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Women's Center

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January/February 1995

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

"LEADERSHIP: CHOICES & CONNECTIONS"

will take place on February 10-11 at the University Inn, Moscow, ID. The conference is sponsored by ATHENA, the Association of Faculty and Professional Women at the University of Idaho, and is open to all interested university and community members from the region. The keynote speaker is Dr. Carolyn Desjardins, Director of the National Institute for Leadership Development. Her presentation will focus on different leadership styles, including aspects of gender differences and the implications of and current trends in leadership. Desjardins will also conduct a workshop Saturday morning. The registration fee of \$35 includes Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch. Registration fees for one-day and for students are less. Accommodations are available in the homes of Moscow women. The conference is cosponsored by the Moscow League of Women Voters, WSU Association of Faculty Women, AAUW, the UI Women's Center and Palouse Executives. For information and registration call [208] 885-6426.

ADVOCATE TRAINING BEGINS

Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, a non-profit, United Way agency is offering advocate training sessions regarding domestic violence and sexual assault issues. Advocates assist the staff and the families who use the services of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse. The twice-weekly training sessions begin on January 26th and last one month. Academic credit from the University of Idaho or Washington State University is available. For more information call 332-0552.

HUES: NEW MULTICULTURAL JOURNAL BY AND FOR YOUNG WOMEN is getting ready for its fifth issue which will be distributed nationally. It is created for students on campuses in the US. For subscription information call (800) HUES-4U2. The founders of the journal say their goal is to "...learn to define beauty in terms of personal strength and character, not by comparing the circumference of our thighs to Cindy Crawford's."

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EVENTS are scheduled through the end of January to commemorate Dr. King and the work being done for civil rights. The following is a partial list of local events and activities:

Tues., Jan. 17th, 12:30 p.m. "The Speeches Collection: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," a video, in the Lounge of the Women's Center. Free.

Wed., Jan 18th, 12:30 p.m. "Visions of the Spirit", a video about African American writer, Alice Walker, in the Lounge of the Women's Center. Free.

7:00 p.m. Martin Luther King, III will speak at Beasley Coliseum, WSU, Pullman. Free.

Thurs., Jan. 19th, 7:00 p.m. Actress Adilah Barnes will perform "I Am That I Am: Woman, Black" at the University of Idaho Auditorium. Free.

Fri., Jan. 20th, 7:00 p.m. The Annual Unity Dance at the Moscow Community Center.

Wed., Jan. 25th, 7:00 p.m. "Malcolm X" will be shown at the Borah Theater, UI Student Union, \$1-\$2

Saturday, Jan. 28th, 9:00 am Second Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Breakfast, sponsored by the Latah Human Rights Task Force. The invited speaker is Benny Harris from the WSU Center for Human Rights, and there will be entertainment and awards. Tickets are available from Bookpeople, downtown Moscow and the UI Women's Center.

All of the above events are open to all members of the university and community. For more information call New Student Services, 885-6163 or the Women's Center, 885-6616.

CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Is the title of a seminar offered to the community by the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and the UI Enrichment Program on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 10:00-11:30 am in the Business Technology Incubator at 121 Sweet Avenue, Moscow. The seminar will explain how the state legislative process works and most importantly how citizens can translate their ideas and concerns into legislation. Participants will be invited on the annual Chamber of Commerce Legislative Tour to Boise on Feb. 14-15. For more information and registration contact 885-6486.

