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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 regional 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. Ideas for additions, improvements or changes are welcome.

Women's Center Hours:  
8 am - 5 pm Monday-Friday

*Where the words of women are crying to be heard, we must recognize our responsibility to seek those words out, to read them and share them and examine them in their pertinence to our lives..*

Audre Lorde  
1934 - Nov. 17, 1992

*Women's Center programs are open to all members of the community. We invite you to bring your lunch and join us! Programs begin at 12:30 in the Women's Center lounge. If you are interested in presenting a program or have any suggestions for future programs please call 885-6616 or stop by the Women's Center. We welcome your ideas.*

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PROGRAMS 1993

#### NOVEMBER 2

**Tuesday** "EVERY SUMMER": A CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK PROGRAM The Women's Center will present the premiere public showing of University of Idaho visual communication student, Ayelet Karu's new video, "Every Summer".

#### NOVEMBER 3

**Wednesday** EMPOWERING WOMEN ON THE U OF I CAMPUS: A POST-CONFERENCE SESSION President Elizabeth Zinser with faculty, staff and students will discuss how we can translate the information, strategies and action plans from the Coeur d'Alene "Empowering Women" Conference for our campus. All conference attendees and those who are interested in conference information are welcome to the work session which will continue until 3:30 pm.

#### NOVEMBER 9

**Tuesday** HOW THE GODDESS LOST HER POWER ...OR DID SHE REALLY?: Nick Gier, UI Philosophy professor, recently returned from a sabbatical year in Asia where he witnessed first hand the subordination of women in India, yet noted that goddess worship is very much alive. He will examine goddess worship and why the goddess is still so powerful within this patriarchal culture.

#### NOVEMBER 10

**Wednesday** WOMEN OF INDIA: THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES Sunanda Rao, graduate student at the UI from India, will continue Tuesday's discussion by considering how India is always stirring to new ideas and awakening to new issues and yet transformation for women's lives is only partial.

#### NOVEMBER 16

**Tuesday** THOUGHTS ON GIVING: OUR MANY VOICES The monthly open reading of poetry, short stories, songs, etc., is open to all who wish to share their own or their favorite writings, thoughts and voices. Everyone is welcome to listen and, or read in our pre-Thanksgiving session.

#### NOVEMBER 17

**Wednesday** THE TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER: The time-honored tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving in the Women's Center Lounge will continue with a BIG Turkey provided by the Center and you bring the trimmings. We will share the good times, good food and a sharing season. Feasting begins around noon.

#### NOVEMBER 30

**Tuesday** A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON: A program of personal stories that explores our comic relationship with THE holiday will be performed by Kim Bouchard, theater artist and Women's Center staff person. You are invited to bring your own stories to add to the program.

#### DECEMBER 1

**Wednesday** DID SHE OR DIDN'T SHE?: IMAGES OF WOMEN IN OUR HOLIDAY STORIES: Georgia Johnson, Professor of Literature in the College of Education, will entertain the contradictions surrounding women in our Holiday literature tradition.

#### DECEMBER 7

**Tuesday** AFRICAN HOLIDAY TRADITIONS: A special guest will present a program that features the stories, games and rituals of this holiday season in Africa. Children are welcome.

#### DECEMBER 8

**Wednesday** FESTIVAL OF LIGHT: A CHANUKAH CELEBRATION Judy Wallins, Lynn Ungar, and Ayelet Karu will present their versions of Chanukah festivities as celebrated in the American and Israeli traditions. Traditional recipes, food and games will be part of the program. Children are welcome.

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.

