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# University of Idaho



# Women's Center

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*Corner of Idaho and Line Streets*

**September 1994**

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## WELCOME BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Idaho Women's Center is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday to all members of the community: students, faculty, staff, and residents of the Inland Northwest. The Center offers a wide variety of educational programs, information and resources for women and men in our changing society. The Women's Center Lounge houses a book and resource collection that is available for circulation and research. It is also a comfortable, and friendly space to meet others, eat lunch, engage in lively discussions or rest between classes. The noon programs take place every Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm and are usually in the Lounge. They are informational and cultural presentations covering a wide variety of topical issues.

You will find a reader survey enclosed in this issue. The staff at the Center looks forward to your input and ideas regarding future programs, topics and newsletter information. Please fill out the survey and mail it through the postal system or campus mail or drop it off at the Women's Center office. The Women's Center is committed to providing a space for open discussion and diverse perspectives on issues of concern and interest to the community.

**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED** If you receive the Women's Center Newsletter off campus and are able to help with postage costs we will be grateful. A donation of \$5 will be sufficient and appreciated to cover a full year of the newsletter.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS ON SAT., AUGUST 27th.** From 9:00 am to 5:00 pm the Women's Center will be open to welcome new students and their parents to the University campus. The Lounge and office will be open, refreshments will be served and staff will be available to show people around the Center and explain the programs. We hope returning students and old friends will also take this opportunity to come by and visit before classes begin. [Look on page two for details on the Sept. 13th Open House!]

**CREATE A SAFE CAMPUS** and get course credit at the same time! Health and Safety 311, "Acquaintance Rape", is a course offered every fall semester for students interested in this timely topic. In the course students become informed about the current research, policies and writings. Students then engage in peer education on campus and in the community and become an integral part of a campus wide early warning system that helps protect peers' and classmates' safety in potentially dangerous situations. The course is recommended for majors in health education, secondary education, sociology, psychology and criminal justice. Registration is still open for the class. For further information and a course description please contact the Women's Center, 5-6616.

**ATHENA** is an association supporting the interests of faculty and professional women at the University of Idaho. The organization provides opportunities and support for professional women to identify and share their mutual interests, activities and concerns. Membership is open to women and men on campus 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.

The first dinner meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 15th. The women who have attended the HERS/Bryn Mawr Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education will be speaking about the issues, concerns and ideas that they encountered with their colleagues across the country concerning academic women. The panel will be Sandra Haarsager, Associate Professor, School of Communication; Monique Lillard, Associate Dean, College of Law, Dene Thomas, Associate Dean, Letters & Sciences; and Judy Doerann, Director of UI Assessment and Assistant to the Provost. The Athena officers encourage the participation of the University of Idaho in these national discussions among women in higher education.

# September 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 .*

## SEPTEMBER 7

Wednesday **"True Colors"** What if two men, equal in all measurable aspects except skin color, were to test the levels of prejudice that exist in the USA in everyday situations? This question was put to the test by two professional men "identical" in: social class, educational level, and career. Join us for the results and the premiere of the Women's Center recent addition to the video library jointly purchased with University Residences and the Latah County Human Rights Task Force. A discussion will follow.

## SEPTEMBER 13

Tuesday **OPEN HOUSE: A Full Day of Activities to Celebrate a New Academic Year.** Music, new videos from our collection, poetry and prose readings, and an opportunity to meet staff and friends and browse the library (with many new books!) are some of the activities of the day. We look forward to meeting new members of the community and old friends throughout the day. Please join us for refreshments and inaugurate the 94-95 year.

## FOCUS ON DIVERSITY

## SEPTEMBER 14

Wednesday **A Look at Judaism during the High Holy Days** Arie Bialostocki, UI Professor of Mathematics, will explain the significance of the feasts of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that are celebrated during this time.

