



WOMEN'S CENTER

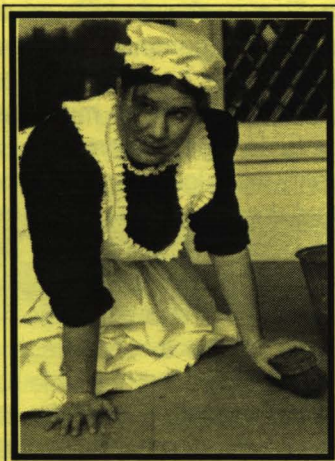
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In Service: Life Downstairs



7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 25
SUB Borah Theater

Tames Alan is an actress, historian and educator. In this program she appears in the authentic clothing of a maid and talks about what it was like to live and work downstairs in a late Victorian house.

With fifty percent of England's population "in service," the program gives insight into how this "unseen" half of the population lived and what went on belowstairs. She explains the complicated hierarchy between upper and lower servants, everyone's duties, the loneliness of a half-day off, and gives a lively account of high jinks downstairs that accompanied the long hours of drudgery. With her wide knowledge of the Victorian era, Tames brings to life the people and activities downstairs.

Performance is free and open to the public.

International Women's Day Book Sale

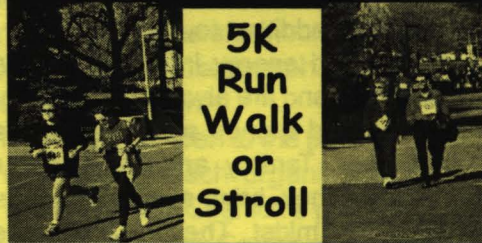
The International Women's Day Used Book Sale and Events will be held from 10:30 am to 3 pm on both Friday, March 7 in the UCC Balcony (overlooking the Commons Food Court) and Saturday, March 8 in the Silver/Gold Room in the SUB. There will be a fabulous selection of books to choose from and events will include dancing and cultural demonstrations, movies and educational tables with information on issues impacting women's lives.

International Women's Day has a long history of political and social activism. The first IWD events were held in 1911 to educate about worker rights and the struggle for women's suffrage. In 2003, events are being held across the world.

Many thanks to Debbie Storrs' Sociology of Gender class for helping us put this event together. The money we raise from the sale will benefit the Women's Center Library.

Please call 885-6616 if you have any questions about the sale.

Spring Forward 2003



Run, Walk, or Stroll to campus for the UI Women's Center 6th annual fundraiser. This year's event begins at 8:00 a.m. north of the Administration Building on University Avenue. For competitors, the race will give you a chance to kick off your fitness plan this spring; for noncompetitors, take a scenic stroll through campus.

The annual event is co-sponsored by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. There are prizes awarded in each age category; for first mother/daughter team; first mother/son team; as well as a prize for the living group with the most registered participants. New this year is an interdepartmental challenge. Last year, the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity won the living group award, showing up in bathrobes and slippers.

Please join us for award presentations at the Mom's Weekend breakfast immediately following at 9:30 a.m. in Memorial Gym.

Phi Kappa Taus: You have to get up early to beat these guys.



Kari Galloway

Almost two months at the Women's Center and I love my job! Students, staff and faculty have made me feel welcome. Our offices are coming together. New projects are cropping up all over. We've got so many exciting things coming up this spring and next fall, I hardly know where to begin.

First, we have this most amazing staff in our offices. Jill, Emily and Lori are our paid staff (at various hours per week), in addition to myself. They have put so much time and energy into making our new space feel like home and are always cheerful and welcoming of new and old friends alike. They make it fun to come to work! Tammy and Chéri are our work study students and they bring such marvelous and unique qualities to our midst. They are both currently working on new programming projects this spring for the Women's Center and we're very excited to have them adding their special talents to our repertoire!

We are lucky to have some great groups that meet at the Women's Center. Gay Straight Alliance, VOX (Voices of Planned Parenthood), Amnesty International and Justice Alliance meet weekly. The Safety Board, Body Image Task Force, FLAME (Feminist Led Activist Movement to Empower), Muse and the International Friendship Club are a few groups that meet here at various times. Having close contact with groups doing the kind of important work

that they do helps us stay vital and connected. This semester the Women in Science Leadership class that is a collaboration between the Environmental Sciences Department and the Women's Center is meeting here. Not only has it been great to get to help teach that class, but also our staff gets to hear the exciting discussions these bright young women are engaging in.

For those of you yearning for a Jeannie update, please stop by our offices and read the emails that she's been sending. We've also been getting some lovely photos that we're printing off. She is doing a great job of keeping us informed. Thanks to Jeannie for making my transition easier and for paving the way toward great relations on campus with the various offices and departments!