## EMPOWERING WOMEN AT THE U of I CAMPUS: A POST-CONFERENCE SESSION

On November 3, from 12:30 to 3:30pm, the Women's Center, in conjunction with the President's Office, is sponsoring a post-conference session following the Empowering Women Conference being held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho October 29th through the 31st. The session will provide an opportunity for conference attendees and those interested in the issues of the conference to come together on campus with inspirations, ideas, strategies, and action plans that apply to the campus and community. President Elizabeth Zinser will open the session with an overview of the pertinent points of discussion for the campus that she brings back and will then invite others to share their insights and perceptions. The discussion and brainstorming session will continue throughout the afternoon. Interested members of the university and larger community are invited to come by the Women's Center whenever they are able during the session to contribute and share in developing a call to action for our community. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

**WOMEN'S CENTER THANKSGIVING: COME JOIN THE FEAST!** All new and old friends of the Women's Center are welcome to join together for the annual Thanksgiving Potluck to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17 starting at noon and extending into the afternoon. The Women's Center will provide a BIG turkey and you can bring the trimmings. Following the feast we will be reading from works of Audre Lorde in commemoration of the first anniversary of her death. Bring your favorite Audre Lorde writing or choose one from the books available at the Women's Center. We welcome the university and regional community to join us for any part of the afternoon celebration. For more information call the Center, 885-6616.

**MORE GIFT IDEAS FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTER STAFF:** The following are a sampling of recent titles from The Feminist Press that arrived in time for the newsletter. They are available directly from the publisher (forms available from The Women's Center) or from your favorite local bookdealer.

**I Love Myself When I Am Laughing...And Then Again When I Am Looking Mean and Impressive:** A Zora Neale Hurston Reader, edited by Alice Walker.

**Women Writing In India, vol. 1: 600 BC. to the Early 20th Century & vol. 2: The 20th Century.**

**Truth Tales: Contemporary Stories by Women Writers of India** edited by Kali for Women.

**The Defiant Muse: Feminist Poems from the Middle Ages to the Present**

**Long Walks and Intimate Talks, Stories and Poems** by Grace Paley, **Paintings** by Vera B. Williams.

**The Mer-Child: A Legend for Children and Other Adults** by Robin Morgan.

**The Princess And The Admiral** by Charlotte Pomerantz, illustrated by Tony Chen.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK 1993

Once again the University of Idaho in conjunction with ASUI and other campus groups are celebrating and drawing attention to cultural diversity issues on campus. Some of the events that will be highlighted are:

**Monday, Nov. 1, 7:30 pm** in the Vandal Lounge, Opening Ceremony, Diversity Artwork will be unveiled.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2, 12:30 pm** in the Women's Center Lounge, "Every Summer" a video presentation. **3:30 pm** in the Idaho Union Appaloosa Room, Panel Discussion "Ethnic and Cultural Diversity: Public Education and Teacher Education" and from **5:00-8:00 pm** in the Idaho Union Ballroom, Diversity Fair: Food, Craft Sales, & Entertainment.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3, 7:00 pm** in the Borah Theater, "Yabba": A Moroccan Film

**Thursday, Nov. 4, 3:30 pm** in the Idaho Union Appaloosa Room, Panel Discussion "Ethnic Diversity in the UI Curriculum: Suggestions for Improvement" and at **7:00 pm** in the Idaho Union Ballroom, The World Game: An Interactive Geographical Experience.

**Friday, Nov. 5, 12:30 pm** in the Idaho Union Ee-da-ho Room, Panel Discussion "Math, Science and the Minority Student" and at **7:30 pm** in the Borah Theater, Sitar and Tabla Performance from India.

**Saturday, Nov. 6, 8:00 pm** in the Idaho Union Ballroom, International Dance: Bring your own music to share.

## UNDERSTANDING PRIVILEGE: THOUGHTS FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

How often are whites unaware of the invisible package of privilege that they take for granted on an everyday basis? The following personal experiences are excerpted from an article by Peggy McIntosh, "Examining Unearned Privilege" from On Campus With Women published by the Assoc. of American Colleges.

- I can, if I wish, arrange to be in the company of people of my own race most of the time.
- I can go shopping alone most of the time, pretty well assured that I will not be followed or harassed.
- I can turn on the television or open to the front page of the paper and see people of my race widely represented.
- I can be sure that my children will be given curricular materials that testify to the existence of their race.
- I can swear, dress in second hand clothes or not answer letters without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, the poverty or the illiteracy of my race.
- I can do well in challenging situations without being called a credit to my race.
- I can take a job with an affirmative action employer without having coworkers on the job suspect that I got it because of my race.
- I can remain oblivious of the language and customs of persons of color who constitute the world's majority without feeling any penalty for such oblivion in my own culture.

