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WOMEN'S CENTER SURVEY RESULTS

We want to extend an enormous THANK YOU to all who returned a reader's survey this past month. There are many excellent and important ideas for programs and the newsletter and we will be working to incorporate as many as possible into the coming year. There was an overwhelming response for programs on health and we will be giving special attention to your suggestions in this area. We especially appreciated the support that many of you expressed for the programs and the Women's Center. Your enthusiasm, commitment and concern for women's issues is a strong incentive for us to continue to provide a safe space for women and men to explore ideas openly and without censorship. Lastly, if you weren't able to return a survey your input and ideas are valued and you are always welcome to come to the Women's Center and meet with Kim Bouchard, the Education Programmer, to share your ideas for future newsletters and programs.

ATHENA's October meeting will be held Thursday, October 13th at 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in the Gold Galena Room of the Idaho Student Union. The meeting is open to the public and you may join in the discussion during any segment of the two hours. From 12:00 to 1:00 pm, Prof. Nancy Wanamaker from Family and Consumer Sciences will discuss the results of the family and work survey that she and Laurie Stenberg Nichols conducted at the U of I during Spring, 1993. The results will be of interest to women and men, and employees from all parts of the University community. From 1:00-2:00 pm the Committees of Athena will present their goals for the year. Lunch will be available if you wish to reserve one or you may bring a sack lunch. Contact Donna Hanson, 2-2505 for reservations.

Membership in Athena is open to women and men currently employed by or retired from UI who support the goals and mission of the association. Membership and renewal forms were recently sent throughout campus. If you didn't receive one and are interested in joining ATHENA and finding out more about the association please call Donna Hanson, Athena Treasurer, at 5-2505.

10 ROOTS OF VIOLENCE: FACTS WE FACE:

Fact #1. Every year approximately 1,500 women and girls in the U.S. are killed by male partners or former partners. They range in age from 13 to 82. They represent every class, race and ethnic group.

Fact #2 In the U.S. four million women are beaten by male partners every year.

Fact #3. More than 25% of the women who are victims of domestic violence in the U.S. are beaten while pregnant.

Fact #4. More than three million children witness acts of domestic violence every year.

Fact #5 Every month more than 50,000 U.S. women seek restraining or protection orders.

Fact #6 50% of all homeless women and children are fleeing domestic violence.

Fact #7 There are nearly 1,500 shelters for battered women in the U.S.

Fact #8 In Boston, for every two women and children given access to a shelter, five women and eight children were turned away.

Fact #9 Domestic violence causes roughly 100,000 days of hospitalization, 30,000 emergency room visits, and 40,000 trips to the doctor every year.

Fact #10 If all women victimized by domestic violence in 1993 joined hands, the line would stretch from New York City to Los Angeles and beyond.

Excerpted from Ms., Sept. 1994

WHAT IS THE IDAHO VICTIMS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT?: HJR 16 will provide 10 specific rights to victims of crimes guaranteeing their access and participation in the criminal justice system. Currently defendants have 15 specific rights under the Idaho Constitution, victims have none. To find out more about HJR 16, which will appear on the November ballot, call 208-882-3429.

WHOSE WIFE IN THE AFTERLIFE: THE GOSPEL OF MARK. Dr. Kurt Queller, Dept. of English, will present a public lecture on Thursday, Oct. 13th at 4:00 pm in Admin. 316. Sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi, the presentation will explore the cynic ethos and antipatriarchal ethic in the Gospel according to Mark. Everyone is welcome.

October 1994 Programs

Women's Center programs are open to all members of the community. We invite you to bring a friend, some lunch and join us! Programs begin at 12:30 pm in the Women's Center Lounge unless indicated otherwise.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 4

Tuesday Domestic Violence: Dispelling Myths As the mass media continues to delight in the tale of O.J. Simpson, the tragedy of domestic violence and its epidemic proportions in our country is put further away from national scrutiny. The staff of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, the agency which serves domestic violence victims in our region, will present vital information about the realities of violence in the home, how it affects our culture locally and nationally, and why it must come to a stop in order for us to claim that we live in a truly free country.

OCTOBER 5

Wednesday A Personal Tragedy of Domestic Violence Marlene Kreid, of Potlatch, is an eloquent speaker whose personal experience with domestic violence allows us to understand and personalize the statistics. Her niece, Joanne Grace Romero was killed in October, 1993 at the hands of her partner. Marlene's account of Joanne's death and the circumstances which surround it is a powerful call to action for our community.

OCTOBER 11

Tuesday Hostages At Home A powerful new video in the Women's Center collection will premiere on this day. A discussion will follow the video.

FOCUS ON DIVERSITY

OCTOBER 12

Wednesday "A Chinese Letter to the Aztecs": A Video To Celebrate Mexico's 'Dia De La Raza' (Columbus Day in the USA) This powerful European cartoon video depicts history with just enough topsy-turvy-ness that we get to see what it feels like from the other side. A discussion will follow led by UI students from the Americas.

OCTOBER 18

Tuesday Maiden, Mother, Crone: Our Life Cycles Christy Baldwin, internationally recognized producer/director of the film The Presence of the Goddess, will talk about the inner wisdom that exists in women and how patriarchy has violated her, harmed men and fostered a world view that is threatening our survival. (The Presence of the Goddess, narrated by Isabel Allende, will be shown Wed., Oct. 19th at 7:00 pm at Inner Visions, 118 E. 3rd St., Moscow. \$3/person.)