On a final note, there really is so much work for the Women's Center to do here on campus. I think if we had a staff of twenty we might manage to develop and enhance some of the programs and events that are needed to bring about gender equity. As it is, what we do manage to accomplish makes us feel good, but also frustrated because we know it is just the tip of the iceberg. I'd like to encourage you to think about the ways that you might be able to make your commitment to the Women's Center's mission more active. Whether this be through donations of money, time, goods or even program suggestions, there really is a need for greater outside support and involvement. For almost thirty years the Women's Center has been an important part of the UI campus. We need to work together to ensure its future vitality!

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and we thought, gee, is that really enough time? So instead of being constrained by a month to celebrate, we at the University of Idaho Women's Center are declaring every month Women's History Month! Be it now known that the past, present and future of women's accomplishments are held sacred in Memorial Gym 109 on every day of every year!

Women's History Month started out as Women's History Week in the late 1970's. By the late 1980's, however, women were demanding more time. They really needed a month dedicated to the celebration. So we're just expanding that notion. Please join us for several special events in March that will commemorate women's history in particular, but also watch for the many programs that the Women's Center offers throughout the year that emphasize our efforts to learn from our past, live for today and grow our tomorrow!

Happy Birthday to us,



Happy Birthday to us...



Do you know that it's been almost thirty years since the University of Idaho Women's Center opened its doors for business? Wow! Past Director Betsy Thomas tells us that our Women's Center is one of the longest continuously running programs of its kind in the country. We have something BIG to celebrate next fall and we want your help.

Do you have ideas for programs, workshops, concerts, readings, art shows, speakers... anything that might make the event(s) more outstanding? We want to hear your stories about the center, the people who have worked, gathered, spoken or helped in any way make this wonderful place possible. Oh yeah, and we won't turn down any financial contributions you'd like to make either! Please help us make it a fitting tribute. We want this to be a stand-out celebration!

Calendar of Events

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- Monday, Mar 3** **Lysistrata Peace Project.** Eta Sigma Phi Mumpers will present a reading of Lysistrata, Aristophanes' anti-war comedy. 7:30 p.m. Niccolls 301.
- Tuesday, Mar 4** **Lessons from South Africa.** Law professor Maureen Laflin returned recently from a six-month sabbatical in South Africa. Her presentation will focus on insights she gained from her travels, her work in South Africa and her participation in a course entitled "Training for Transformation: Adapting Paulo Freire to our Changing Reality." At the presentation, she will explore social justice work, the difference between good works and transformative projects, the challenges of diversity, war and reconciliation, overcoming fears, power and managing crisis. Women's Center. 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar 6** **Thinking About Starting Your Own Business?** Jill Thomas-Jorgensen and Stephanie Wagner of Idaho's Small Business Development Center will explain resources and answer questions. Learn about start up, business plans, management and marketing! Women's Center. 4:30 p.m.
- Fri-Sat, Mar 7-8** **International Women's Day Used Book Sale.** 10:30a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday, UCC Balcony (overlooking the Commons Food Court). Saturday, SUB Gold/Silver Room.
- Saturday, Mar 8** **International Women's Day Peace Event.** Peaceful action to encircle the Moscow Federal Building with pink ribbon/yarn. Men and women gather at 4:00 p.m. to join in.
- Tuesday, Mar 11** **"Shifting and Evolving Internal Landscapes: My Healing from Lack of Self-Acceptance."** Romney Boehm will present raw personal writing and experiential poetry from her senior project. The work that she presents will illustrate and give an overview of major phases and aspects of her healing process. This process can be used to address many areas of discord where people seek healing. Women's Center. 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar 13** **Bawdy Talk Salon.** Proposed topic: Monologue/Dialogue. What do we like about our bodies? What makes them special? Women's Center. 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Mar 21** **Cris Williamson** in solo concert, 8:00 p.m. Spokane Falls Community College Music Building. 3410 W. Ft. George Wright Dr. For more info, call Pride 1-888-575-7717.
- Tuesday, Mar 25** **In Service: Life Downstairs.** Actress, historian, and educator, Tames Alan will present a living history lecture in the SUB Borah Theater at 7:00 p.m. See related article for more details.
- Wednesday, Mar 26** **"Not of Noble Birth: the Triumph of Jenny Hughes Smith."** Born in Washington D.C. in 1879, Jenny Eva Hughes came to Idaho with her family in the early 1890's. They were Moscow's first black family at a time when census records recorded only 201 African American residents in the entire state. Julie Monroe will relate Jenny's fascinating story, including her distinction as one of seven graduating students from the UI class of 1899. Women's Center. 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar 27** **Kathy Aiken,** UI History professor, will give a presentation relating to women's history. Women's Center. 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar 27** **Bawdy Talk Salon.** Proposed Topic: Relationships. Bring your ideas of healthy ones. How do you grow one? 2:00 p.m. Women's Center.
- Monday, Mar 31** **Mail Order Brides.** Jen Haylett will discuss the recent upsurge in mail order brides coming out of Russia. This forum will discuss this increase, the phenomenon of mail order brides throughout Asia, patterns among people that purchase or inquire about brides and examples of combating this occurrence. Women's Center. 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr 5** **Spring Forward 2003.** Run, walk or stroll to campus for the Women's Center sixth annual 5K fundraiser. Registration will be accepted until 7:30 a.m. on Saturday.
- Saturday, Apr 5** **Palouse Women's Artfest.** Sponsored by Pullman NOW. Check out <http://espiritu.nu/artfest> for more info.

