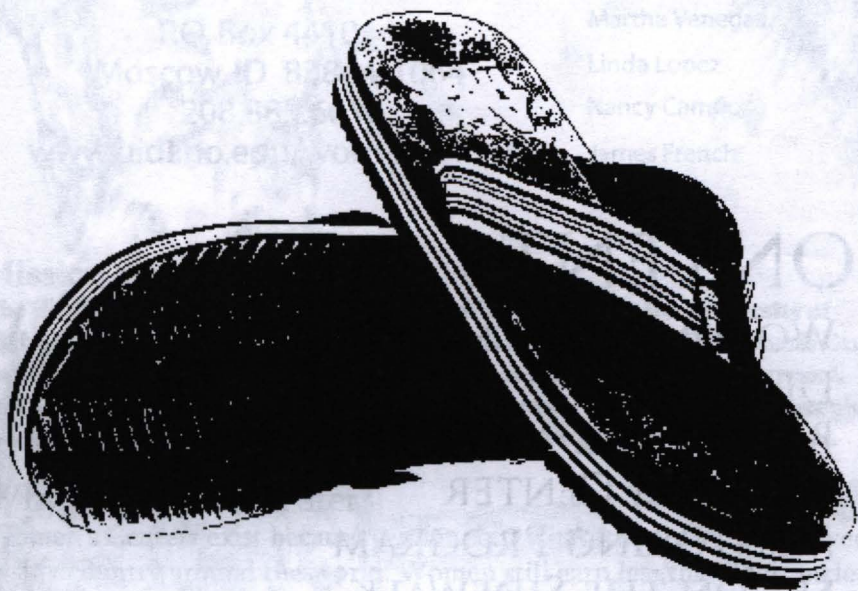




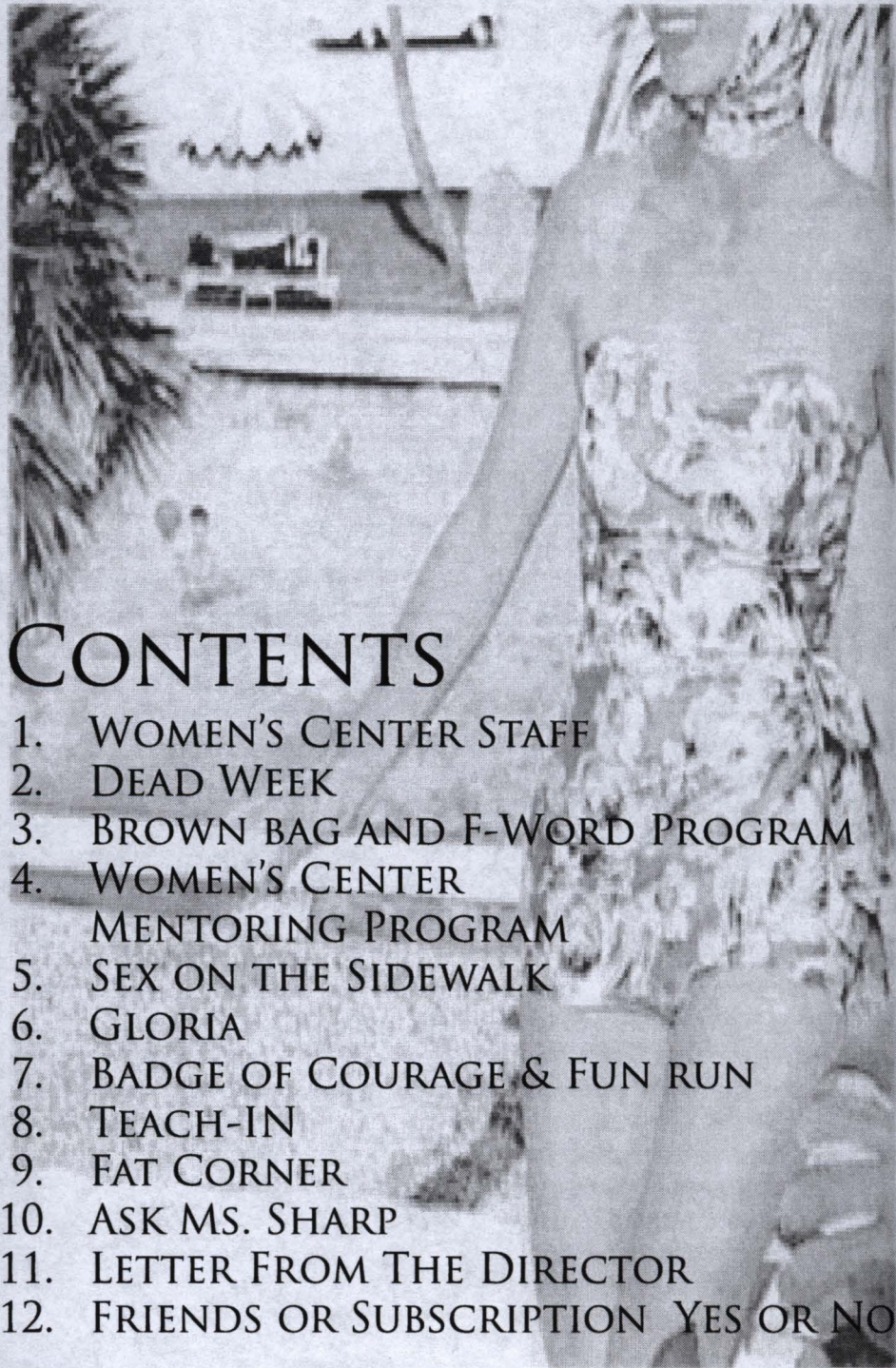
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## Mission Statement

