OCW SPRING SYMPOSIUM

The OCW Spring Symposium, scheduled for April 5, 2001, will be held on the 2nd floor of the new Health Science Center. The theme of this year’s symposium is women’s health and family-friendly issues. Here is a sampling of session choices:

- "The Health Risk Appraisal" (HRA), a prevention tool which provides individualized results of your risk of certain diseases and deaths based on lifestyle habits. Participants will complete a confidential HRA prior to the session (limited registration).
- "When There’s More Month After the Money’s Gone," or how to get out of debt and on the way to financial fitness.
- "Are we having fun yet?" A rejuvenating session for busy parents who would like to reconnect with their kids.
- "Getting older: Staying as fit and healthy as the students we work with"
- "Make Your Money Work," a session about investing for short- and long-term financial goals.

The symposium will start with lunch followed by three 50-minute sessions.
UW-L people will be given the opportunity to register for the symposium first, and later, registration will be opened to other Health Science Consortium members. A registration brochure should be coming your way in the next two weeks. See you there!

OCW SPRING PICNIC

OCW is thinking spring! Even though the weather is outside is snowy, we are planning a picnic. Watch for more information in the April issue of OCW News.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

MARCH 1 is the deadline for five UW-L Foundation scholarships for non-traditional women (age 25 years or older): (1) "Toward Self-Reliance" Scholarship; (2) OCW Non-Traditional Students Scholarship; (3) "AVANT Award"; (4) Marilyn Ondall Scholarship Endowment Fund; and (5) PEO Chapter Memorial Award.

Preference will be given to students 25 years of age or older on most awards. For more information, contact the Foundation Office at 608/785-6803.
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LECTURE SERIES

March 21. Sara Evans, a prominent historian of women in the 20th Century, will discuss major issues in Women’s History, 7-9:00 p.m., 339 Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse. Sponsored by the Birchsler Fund.

March 28. "How an Artist Found Her Voice." Presented by Helen Klebesadel, artist and Director of the UW System Women’s Studies Consortium. Join us for a personal history as artist, Helen Klebesadel explores how she learned to believe that a woman from a rural Wisconsin farm background had something worth saying as a feminist and as an artist; 7-9:00 p.m., Ward Room, Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Department.

March 20. "Multicultural And Gender Fair Curricula," presented by Peggy Mcintosh, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, and founder and Co-director of the National S.E.E.D. (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Project on Inclusive Curriculum. A world-renowned lecturer, she consults with higher education institutions throughout the U.S. and the world on creating multicultural and gender fair curricula. Author of many influential articles on curriculum change, women’s studies and systems of unearned privilege, she has taught at Harvard University, Trinity College (Washington, DC), and the University of Durham (England), among other institutions. 7:30 p.m., Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FILM EVENTS: March 7, 20, and 29

March 20. "Margaret Sanger: A Public Nuisance"
This film highlights Sanger’s pioneering strategies of using media and popular culture to advance the cause of birth control. Deb Hoskins, Women’s Studies, will facilitate discussion following the video. Refreshments will be provided; 7-8:00 p.m., 339 Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse. Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Department and the Women’s Studies Student Association.

Deb Hoskins, Women’s Studies, will facilitate discussion following the video. Refreshments will be provided. 7- 8:00 p.m., 259 Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse. Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Department.

March 29. "Boys Don’t Cry (R, 116 mins.)"
Kimberly Peirce’s provocative film is based on the real life of Brandon Teena. Chloe Sevigny received an Academy Award nomination of Best Supporting Actress for her role as Brandon’s girlfriend, and Hilary Swank won the Best Actress Oscar for her sympathetic portrayal of Brandon, a Nebraskan born with the sexual characteristics of a girl but who identified and lived the final months of his 21-year-old life as a young man. Introduced by Susan Crutchfield, English Department. Discussion following the film will be facilitated by Carmen Wilson, Psychology. Refreshments provided from the People’s Food Co-op. 7:00 p.m., Cleary Center.

Women's History Month events are located at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, unless otherwise noted. More events of interest can be found at the Women's Studies Department Calendar at:

http://perth.uwlax.edu/womensstudies/
2ND WOMEN OF COLOR CONFERENCE

The second Women of Color Conference, "Women of Color in America: Struggle and Resistance," will be presented by ALANA (Asian, Latina, African, and Native American Women) at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on March 3, 2001. The conference aims to help younger generation Women of Color to internalize, conceptualize and understand, in greater depth, the ground work which has been laid for them and to learn methods and personal tactics to continue to build on this legacy as individuals and as a group.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Christy Haubegger, CEO of LATINA Magazine, speaking on the topic of "The Story of LATINA Magazine: Business Plan for a Dream". The keynote address will be Saturday evening, March 3. This event is open to the public. Admission: $5.00 for adult non-conference participants; $3.00 for non-conference participating students; under 12 is free. For more information, contact Telitha Bean-Thompson, ALANA Advisor, or Andrea Azarian, Student Conference Coordinator, 608/785-8228.

FAMILY FRIENDLY CONFERENCE

On the initiative of the Chancellor's Ad-Hoc Committee on Family Friendly Policies, three UW-L faculty representatives will attend a conference titled, "Balancing Work and Family in Higher Education: Focus on Women Faculty." The conference is sponsored by the College and University Work Family Association, and will take place in Tucson, Arizona, March 1-3, 2001. Representatives are Donna Anderson (Economics), Karen Palmer McLean (Physical Therapy), and Jodi Vandenberg-Daves (History).

