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Women's Center

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ATHENA'S SECOND ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Plans for Athena's spring conference on gender communication are nearly complete. Carolyn Desjardins, a nationally-recognized expert in the field and last year's keynote speaker, returns to conduct a gender communication workshop offered in the morning, and repeated in the afternoon. The conference is scheduled for *February 16-17, 1996*, opening with a Friday evening banquet. Panels on gender communication in business, education, non-profits, and politics will run concurrently opposite Desjardins' workshop.

Mark your calendars, and tell friends and co-workers, because you don't want to miss this event. You can visit Athena's Home Page located at this website: http://www.uidaho.edu/faculty_org/athena. (*Don't include that last period, it was for end-of-sentence grammatical correctness only.*) Registration information will be forthcoming at this website address and our next newsletter.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Feminist Exposition: Expo '96 for Women's Empowerment, February 2-4, 1996, Washington, D.C., Sheraton Washington Hotel. Building on the momentum of the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing, China, this conference will help transform the Platform of Action into reality. Forty symposia, training sessions, and roundtables are scheduled to adopt a feminist national budget, respond to the attack on affirmative action, examine the role of Women's Studies, and envision the future of feminism. For registration information, write to Feminist Majority, 1600 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209. Their FAX number is 703-522-2219, and e-mail address is femmaj@feminist.org.

Fifteenth Annual Lewis and Clark Gender Studies Symposium, March 6-9, 1996, "Body Building: Sexualities, Power, and Politics." Featured speakers include Gena Corea, author of *The Invisible Epidemic: The Story of Women and AIDS*, and John D'Emilio, History Professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. For registration information write Elaine Maveety, Gender Studies Symposium Coordinator, Campus Box 73, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon 97219.

SAVORY MOMENTS WITH AUNTIE PASTO

Food...mmm...what a concept. Although the holidays are approaching, anytime is a good time to share what we eat, especially our favorite recipes. Here is one of my old family recipes, from Momma D's Cookbook, to relish and savor ethnic heritage:

ANTI PASTO SALAD

4 slices cooked, diced ham
4 slices swiss cheese
6 slices roast beef
1/4 pound cooked, diced sausage
1 head lettuce or leaf lettuce
salt
pepper
oregano
minced garlic
3 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon wine vinegar
1 tomato cut into wedges

Combine meat, cheese, and lettuce in salad bowl. Sprinkle on seasonings and grated cheese. Mix oil and vinegar in a jar and shake. Pour onto salad, toss, and garnish with tomatoes. Presto, Anti Pasto.

If you want to share your family recipes with Auntie Pasto, write to: Auntie Pasto, c/o Women's Center, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844-1064. (*Editor's note: Vegetarians are encouraged to reply.*)

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS FALL CELEBRATION POW-WOW

The Native American Student Association, NASA, has scheduled the *First Annual Fall Celebration Pow-Wow*. Saturday, November 4, in the University of Idaho P.E. Building, Women's Gym. The Grand Entry begins at 1:00 p.m., and the Pow Wow concludes at midnight. Join singers, dancers, and the crowd at this traditional Native American cultural celebration.

"NO REST FOR THE WICKED" by AUNTIE ESTABLISHMENT

Dear Sisters,

When I wrote to you last, Marshal Tito and I were becoming better acquainted. While I cannot claim to enjoy his company, I do prefer reading his biography to the meager entertainment Mrs. Thatcher provides in *The Downing Street Years*. I am, myself, far too modest to stir up much political intrigue here in the other Moscow, but I do like to read about it, and, my dears, leftist revolutions make so much more interesting reading than right-wing foreclosures. (Those neophyte novelists, Mr. Gingrich and Mr. Robertson, should take note!)

And so, in my continuing quest to understand exactly what is happening in the former Yugoslavia, if only to be able to locate it with confidence on a map, I packed up my lunch and attended the Women's Center's Bosnia for Beginners noon program. What an education it was, my dears! I was lost for a time in the swirl of ethnicity gone awry. At least three of the warring factions, Croatian, Serbian and American were present. (My dears, I include the latter advisedly. America grows increasingly like Sherwin Williams; we should change our motto from "In God We Trust" to "We Cover the Earth.") Our lecturer, a UI history professor, presented us with a history of the region, beginning in the 14th century and working forwards through World War II and to the present day. Now, the professor very successfully condensed a great deal of information into a very short space of time, but I was still rather confused about the how and why of the current violence. Thank heavens, then, for the warfare pantomime which followed!