**The Women's Center supports students, faculty, and staff at the University of Idaho in striving for gender equity on campus. Since 1972, the UI Women's Center has offered programs, services, and activities that educate, financially support, and help solve real problems to reach equity. Because equity is about all people, our services are provided for everyone in a safe and supportive environment.**

## Why a Women's Center?

Women's Centers exist because gender equity has still not been achieved in any country around the world. Women still earn less than their male peers, and women of color face an even larger pay gap. Women earn fewer graduate degrees than men and hold only about 26% of tenured faculty positions on American campuses. Violence targeted against women is rampant in America, with more than half a million women reporting assaults by intimate partners, and four women dying each day as a result of domestic violence. We still have lots of work to do!

## Disclaimer

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# Deadweek!

A week when you have so much to do you wish you were dead.

Need a break?

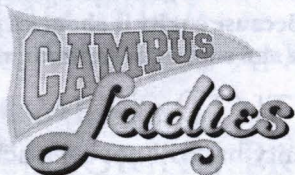
Need a time when you don't have to think?

Visit the **Women's Center Lounge** (Memorial Gym Rm 109) **May 1-5** for:

## Noon-Time Shows

**All Shows start at Noon** and never go longer than the hour.

Come eat some snacks and be entertained all week.



**SEX AND THE CITY**

**ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT**



(It will be so much fun it'll be deadly.)

# Brown Bag Series

it's actually not a lunch, but more of a snacky dinner

May 3, 2006 @ 5pm Women's Center Lounge

Refreshments Provided



## "From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom"

Cassie Searle and Melissa Tribelhorn went to Hampshire College in Amherst, MA April 7-9, for a conference with other women activists. It was the 20th Annual Reproductive Rights Conference, where hundreds of participants from the US and abroad offered more than 30 workshops and trainings. Conference speakers addressed reproductive freedom as it relates to a broad range of social justice initiatives including economic justice, healthcare reform, racial equality, peace, freedom from violence, youth liberation, civil liberties, and LGBTQ rights.

## F WORD RADIO PROGRAM

*Feminizzle*

Mondays 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

The F Word is a Women's Center radio program dedicated to feminists and gender equity through music and discussion.

