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*fall is here,
so cozy up with*

WOMEN'S CENTER ZINE
(AKA THE NEWSLETTER)

P. S. ...we know you want to.

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**BECAUSE YOU LOVE IT
(WE KNOW YOU DO.)**



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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 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!

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FILM SERIES

A FILM SERIES DEDICATED TO HER STORY

TUESDAY, OCT. 17

"BACHELOR FARMER"

WITH SPECIAL GUEST JERRY GALLOWAY

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

"CHUTNEY POPCORN"

ALL PROGRAMS START AT 5PM IN THE
WOMEN'S CENTER LOUNGE.
REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED.

womensworks

annual holiday art sale



An annual holiday art fair and a fundraiser for the Women's Center gender equity scholarship.

Local female artists are featured.

International cuisine and live music make holiday shopping a unique and fun experience.

Friday 10am to 7pm

Saturday 10 am to 6pm

November 3 and 4 @ the SUB Ballroom

brown bags

EDUCATION, TRANSFORMATION, LEADERSHIP

Tuesday October 10

Healing: Alternative ways to
find peace in your life

all programs start at 5 pm in the Women's Center lounge,
unless otherwise noted. Free refreshments provided.

Monday November 7

Feminist Artist Yara Cluver
(Whitewater Room, Idaho Commons)

Come join us and find out what it's all about!

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 9 PM
STUDENT REC CENTER
CLIMBING WALL
FREE FOR STUDENTS
WITH VANDAL
CARDS,
W/OUT VANDAL CARD,
\$5.50.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
*BIKING - HIAWATHA TRAIL
RIDE, OCT. 8
*KAYAKING - FLATWATER
KAYAK TRIP,
SUN. NOV. 19
*HOT SPRINGS ADVENTURE
TRIP, SUNDAY DEC. 9
COME JOIN THE FUN!

IF YOU'VE NEVER
CLIMBED BEFORE,
WE WILL HELP
YOU LEARN
THE BASICS!

Safe Zone Program



**HELPING CREATE A SUPPORTIVE AND VISIBLE NETWORK OF
GLBT FRIENDS, ALLIES, AND ADVOCATES.**

What is a Safe Zone?

A SAFE ZONE IS A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE IS MADE TO FEEL WELCOME, INCLUDED, SUPPORTED, AND VALUED.

SAFE ZONE PROGRAMS PROMOTE THE UNDERSTANDING AND INCLUSION OF GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER PEOPLE ON CAMPUSES NATIONWIDE.

History of UI Safe Zone

THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO SAFE ZONE PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED IN AUGUST OF 2003. THE PROGRAM IS A COLLABORATION OF THE JUNTURA COMMITTEE, GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE, WOMEN'S CENTER, COUNSELING AND TESTING CENTER, OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE AND OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS.

UI Safe Zone Program

SAFE ZONE 101 - FRIEND

BASIC OVERVIEW OF SAFE ZONE, AVAILABLE TO GROUPS, CLASSES, AND MORE. FIFTEEN TO THIRTY MINUTES IN LENGTH.

SAFE ZONE 201 - ALLY

TRAINING SESSIONS THAT ADDRESS GLBT CONCERNS IN MORE DEPTH, APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, TERMINOLOGY, ISSUES OF HOMOPHOBIA AND HETEROSEXISM, AND MORE. ONE TO TWO HOURS IN LENGTH.

SAFE ZONE 301 - ADVOCATE

ADVANCED TRAINING THAT WILL INCLUDE RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY.

Want more info?

