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COMPUTERS AND REPETITIVE STRESS

Information and helpful advice on repetitive motion injuries, prevention, and ergonomics pertaining to computer use is available at the following websites:

Typing Injury FAQ  
http://www.tifaq.com/

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Resource Page  

A Patient's Guide to Carpal Tunnel Syndrome  

ErgoLib  
http://library.ucr.edu/~pflowers/ergolib.html

CTDNews: Ergonomics and Workplace Safety  
http://ctdnews.com/

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Congratulations to the new Steering Committee representatives who begin their 3-year term in 1999-2000:

Jodi Vandenberg-Daves, Faculty, History
Mary Coady, Academic Staff, Student Support Services
Linda Sondreal, Classified Staff, Murphy Library

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Please check the OCW web page for further information and links of interest to women. In the months to come, we will be adding websites for women, OCW news and events, and information of interest and importance to women in the UW-L campus community.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas for what you would like to see posted to or included on the OCW web page, please contact Sandy Sechrest (Murphy Library, Room 25; phone: 5-8513).
Addition to Membership List:

**Bridget Todd**, Academic Staff, Recreation Management/Therapeutic Recreation

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OCW Opportunities for 1999-2000

Please consider volunteering to chair an OCW committee. Chairs are currently needed for the Program, Symposium and Y-Tribute committees. If you’re interested, please contact Carol Stoeling at 608-785-8520.

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Dear Colleagues:

Several new developments are taking place on behalf of women in the UW System that I would like to share with you.

First, I am delighted to report that the new Chancellor recently inaugurated at UW-Milwaukee is Dr. Nancy Zimpher. Since she began in September we have become close colleagues, and I can assure you that she is a sharp, dynamic leader and a wonderful addition to the UW System leadership. Also, Elizabeth Rindskopf-Parker, a truly distinguished Washington, D.C., attorney, just began as the UW System General Counsel. Both appointments represent real progress.

Second, after months of planning, UW System will offer the first Summer Leadership Institute to encourage women and minorities to further their leadership skills, and, thus, become ready, qualified candidates for various leadership positions in the UW System when they become available. As a member of the planning committee, I can report that the first institute includes a dynamic, informative program, and I am pleased to announce that Dr. Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted, Professor of History, Dr. Ann Korschgen, Director of Career Services and recently named Interim Dean of Students and Academic Services (beginning in July, 1999), and Ms. Angie Kellogg, Student Activities Coordinator, will be UW-L's first three attendees.

Further, UW-L will also host the 1999 Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) Conference, and I hope all interested women will plan to attend.

Finally, I want to commend our women students of ALANA who put on an absolutely outstanding Women of Color Conference this spring. It is activities like these and the work of OCW, and the Women's Advisory Council that will continue to enhance the status of all UW-L campus women and open up greater opportunities for them.

Thank you for all of your efforts.

Chancellor Judith L. Kuipers, Ph.D.

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The La Crosse Community 7th Annual "Take Our Daughters to Work" day is scheduled for Thursday, April 22.

This event, sponsored by the Coulee Region YWCA, UW-La Crosse, OCW, and La Crosse Tribune, is geared toward young women ages 9 to 15. All ages are welcome to attend.

Daughters accompany their mentors to the job site in the morning. The "Young Women's Conference" follows from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at UW-L and includes topics of women, sports, health, and nutrition. Between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m., participants will have the opportunity to use the UW-L Climbing Wall.

The registration fee is $15 and space is limited. Scholarships are available (call the YWCA at 608-781-2783).
This year the Scholarship Committee has designated one scholarship to be awarded in the amount of $1600 for the Jean L. Foss & Norene A. Smith OCW Scholarship.

The Honors Reception will be held on Monday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. in Valhalla, Cartwright Center. The scholarships will be presented at 5 p.m.
This event celebrates Harriet Hosmer, a woman sculptor who visited Lansing in the 1800's and raced the men up Mount Hosmer bluff, 200 feet short of a mile – and won!

**When/Where:**
May 1, 1999, in Lansing, Iowa

All events are **free** and include:

- *Children’s workshops*
- *Women’s Art Fair featuring and celebrating women artists*
- *Walk or run up Mount Hosmer*
  - 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. walk
  - 9:30 women’s run up Mount Hosmer

**Begin at:** Suzanne’s Inn, 120N. 3rd St., Lansing
**End at:** Mount Hosmer City Park pavilion

The children’s workshops and the Women’s Art Fair will be held at Mount Hosmer City Park pavilion on the top of Mount Hosmer.

For additional information call Suzanne Cansler:
(608) 788-7779 weekdays or (319) 538-3040 weekends.
For other upcoming events, please see the Women’s Studies Calendar of Events at the Women’s Studies web page:

http://www.uwlax.edu/LS/WomensStudies/events.html

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A draft of UW-L’s response to “Plan 2008: Educational Quality through Racial and Ethnic Diversity” has been released by the Joint Minority Affairs Committee for review by the university community and can be viewed at:

http://perth.uwlax.edu/AAAD/plan2008.html

The Affirmative Action and Diversity Council is continuing work on the UW-L diversity plan. The parts of the plan having to do with gender, disabilities, and sexual preference will be available on the web for review by the end of this semester.
The Women's Advisory Council was established by Chancellor Judith Kuipers in 1992, to enhance the status of all women at UW-L and to provide consultation and recommendations to the Chancellor concerning women's issues on campus.

The council includes three women representatives from each of the following populations on campus, in 3-year staggered terms: faculty, academic staff, classified staff, and students. In addition, there are four members serving ex officio, for Affirmative Action, Human Resources, and the Organization of Campus Women.

If you have ideas or comments on issues affecting women at UW-L, please take a few moments to share them with us.
The Women’s Advisory Council is looking for women interested in serving as student, faculty, academic staff, and classified staff representative.

Please contact any member of the Women’s Advisory Council if you are interested in serving or know someone you’d be interested in nominating another person to serve.

Following is a list of this year's Women's Advisory Council representatives, with phone numbers and email addresses, as well as the groups they represent:

**Faculty members:**
- Donna Anderson, 5-6864, anderson_d@mail.uwlax.edu
- Mary Davidson, 5-6922, davidson@mail.uwlax.edu
- Cheri Niedzwiecki, 5-6712, niedzwie@mail.uwlax.edu

**Academic Staff members:**
- Karin Bast, 5-6660, bast@mail.uwlax.edu
- Cheryl Kennedy, 5-8618, kenne_c@mail.uwlax.edu
- Shari Brunk, 5-6950, brunk_sl@mail.uwlax.edu

**Classified Staff members:**
- Kathi Beane, 5-8156, beane@mail.uwlax.edu
- Marcia Johnson-Sage, 785-8062, johns_m@mail.uwlax.edu
- Becki Viner, 785-8357, viner@mail.uwlax.edu

**Student members:**
- Nicole Brown, 784-1299, brown_n2@students.uwlax.edu
- Cally Rockwell, rock_ca@students.uwlax.edu
- Kate Schottler, 789-2147, schot_km@mail.uwlax.edu

**Ex officio members:**
- Kennette Brueggeman, 5-8604, brueggem@mail.uwlax.edu
- Al Thompson, 5-8541, Al_Thompson@uwlax.edu
- Jennifer Wilson, 5-8013, wilson_jb@mail.uwlax.edu

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