Our show is about different issues affecting women in our community, both nationally and internationally. We will share interviews from special guests of the Women's Center, information about different groups, and read articles from newspapers, newsletters and magazines. And keeping true to the KUOI 89.3 free form radio, we will introduce listeners to new women musicians and play the ones we might have forgotten all about.



You can also hear us on the web at [www.kuoi.com](http://www.kuoi.com)

## Women's Mentoring Program Update



As the academic year is coming to a close, it is time to begin evaluating the Women's Mentoring Program. We are very fortunate in our first year to have the support and interest of three researchers on campus: Debbie Storrs in Sociology, Laura Putsche in Anthropology, and Alicia Lewis, a graduate student in Education, have been researching Women's Mentoring Programs and interviewing all of our mentors/mentees in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, and to offer suggestions for improvement. So far the results are looking incredibly positive! In June, the researchers, along with all of the Women's Center staff including myself, will be going to the National Women's Studies Association Conference in Oakland, California. Among many other topics, we will present our program, how it was started, the structure, level of involvement, participant stories and an overall evaluation. I am extremely excited for this presentation, because our program has been such a success and I am confident that we are an effective model for other schools. On that note, I received a call this week from a woman at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She somehow heard about our mentoring program and called to get advice on starting one at her Women's Center. We talked for quite a long time and I sent her copies of all of our materials. This, in conjunction

with the interest from the Daily News and other media sources, further demonstrates the incredible success we have achieved! In order to prepare for next year, I have been completing the coordinator manual for the next program coordinator, and brainstorming final meeting ideas. My year as coordinator is coming to a close, and I can't believe how fast it has gone. I am sad to be leaving Moscow and the Women's Center but also excited to begin graduate school. From the first time I walked into the Women's Center, in the fall of 2001, until now, it has been such a large part of my life and my transition into womanhood. I have felt incredibly grateful to be able to work at the Women's Center and hopefully create meaningful memories for other students. My goal this year was to get the program started, keep it running, and create a solid foundation for future years. With the help of all of the participants in the program, I can say with confidence that these goals have been achieved. Personal emails from a number of mentors and mentees have testified to this, as well as other university-wide acknowledgement, including our DIG grant. So, as the year comes to a close and I begin to look back, I am overjoyed to see all of the wonderful relationships we have formed and the strong program we have created. The Mentoring Program is a wonderfully successful addition to the Women's Center! And to everyone who has participated and shown interest in the program, thank you for providing me with a memorable year at the Women's Center.

1. For those of you who did not get a chance to see the Daily News Article about the mentoring program, highlighting the relationship that Jennifer Hasenoehrl and Veronica Meyer have created, please email Jenn at [jhaylett@uidaho.edu](mailto:jhaylett@uidaho.edu) and I will make you a copy.
2. Though my move is soon, I will be working fulltime in the Women's Center all summer, so please stop by and visit!

# SEX ON THE SIDEWALK

\*what's your sex-pertise?



2nd annual ui vox sex on the sidewalk  
wednesday, april 26th at 11-2pm commons courtyard

safer sex games, prizes, music, information...

"later that day i got to thinking about relationships. there are those that open you up to something new and exotic, those that are old and familiar, those that bring up lots of questions, those that bring you somewhere unexpected, those that bring you far from where you started, and those that bring you back. but the most exciting, challenging and significant relationship of all is the one you have with yourself. and if you find someone to love the you you love, well, that's just fabulous."

-Carrie Bradshaw (Sex and the City)



# GLORIA

## WMC Exclusive: S. Dakota Law New Chapter in Abortion Rights by Gloria Feldt

The biggest news about the sweeping new South Dakota law that will ban all abortions except to save the woman's life - no exceptions to preserve her health or for rape or incest - is that this news story has been repeated over and over for more than a generation. But this time it might well be headed for a very different ending.

The South Dakota abortion ban, which passed the state legislature and is expected to be signed soon by Gov. Mike Rounds, a Republican, will join over a dozen state bans already on the books. It's a head on challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

South Dakota is just one of 30 states which "What if Roe Fell," an analysis published in September, 2004, by the Center for Reproductive Rights, predicts would either reinstate their old laws banning abortion or quickly pass new bans if Roe were overturned.