**UI SAFE ZONE PROGRAM
WOMEN'S CENTER, MEMORIAL GYM ROOM 109
P.O. Box 441064 Moscow, ID 83844-1064
208-885-6616 OR SAFEZONE.UIDAHO.EDU
WWW.UIDAHO.EDU SAFEZONE**

**SAFE ZONE
INTERNSHIPS
AVAILABLE
NOW!!**

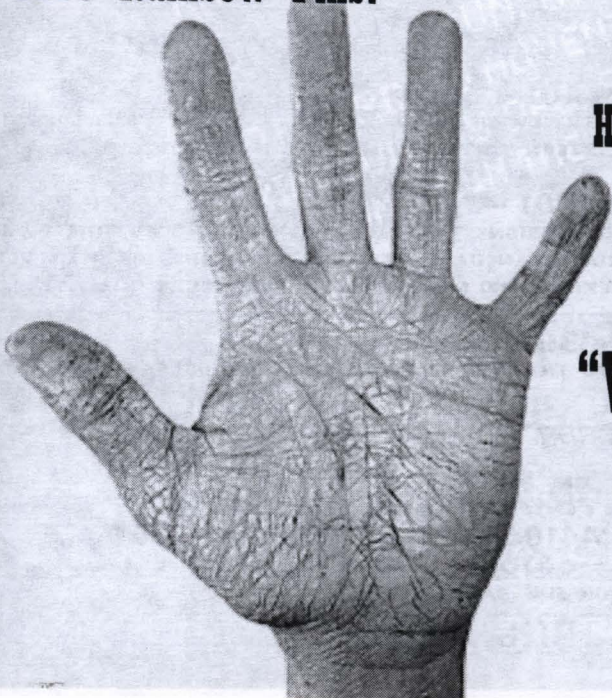
NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

Calling all GLBT friends

11 am - 2 pm
Tabling on the
Commons Plaza
with GLBT
supportive
student groups
and others.



Free Rainbow Pins!



Noon -
Have your say
on an
open mic:
"Why I am
a GLBT
ally."

S, allies, and advocates!!

WED. OCTOBER 11, COMMONS PLAZA

Everyone is invited to COME OUT for National Coming Out Day this year! Usually, it's about us (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) coming out, but this year we are holding an Ally Fest on the Commons Plaza so that you, our friends, can come out and stand up with us. How about it?

For GLBT people, the process of "coming out" is usually fraught with risk of rejection and loss of relationships of family members, friends, and/or co-workers. But having friends – friends you can count on to be by your side – makes it much easier to risk saying who we are. It's also important to have allies and advocates, people who will go the extra distance, standing with us and speaking up for us in our struggle for equal rights. That's why this year, as an extension of the theme "Talk About It," we are encouraging each of you to talk openly about your support of GLBT people and rights at our Ally Fest.

We are inviting anyone who feels moved to join us on the campus Commons Plaza on October 11 at NOON to speak up publicly on the subject of "Why I am an ally for GLBT people and issues." Just a few thoughts, sentences – no long speeches. We're hoping some of you will come forward and that will move others to come forward as well. Would you be willing to do this? Think about it and what it would mean for the GLBT community on campus – students, staff, and faculty – to hear these words of support!

Meanwhile, plans for National Coming Out Day events are still unfolding. Please watch for posters and fliers that will come out with specific times and places.

For more information contact Rebecca Rod at 885-6616, or email her at rebeccar@uidaho.edu.

Cooking for

funding for school?

*For travel to a
conference? For
an internship?*



Check out the new "Women's Opportunities" web page full of resources, templates, and links to help you fund your expenses and experiences!

Go to www.uidaho.edu/womenscenter and look for the "Resources" link on the left-hand side of the page, then click the "Women's Opportunities" tab. Click on any link and you'll find a new page loaded with resources!

Here's what you'll find:

Employment:

Internships, local jobs, international and national job sources, resume and cover letter tips, templates and resources.

Scholarships and Funding

UI scholarships, financial aid databases, other scholarships for women. This page also has COOL sections for Funding Your Education and Paying for Experiences with loads of links and resources such as Scholarship Dos and Don'ts and Etiquette for both scholarship applications and how to ask for funding (with letter templates and timelines).

Leadership and Activism

Lots of local and national/international volunteer opportunities.

As always, let us know what you think or if a link is not working!

