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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The most lethal weapon in the world's arsenal is not the neutron bomb or chemical warfare but the human mind that devises such things and puts them to use.

-Margaret Atwood

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Welcome to Spring! And to Women's History Month. I hope you've had a chance to sample some of the events, from Byllye Avery to the Spring Equinox Walk. If not, you're in luck; the month is still young! On Wednesday, March 27, at 12 noon in Kirby 323, you'll find the film, "Female Power in the Andes" moderated by Dr. Linda Belote, Director of Achievement Center and professor in the Department of Anthropology. On Saturday, March 30 at 6:00 at Transitional Housing for Women (218 E. 14th Ave), you'll find the Women's History Month Party, Potluck Dinner & Dance. And on Tuesday, April 2nd at 12 noon in Kirby 323, you'll find the film, "Zoned for Slavery: the Child Behind the Label," moderated by Melissa Taylor, member of the Union of Needle Industrial Trade Employers (UNITE). Like the other events, these promise to be stimulating and exciting! Hope to see you there!

-Linda Krug

FROM THE EDITOR

I have to admit...in a way, I am happy to see Women's History Month coming to a close. Along with it comes an end to the rushing that consumes us during this time with all the different activities that have been planned. However, I do not want to see an end to the consciousness raising that occurs during the month. A whole month dedicated to women and their issues gives us

some time to educate ourselves and others on what has been done for women and what kinds of issues women are currently working on.

Byllye Avery gave a kind of inspirational speech at the beginning of the month which focused on the interconnectedness of individuals. She told us that we can not just focus on one group of people when striving for equality. We must all work together in the struggle for human rights before we are to come any closer to an egalitarian society. This is similar the focus that Dr. Greta Gaard used in her film and discussion on Ecofeminsm.

We try hard during Women's History Month to be inclusive of all different types of women from all different backgrounds and beliefs. I am proud to be a part of a program that does not put one group of people before another, but does its best to view us all as equals. I know we have a long way to go before our society comes close to becoming an egalitarian society, but it helps me to not give up hope when I look at how far we have come in our struggles. I hear more and more people talking about how we are all interconnected and that we all must work together for our causes. I think this is the key to our progress.

-Kristin Ihlenfeld

ON CAMPUS

The University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance, at UMD invites all who are interested to attend a free performance by Kate Bornstein. Bornstein will perform *Cut & Paste*, a production of performance, reading, and lecture at the Kirby Ballroom, UMD, 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. A reception will follow.

Preceding the performance, Aurora: A Northland Lesbian Center and Spinsters Ink will host a noon book discussion group of Bornstein's book, Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women, and the Rest of Us, at the Building For Women.

Kate Bornstein is a male to female

omnisexual transexual actor, director, playwright/author, gender educator, and freelance journalist living in Seattle. Kate lectures on gender politics and queer art, has been a visiting teacher at Dell'Arte School of Physical Theater, and is a founding member of Outlaw Productions.

Kate will be performing *Cut & Paste*, a production of performance, reading, and lecture. *Cut & Paste* starts with the monologue Voice Lesson, recalling how Bornstein learned to talk like a female, through *Virtually Yours* - Kate's coming out story told from her mother's perspective, to a grammar lesson from a high school English teacher (complete with academic gender quiz for the audience), and more.

For more information about Kate Bornstein's performance or ULGBA, please call the UMD Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender Resource Center at (218) 726-7041. For more information on the book discussion, call Laura Stolle at Aurora (218) 722-4903.

•Women's History Month is coming to a close, but there are still a few events left to celebrate:

Wed. March 27

Film: "Female Power in the Andes"
Dr. Linda Belote, Director of Achievement Center and Department of Anthropology
12 noon, Kirby 323

Sat. March 30

Women's History Month Party
Potluck Dinner and Dance
Child care Provided
6:00 p.m. Transitional Housing for Women
(218 E. 14th Ave.)

Tues. April 2

Film: "Zoned for Slavery: The Child Behind the Label" (Central America and the Dominican Republic), by National Labor Committee 1995
Discussion by Melissa Taylor, member of the Union of Needle Industrial Trade Employers (UNITE)
12 noon, Kirby 323

IN DULUTH

An Earth Day Program will be held at the Depot Saturday, April 20, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. Melissa Kwasny, author of *Trees Call For What They Need* (Spinsters Ink, 1993) and *Modern Daughters and the Outlaw West* (Spinsters Ink, 1990) and Daniel

Coleman, author of *Eco-Politics: Building a Green Society* (Rutgers University Press, 1994) will share the podium at the Depot/Lake Superior Writers Series Earth Day program, in a collaborative effort between The Depot and Spinsters Ink. It will take place in the Duluth Playhouse auditorium in the Depot, 506 W. Michigan St., Duluth. Melissa Kwasny is a poet and fiction writer living in San Francisco, CA and Jefferson City, MT. Author of two novels, her poetry has appeared in numerous regional publications. She currently is working on a book of her poetry. Daniel Coleman is a Chapel Hill, NC Green activist and the founder of the Green movement in North Carolina. After a reading from *Trees* by Ms. Kwasny and a talk about eco-politics by Mr. Coleman, there will be time for questions and discussion. Afterwards, there will be a book signing and reception, with food donated by Whole foods Co-op. Northern Lights Books & Gifts will have both Ms. Kwasny's and Mr. Coleman's books available for purchase at this event.