Calendar of Events: continued

Tuesday, Apr 8	Human Rights Compliance: What is it and how is it administered at UI? Sylva Staab, Director of Human Rights Compliance, will talk about UI policies involving affirmative action, sexual harassment and discrimination complaints. Women's Center. 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Apr 10	Bawdy Talk Salon. Proposed Topic: Body Hair. Men and women both have issues. Men, how do you feel about shaving everyday? Women, want to chime in on your legs? Women's Center. 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Apr 16	Defining "Woman." Stacey Jean Barron will concentrate upon the definition of "woman" as the medical profession defines it "upon" the woman herself. She will use her own experience, having had a hysterectomy at 17 and current health problems at 21, to discuss how she defines herself as woman and how she has been defined. Women's Center. 12:30 p.m.
Monday, Apr 21	Same-Sex Violence. Lori Girshick, Ph.D. will facilitate an all-day training on same-sex violence, homophobia, and sexual orientation in the SUB Silver and Gold Room. See related article for more details.
Thursday, Apr 24	Bawdy Talk Salon. Proposed Topic: Cycles--some women have an obvious monthly one; what about men? Women's Center. 2:00 p.m.

BAWDY TALK

Many times we engage in wonderful conversations among our staff or with all of you who drop by the Women's Center. So engaged, in fact that we'd like to continue some of those discussions on a regular basis! To that end, we've set aside every other Thursday afternoon at 2 beginning March 13 for "Salon." Some suggested topics have been:

- Monologue/dialogue- The Vagina Monologues have sparked interest in talking about our bodies.
- Relationships- Got a good one? Tell us why.
- Body Hair- men and women both have issues.
- Cycles- Are women the only ones with them?

The more people talk, the better we'll understand each other!

LYSISTRATA PEACE PROJECT COMES TO IDAHO

The Eta Sigma Phi Mummies will present a reading of *Lysistrata*, Aristophanes' anti-war comedy, on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Niccolls 301 on the UI campus. The play is being performed in all 50 states and in 38 countries around the world on this date.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for a soon-to-be decided peace and humanitarian organization. Don't miss this unique opportunity to stand up for peace in your community, and provide a humorous entree into a healthy dialogue about current affairs. For more information, contact Cecelia Luschnig at luschnig@uidaho.edu.

"THE GALLERY"

In collaboration with the Moscow chapter of Women's Caucus for Art (WCA), the UI Women's Center hosts a rotating art exhibit featuring a local artist and her work. Currently on display are the photographs of Michele Kimberling.

Michelle has been a photographer for almost 20 years. Her work has appeared in the following magazines: *American Profile*, *Downbeat*, *Jazz Times*, and *Chili Pepper*. She has been a photographer for Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, has photographed musical artists in concert (including Neil Diamond, Huey Lewis, and many others), and has also been a photographer for WSU and UI.

NEW Leadership Inland Northwest Conference

The UI Women's Center, Dean of Students Office and the Office of Diversity and Human Rights hope to sponsor at least one female student to attend the NEW Leadership Inland Northwest Summer Institute at Washington State University again this summer. The five-day conference includes many aspects of leadership development including speakers on diversity issues, political action for social change, and conflict resolution.

Any college student from participating institutions who is enrolled for classes in the 2003-2004 academic year is eligible. We encourage students with all kinds of interests and backgrounds to contact us about attending this summer institute. Last year's attendees had a wonderful experience.

Thinking About Starting Your Own Business?

Region II's Idaho Small Business Development Center (SBDC) helps small businesses determine direction, find solutions, and make an impact. **Jill Thomas-Jorgenson**, Director for the Region II SBDC, and **Stephanie Wagner**, Coordinator of the North Idaho Manufacturer's Association (NIMA) will present an informational program to answer questions and explain resources the SBDC has to offer. Jill specializes in start-up issues including business plan development, market research, management and organization, marketing and advertising for small business.

