



# University of Idaho

## Women's Center

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### INTRODUCING WOMEN'S CENTER STAFF

*Jill Anderson, Public Service Representative*, recently departed the Counseling Center to become the central character at the Women's Center. Jill has the honor of being the only bona fide Idaho native among the Women's Center staff. She is well acquainted with the University and its services, allowing her to ease right into her new role here.

*Susan Palmer, Education Programming Coordinator*, left the spacious UI Library to join the somewhat less spacious Women's Center. Although she never did complete her dissertation, Susan's professional background is in sociology, having taught at the college level for over a decade. She is responsible for our educational noon programs, in addition to the newsletter. Check out her offbeat earrings!

*Valerie Russo, Sexual Assault Program Advisor*, arrived on the Palouse with her furry canine companion, Rubyanna (gotta love those Dobermans), like pennies from heaven. As a counselor, Valerie draws from ten years of direct rape crisis counseling and legal advocacy experience to coordinate the campus sexual assault awareness program.

*Betsy Thomas, Director*, is the familiar face in the Women's Center. Catch a glimpse of her jumping for joy that her new staff arrived in classified (i.e., permanent as opposed to temporary) positions. She's tickled pink about the Women's Center Library's new relationship with IDA (see back page). And if you can endure one last cliché, Betsy's on cloud nine about relocating her residence to Harvard (pronounced "Hah'vahd"), as in Idaho, where she will assume her new role as *commuter*.

### ATHENA'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

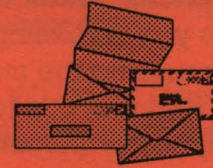
Gender communication is the theme of this year's Leadership Conference sponsored by Athena. Mark your calendars for *February 16-17, 1996* to ensure you don't miss this dynamic local event. Our next newsletter will include further details.



### WOMAN SUFFRAGE: THE RIGHT TO VOTE

The Women's Center joins women and men across the country to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, August 26, 1920.

### ONE WOMAN REMEMBERS



August 1995

Dear Susan,

...We were living from 1908 to 1925 in the little town of Malvern, Arkansas--2200 inhabitants, a half dozen churches, a high school, and a debating society. The debating society decided to tackle the question of woman suffrage. Mother was a natural for the affirmative, but no one could be found to be her partner. Finally, her father, F.P. Hilburn, who was visiting us at the time, was roped in as the second affirmative. The judges decided against them.

Then 75 years ago the Woman Suffrage Amendment was ratified by the requisite number of states. My mother took me, a girl of 12, with her and we drove the 44 miles to Little Rock to sit in the gallery and watch the legislature ratify the amendment. Mother said that man after man who to her knowledge had opposed the amendment before now rose to vote for it and to add a little spiel about how glorious this day was for Southern womanhood. The fact that women could now retain them in office or vote them out had changed their attitude.

My mother was quite a person. She persuaded Joe Belate, a legislator who was uneducated but good hearted to introduce a bill making the mother an equal guardian of the children with the father. Up to that time the father was the sole guardian.

Joe Belate deserves to be mentioned here. He was a male Mrs. Malaprop. He spoke of "walking pro and con in the loblolly of the hotel." He boasted that Social Hill, a small town near Malvern, had "the best little venereal plant in the state." For "venereal" read "vener." But he had native ability and a kind heart and wasn't a bad legislator...

Sincerely,  
Ruth Jackson  
Toledo, Ohio

## "NO REST FOR THE WICKED" by AUNTIE ESTABLISHMENT

Dear Sisters,

The harvest is in, the dust is high, and I have fallen prey to the latest Mother's Ruin, the Internet. My dears, I have become so singleminded! The siren call of anonymity, the witty banter, the ability to delete all which one does not wish to read! I have joined several "listservs." A listserv, sisters, is what was once called a "club."

Now, you know I am old-fashioned, my dears--why, I still abide by the 1926 edition of Emily Post. But now, I'm told Mrs. Post has been replaced by something called "Netiquette," which I could scarcely believe. The single clear standard which once reigned has been replaced by something entirely ill-defined and amorphous, rather like gelatin shot into outer space.

Let me give you an example, lest you think me vague. Several days ago, in one of my clubs, members were discussing the meaning of the word "lesbian." Discussion reached a fever pitch when several members said that this term might be claimed by anyone who felt that she or he (I do not jest) preferred the company of women. Well, I replied (or posted, as they say) to the group that as I kept company with four dogs, perhaps I might be Lassie. And sisters, I was chastised for my rudeness! This, they told me, was a violation of "Netiquette."

My dears, I must retire to my flower garden and restore myself with a glass of sherry. I thought I might read my new book on the history of Yugoslavia; let us hope this does not make me Marshal Tito! Surely Mrs. Post is spinning in her grave.

