Womens's Studies Interest Group, Spring 1997

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"My Name is Julia"
performed by
Kathryn Tucker Windham

On Friday, March 14, 1997, UAH Women's Studies and the Women's Economic Development Council (WEDC) are planning a gala evening of theatrical entertainment and recognition of local women. A gourmet coffee and dessert reception will follow.

The evening begins with a performance of "My Name is Julia" by noted Alabama journalist, storyteller, and historian Kathryn Tucker Windham of Selma. The one-woman show dramatizes the life of Julia Tutwiler, an extraordinary Alabama educator and reform activist. The play will be presented at the Chan Auditorium in the UAH Administrative Science Building at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Women's Studies Program at UAH. Admission is $15.00 (a limited number of tickets at the door are $20.00). Tickets can be obtained at Shaver's Bookstore, La Boheme or UAH. For ticket information, call 890-6210.

On the same evening, local women who have served the community in positions of leadership will be recognized for their contributions. Non-profit service agencies and community organizations are encouraged to participate in the celebration by naming a woman to be honored on this occasion. For further information, contact Terry Williams at 461-9420, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

WOMAN ON FIRE

Menopause stories

See the video and meet the film maker on Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. "Mom's" University Center.

In this engaging 90-minute video, veteran film-maker Kathleen Laughlin has taken a circular look at menopause, from the very personal, to the new popular culture it has become; from the hidden stories of our mothers and ancestors, to the deeper connections between physiology and psychology. The insights are complemented by many personable and cogent interviews with writers, activists, artists, and health professionals.

Huntsville Feminist Chorus
Returns for Women's History Month

The Women's Studies Program will again sponsor the spring concert of the Huntsville Feminist Chorus, on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. as the opening activity for Women's History Month. This group of approximately 35 women played to a full house in Roberts Recital Hall at last year's concert. The group performs music which is culturally diverse, rich in texture, and transformative in content. They employ unusual percussion instruments to enhance and accompany their otherwise a cappella singing. Most of the music they sing is written by women. Their concerts are always lively, poignant, and powerful as they weave the threads of women's lives into a web of singing, poetry, dancing and drumming.

The concert this year will be held in Roberts Recital Hall, on the UAH Campus. As with all concerts of the Huntsville Feminist Chorus, there is no admission charge. A reception will follow the concert.
1210 Meridian
intimate, contemporary performance and workshops
presents
"TEA PARTY FOR THE DOLLS"
performance of puppetry by Anna Sue Courtney and Co.
March 14 and 15, 8 p.m.
Admission $5.00 For more information 536-5137.

Women's History Month
Student Essay Contest

The Woman's Studies Program at UAH will sponsor again this year the Women's History Month Student Essay Contest. High school and middle school students across North Alabama will be writing essays about this year's theme, "A Fine and Long Tradition of Community Leadership."
The Awards Celebration and the readings of the winning essays will occur on April 10, 7:00 p.m., in the University Center Exhibit Hall. For further information, contact Beth Young, 890-6320.

HUMANITIES CENTER GRANT ENHANCES LIBRARY COLLECTION IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

In the Spring of 1996, the Women's Studies program and the UAH Library collaborated in writing a grant proposal, submitted to the UAH Humanities Center, to purchase books on feminist theory, history, literature, and philosophy for the UAH Library. The proposal was funded by the Center and the books were ordered during the summer term. A total of 34 titles, some of them multi-volume sets, were selected to enhance the Library's ability to support teaching and research in women's studies. Listed below are some of the books purchased through the grant.


For more information about these books and others funded by the Humanities Center grant, or for information about donating books to the Library or to the Women's Studies program, contact Susan Herring at 890-6432, or Rose Norman at 890-6320.

The Women's Resource Room is On-line.
Gender in Management: A Panel Presentation

Friday, March 21, 1997
12:30-1:30 ASB 121
A Brown Bag Event

The Women's Studies Student Organization is proud to co-sponsor a panel presentation with the Women's Economic Development Council and the Student Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management. The topic will be "Gender in Management," and several successful businesswomen of the Huntsville community will speak on both the difficulties and the advantages women face in managerial positions. Panelists include: Sharon Morgan, President of Morgan Research, an engineering company; Wanda McNeil, Attorney; Alice Arrington, Exec. Director of Girls, Inc. of Huntsville; Ila Porter, Owner and Manager of Ben Porter Real Estate.

Our panelists will address managerial experiences specific to women, including differences in managerial and communication styles, the risk of burnout, and other gender-specific concerns across a wide range of businesses and professions. Bring your questions and your lunch! Beverages and dessert will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Carol Gilligan is Keynote Speaker at MTSU Conference

February 21-22, 1997
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro

The theme for the Middle Tennessee State University's 1997 Women's Studies Conference is "Women and Power." Along with panel sessions, films and workshops, this year's conference will also highlight several well-known scholars and artists. Carol Gilligan, professor of Education at Harvard University, will deliver the keynote on Friday, at 1:30 p.m. We are organizing a van trip from UAH to attend this event. Contact Nancy Finley 890-6190 if you are interested in going. For more information on this conference, visit the UAH Women's Resource Room for flyers, or contact Dr. Mary Magada-Ward at MTSU (615)898-5174.
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For further information on these courses, or the Women's Studies program in general, contact Dr. Rose Norman, Director of Women's Studies, UAH, 890-6320, normannr@email.uah.edu.

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