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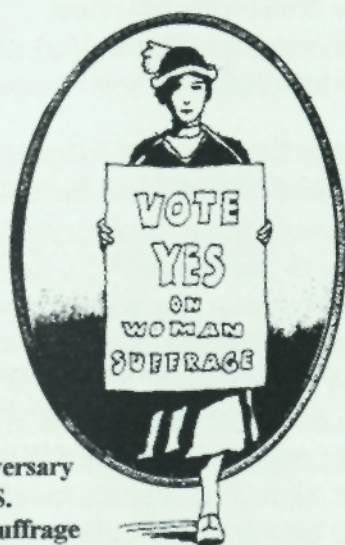
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75th Anniversary
of U.S.
Women's Suffrage

National Women's History Essay Contest "Celebrating Suffrage"

WSIG and H.E.R. Place are cosponsoring a National Women's History Month Essay Contest to celebrate the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage in the U.S. This contest is open to any student, male or female, in middle school (grades 6 through 8) or high school (grades 9 through 12). Students in city and county schools will write essays related, in some way, to the suffrage movement and its impact on American history. All students who submit an appropriate entry will receive a certificate of recognition. The top three winners in both age categories will receive cash prizes. The student who submits the best entry in each age category as determined by a panel of independent judges will receive a \$50.00 cash prize. Prizes will be awarded at a special ceremony and reception at UAH on April 11 at 7:00.

Women's Film Festival

Date: Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Arts Center (the old Council School) on St. Clair Ave next to the Public Library

The Alabama Film Co-op and WSIG will present the first annual Women's Film Festival featuring short films related to women's issues, concerns and points of view. Many short films by women filmmakers will be shown, including such films as Thirty-Second Spot, by Joan Braderman, about the making of a commercial; Go To Hell, a 7-minute animation by Ruth Peyser and a Black Maria festival prize-winner; Michele Landeta, a documentary about a Mexican filmmaker of the 1930s by Patricia Diaz; The Maids!, a documentary of the history of domestic work since slavery by Muriel Jackson; Chicks in White Satin, a film about a lesbian wedding by Elaine Holliman; and Since Our Status Changed, an animation by R. Margolies.

Showings begin at 8 p.m. and will last about one and one-half hours. Information: 539-3456.

Women's Studies Courses for Summer 1995

PY/SOC375 Social Psychology
Dr. Carpenter
MTWT 11:30-1:05

Py420/520 Psychology of Women
Dr. Carpenter
MTWT 3:00-4:35

Hope Shiver Plays Harriet Tubman

Date: Thursday, March 23

Time: 8:15p.m.

Place: Administrative Science Auditorium

Soprano and story teller Hope Shiver plays Harriet Tubman in the powerful, one-woman show "Get on Board." The captivating script for "Get on Board" is original material created and presented by Ms. Shiver. It is based on extensive research into the life of Harriet Tubman. Harriet Tubman, the famed conductress of the Underground Railroad, is one of the most famous African-American heroines of all-time. Hope Shiver portrays her in dress, word and song. An operatic singer, she will perform songs and spirituals by African-American composers. This event is sponsored by the Cultural Entertainment Committee Season Series. General admission is \$6. Advance tickets are \$4 for UAH faculty and staff, \$2 for students. For further information, call 895-6133.

WSIG Fall Program Planning

The WSIG Program Committee has worked hard to present programs that will be of interest to the UAH and Huntsville communities. As we end this academic year, it is appropriate to say thanks for the time and effort that the members of the committee have given. Beginning with the evening with Dr. Judith Lang Zaimont in November and through the numerous events scheduled for Spring Term, the Program Committee has attempted to provide opportunities for entertainment and intellectual growth.

On April 27, at 10 a.m., in MH Room 343, the Committee will meet to continue planning events for 1995-96. You are invited to be a part of that meeting or to share your ideas with any member of the committee. We welcome all opportunities and ideas to sponsor or cosponsor an event related to women and women's studies.

Thanks for your support of our efforts. Committee members are Ann Boucher, Diane Ellis, Craig Hanks, Marcy Lawton, Nancy Munson, Margo Mead, Rose Norman, Andree Reeves, Carolyn Sanders, Bhavani Sitaraman, Florianne Wild, and James Winchell.

Virginia Woolf Dinner Theater

Date: Friday, March 3, 1995

Time: 6:30 pm

Cocktails at 6:30

Dinner at 7:30

Place: The Huntsville Marriott
5 Tranquility Base
Huntsville, AL

The Women's Economic Development Council of North Alabama (WEDC) and the UAH Women's Studies Interest Group, in observance of Women's History Month, invite you to "A Room of One's Own," a one-woman play adapted by and featuring Bette Yeager as Virginia Woolf. Dinner will be provided by the Marriott. "A Room of One's Own" was published in 1929 by Virginia Woolf (1882-1941). This one-act adaption of Woolf's book brilliantly explores the importance of freedom for women and examines the relationship between gender, money and the work of an artist.

Tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased in advance. Send payment and reservation information (including Name, Address, Phone, and who you wish to sit with) to WEDC, P.O. Box 4761, Huntsville, AL 35815 by February 24, 1995. For more information, call Melissa Musgrove at 880-0680 (ext. 155) or see Andree Reeves (Political Science) for ticket information.



Women's Studies Resource Room

Morton Hall Room 216

Spring 1995 Hours

Monday 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.

Friday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

New materials are constantly being added to this collection. They are available for use in the Resource Room or available for check out to UAH students and faculty. Stop by to see us or to volunteer - Everyone is welcome!

Women's History Month Calendar of Events

March is Women's History Month and there is an exciting list of activities planned this year. For details on these events, see the related stories in this Newsletter.

- * **Thursday, March 2** "So Come Along: A Tribute to Gertude Stein." Dance and puppetry by A.S. Courtney and Sycamore, at 12:30-1:30 in Roberts Recital Hall. Admission is free.
- * **Friday, March 3** A Dinner Theater performance of Virginia Woolf's "A Room of One's Own" at 8:00 p.m. at Huntsville Marriott. (See story on page 2)
- Friday, March 3** Dr. Carolyn Sanders, Assistant Professor in the UAH Department of Music, will present a trumpet and organ recital 8:00 p.m. at Nativity Episcopal Church. John Lewis will be organist for the event. Admission is free.
- * **Tuesday, March 7** Carolyn Griner, newly appointed Deputy Director of the Marshall Space Flight Center, will address the Honor's Forum in the University Center Exhibit Hall from 11 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. The topic of the lecture will be "Women and the Space Program". Admission is free.
- * **Thursday, March 9** William O'Neill, author of Divorce in the Progressive Era and Everyone was Brave: The Rise and Fall of Feminism in America, will address the Honor's Forum 11-12:20 p.m. in UC Exhibit Hall. His topic will focus on women and war. Admission is free.
- * **Tuesday, March 21** poet, Carolyn Kizer will do a reading at the Honor's Forum 11-12:20 p.m. in UC Exhibit Hall. This Pulitzer Prize winner (1985) is currently writer-in-residence at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Dr. Kizer has also received the Frost Medal and Masfield Prize and published several books. Admission is free.
- Thursday, March 23** novelist, Kaye Gibbons at Huntsville Literary Association. She is the author of Ellen Foster, A Virtuous Woman, A Cure for Dreams, Charms for the Easy Life, and soon to be published, Sights Unseen. She will read from her work and be available for signing her books at a reception following the readings. The meeting will be at Ridley Hall of the Church of the Nativity, 212 Eustis Street, at 7:30 p.m. There is an admission charge, and tickets may be purchased at the door.
- Thursday, March 23** UAH Cultural Entertainment Committee is sponsoring an appearance by Hope Shiver in a one-woman show about Harriet Tubmann, "Get On Board." 8:15 p.m. Admin. Sc. Auditorium. (See story page 2)
- * **Friday and Saturday, March 24-25** Women's Film Festival 8 p.m. Arts Center (See story on page 1)
- * **Tuesday, April 11** Women's History Essay contest awards ceremony 7:00 p.m. in UC Exhibit Hall. (See story on page 1)

We encourage readers to take note and to attend these events. Share this information with colleagues. Posters and flyers are available for distribution. Contact Margo Mead, Program Chair, for more information about helping with promotion of the events.

* Events cosponsored with WSIG

About WSIG

WSIG is an open group of UAH Faculty, Students, and Staff interested in promoting Women's Studies at UAH. All interested persons are welcome to participate through joining committees, participating in programs and study groups, or other ways that seem appropriate. Formed in fall 1990, WSIG has mainly focused on coordinating women's studies efforts around campus, bringing people together to share information and expertise.

The WSIG newsletter is intended as a regular open forum for exchange of information. We would like to include information about activities and opportunities related to women's studies on UAH's campus and in the region.

Please send your newsletter contributions to WSIG, Box 1950, or give them directly to Nancy Finley, Sociology Department.

Conferences

There are currently efforts to arrange for cars to go to these meetings from UAH. If you are interested in attending, call Nancy Finley 895-6190.

National Women's Studies Association

After a year of tremendous growth and its very successful June 1994 conference at Iowa State University, the National Women's Studies Association moves for its 16th annual conference, "Women's Movements: Cultural, Intellectual, and Political (R)evolutions," to the University of Oklahoma on June 21-25. See the Women's Resource Room in Morton Hall for further details..

Southeastern Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting

This year's Southeastern Women's Studies Meetings will be held in Tuscaloosa, AL on March 3-5, 1995. The theme for this conference will be "Feminist Studies 2000." See the Women's Resource Room in Morton Hall for further information.

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