Roe galvanized those who oppose a woman's right to choose about childbearing, and their immediate response was to seek sweeping abortion bans. But anti-choice forces lost most of these battles, some by ballot initiative, some by legislative action or inaction, most by court rulings. They learned from their defeats and began to seek incremental victories: eliminating funding for abortions for poor women, requiring minors to get parental consent prior to obtaining an abortion, mandatory delays, gag rules for doctors, and state-written "counseling" aimed at promoting childbirth over abortion.

The author of the incremental strategy? Samuel Alito recommended overturning Roe restriction by restriction when he was an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice during the Reagan administration. Alito was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year by President George W. Bush.

According to Eve Gartner, senior litigator for Planned Parenthood Federation of America,

## Gloria Steinem Response to Couric Gloria Steinem, a founder of The Women's Media Center, has the following words in response to Katie Couric's recent move:

By leaving a safe haven, taking a pay cut, and risking the harsh spotlight of being a "first," Katie Couric has already given women an example of strength.

Critics may say she just doesn't want to get up so early anymore, or shouldn't be hiding her legs behind a news desk, or doesn't have "gravitas" -- the intellectual word for testicles - but my bet is they will be examples of bias in future journalism.

I think she will give us back what we haven't had since Walter Cronkite -- a trusted messenger who conveys the human meaning of the news - and that she will also expand the definition of news beyond those few stories heard everywhere. After all, her reporting single-handedly increased testing and lowered mortality for a major form of cancer; an experience one doesn't forget.

One thing is sure, women and girls will have their first vision of a female network anchor who is an authority on her own. Since we learn by example, there is no telling where that iconic image may lead.

<http://www.womensmediacenter.com/>



whose Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota affiliate is the only abortion provider in the state, the ban will be challenged even before it is slated to go into effect July 1. There is a strong likelihood of success in the lower federal court. A familiar story, to a point.

Roe's central tenets of a right to privacy in making childbearing decisions - the same as those in *Griswold v. Connecticut* in 1965 that gave Americans the right to obtain birth control—and the primacy of protecting women's health have stood the test of time - so far.

What's most different now is the Supreme Court.

Roe was decided 7-2. Recent rulings on abortion have been decided 5-4, with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor casting the pivotal fifth vote. Often she cobbled together that razor slim majority within a sharply divided Court. In between, numerous rulings so pushed back the Court's interpretation of Roe that its once robust protections are now a fragile shell, guarded only by the imprecise "undue burden" standard. In other words, unless a restriction on a woman's access to abortion can be proven to be an undue burden, legislative bodies can enact laws at will.

The Republican right's political endgame of capturing the Supreme Court was won when Samuel Alito took the seat vacated by O'Connor.

Now Alito will cast the pivotal vote on those very cases motivated by his incremental strategy. Already, the Alito Court has agreed to hear a challenge to the federal abortion ban, giving it one more opportunity to roll back Roe and prepare the way for its demise.

An anonymous donor has offered \$1,000,000 to fund South Dakota's challenge to Roe. The South Dakota law could be the one that finally fells Roe after years of chipping away at it. Prevailing wisdom is that this would place reproductive rights law back into the purview of the states.

But state-by-state considerations could fast become moot. Another big difference from the pre-Roe era is that Congress is in the act now,

passing federal laws restricting abortion in various ways but applying in all states. And Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pennsylvania) has already said he will move to make it a crime to cross state lines for an abortion, if Roe is overturned.

Finally, with the Food and Drug Administration dragging its heels on approving over-the-counter sales of the emergency contraceptive called Plan B, half a billion dollars a year spent on abstinence only sex education programs while family planning services are underfunded and gagged and a growing number of pharmacists refuse to fill birth control prescriptions, it is increasingly clear that much more than abortion is at risk. Overturning Roe would pull the thread that unravels the entire fabric of reproductive justice that began its evolution even before the *Griswold* birth control decision. That includes the right to privacy, the right to make our own childbearing decisions—to bear or beget, to use birth control or not, to have access to medically accurate sexual health information and services that are informed by science and not ideology.