1994: A Brief Review of the Good News For and About Women

- A Gallup/*Working Mother* poll found that approximately 75% of employed mothers get great satisfaction from *both* work and family.
- Breast Cancer, its causes and cures, received more attention as the National Health Institute announced a five-year study of the environmental causes of breast cancer; and in Boston, the Silent Spring Institute was created to study the links between the environment and diseases that affect women. Researchers also located a gene for the disease, though genetic factors account for only about 5-10 percent of breast cancers.
- Swedish women activists made their political demands clear: address women's rights or we'll form our own party. The Social Democrats got the message: they created a slate of candidates with equal numbers of women and men. Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson named women to half the positions in his cabinet.
- The first female president of Sri Lanka was elected: Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga. She named her mother, Sirimavo Bandaranaike, Prime Minister. Her mother held that same position in 1960 when she became the world's first popularly elected female head of state.
- Among the five women elected to the Brazilian Senate is women's rights advocate Benedita da Silva who ran on the slogan "Black, Woman, and Slum-Dweller". Da Silva is the Brazilian Senate's first African Brazilian.
- Tegla Loroupe, 21, of Kenya became the first black woman to win the New York City Marathon. In the interview following the race she criticized her government for failing to support woman runners. "They will see that we as women also have talent."
- Though only two years old the Take Our Daughters to Work Day was a resounding success in 1994 with 25 to 30 million adults participating.
- President Clinton added even more women to the US Dept. Of Justice creating the first female majority in top-level positions (9 out of 15).
- Carole Jordan is the first woman president of England's Royal Astronomical Society (175 yr. Old). "The reason we need more women in science is not because they are women, it's because the country is not using half its brainpower," she said.
- "We need to change the system and our institutions to make them people-shaped and not man-shaped," said South African activist Frene Ginwala in February. After she was elected to the parliament she became the first woman and the first person of color to hold the Speaker's post.
- The Women's Studies minor at the University of Idaho was approved and is accepting students. There are over 600 women's studies programs in U.S. colleges.
- VAWA: The Violence Against Women Act of 1994 was signed into law by President Clinton providing improved law enforcement, prosecution and victim services in cases of violent crime against women; enhanced rape prevention and education programs, particularly in schools; mandatory arrest in cases of domestic violence; and improved funding for shelters for battered women and their children.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Wanted: Researchers, Scholars, Artists From All Disciplines The Women's Center invites faculty, staff, researchers, and graduate students from the University of Idaho and Washington State University who are interested in presenting their research/scholarship at the Women's Center noon programs to contact Kim Bouchard, Education Programmer, 885-6616. During March the programs will focus on women's history, feminist pedagogy and theory, and research relevant to women. We hope to represent the scope and breadth of study across disciplines that is being done in our region.

January 1995 Programs

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Programs

JANUARY 17

Tuesday **"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: THE SPEECHES COLLECTION"** This new video is a diverse documentation of Dr. King's electrifying speeches from his early career as a young pastor in Montgomery, Alabama to the great march on Washington. It includes his final prophetic speech in Memphis just days before his assassination.

JANUARY 18

Wednesday **"VISIONS OF THE SPIRIT"** Alice Walker's compassion, insight and strength have made her one of the most admired and respected writers in contemporary American literature. This video explores the southern roots of her African American feminism and the background of the civil rights movement that shaped her political and social vision.

Book Reviews for 1995 Reading

JANUARY 24

Tuesday **"THE STRONGER WOMEN GET THE MORE MEN LOVE FOOTBALL: Sexism and The American Culture of Sport"** by Mariah Burton Nelson, Harcourt Brace Pub., 1994. The humorous title of the book should not mask the serious research and analysis that Nelson has compiled concerning gender issues in the sports world. Betsy Thomas, Director of the UI Women's Center, will review Nelson's historical research of women's participation in sports, the role of the media and the violence emerging from the world of men's sports.

JANUARY 25

Wednesday **"FIRE WITH FIRE"** by Naomi Wolf, Fawcett Columbine Pub., 1994. Kim Bouchard, Education Programmer at the Women's Center, will discuss this controversial book which contends that the road map to political and personal equality for women is the adoption of "power feminism" and a rejection of what Ms. Wolf identifies as "victim feminism". The book figures significantly as part of the current discussions about feminism and its future.

JANUARY 31

Tuesday **"TALKING FROM 9 TO 5"** by Deborah Tannen, William Morrow Publishers, 1994. The subtitle of Tannen's new book, "How Women's and Men's Conversational Styles Affect Who Gets Heard, Who gets Credit, and What Gets Done at Work", is a tidy synopsis of her latest research on women's and men's communications styles. Judy Wallins, Director of the Tutoring and Academic Assistance Center, will discuss the major ideas and observations that Tannen presents to help us better communicate in a workplace that is increasingly diverse.

FEBRUARY 1

Wednesday **"EVOLUTION'S END"** by Joseph Chilton Pearce, Harpers Pub., 1992 will be reviewed by Cheryl C. Miller, School Psychologist and Learning Disorders Clinician. This well-documented and comprehensive book describes the process of child development in relation to the maturation of humankind. Pearce depicts the magnitude of devastation on youngsters and society that current child-rearing practices are creating. He also describes ways in which we can remediate to become a healthy and vital society that allows for new levels of human becoming.

