Happy Mother's Day!

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OCW Newsletter Committee
This is the last OCW newsletter for the 2003-2004 year. Have a great summer and see you in September!

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OCW Spring Picnic – Mark your Calendars!

Please join the Organization for Campus Women (OCW) for the annual Family Picnic
Tuesday, May 4, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Myrick Park Gun Shelter
All food and drink are provided!

Family Fun: A Few Day Trips & Vacation Spots for La Crosse and the Region

Summer is right around the corner and we thought you might enjoy a few useful internet links to help you plan a summer vacation with your family or friends. Enjoy!

Guides
Family Fun in La Crosse
A list of 12 possibilities from the La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
Free Kids Guide from Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Fill out the form to receive a free guide for family activities in Madison, WI.

Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau  
http://www.wisdells.com/
Abundant information on the many attractions and activities in Wisconsin Dells.  
Wisconsin Dells Coupons: http://www.dellscoupons.com/

The New Parents Guide: Wisconsin Vacations Travel Guide  
http://www.thenewparentsguide.com/vacations-wisconsin.htm

FamilyFun Vacation Guide: Great Lakes (Book)  
(Book published in 2003 by Pamela Hill Nettleton and the experts at FamilyFun Magazine)  
More possibilities are available in this following book that includes Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Copies are available at the Main, North and South branches of the La Crosse Public Library  
http://www.lacrosselibrary.org/.

A Few Spots Close to Home

Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum  
http://www.dekeslayton.com  
Sparta, WI  
"Dedicated to the career of Donald Kent "Deke" Slayton, Wisconsin astronauts, the history of the bicycle and the history of aviation in Monroe County."

Paul and Matilda Wegner Grotto  
http://www.kohlerfoundation.org/wegner.html  
Near Cataract, WI  
A garden park of concrete sculptures and mosaics that is purchased and restored by the Kohler Foundation. The Park is open year round (weather permitting). Approximately 9 miles north of Sparta.

L.A.R.K. Toys  
http://www.larktoys.com/article_mmdec99.cfm  
Kellog, MN  
Hand-crafted toys, a carousel, and more!

Little Falls Railroad & Doll Museum  
http://www.raildoll.com/  
Cataract, WI  
A museum filled with elaborate model trains and dolls.

Mall of America Attractions  
http://www.mallofamerica.com/attractions/  
Bloomington, MN

Women on Campus Factoid

In 1915, Josephine M. Jones was appointed the first Dean of Women.

Judith L. Kuipers became the first woman chancellor of UW-L in 1991.

Talented Women of UW-L: The Women of the Campus Child Center
In our final newsletter this academic year, I decided to focus on a select group of women on campus, the women of the campus child center. These women have played a significant role in providing work/life balance for me and I can bet there are many others who feel the same way. All of them make a significant impact on the children at the center no matter what their job entails. They love children and it shows when you watch them relating to one child or a group of children. Retention is not a problem in this center. Combined they have over 100 years of service to the university. We have been fortunate throughout the years to have such a great group of women working with our children.

Cindy Selin was the first teacher hired by the center in 1985. She holds an associate degree from Western Wisconsin Technical College in Early Childhood Development. Cindy currently is the teacher for the four-year olds and helps prep them for the transition to kindergarten. Following close behind Cindy is Sue Wrobel who started as a teacher in 1986 and currently holds the position as director since 1991. Sue obtained her undergraduate in elementary education and master's degree in Early Childhood Development from UW-La Crosse.

The year 1989 brought a few more faces to the center. Kate Ottow was hired as a full-time teacher and Bunny Markos as a substitute. In 1991 Kate decided to take some time off to raise her family and became the faithful substitute teacher for the center. She is still the substitute and also fills the position of part-time assistant to the director. As a result, Bunny was hired as a full-time teacher. She holds an undergraduate degree from UW-Madison and obtained a master's at UW-La Crosse in Early Childhood Development.

As the center grew the need for another teacher became apparent. Dawn Wilson was hired in 1992 and currently teaches the younger two-year olds. She has a BS in Early Childhood Education from UW-Milwaukee.

In 1997, two new additions were added to the center. Angela Dingel, who teaches the older two-year olds and Kim Amundson, who teaches the one-year olds. Angela obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa and a master's in Child Development from Purdue University. Kim has an associate degree in Early Childhood Development from Western Wisconsin Technical College.

Last but not least are Dawn Berger and Rachel Indahl. Dawn has been on the custodial staff at the child center since 1998 and Rachel has been doing food prep for the center since 1996. These individuals may not be labeled "teachers" in the academic sense but their valuable presence is known throughout the center whether you're a child or an adult.

Thanks for providing the last 18 years with Oktoberfest parades and spring music/art shows!

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**New Books @ Murphy Library By and About Women**

The following titles are just a few of the new books Murphy Library has received in the past 2 months that focus on women. (All books are located on the second floor unless otherwise noted.)

**Title:** Without a Net: the Female Experience of Growing up Working Class  
**Call Number:** HD6095 .W58 2003  
**Info:** First-person essays by women on how poverty and experiences in the working class shape their identities.

**Title:** Am I Still a Woman?: Hysterectomy and Gender Identity  
**Author:** Elson, Jean, 1948-  
**Call Number:** HQ1206 .E45 2004  
**Info:** Testimonies of women reflecting on their gender identity after gynecological surgery and/or lost fertility.

**Title:** A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women  
**Author:** Cheney, Lynne V.  
**Call Number:** 973Che  
**Info:** Located in the Murphy Library's Curriculum Collection, this alphabet book of strong American women is
suitable for readers in Grades 2 and above.

**Title:** Blood and Voice: Navajo Women Ceremonial Practitioners  
**Author:** Schwarz, Maureen Trudelle, 1952-  
**Call Number:** E99.N3 S357 2003  
**Info:** Using interviews with seventeen Navajo women practitioners and five apprentices, the author explores women’s roles in Navajo ceremonies.

**Title:** Women and Equality in the Workplace: A Reference Handbook  
**Author:** Giele, Janet Zollinger  
**Call Number:** HD6095 .G48 2003  
**Info:** Documents women’s quest for equality in the workplace including legal and social advances, as well as information on continuing inequalities.

**Title:** Seductress: Women who Ravished the World and Their Lost Art of Love  
**Author:** Prioleau, Elizabeth Stevens  
**Call Number:** HQ1122 .P75 2003  
**Info:** Explores the lives of well and lesser-known women like Cleopatra, Lola Montez, and Violet Gordon Woodhouse, and their relationships with men.

**Title:** Women Composers: Music Through the Ages  
**Location:** Reference  
**Call Number:** Ref M2 .W88 1996  
**Info:** A multi-volume work that includes biographies, times and places, and the works of women musicians.

**Title:** Open Your Eyes and Soar: Cuban Women Writing Now  
**Call Number:** PQ7383.5.E5 064 2003  
**Info:** Includes the narrative works of ten Cuban women from the last decade of the 20th century with topics from sexuality to drug addiction.

**Title:** Tell this Silence: Asian American Women Writers and the Politics of Speech  
**Author:** Duncan, Patti  
**Call Number:** PS153.A84 D86 2004  
**Info:** Addresses the meanings of silence and speech to explore topics such as race, gender, national identity, and sexuality in the writings of Asian American Women’s writings.

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**Noteworthy Links**

Check out the **Women's Studies** calendar/newsletter website for events scheduled during April for Sexual Assault Awareness month and May for Asian Pacific Awareness/Senior Citizen’s month.  
(http://www.uwlax.edu/womensstudies/)  

**OCW website** (http://www.uwlax.edu/ocw)

**See you in the fall!!!**

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

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