Even if Roe is overturned, the end of this story will not have been written. The new South Dakota law could become a wake-up call to that two-thirds of Americans who consistently say *Roe v. Wade* should remain the law of the land. Most agree with Planned Parenthood's Gartner when she says, "It would be a devastating day for women if they are no longer able to make intimate, personal decisions on their own." Stronger language is used by advocates who charge South Dakota with violating women's human rights.

If Roe is overturned, there could well be a pro-choice backlash equal to the anti-choice backlash after Roe. The midterm elections in 2006 and presidential election in 2008 will bring about yet another twist to the plot of this seemingly unending story.

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# The Pink Badge of Courage: Being a Visible Ally to an Invisible Group

By Rebecca Rod, GLBT Program Advisor

Never underestimate the power of a symbol, no matter how simple. A star, a circle, an arrow, even just two lines perpendicularly crossed – seeing any of these or even thinking of them can evoke certain meanings and even strong feelings. In those examples, for instance – getting a star can affirm a stellar performance, a circle may be used to indicate inclusivity, an arrow will show direction, and crossed lines may mean anything from “add this” or “watch for intersecting traffic,” to “worship here” if you’re of a certain religious affiliation. Simple symbols speak volumes at a glance.

Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people have certain symbols that have great meaning to us, and pink triangles have become one of the most commonly utilized. They were first used by the Nazis in WWII to single out gay men in the concentration camps. Lesbians and other women who did not live up to the Nazi ideal of womanhood were identified with black triangles. In the 1970s, the newly rising gay movement in the United States “reclaimed” the pink triangle as a symbol of pride, in remembrance of those who

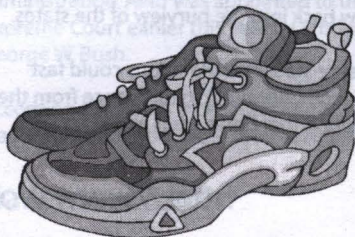
had been rounded up and killed by the Nazis.

The University of Idaho Safezone Program has posters, pins and stickers designed with various forms of the pink triangle, to be displayed on our campus to designate safe and welcome spaces for GLBT students, staff and faculty. We rely on you who are friends and allies of GLBT people to post or wear these items proudly and prominently. You do not have to complete all of our trainings to request any of these items from the Women’s Center to put up in your office or dorm or other space. We do require, though, that you be in total agreement with and supportive of making the University of Idaho a safe, inclusive, and welcome space for GLBT people. It sends a message of acceptance (NOT just tolerance) and inclusivity to GLBT people to see these items displayed.

Please contact us at the Women’s Center for more information about the UI Safezone Program and how you can join us in making the University of Idaho safe, inclusive and welcoming for everyone. Thank you – and watch for new Safezone trainings next year!

**UI Women's Center**  
& Kappa Kappa Gamma  
**Spring**  
**Forward**  
**5K Fun Run**  
**Walk, Stroll**  
**April 22, 2006**  
**@ 8 AM**  
**Moms' Weekend**

**Registration available at the**  
**Women's Center**  
**Memorial Gym Room 109**  
**and online at**  
**[www.uidaho.edu/womenscenter](http://www.uidaho.edu/womenscenter)**



**JOIN UNITY and M.E.Ch.A.**

# IMMIGRATION

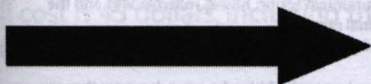
**TEACH-IN**

**9 am - Noon**

**St. Augustine's Church**

628 Deakin Ave.  
Moscow, ID

In HONOR of:



Featuring:

**Debbie Storrs, UI faculty, Soc.**

**Sam Byrd, Founder de Justicia y  
Comunidad (Center for Justice and  
Community)**

**Liz Brandt, UI faculty, Law**

**Monica Schurtman, UI faculty, Law**

# PEACE MARCH

# for Immigrant

# RIGHTS

Beginning at

St. Auggie's at 1pm

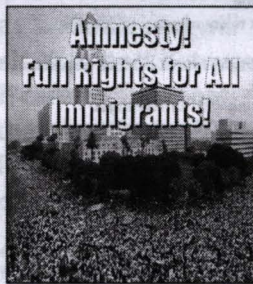
For more information please contact Office of  
Multicultural Affairs at (208) 885-7716 or at  
oma@uidaho.edu

## The Great May 1st

# BOYCOTT

# May 1 2006

**"A Day Without  
an Immigrant"**



Join immigrants and supporters to make Monday, May 1, 2006 a national "day without an immigrant." Ask immigrant politicians and lawmakers call immigrants "a drain on society" - they try to pass repressive legislation like HR 4437 and encourage groups like the racist "Minutemen." But immigrants contribute billions to the economy and receive few benefits in return. We will strike for nothing less than full amnesty and dignity for the millions of undocumented workers presently in the United States. Let's show the government, corporations and racist politicians that a powerful, united peoples' movement has the power to win Civil Rights, workers' rights and make history. No business as usual on May 1. Take to the streets to support the boycott!

# NO

**Work, School  
Buying, Selling  
Business as usual**

**AnswerLA.org 323-464-1636**

# FAT CORNER

Source: *Fat! So? Because you don't have to apologize for your size by Marilyn Wann.*

## Are You a Fatso???

You may think that all it takes to be a fatso is a few extra pounds, some cellulite, maybe a jowl or two. Pinch an inch and you're in the club. No, no, no, Chicamundi! If being a fatso were easy, what would become of the \$30 billion diet industry? The fatso life takes attitude, it takes existential credentials (the kind that come from being an outcast and fighting self-hatred at the same time). It takes laughing at Jenny Craig commercials and voting for the fat Elvis and still for some reason lying about your weight on your driver's license. Find out if you've got what it takes to be a fabulous fatso! Take the first-ever FAT!SO? Quiz...No cheating now.

1. In grammar school, when we played kickball, I was chosen...

- a. First.
- b. Last.
- c. Somewhere in the middle.
- d. None of the above. I faked an illness to get out of playing.

2. When we have sex, my lover...

- a. Complains that my bones keep poking.
- b. Says I'm sexy, as long as I don't gain weight.
- c. Makes hippopotamus jokes.
- d. Delights in my body just the way it is.

3. If a clothing store has nothing that fits me, I...

- a. Leave feeling worthless and depressed.
- b. Try on the one oversized garment they have that barely fits me and buy it even if it's ugly.
- c. Tell the clerk I prefer muumuu anyway.
- d. Come back with a flamethrower.

4. I drink Diet Coke because...

- a. It tastes so good.
- b. I'm a big Paula Abdul fan.
- c. People might look at me funny if I drink something with food value.
- d. I want to commune with lab rats.

5. I would pay four bucks for a headset on the airplane if they showed...

- a. Anything with Kim Basinger.
- b. The Cindy Crawford workout.
- c. Misery.
- d. Old Roseanne episodes.

6. When I see fat people, I want to...

- a. Vomit.
- b. Suggest a diet, because I am so concerned for their health.
- c. Congratulate myself for being skinny and therefore superior.
- d. Give them a smile because I know how brave they must be.

7. When I see waif-like supermodel Kate Moss, I want to...

- a. Vomit three times a day to make myself just like her.
- b. Suggest a nutritional diet, because I am so concerned for her health.
- c. Congratulate her for doing such a lifelike impression of a stick figure.
- d. Give her a National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance brochure.

8. Me, fat? I would rather...

- a. Die.
- b. Not think about it. It gives me the creeps.
- c. Spend thousands of dollars on diet products and hundreds

of hours at the gym every year. And still live in fear of that extra five pounds.

d. Accept it and get on with LIFE.