Faculty representatives plan to gather information and begin organizing a UW-L conference on the family friendly campus. If you have concerns or ideas to contribute to this initiative, please contact any of the members of the Ad-Hoc Committee, Donna Anderson, Jodi Vandenberg-Daves, or Jennifer Wilson (Human Resources.) There is a very informative web page on Family Friendly policies in the Human Resources section of the UW-L homepage -- http://perth.uwlax.edu/hr/ff/ff_home.html

Jodi Vandenberg-Daves,
Department of History
OTHER WOMEN AND MULTICULTURAL EVENTS.

NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK

April 20. Native American Cultural Exchange Day. Five hundred 4th graders from area schools will be on campus with 30 mini-workshops on Native American language, history, and crafts, which will be presented by elders and speakers from the Native American community. There will also be a mini-pow wow at 12:30 in Valhalla. The event is open to the public.

April 21-22. 18th Annual Three Rivers Inter-Tribal Pow Wow. This event is open to the public and includes dancing, drumming, crafts and vendors.

More information can be found at the Native American Student Organization (NASA) home page http://perth.uwlax.edu/omscc/nasa.htm

GAYLA WEEK

April 16-21, 2001

Different programs focusing on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and issues and education are available during this week. For more information on this and other events, contact the Diversity Resource Center, 223B, Cartwright Center, (608) 785-8870.

http://perth.uwlax.edu/sac/Diversit/drc.htm

LUNCHBOX/SOAPBOX BROWN BAG LUNCHES

Mar 21. "Reproductive Rights: Gender, Race & Class"
Presented by Karen Reed, Multicultural Student Services. Ms. Reed’s research into reproductive rights issues for women reveals a sordid history of exploiting Women of Color in testing birth control chemicals. Come learn about this hidden history. Noon, 306 Wimberly Hall. Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Department.

April 4. "Dreamworlds: Desire, Sex, Power."
Presented by Reach and Share, Counseling & Testing. This highly-interactive presentation will utilize clips of music video and actual movie footage to explore the impact these have on how we view ourselves as well as the possible link they have to violence in our society. WARNING: this presentation contains graphic and disturbing scenes of sexual violence. Noon, 306 Wimberly Hall, UW-La Crosse. Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Department.

April 18. "Counseling of Sexual Assault Victims"

May 2. "Celebrating Women Aging!"
TURN BEAUTY INSIDE OUT

New Moon Publishing invites interested organizations to join them as partners in the second annual "Turn Beauty Inside Out" Campaign - an international celebration of media images that promote healthy behavior for girls and boys. New Moon will provide supporting organizations with a logo, articles and announcements to print & post and other free promotional materials as they become available.

Through a wide range of activities and promotions (including a national action day on May 16, 2001), the goals of the campaign are to create a heightened interest in Inner Beauty and a critical understanding of the images of beauty promote by the media. The campaign provides a counterbalance to the damaging and unhealthy messages about beauty that bombard us all through media and advertising every day.

Primary activities this year are an international ad contest for kids (up to age 16) and the creation and nationwide airing of professionally-created public service announcements about the importance of Inner Beauty. (For more details, go to www.newmoon.org.) To be a sponsoring organization, email newmoon@newmoon.org no later than April 1, 2001, or call Linda Estel at 218-728-5507, x10.

WEBSITES FOR WOMEN

Health and stress management:
http://womenshealth.about.com/health/womenshealth/es/stress
http://www.womensmedia.com/health-emotion.html

Gardening, anyone?
http://www.sierrahome.com/gardening/
http://www.garden.org/
http://GardeningLaunchPad.com/
http://www.organicgardening.com/
http://www.gardenweb.com/yl/
http://www.garden.com/
http://www.gardendigest.com/
http://www.gonegardening.com/

Here are some pages from the AARP web site:
http://www.aarp.org/
http://www.aarp.org/memberguide/
http://www.aarp.org/join/home.html#joinonline

-- from the files of Carol Stoelting

OCW STEERING COMMITTEE

The Organization for Campus Women is seeking nominations for Faculty, Academic Staff, and Classified Staff Representatives to the OCW Steering Committee. If you would like to nominate yourself, or another woman, please contact Kathi Beane at extension 8150, or send her a memo at 147 Graff Main Hall.

Schedule for remaining Steering Committee meetings in 2000/2001 academic year:

March 14, 2001. 12:30 p.m. Room 263, Cartwright Center.
April 11, 2001. 12:30 p.m. Room 263, Cartwright Center.
May 9, 2001. 12:30 p.m. Room 263, Cartwright Center.

You are welcome to attend or to let steering committee members know if you have issues or ideas for OCW.
ORGANIZATION FOR CAMPUS WOMEN  
University of Wisconsin - La Crosse  
2000-2001 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: ________________________________ Department: ________________________________

Campus Address: ____________________________ Campus Phone: ____________________________

Membership Area (circle):  Academic Staff  Classified Staff  Faculty  Graduate Student  Other (describe)______________

Enclosed is $5.00 for OCW dues, September 1, 2000 – August 31, 2001. Please make checks payable to OCW. Dues are used for printing, refreshments, and program support.

I would like to contribute to the OCW Scholarship Fund. Please make check payable to UW-La Crosse Foundation. The scholarship is awarded annually to a non-traditional female student.

I would like to see OCW do the following:

I am interested in serving on the following committee(s):

_____ Honors/Scholarship/Fundraising - plans and organizes fundraising events to benefit the scholarship fund

_____ Membership/Elections - recruits and maintains records on members, also recruits persons to serve on the steering committee

_____ Newsletter/Directory - edits and distributes the OCW Newsletter

_____ Social Program - plans and coordinates social/programs held throughout the year

_____ Symposia - plans and coordinates the annual spring symposia open to all persons on campus

_____ YWCA Tribute - solicits, nominates, and assists with application process for the YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women

_____ OCW Web Page - contributes to the design and content of the OCW web site

Please send completed form and check(s) to: Kathi Beane, 147 Graff Main Hall.