Thanks and good luck!

CLimb

for a cure

WITH THE WOMEN'S OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Oct. 20-22 (Friday - Sunday)

stop by the
women's center
to create your own
prayer flag for
only \$1.00.

all proceeds from
the flags will be
donated to
cancer research.

October is breast cancer awareness month...

and there are many other
cancers affecting women.
According to recent statistics
the cancers most commonly
affecting women are

breast, colon, endometrial, ovarian,
skin, cervical, and lung cancers.

Knowing about these diseases and what
resources are available can save your life.
Please join us in educating women about
these cancers by creating a "prayer flag".

Prayer flags have been used for thousands of
years to send prayers, messages, and blessings
through the wind. The message, prayer, memorial or
inspirational quote you write on the flag will be carried
to the summit of Mt. Borah in mid-October and then
displayed across the University of Idaho campus.

...Join the team in helping to raise awareness of cancers

affecting women and to raise money to help find a cure...

Women's Mentoring Program

The Women's Mentoring program is active again in its second year of existence, after a very successful first year. My name is Allison Pope and I will be coordinating the program for the 2006-2007 school year. I am excited to follow in the footsteps of the first coordinator, and am looking forward to working with all of our new and returning mentees and mentors.

The women's mentoring program aims to connect under graduate level women with more experienced students, faculty and staff. This relationship offers mentees personal, professional and academic advice and support. Mentoring is age-old and has traditionally helped men more than women. Results from informal mentoring by men who hold top-tiered positions at companies. Because mentoring usually occurs between people who are similar (in race, class, gender, etc), women tend to get left out of these informal mentoring opportunities.

The Women's Mentoring Program strives to provide women with these experiences, and more. Our aim is to create a networking model of mentoring, giving the mentee an eclectic mix of mentoring sources. Women in the program will be connected one-on-one with a mentor, but they are also invited to participate in a multitude of Women's Center activities. I will act as an intermediary to keep the ship afloat, and set up several informal luncheons for all mentors and mentees to attend.

The Women's Mentoring Program application deadline has just passed us, and the program is about to get into full swing. This year we have 60 participants, a 20 % increase from last year! If you are still interested and feel this program is what you have been looking for, please feel free to contact me, and we can work together to get you set up with a mentor or mentee.

I am thrilled to be working with these wonderful women and eagerly anticipating where the year and the program takes us!

Allison Pope
885-6616
apope@uidaho.edu

Hey you!!!

Upcoming Safe Zone
Trainings

Oct. 2, 11:30-1:30 pm

Law School

Oct. 12, 12:30 pm.

3:30 pm. & 7:30 pm

Common's Crest Room

Lavender Lunch
Every Thursday

at 12:30 pm

Women's Center Lounge

Article Club

Meets every last Thursday
of the month, next is Oct. 26

6:00 pm

One World Cafe

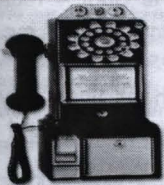
Body Image Task Force
Every Thursday at 6 pm
Women's Center Lounge

FLAME
Every Thursday at 5pm
Women's Center Lounge

Dissertation Divas
Fridays at 3:30 PM
Women's Center Lounge

GSA
(Gay Straight Alliance)
Every Wednesday at 8:15 pm
Women's Center Lounge

Get involved!!!



Questions about any of the mentioned
programs or activities?
Give us a call at 885-6616
or email us at wcenter@uidaho.edu

Letter from the Women's Center Director

The wonderful thing about the Women's Center is that we have a wonderful, fantastic, and talented staff who create new projects and programs; the drawback is that now we have more people making a lot more amazing things happen. That means a lot of work, projects, activities, and truly inspiring programs - and more work. I feel so honored to work with this group of women and men, to engage in activities that advance equity, that raise awareness, that build skills, and that change lives.