Yours faithfully,

Auntie Establishment

## September 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.*

### SEPTEMBER 19

Tuesday

**LOCAL WOMEN REMINISCE ABOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE** *Gladys Bellinger, Janet Fiske, Agnes Schuldt, Grace Wicks*, and other area women remember political awakenings during and following suffrage.

### SEPTEMBER 20

Wednesday

**WOMAN SUFFRAGE: 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19th AMENDMENT** *Katherine Aiken*, UI History Department, recounts the highlights of an extraordinary social movement that culminated in women gaining the right to vote in 1920.

### SEPTEMBER 26

Tuesday

**BOSNIA FOR BEGINNERS** Although most recognize events in the former Yugoslavia are disturbing, many of us remain bewildered by the ongoing ethnic and religious antagonisms. *Richard Spence*, UI History Department, will untangle the threads of the Bosnian conflict, reviewing the complex territorial battles that have plagued Yugoslavia's history.

### SEPTEMBER 27

Wednesday

**GETAWAYS: EXCURSIONS OUT OF MOSCOW** Local travel writer, *Bill London*, author of several books, including Country Roads of Idaho, guides us to the region's most delectable getaways. He promises to provide a map directing us to his own favorite spot.

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## OCTOBER 3

Tuesday

**NOTHING BUT FREEDOM** "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." *Dale Graden*, UI History Department, looks at the failures and successes in implementing the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) to the U.S. Constitution. Fifty years later, "sex" was added with the passage of the 19th amendment.

## OCTOBER 4

Wednesday

**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS: THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** Commemorating its 75th anniversary, *Lynn Mineur*, former state and local president of the League of Women Voters, explores some of the historical twists of the League.

## OCTOBER 10

Tuesday

**IDAHO WOMEN AND THE LAND** *Lauren Fins*, UI Department of Forest Resources, combines lecture, dramatization, and interpretive readings, with videotaped interviews to explore Idaho women's connection to the land.

*This program is supported in part by the Idaho Humanities Council, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. A gift from First Security Bank also supports the IHC Speakers Bureau.*

## OCTOBER 11

Wednesday

**FISHING...THE EASY WAY** Local outdoors journalist and avid fisher, *Charlie Powell*, will reel you in with this catchy program. Get hooked on fishing while you listen to Charlie tackle some of those fishing problems peculiar to women (like finding waders that fit).

*Not for women only.*

## OCTOBER 17

Tuesday

**WELCOME FRANCINE CARADINE, NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE OF THE PALOUSE** October is Domestic Violence Month. *Fran Caradine*, joins us at the Women's Center to assess the state of domestic violence in the Palouse, describe volunteer opportunities, and share her own outlook as ATVP's new Executive Director.

## OCTOBER 18

Wednesday

**JOURNAL WRITING TO THE HEART: A MINI-WORKSHOP** *Geri Saylor*, free-lance writer/artist/poet, will lead a hands-on program on using the personal journal to connect with creativity and to celebrate the experience of being fully alive in this world. Discover how to un-block your writer's block using clustering, directed writing, and guided meditation. Come with an open mind and a willing heart.

## OCTOBER 24

Tuesday

**BASIC BICYCLE MAINTENANCE** *David Peckham*, transportation consultant and bicycle recycler, provides hands-on instruction for basic bike maintenance. You are invited to bring your bike and tools (wrenches and screwdrivers) if you like. You are not required to get dirty--just come listen and learn if you prefer.

## OCTOBER 25

Wednesday

**CAR MAINTENANCE FOR BEGINNERS** Former mechanic and current metallurgy graduate student, *Ruth Vance*, will introduce us to essentials and fundamentals of auto maintenance. No prerequisites.



## HALLOWEEN ART AND CRAFT FAIR

featuring several talented Palouse artists and craftspersons

OCTOBER 31 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Women's Center

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**

- Kudos to the UI Library for cataloging the Women's Center Library collection now available for viewing on IDA. The Women's Center collection is identified with the call number prefix WOMCEN.
- Be alert for forthcoming events scheduled to celebrate Hispanic and Native American Heritages.
- The development of a **BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH-KLATCH** is in progress. If you are interested in participating, or would like to request discussion of a particular title, contact Susan Palmer at the Women's Center.
- Support women's athletics in the Stride for Gold, Saturday, September 23, 9:30 a.m.. Brunch is provided for striders afterward! For more information, call Jake 885-0244, or Kim 885-0221.
- Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is September 25th. Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, is observed on October 4th.
- October 11 marks National Coming Out Day
- Feminist Majority Foundation web site is located by surfing to <http://www.feminist.org>

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