Welcome back to another semester at UW-L! This is only my sixth year at La Crosse, but I feel very comfortable here, as though I’ve been a part of this campus for much longer than five short years. One thing that the Organization for Campus Women (OCW) has done for me is to provide the opportunity to meet other women on campus whom I never would have met otherwise. The networking capabilities alone are easily worth the small dues payment required for joining.

We are working very hard at making a difference in the lives of women on campus and in the community. To that end, OCW has “adopted” New Horizons this year. This vital organization in our community is severely in need of volunteer help and OCW members are proud to be serving them in many capacities throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Steering committee meetings are being held at noon every third Tuesday this fall in 257 Cartwright Center. Please join us and share your ideas.

Have an excellent year!

Anne Galbraith

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Current Membership

Are you a member of OCW? Please join our fun group by printing out the following [membership form] and mailing it along with your $5 membership to Jo Ann Kuester, 144 Graff Main Hall.

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Notes of Interest

Real Women Embrace Music, Laughter & Life, Thursday, October 9, La Crosse Center Ballroom. For more information, call (608) 791-4172 or email: Pupp.Cathleen@mayo.edu.

Gundersen Lutheran’s Celebrating Women Women’s Expo 2003 on Saturday, October 18, 10 – 5pm at the La Crosse Center Main Arena. For more information call (608) 775-6870 or (800) 362-9567, ext. 56870 or visit their website at [www.gundluth.org].
Tribute to Outstanding Women of the Coulee Region

Five outstanding women from UW-L have been nominated to receive a YWCA Outstanding Achievement Award. The individuals nominated include Beth Cherne, Kathy Hanratty, Jodi Vandenberg-Dave, Susan Butterfield, and Bonnie VanNieuwenhoven.

The 21st Annual Tribute to Outstanding Women of the Coulee Region Award Ceremony will be held on November 13, 2003 at the South Hall Ballroom, La Crosse Center.

The YWCA is dedicated to the goal of assisting women of all ages in reaching their greatest potential. This event is one way to raise community awareness of the abilities of women and their demonstrated leadership skills. If you are interested in attending this event or further details about the Y-Tribute nomination process, contact Sharie Brunk, brunk.shar@uwlnx.edu or call 5-6950.

A Call to Action... for Women Activists and Advocates!

Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton has initiated an effort to utilize the Institute for Women's Policy Research, The Status of Women in Wisconsin report (published and distributed in 2002) as a platform for progress for our state. Earlier this year, Lt. Governor Lawton assembled a Concept Committee to create a blueprint with a regional focus for further exploration of issues affecting women's status. A statewide conference is scheduled for next June. At that time, a detailed status of women update highlighting specific issues and economic impact will be shared and policy recommendations made. For more information, please check out their website at www.ltgov.state.wi.us

Lee National Denim Day® is set for Friday, October 10th!

Each year Lee Jeans invites companies and organizations nationwide to participate by allowing employees and members to wear denim in exchange for a $5 donation (or more) to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The Organization for Campus Women (OCW) is helping to coordinate this event on the UW-L campus, and we hope everyone will consider contributing to this worthwhile cause.

Pictured from L-R: Sandy Sechrest, Jean Foss, Jennifer Viner, and Norene Smith

Jennifer Viner is the recipient of the Jean L. Foss & Norene A. Smith Organization for Campus Women (OCW) Scholarship which was awarded in April of this year. Jennifer is a non-traditional student majoring in psychology with the goal of obtaining a masters degree in counseling or school psychology. According to Jennifer, the majority of her scholarship will be very helpful in paying for day care expenses while she is in school. Congratulations Jennifer! Everyone involved with OCW wishes you success in your endeavors.

Women's Leadership Conferences Scheduled

(WWHEL) is hosting its 2003 conference October 16-17 at Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center in Baraboo, WI. Workshop topics include mentoring, development strategies for challenging times, the power of writing, an introduction to the UW-System Sloan Project for academic career advancement, and changes, conflicts, and challenges of women at work. To register, obtain a brochure from Human Resources, room 144 Graff Main Hall.

Annual OCW Holiday Social

Mark your calendar now! The annual OCW Holiday Social will be Tuesday, December 16 in Cartwright Center Port
O'Call. Watch for further information in the coming months.

**Important Web Sites**

- [OCW](http://www.uwlax.edu/ocw)
- [Women's Studies](http://www.uwlax.edu/WomensStudies/)

What would you like to see in the newsletter? Please drop us a line with your suggestions.

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