In case you haven't noticed, this fall has been BUSY! We have a lot going on. Several new or revitalized projects are in the works, including:

* WOCA: We are reforming the UI chapter of this statewide group. Watch out for activities, projects and ways to get involved.

* BITF: Body Image Task Force has taken off and will launch several new activities this fall.

* Equity-Women's Coalition: this group will be modeled after the WSU Women's Coalition which links groups working on equity and women's issues providing them support and access to additional funding sources. The UI is ready to launch such a group. Watch for more information in October about this new organization.

* F Word program: FLAME will sponsor this exciting program exploring the multiple meanings and expressions of feminism. You can participate by submitting a poem or other piece you have written or want to read relating what feminism means to you.

* Safe Zone: watch for new Safe Zone activities and trainings.

* Young Women's Leadership Conference: watch out for the UI Fall 2007 Young Women's Leadership conference. If you would like to get involved or receive more information, please contact me at jharvey@uidaho.edu. We are in initial planning stages so your ideas and suggestions will be most welcomed.

* Friends of the Women's Center: one other activity we will launch this fall is the Friends of the Women's Center. Most of you have noticed that the Women's Center has been doing a lot: more programs, projects, and activities. Unfortunately, our budget has not increased with the additional activities so we have launched a strong grant-writing campaign and we will launch a Friends program in which you will be able to join us in continuing to offer strong programs that advance gender equity at the University of Idaho. Watch for your invitation!

Lastly, I am serving as Co-chair for the Strategic Plan Implementation team for Goal 4. This is the goal that deals with campus climate and culture, engaging the university in strategies and conversations about how to improve campus climate, campus culture. This goal also seeks to ensure that the structural aspects required for dealing with campus climate are put into place to support you/us in making them happen. Watch for more details about the work of the Goal 4 team. And, of course, if you have ideas, feedback, suggestions, don't hesitate to tell me.

As always, we greatly appreciate your friendship and support. Thank you. Have a good semester. Do good work. Do what you can to raise awareness. Call and let us know what you think about our work. Best, Jeannie.

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!
- ☆ **Contribute to the Zine.** We are always looking forto contribute their work for our Women's Center Newsletter that we so fondly refer to as the Zine. If you are looking to add your writing, art, etc., to our publication, contact either Amy Sharp at amysharp@sub.uidaho.edu, or Meagan Robertson at robe4721@uidaho.edu, or call the Women's Center at 885-6616.
- ☆ **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 programs raises funds for a diversity scholarship.
 - LunaFest: A women's film festival benefiting the Brest Cancer Fund.
 - Moms' Weekend Fun Run: Our annual Fun Run supports a single parent scholarship.
 - Burlison Fund: This fund supports activities for GLBT students and programs.
 - Research grants: We give grants to undergraduate students each year to travel to professional and academic conferences and present papers.

Your donations assist students in many ways. With your help, we are able to give students more ways to fund their education, to gain professional experiences, and to be successful. Thank you for your support and for being a good friend.

How to give:

Go to our website: www.uidaho.edu/womenscenter and under the "Donations" heading, click on the "Here" hyperlink to go to the Give to UI page. Select "other", type in "Women's Center", and specify one of the above-programs. This is a secure site.

Send a check, payable to Friends of the Women's Center, to: UI Women's Center, Campus Box 1064, Moscow, ID 83844-1064

So you read your first issue of the Women's Center Zine (a.k.a The Newsletter) and you want more of this sweet stuff...

☆ Add me to your email list.
Email:

☆ Add me to your newsletter mailing list.
Name

Address:

City: State: Zip:

We are excited to have you on board with us. Please tear this puppy out and mail it to the Women's Center P.O. Box 441064 Moscow, ID 83844-1064. If you don't want to wait on snail mail, email us at wcenter@uidaho.edu.

Take me off this crazy ride.

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☆ Remove me from your newsletter mailing list.
Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Please email or mail us your info to: wcenter@uidaho.edu or Women's Center P.O. Box 441064 Moscow, ID 83844-1064. Subject remove.

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