R. Jackson, Chief of the Investigations Service Unit of the State of Washington, and Cindy Arbelbide, Director of Training, National Organization for Victim Assistance, Wash. D.C. Registration forms are available at the Women's Center.

EMPOWERING WOMEN: ACHIEVING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY CONFERENCE: October 29-31, 1993 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort and North Idaho College. An international conference focusing on an integrated approach to human rights, in which women and so-called feminine values are fully included. Co-chairs of the conference are former legislator Jeanne Givens and scholar Riane Eisler, author of "The Chalice and the Blade" For a brochure, call or visit the Women's Center, 885-6616.

STUDENT SPEAK OUT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS:

Students and others are invited to come voice your concerns, opinions and questions regarding human rights in our community. Listeners: Dr. Harold Godwin, Vice-President for Student Affairs; Bill Brown, Moscow City Chief of Police; Mark Leeper, Idaho Human Rights Commission. Moderated by Paul Muneta. Wednesday, April 14, 12:30-2pm, Silver Room in the SUB. The event is co-sponsored by the disAbled Student Assoc., Juntura, the Minority Student Programs, Native American Student Assoc., MECha: Movimiental Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlen, and the Idaho Women Lawyers, Student Chapter. For more information, call Betsy Thomas at the Women's Center.

DON'T LET VIOLENCE PASS UNNOTICED

- *Four thousand women die from domestic violence annually.
 - *95% of domestic violence victims are women.
 - *30% have been physically abused while pregnant.
 - *More than two-thirds of abused children come from households where the mother is abused.
 - *Children who grow up in violent homes come to believe that violence is normal and acceptable and that it is the best way to control others.
 - *The majority of violent adult prisoners were raised in violent homes.
 - *The FBI reports that 30% of the women murdered in this country were killed by their husbands or boyfriends.
 - *During the six-month period following an incident of domestic violence, approximately 32% of women are victimized again.
 - *Battering often occurs during pregnancy. In just one hospital emergency unit in Illinois, 21 percent of pregnant women had been battered.
 - *Children from violent homes have higher risks of alcohol and drug abuse and juvenile delinquency.
 - *Children in homes where domestic violence occurs are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate 1,500 percent higher than the national average in the general population.
 - *Data from shelters in Illinois show that 51% of battered women reported the abuse occurred at least once a week. Another 25% reported a once-per-month frequency. More than 60% were hit with a fist or an object. In Texas, more than two-thirds had their lives threatened--60% were kicked, and 40% were abused with a knife or a gun. More than 25% were sexually assaulted.
- If you are a victim, there are people who care about you and your children's future. Domestic violence counselors will not tell you what to do, but they can provide information on the legal system, financial assistance, job counseling and in some cases, shelter.
- If there is no domestic violence program in your area, call the National Domestic Violence 24 hour hotline for help. The number is 1-800-333-SAFE. (TTD for the hearing impaired, 1-800-873-6363.) Locally, call Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, 883-HELP or 332-HELP.
- Domestic violence is a crime. If you keep it a secret, you are protecting a criminal and doing a grave injustice to yourself and your children. (from Florence Forshey, president, Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Springfield.)

APRIL/MAY CALENDAR 1993

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
APRIL IS:	CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND	NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH	1	2	3/4
5 Athena 6pm	6	7*LWV 12 noon Noon Program 12:30	8	9	10/11
12 **Lesbian Supper Club, 7pm	13 Noon Program 12:30	14*LWV 12 noon STUDENT SPEAK-OUT 12:30 SUB AAUW 7:30pm	15	16	17/18
19	20 Noon Program 12:30	21*LWV 12 noon Noon Program 12:30	22 EARTH DAY!	23.	24/25
26 **Lesbian Supper Club, 7pm	27*** LCHRTF 7-9PM Noon Program 12:30	28*LWV 12 noon Noon Program 12:30	29	30	1/2
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3	4	5	6 Athena 6pm	7	8/9
10	11	12 AAUW 7:30pm	13		

*League of Women Voters, 12-1pm, EE DA HO Rm., SUB U of I.
 **Lesbian Supper Club, the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, 6:30pm until 8:00pm.
 For more information call 335-6830
 ***Latah County Human Rights Task Force, 7:00 p.m., EE-DA-HO Room, SUB
 American Association of University Women. For info, call Jama Sebald, 885-6312.

THE COURTESY RULES OF BLINDNESS

When you meet me don't be ill at ease. It will help both of us if you remember these simple points of courtesy.

1. I'm an ordinary person, just blind. You don't need to raise your voice or address me as if I were a child. Don't ask my spouse what I want--"Cream in the coffee?"--ask me.
2. I may use a long white cane or dog guides to walk independently or I may ask to take your arm. Let me decide, and please don't grab my arm; let me take yours. I'll keep a half-step behind to anticipate curbs and steps.
3. I want to know who's in the room with me. Speak when you enter. Introduce me to the others. Include children, and tell me if there's a cat or dog.
4. The door to a room or cabinet or to a car left partially open is a hazard to me.
5. At dinner I will not have trouble with ordinary table skills.
6. Don't avoid words like "see". I use them, too. I'm always glad to see you.
7. I don't want pity. But don't talk about the "wonderful compensations" of blindness. My sense of smell, touch, or hearing did not improve when I became blind. I rely on them more and, therefore, may get more information through those senses than you do--that's all.
8. If I'm your houseguest, show me the bathroom, closet, dresser, window--the light switch, too. I know whether the lights are on.
9. I'll discuss blindness with you if you're curious, but it's

an old story to me. I have as many other interests as you do.
10. Don't think of me as just a blind person. I'm just a person who happens to be blind.

In all 50 states, the law requires drivers to yield the right of way when they see my extended white cane. Only the blind may carry white canes. You see more blind persons today walking alone--not because there are more of us, but because we have learned to make our own way.

GOODBYE FOR THE SUMMER: The Women's Center is not officially open during the months of June and July. The Director is working and available most of the time and arrangements can be made for appointments, for having the Center's doors open, etc. The phones, as always, are answered all summer, every day by the Director or staff at Student Advisory Services. It is a good idea to call before you stop by if you wish to check out a library book. You can always return library books by dropping them in the mail-drop slot in the inner door.

Our next newsletter will be published in August which will start another year of programs and activities. Our thanks to everyone who helped make this year a successful one. Our goodbye to those who are graduating or changing jobs and moving on. Our 'so long for now' to those who are leaving for the summer and we look forward to your return in the fall. Good luck to all, you have enriched our lives and we have learned from you; we hope the same is true for you. Have a good Summer!

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