OCTOBER 19

Wednesday Images of Women in the Mass Media: From TV to Talk Martha Einetson, Assistant Professor in the School of Communications, will explore how media images of girls and women enter into our interpersonal lives and shape how we feel about ourselves. **NOTE: This program is part of the University Roundtable and will take place in the Silver & Gold Rooms of the Student Union, 12:30-1:20 pm**

A Two-day Program

OCTOBER 25

Tuesday Empty Dresses: A Visual and Performance Exhibit Mary Morrison, graduate student in Art will explore dress as a reference for who we are. What do dresses mean? What is our personal history of dress? How does the energy and life of a dress change and transform us as women and men? Please join us for a different and exciting program. **The exhibit will be available for viewing during the day for the remainder of the week.**

OCTOBER 26

Wednesday Empty Dresses: Your Response Today it is the viewers turn to bring another dimension to the exhibit by sharing their responses. All forms of response are encouraged: written, sung, visual, performance, poetry, gymnastics. Let your creativity be your guide.

***A WOMAN IS BATTERED EVERY 15 SECONDS
IN THE USA.***

NO MORE!

WE MUST STOP DOMESTIC & DATING VIOLENCE

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an opportunity to declare in public and private ways your commitment to stopping domestic violence in our community, region and nation.

Mon., October 3rd, 5:30 pm: National Day of Unity A W.A.K.E. Walk (Women Are Killed Everyday) will be held in downtown Pullman, WA. Join with your community in expressing your concerns. Sponsored by ATVP.

Tues., October 4th, 12:30 pm: "Domestic Violence: Dispelling Myths"
A program at the UI Women's Center with Staff of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse.

1:15 pm: Campus Action Join us to distribute informational flyers and purple ribbons throughout campus. Let's bring domestic and dating violence out in the open. Volunteers needed. Call the UI Women's Center for information.

Wed., October 26, 6:00 pm: A Candlelight Vigil on the 1st Anniversary of the death of Joanne Romero. Speakers, Singers, and lots of candles. Please join us to remember the women of many colors and cultures that have died and to celebrate the courage of those who left the violence.

Remember these women with love
Remember and be angry
be angry that they were murdered;
Remember and ACT
Action is power. Power to move and change.
Remembering and Acting are Revolutionary
Revolutionary and lifesaving
Revolutionary action is calling the police when you hear banging and screaming.
Revolutionary action is shouting when you see a woman getting beaten
Revolutionary action is giving a woman the number of a hotline
Revolutionary action is in naming; telling someone that you know that they abuse and it isn't right, that no one deserves to be abused

Revolutionary action is demanding
is demanding that women's lives be protected
Revolutionary action is saving a woman's life: your neighbor, your niece, your mail carrier, your sister, the waitress who served you breakfast, your daughter...
Remember and never forget
Remember and never never forget
that these women gave their lives in the war against women that these women built sandcastles and forts and ate chocolate cream pies and rode horseback and swatted flies at barbecues and smelled of jasmine and made love in old Chevys and every day, every single day, fought for freedom.
Remember

Excerpted from Antoinette Riley

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. There are also items of general interest about women's and men's issues. If you have announcements or information that you would like included in subsequent issues please let us know. Suggestions for changes, improvements or additional items are always welcome. Disability Access is on the North end of the building through the TAAC. A taped copy of the newsletter is available on request for the visually impaired.

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CONFERENCES

EMBRACING DIVERSITY: A COMMUNITY EFFORT is the conference theme for the 8th annual conference of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment to be held at the University of Idaho and Washington State University, Oct. 28-29, 1994. Programs will focus on six general areas: Diversity & Community; Gender, Religion, Sexual Orientation & Ethnicity; Limits of Tolerance; Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Fear; Hate Groups: What are they, What they believe, What to do?; Law Enforcement Officers; High School and

College Students. For a prospectus please call the NWCAMH office at 206-233-9136. Registration and information is available from Conferences, WSU, 208 Van Doren, Pullman, WA 99164-5222, 1-800-942-4978, FAX 509-335-0945.

WOMEN'S HEALTH, WOMEN'S RIGHTS, WOMEN'S LIVES is Idaho's first women's health issues conference. The Idaho Women's Network is sponsoring this Oct. 14-15 event at Boise State University. Confirmed speakers include Marilyn Van Derbur, Bella Abzug, and Rosemary Torres from the Office of Research on Women's Health. For more information and registration call IWN, 208-344-5738 or write PO Box 1385, Boise, ID 83701. There are conference and registration materials available at the Women's Center.

GENDER ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION is the 2nd annual conference hosted by the University of Vermont, October 16-18 in Burlington, VT. More than 30 workshops including transforming the curriculum, leadership development and gender-based affirmative action will be offered. For information and registration call 800-656-2088.

WOMEN SHAPING SCIENCE, THE ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETY: IMAGES, ACTIVISM, TRANSFORMATION is the 19th annual conference of the University of Wisconsin Women's Studies Consortium to be held on November 10-12 at Steven's Point, WI. Topics include female-friendly science, scientific reasoning: whose reality are we using? And teaching the politics of science. Registration is \$65. For details contact UW-Stevens Point Continuing Education, 2100 Main St., Steven's Point WI 54481;

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