9. I feel good about myself when...

- a. My jeans fit.
- b. My weight matches the actuarial chart.
- c. What a silly question. I'll never be skinny enough to feel good about myself.
- d. I can block out the message that fat people are worthless and listen instead to my own truth.

10. My ideal lover is...

- a. Slim, physically fit, trim, petite, thin, skinny, athletic, and small-boned.
- b. A financially secure non-smoker who enjoys sunset walks on the beach.
- c. Into mountain biking, hiking, rollerblading, and the occasional marathon.
- d. Built for comfort, not for speed.

11. When I go to the fridge for a snack, my mother says...

- a. "You aren't going to eat that, are you?"
- b. "You don't need that. Put it back."
- c. "Are you eating again!"
- d. "Bring me some, too, dear."

12. I hate fat people because...

- a. They smell.
- b. They don't look like me.
- c. It's hard for me to look at them; they just aren't normal.
- d. NOT! There's no earthly reason to hate fat people.

13. I love fat people because...

- a. They're so jolly.
- b. I feel skinny when I'm with them.
- c. They're nurturing.
- d. I understand them.

14. My favorite song lyrics are...

- a. "She wore an itty bitsy, teeny weeny, yellow polka dot bikini."
- b. "She's got legs. She knows how to use them."
- c. "Nobody's gettin' fat except Mama Cass."
- d. "R-E-S-P-E-C-T! Find out what it means to me."

15. My bumper sticker says...

- a. No Fat Chicks!
- b. Jazzercise!
- c. Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty.
- d. Save the Whales!

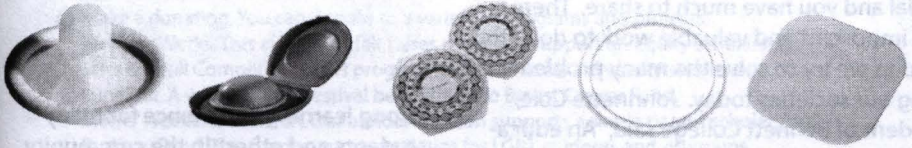
Answers: D is the fabulous fatso response in each case. 1B and 5C are OK, too.

# Ask Ms. Sharp...Go Ahead...Ask.

Dear Ms. Sharp,

Can you tell me where to get contraceptives, what kind of costs I'm going to be looking at and maybe some general info about the day-after pill.

Sincerely,  
Uninformed



Dear Uninformed,

You can go to Planned Parenthood (334.1521) to get the day after pill or the North Central District Health Dept. (882.7506). We recommend Planned Parenthood - just make sure you go an hour before they close. You have up to 120 hours to take the day after pill. But you should go as soon as you can. The most it will cost is 45 dollars, including the short visit, but they have funding on a sliding fee scale.

Health care providers at Student Health Services on campus will also prescribe the morning-after pill for you. Student Health Services has available and will prescribe a wide range of different contraceptive methods. Your best bet would be to make an appointment (885.6693) to talk to a health care professional about which option would be right for you. Please note that the Women's Center (Memorial Gym Room 109) and the OMA office (Teaching & Learning Center Room 230) both have free condoms available, and you are more than welcome to stop by at any time to pick some up.

Cost of birth control varies enormously, depending on your type of health insurance and the method of contraception. If you have student health insurance through the U of I, your office visit will be a \$12.00 co-pay, plus whatever the pharmacy you go to charges to fill your prescription (again, this may be dependent on your insurance plan). With most insurance plans, you will likely have an up-front office visit co-pay, and then Student Health Services will bill your insurance for the remainder, which will in turn be billed back to you if you have not yet met your deductible for the year.