## FOCUS ON HEALTH

## SEPTEMBER 16

Friday **Health Care Reform Video Conference** The Women's Center and Moscow League of Women Voters are sponsoring a teleconference to explain details of the Health Care Reform Bills that are currently being considered by Congress. **Note: The conference is open to the entire community, no preregistration is necessary. The conference runs from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Borah Theater of the Idaho Student Union.**

## SEPTEMBER 20

Tuesday **Health Care Reform Perspectives: Hospital Administrators** Robert Colvin, Director of Gritman Medical Center and Scott Adams, Director of Pullman Memorial Hospital will give their perspectives on the Health Care Reform Bills in front of Congress and what it could mean for local health care distribution. There will be a question and answer period following their presentations. **This program will take place in the Morin Room of Wallace Complex.**

## SEPTEMBER 21

Wednesday **Health Care Reform Perspectives: Doctors** Representatives from different medical disciplines will comprise the panel for the doctors' perspectives on Health Care Reform. Among the invited panelists will be a family practitioner, a chiropractor, a medical specialist and a nurse practitioner. **This program will take place in the Morin Room of Wallace Complex.**

## SEPTEMBER 27

Tuesday **Health Care Reform Perspectives: Insurance Industry** Representatives from Medical Service Bureau (Blue Shield of Idaho) and Blue Cross of Idaho will present their perspectives on health care legislation. **This program will take place in the Morin Room of Wallace Complex.**

## SEPTEMBER 28

Wednesday **The Health Care Reform Bills: Our Congressional Representatives Perspectives** Through the magic of conference calls we will have an opportunity to speak with Idaho Representative Larry LaRocco, and Senators Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne about their positions on the Health Care Reform Bills in front of Congress. **This program will take place in the Chief's Room of the Idaho Student Union and will begin at 12:15 pm.**

# *HEALTH CARE REFORM:*

A NATIONAL TELECONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

and Sponsored Locally by the

Moscow League of Women Voters and the UI Women's Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

BORAH THEATER,

IDAHO STUDENT UNION

*Everyone is Welcome: Students, Faculty, Staff,  
Community Members and Medical Professionals*

*Free of Charge, No Preregistration is Necessary*

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**Followed by Four Presentations/Discussions,  
SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28, with Local Health Care  
Providers, Administrators, the Insurance Industry &  
Idaho Congressional Representatives**

**12:30 pm in the Morin Room of Wallace Complex, Univ. of Idaho**  
*Tuesday, September 20: Hospital Executives Robert Colvin, Gritman  
Medical Center and Scott Adams, Pullman Memorial Hospital.*

*Wednesday, September 21: Local Medical Professionals*

*Tuesday, September 27: Medical Service Bureau and Blue Cross of Idaho*

**12:15 pm in the Chief's Room, 2nd Floor of the Idaho Student Union**  
*Wednesday, September 28: Conference Calls with Representatives*

For more information contact the UI Women's Center, 885-6616. Bring your lunch or food will be available from the Cafeteria of Wallace Complex and at the Idaho Student Union.

**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. 28-30, 1994. Programs will focus on four general areas: Diversity & Community; Gender, Religion & Ethnicity; Limits of Tolerance: Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Fear; Hate Groups: What are they, What they believe, What to do?. An art exhibition entitled "Our Community: Portraits and Self-

Portraits" will be part of the conference. For a prospectus please call the NWCAMH office at 206-233-9136. Registration and information is available in Sept. from Conferences and Institutes, 208 Van Doren, WSU 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. Invited speakers include Bella Abzug, Karen Nussbaum, Director of the Dept. Of Labor's Women's Bureau, 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.

**IDAHO TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION** presents an afternoon of seminars focusing on domestic violence with expert witnesses, judges and practitioners discussing the subject from the social, psychological, civil and criminal justice perspectives. The seminars will take place on Friday, Sept. 30th at the University Inn, Moscow. The morning session is for trial lawyers and the afternoon session is open to the public. Students may attend for no charge if they register by Sept. 23rd. There is a \$25 registration fee for the general public. For more information and registration call the ITLA: 208-345-1890.

**"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: HITTING CLOSE TO HOME"** is a one day conference sponsored by the Post Falls Police Dept. on Friday, Sept. 23, 1994 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The conference is appropriate for law enforcement professionals, victim service providers, medical personnel, social workers, and the general public. For more information call Sue Manley-Smith, Post Falls Police Dept., 208-773-3517.

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