First, two would-be representatives of the nation of Croatia stood up and declared their independence from the noon program. They disagreed, rather vehemently, with the professor's historical summary. (Forgive my understatement, sisters. By vehement, I mean that our poor speaker played Seattle Mariner to their New York Yankees.) Before the Croatians could secede from the room, however, a representative from Serbia spoke up in support of the professor. She disagreed with a few of his points, but, on the whole, she found him fair. My dears, I could see that this was putting a match to the gasoline, and I fear I donned my blue helmet and waded in on the side of politeness. "What," I cried, "has happened to civilized, academic debate?" "Shut up!" the room cried. And this, my dears, was my first foray into U.N. Peacekeeping.

Your Auntie hasn't been so riled since Jesse Helms was caught whistling "Dixie" to Carol Mosely Braun in the Senate elevator. I'm afraid that when it comes to Bosnia, we Americans are all beginners.

Yours faithfully,
Auntie Establishment

THE WOMEN'S CENTER ANSWERS

I think the "Women's Center" name may be outdated. It doesn't sound like the Center is for both genders. Why don't you change the name? For a fleeting moment, we pondered the idea of changing the name to honor some famous woman in history, like the Carol Ryrie Brink Center, or Harriet Tubman Center, or Lucy Stone Center. Immediately, it was brought to our attention that on hearing one of these proposed Center names, new arrivals on campus would ask, "What's that?", only to hear the retort, "Why, it's the Women's Center!" The Women's Center is for everyone. Many women and men regularly attend our noon programs, and browse through and check out our circulating library books. In addition, men and women both participate in our ongoing sexual assault awareness education program. However, many services provided by the Women's Center are services that are predominantly female-specific. When women experience all-too-common crises like sex-based discrimination, domestic violence, rape, stalking, hate crimes against lesbians, and sexual harassment, the

Women's Center appears to be the obvious place to turn for assistance—even for men whose friend or loved one has been victimized. Female non-traditional students find the Women's Center especially welcoming in an environment that is often geared toward traditional-age college students. We are, in fact, seasoned in responding to these needs. While the Women's Center is committed to sex-based equality and providing needed services to both sexes, we are persuaded that for reasons outlined above, the "Women's Center" name remains warranted.

Why do you call them "noon" programs when they don't start at noon? Your point is well taken. In our first fall semester newsletter of 1978 we wrote, "Because of a change in scheduling classes to begin on the half hour with no regular noon break, we will try holding lunch-time programs beginning at 12:30. We hope that this will accommodate most students, and that staff will be able to arrange their lunch breaks to attend programs." Our grammar consultant advises us that to change the name to NOON-THIRTY programs will not do.

December 1995 Noon 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 p.m. in the Women's Center Lounge unless indicated otherwise.

DECEMBER 5

Tuesday JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY If you have a taste for simplicity and tranquillity that is refined to a pure form of art, you will want to join University of Idaho international students, *Kozue Murayama* and *Miyuki Handa*, who will introduce us to the history, etiquette, and core elements of the traditional tea ceremony. Although this presentation is not intended to be a complete, formal tea ceremony, you will learn, among other things, how to bow properly and receive the tea bowl.



DECEMBER 13


Wednesday The Women's Center plans to schedule more musical noon programs. This end-of-semester performance may kick off our future monthly Music Wednesdays, the last Wednesday of each month during the semester. Join *Rob Weston*, bass; *Jeff Moyer*, guitar; *Tyler Malory*, guitar; *Gia* and *Tristan Trotter*, vocals, whose band **BACCHANALIA** plays original, acoustic, contemporary folk/rock for us at the


VANDAL LOUNGE, STUDENT UNION BUILDING, 12:30 -1:20 P.M.




Clip and return ✂-----

Beginning spring semester, a **BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH KLATCH** will be scheduled for the first Thursday evening of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., if sufficient interest is expressed. Books will be selected and announced one month in advance. For each book, 2-3 facilitators will be identified who agree to read the selections and lead discussion. Although you are encouraged to read each selection, you may participate in the klatch without completing the readings. The klatch is open to everyone: women and men, staff, faculty, students, and community members. Although the range of books will be diverse, this may be of special interest to those in Women's Studies.

 YES, I want to participate in the **BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH KLATCH**.

 YES, I would be delighted to facilitate a book discussion.

 Books titles or genres of interest to me include:

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Return to the UI Women's Center, Moscow ID 83844-1064
by December 1, 1995.

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 to include 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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NOTABLES

- Don't forget Election Day, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7. Commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment...VOTE. In 1995, U.S. women hold 8 percent of the Senate seats, 11 percent of the House seats, and 20 percent of the state legislature seats. In Kuwait and United Arab Emirates, women do not have the right to vote.
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born on November 12, 1815. In 1878, Stanton first introduced the constitutional amendment for women's suffrage to Congress. Although she was denied the right because she was a woman, she would have liked to vote.
- Forty years ago, on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks of Birmingham, Alabama refused to move to the rear of the bus to make room for a white man. In Birmingham, a year-long bus boycott ensued altering the course of history.
- Chanukah begins at sundown on Sunday, December 17.

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