The dumbest question you can ask is the one you haven't.  
Any questions you want to post, email [askmssharp@hotmail.com](mailto:askmssharp@hotmail.com)

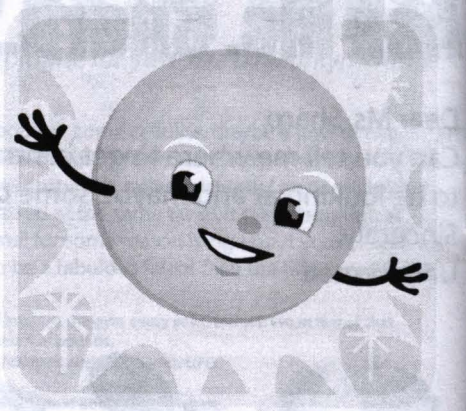
# A Letter from the Director!

Greetings, Women's Center friends,

Congratulations on making it through another wonderful year. I am in awe of our graduates. Remember that you still represent a very special group of people in the world, as most still do not have access to higher education. Use your skills, talents and learning well. Do good work and make a difference. You are special and you have much to share. There is such important and valuable work to do in the world as we try to solve the many problems facing our societies today. Johnnetta Cole, President of Bennett College said, "An education that teaches you to understand something about the world has done only half of the assignment. The other half is to teach you to do something about making the world a better place." I hope your time at the University of Idaho has kindled some of that activism. I would like to thank and congratulate a few of our very special Women's Center friends for their energy, leadership, and inspiration.

Amy Lowe: Thanks for your many contributions to the Women's Center: your patience and diligence in figuring out where the more than 3,000 books actually belonged in our library, your involvement in the women's voting campaign, and your work with student groups. Congratulations on your acceptance to law school. We look forward to hearing where you choose to go, and will not be surprised to hear about your many successes and contributions as a lawyer, judge or whatever career you decide to pursue. Good luck!

Cassie Searle: You have been such an inspiration and role model to so many students and to all of us at the Women's Center. Your rekindling of FLAME got the group going again and you leave it with many strong members, active plans and goals, and good traditions of strong activism. Your leadership with *Take Back the Night* is leading that annual activity to becoming a very important and



strong learning experience for many students and others in the community. Congratulations on your acceptance to the Physicians Assistant program in Montana. We know you will do amazing work! We'll miss you.

Jenn Haylett: What good fortune for us to have you serve with the Women's Center this past year. Your AmeriCorps service as the Women's Mentoring program coordinator has been truly remarkable. You have created a powerful and successful program this first year; a program we know helps women succeed. We know that as a new AmeriCorps member takes over, next year's program will be smoother because of your guidance, your strong leadership, and many other talents. It has been a delight to work with you this year. Good luck at Davis and we expect to see you back at the UI as Professor Haylett (Women's Studies – hee hee!). Best wishes!

Thanks so much to each of you and to the many other wonderful women and men who have shared their talents, skills, ideas, suggestions and energies with us this year. It has been a fantastic year, full of exciting programs, new offerings, amazing speakers, awesome films, many participants, and lots of fun. Thanks to all of you. We are so grateful to have such good friends. Have a safe and fun summer. See you in the fall!

# Join FRIENDS OF UI WOMEN'S CENTER!

Join others in supporting the UI Women's Center scholarships and programs. The UI Women's Center has a long tradition of supporting women students through scholarships, programs, space for meetings and study, and friendship. Even if you can't make some of the programs or participate in a student group, you can become a friend of the Women's Center through your generous assistance. There are a number of ways you can be a friend.

Volunteer. The Women's Center hosts a number of annual events (LunaFest, WomensWorks Art Fair, Step & Stroll Competition, Virginia Wolf Distinguished Service Awards, Moms' Weekend Fun Run), which all utilize volunteers. These are fun events, and you get to meet really cool people, too! We also need contributors for our Zine.

Join AmeriCorps. You can serve as an AmeriCorps member and work at the Women's Center.

Make a donation. You can donate to a variety of programs and projects:  
WomensWorks. This annual art fair raises money to support an equity scholarship.  
Step & Stroll Competition. This program raises funds for a diversity scholarship.  
LunaFest. A women's film festival benefiting the Breast Cancer Fund.  
Moms' Weekend Fun Run. Our annual Fun Run supports a single parent scholarship.  
Burlison Fund. This fund supports activities for LGBT students and programs.  
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