The program will take place at 4:30, Thursday, March 6, at the Women's Center, Memorial Gym Rm. 109. Program is free and open to the public.

Emergency Contraception

Annie Madsen

The condom broke... You forgot to take your pill... Or, you had sex when you didn't plan or want to. Luckily, now there is emergency contraception, a way of preventing pregnancy after having unprotected sex.

Pills or IUD insertion are the two options for taking emergency contraception (EC). An IUD is a copper T that is inserted within five days of unprotected sex and it offers ongoing contraception protection.

EC pills are more effective the sooner they are taken. EC pills are safe and effective. EC pills are not the same as RU-486, the abortion pill. EC pills are not effective once implantation has begun, because they cannot interrupt an established pregnancy. If you are pregnant and take EC pills, the pills won't harm the developing fetus. For more information, you can call 1-888-NOT-2-LATE, visit www.not-2-late.com, or talk to your health care provider.

Who's Who of American Women

Jama Sebald, UI Financial Aid Services, included in the new 23rd Edition, has donated her personal copy to the UI Women's Center. Thank you, Jama, and once again... **Congratulations!**

UI Women's Center Goes Wireless

The Women's Center is one of many places you can now access the Internet via the wireless system. The University of Idaho, working to maintain its position as one of the "most-wired campuses," has been expanding to a wireless system for computing, web access, audio listening, networking and electronic learning.

Same-Sex Violence

Lori Girshick, Ph.D., a sociology and women's studies instructor from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina will facilitate an all-day training on same-sex violence, homophobia and sexual orientation on Monday, April 21 in the SUB Silver and Gold Room.

The morning training will focus on same-sex battering. Information will include research findings, similarities and differences to heterosexual battering and programming issues. The afternoon training will examine homophobia/biphobia/transphobia, gender identity and sexual orientation.

The training is free and open to the public. Social service and campus outreach organizations are encouraged to attend. Ms. Girshick's presentation is sponsored by the Women's Center and Violence Against Women Program through their Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Rape Prevention and Education Grant.

The Feminine Face of Finance

Rhonda Comstock

Northwest Mutual Financial Network

During a brown-bag program at the Women's Center on February 5, Rhonda Comstock emphasized the importance for women to start investing early and often. Women tend to live longer than men and this longer life span means more years in retirement and an even greater need for sufficient retirement funds.

Historically, even in households where women were responsible for paying the bills, men handled most of the investing. Even today, there are women who equate "marrying well" with "planning for the future." Experts estimate that about two-thirds of all women will at some point in their lives be wholly responsible for their finances. It's never too late to take charge of your future.

Int'l Women's Day Peace Action

Bring pink yarn and ribbon on Saturday, March 8, to say "No to War in Iraq." The Palouse Peace Coalition and area women's organizations are calling on everyone concerned about war in Iraq to stand on the sidewalks surrounding the PostOffice/Federal Building in Moscow from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and help "tie the war effort up in 'pink tape'." For additional information about this peaceful demonstration, contact Sleepless Women by e-mail at PatriciaHart1@hotmail.com.



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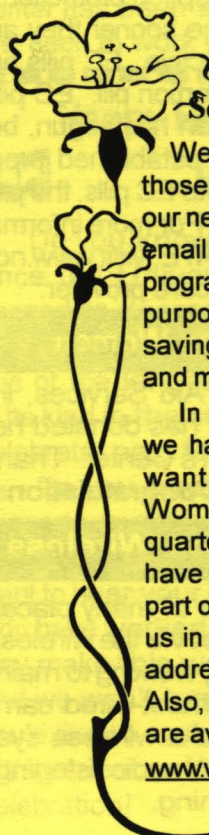
The *Women's Center Newsletter* is published four times during the academic year. It includes announcements and information about the many services and programs offered by the center to the university and regional communities. There are also items of general interest about women's and men's issues. If you have announcements or information to include in subsequent issues, please let us know. Suggestions for changes, improvements, or additional items are always welcome. A taped copy of the newsletter is available on request for the visually impaired.

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violence and sexual assault.

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We are creating a list-serve for those of you who would like to get our newsletter online and/or receive email alerts on upcoming events or programs. This list will serve several purposes, not the least of which is saving us money on printing, paper and mailing.

In these times of budget crisis, we have to tighten our belts. We want to continue putting the Women's Center newsletter out quarterly. For those of you who do have access to email, becoming a part of our list-serve will greatly aid us in this effort. Please send your address to Jill at jilla@uidaho.edu. Also, current and past newsletters are available on our new website at www.webs.uidaho.edu/womenscenter.