Ever since Eve gave Adam the apple, there has been a misunderstanding about gifts.

-Nan Robertson, "On Christmas Shopping",

## IT'S THAT GIFT GIVING TIME AGAIN !!!

The Women's Staff offers the following suggestions to help resolve the "I-can't-make-one-more-trip-to-the-mall" Blues that sometimes befalls us during this season.

### ◆ "In Praise of the Muse: Women Artists Datebook"

The YWCA of the Palouse is selling this 8 1/2" x 6 1/2" datebook and planner to raise funds for their many projects. The datebook is dedicated to artists past and present and intertwines the work of over 30 visual artists with poetry and writing by literary artists. The planner includes historical annotations, the lunar cycle and holidays for many faiths. It is an inspiring, unique book as well as a useful planning document. The datebook is available from the YWCA of the Palouse office on 305 S. Lincoln in Moscow, 883-3438 or contact a YWCA member. The cost is \$12 each or \$11 each for two or more.

### ◆ The "Idaho Is Too Great For Hate" T-Shirt

The Latah/Nez Perce Voices for Human Rights is offering this attractive and important T-shirt in both purple and black. The funds raised from the sales are used to fight the anti-civil rights initiative that attacks the freedoms of gay and lesbians and all of us who work in educational and service institutions. The T-shirt is \$15 and is available from Joanne Muneta, 883-3267 and other Voices members. Look for their booth at local events.

### ◆ An Assortment of Ideas

A Gift Certificate of a Full Body Massage from your favorite local masseuse.  
Artwork from one or more of our many talented local artists.  
Donation to a local or national service organization in a friend's name.  
A special, gourmet meal from a local caterer.

## Have a Happy and Relaxing Holiday

### ATHENA SOCIAL, DINNER & MEETING:

Athena is an organization that provides a means for professional women at the University of Idaho to become acquainted with each other and to share mutual interests, activities and concerns. The group meets monthly during the academic year for a catered dinner and to consider issues on campus or important to education, discuss research, books or articles, and meet colleagues informally. Membership is open to both men and women. Dues are \$10 per year.

**Wednesday, November 3** ATHENA will hold its monthly social in the Morin Room of Wallace Complex. The social will begin at 6:00 pm with the dinner following at 6:30. At 7:00 pm the featured speaker, Jama Sebald will present the results of the AAUW study of gender bias in the K-12 classroom: "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America".

**Thursday, December 2** there will be a joint meeting with the Associated Women Faculty at WSU to discuss issues of concern to women on the two campuses. For more information about reservations or the organization call one of the officers:

- President: Monique Lillard, Law, 885-6422
- Vice President: Gail DeSantis, PSES, 885-6050
- Secretary: Rebecca McCoy, History, 885-7166
- Treasurer: Mary George, PSES, 885-6635

### CONGRATULATIONS LESLIE, LEE AND JAMIE,

Leslie Gregory-Garnett, Receptionist/Interviewer and dedicated Women's Center office staff member has given birth to a healthy 9 pound baby girl, Jordan Nara Rae. Leslie will be spending time with her family this next month, but will be back at the Center in December. The Women's Center staff is looking forward to its latest addition. Welcome to the Palouse, Jordan!!!

### TEACHING ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 29 & 30

**Monday, November 29, at 3:00pm** in the University Auditorium, nationally recognized math educator Sheila Tobias will open the Fall semester Teaching Enhancement Seminar. The keynote speaker writes and leads workshops nationally on math anxiety among students. The workshops will continue on Tuesday morning, Nov. 30 with sessions on Science and Math teaching. Teachers and students from public and private schools, as well as university educators, are invited to attend. The afternoon session will be divided into working groups on different aspects of teaching in the sciences. For more information and to sign up for the sessions please call 885-7941.

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