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S CENTER CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIP
JANUARY 21-22, 1995
ELK RIVER, IDAHO
CALL 885-6616 FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

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FOCUS ON MONEY AND FINANCIAL ISSUES

FEBRUARY 7

Tuesday **STOP THE LEAKS: TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY** Linda Kirk Fox, a Family Economics and Management Specialist in the Cooperative Extension System of UI Family and Consumer Sciences, will lead the first in a month long series of programs that explore money and finances in our everyday lives. She will describe different spending personalities to assist us in defining for ourselves the value and purpose of money.

FEBRUARY 8

Wednesday **PITFALLS AND PREVENTIONS: PLANNING FOR GRADUATION AND BEYOND** Student loan repayments on the horizon? Should you take advantage of the great 'deals' from the car manufacturers? What are your job prospects and income earning power? Sheryl Choate of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Idaho will look at debt during transition times (graduation, marriage, new job, etc.) and how you can avoid the burdens and successfully manage your debt load.

FEBRUARY 14

Tuesday **COMING TO TERMS: CREDIT CARDS** How many credit cards? Which cards are the most appropriate for your spending personality? What's in the fine print? Should you get out the scissors and cut them up today? Linda Kirk Fox will return to explore in detail the best and worst of credit cards in your financial picture.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY'S 175TH BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 15

Wednesday **THE ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION** You are cordially invited to the Women's Center Lounge to celebrate the birth of one of the Founding Mothers of the feminist movement in the U.S. As well as birthday cake and refreshments, the Women's Center welcomes Katherine Aiken, UI History Professor, who will present the featured program.

FEBRUARY 21

Tuesday **GOING INTO BUSINESS FOR YOURSELF: FEASIBLE? POSSIBLE? CRAZY?** Helen LaBoeuf-Binninger, Director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center at Lewis and Clark State College will talk about the resource opportunities for prospective and on-going businesses and what start-up financing is available. Debbie Turpin, local businesswoman, will join the discussion with her personal experiences in business over the last 15 years.

FEBRUARY 22

Wednesday **THE INS AND OUTS OF REAL ESTATE--SIMPLIFIED** Kathy Weber, an Associate Broker with Bennett & Associates Real Estate, will discuss the financial pros and cons of buying a home. She will also answer questions about all aspects of home ownership and real estate investment for single people, students and families.

FEBRUARY 28

Tuesday **INVESTING \$50 OR LESS A MONTH: HOW TO BUILD YOUR SAVINGS** There are so many choices of where to put away a "little nest egg". Where's the best, safest, socially responsible and highest return place? Investment Clubs? Mutual Funds? Life Insurance? To assist us in answering these and other questions about savings and investment Jacie Jensen, a Certified Financial Planner, will clarify the maze of investment choices.

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**THE 11TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S
CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP
ELK RIVER, IDAHO**

SAT. & SUN., JANUARY 21 & 22, 1995

The cost will be approximately \$30 which includes two days and one night accommodation in the newly remodeled MAIN STREET CABINS in Beautiful Downtown Elk River, Idaho; Three Gourmet Meals (Dinner, Breakfast and Sack Lunch) catered by PASTA ETC. and the pleasure of skiing and relaxing in the mountains of North Idaho.

*Join us for a relaxing outdoor
adventure in the company of women*

For further information and to sign up for the ski trip,
Call the UI Women's Center, 885-6616.



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 & PAPERS

CALL FOR PAPERS: "VIRGINIA WOOLF, TEXTS AND CONTEXTS" Send 15 copies of one-page abstract linking any Woolf text to her and/or our context and one cover page listing name, address, phone and paper title to: Beth Daugherty, English Dept., Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081
Deadline for Papers: February 1, 1995. Conference is scheduled for June 15-18, 1995.

NW INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, "WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP: TOWARD A BALANCED SOCIETY" Feb. 3-5, 1995, Seattle, WA

The conference is one of 11 U.S. conferences recognized as a precursor to the fourth UN Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in August, 1995. The goal of the conference is to Educate, Encourage and Support women to accept Leadership challenges, Encourage all people to act for the common good, Learn from one another and Affirm the positive qualities women bring to leadership. Information and registration materials are available at the Women's Center, (208) 885-6616.

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GRECSO CONFERENCE

The Intersection Of Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Class And Sexual Orientation In Scholarship And Teaching Washington State University, February 24-26, 1995.

The keynote speaker is playwright Cherrie Moraga. The papers and workshops at this interdisciplinary graduate student conference will explore any and all GRECSO intersections with the focus on exemplary programs, approaches and models capable of being replicated or adapted for different institutions. Registration is \$10 (no meals) or \$35 (all meals). For more information contact Ann Garnsey, 509-335-2361.

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