For more information, call Marianne Bouska at the Depot at 727-8025, or Claire Kirch at Spinsters Ink at 727-3222.

POSITIONS OPENING

Kansas State University is searching for an Asst./Assoc. Professor in Women's Studies. Must have a Ph.D. with research and publication in Women's Studies, feminist issues, or gender. Suggested areas, but not limited to: race and gender, feminist theory, gender and science, women and religion, women and public policy. The review process of submitted applications will begin April 16, 1996.

To find out more write to: Chair, WOMST Search Committee, Women's Studies Program, Room 3 Leasure Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-3505.

IN MINNESOTA

The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University are hosting a regional conference titled, "Women and Work", April 15 - 20. A wide variety of presentations, discussions and other activities are scheduled but the focus of the conference is on the historic and current relationship of women and work. Topics of discussion include: how women see themselves within a culture; how work empowers or limits women; how women's work defines social class and degree of social

mobility; and how, although all of these factors have changed over time, the history of women's work clarifies our understanding of today's economic, cultural and social realities.

For more details contact Connie Cross, director of public affairs (612) 363-5407.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

The National Women's Music Festival will be held June 6 - 9, 1996 on the campus of Indiana University. Some guest speakers include: Margarethe Cammermeyer, Jewelle Gomez, Ffiona Morgan, Pat Califia, and Luisah Teish. Included in the music performances are: Melanie DeMore, Mrs. Fun, Lea Delaria, Ronnie Gilbert, Swagi Taiko, Linda Tillery, and the Cultural Heritage Choir, Dianne Davidson, Cathryn Warner with Sandy Ayala, Azucar Crema, and Jamie Anderson. There will also be fine arts exhibits, theater presentations with Debra Wright and Carmelita Tropicana, with 70 artists and craftswomen over 250 workshops, golf, basketball, and other outdoor sports, films and videos.

To receive more information and application for registration notify NWMF, P.O. Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1427 or fax (317) 927-9355. They can also be located on the internet at: <http://al.com/wia>.

• Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs is holding its seventeenth annual conference, "*Borders/Crossings/Passages: Women Reinterpreting Development*", June 12 - 16, 1996. The National Women's Studies Association will consider models and strategies for women's development across cultural, sexual, economic, national, institutional, and disciplinary borders. Broadening the concept of women and development to include multiple meanings and diverse perspectives as well as critique, the conference will raise questions concerning the boundaries and borders - literal and figurative - that have defined and sometimes divided women.

To receive more information contact: Conference Program, (518) 584-5000, ext. 2387, e-mail: prubio@skidmore.edu.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dr. Greta Gaard will be back on campus next fall and will once again be teaching a class on Ecofeminism. Ecofeminism (WS 3600) will "start out with an introduction to the varieties of

thought within ecofeminism: radical ecofeminism, social ecofeminism, socialist ecofeminism. We learn the different reasons feminists have used for linking environmental concerns with women's equality. And we look at the various paths that have led women to take an ecofeminist perspective -- peace activism, feminism, environmentalism, anti-toxics activism, animal liberation ethics, and spiritual practices."

Check the Fall course catalog for class times and registration number.

• The ENCORE program in Duluth provides **free breast and cervical cancer screening** for older women at approved medical facilities. Services available include a clinical breast examination, a mammogram, a pap test, and transportation to clinic appointments. These tests are especially important to women 50 and older. As women age, the risk for breast cancer and cervical cancer increases.

To receive these no charge breast and cervical cancer tests, a woman must:

- Be 40 or older for a mammogram
- Be 25 or older for pap smear, pelvic exam, and breast exam
- Meet income guidelines
- Be insured or under - insured

This program is offered in cooperation with the Minnesota Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

For more information, contact Susan at 722-7425.

• A web site is available named To The Contrary where there is weekly news and a current affairs show featuring an all - woman panel. Each week, national issues are debated and they focus in-depth on a topic of particular relevance to women. To The Contrary provides a platform for women of all political, racial, and ethnic backgrounds to discuss and debate topics of national importance, as well as issues of particular relevance to women -- an opportunity unequaled anywhere else in television. Every week, To The Contrary expands viewer's perceptions of what women think, what women want, and what women can accomplish.

Contact Laura Brennan at (410) 581-4245 for more information.

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"Because women's work is never done and is underpaid or boring or repetitious and we're the first to get the sack and what we look like is more important than what we do and if we get raped it's our fault and if we get bashed we must have provoked it and if we raise our voices we're nagging bitches and if we enjoy sex we're nymphos and if we don't we're frigid and if we love women it's because we can't get a "real" man and if we ask our doctor too many questions we're neurotic and/or pushy and if we expect community childcare for children we're selfish and if we stand up for our rights we're aggressive and "unfeminine" and if we don't we're typical weak females and if we want to get married we're out to trap a man and if we don't we're unnatural and because we still can't get an adequate safe contraceptive but men can walk on the moon and if we can't cope or don't want a pregnancy we're made to feel guilty about abortion and...for lots and lots of other reasons we are part of the women's liberation movement."

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