

'NOW' time to shake label

Local group fights campus sexism, racism

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Contributing Reporter

The local president of the National Organization for Women said the group is not made up of a bunch of bra-burning feminists.

Most people tend to label groups like NOW as extremist, but president Debb Thorne said members are just normal, everyday people tired of discrimination.

On a national level, NOW is active in such issues as equal representation of women in politics, parental leave in the work place, gay and lesbian rights, child welfare and reproductive choice for women, Thorne said.

The Pullman chapter of NOW is involved in the "Take Back the Night March" — a demonstration of anger about the fact that women can't go out at night, Thorne said. They also take part in the "Roe vs. Wade" March, celebrating the anniversary of the decision to legal-

ize abortion.

The main objective of the local NOW is to raise consciousness regarding sexism and racism, Thorne said, adding, "You can't have major political movements without awareness."

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— Judy Meuth
Women's Studies Instructor

To help raise awareness, NOW, in conjunction with the WSU Women's Studies Program, sponsored a showing of "Academic Harassment," a movie about sexual

harassment in higher education. The movie is an attempt to make people aware of sexual harassment in academia and to comfort those that have encountered harassment, Thorne said.

"Equity in education must begin with an environment in which women are safe from unwanted sexual advances. Many women do not yet have a name for what happens to them and we want them to be aware of the behaviors included in sexual harassment," Judy Meuth, a Women's Studies instructor at WSU, said.

Anyone can join NOW. Often men get involved after their wife, daughter or mother is a victim of discrimination.

Women have a more direct incentive for becoming a member of NOW since the current wage rate for women is 74 cents for every one dollar a man earns, Thorne said.

Sexism is destructive to men as well as women, Thorne said. "It stereotypes both."

Thorne's personal perspective of NOW's goal is "that differences are appreciated and respected and that everyone has a fair shot regardless of their class, race or sex."

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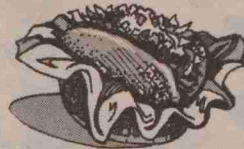
Announcements

- **RHA meeting** 7 tonight in the CUB Gridiron Room.
- **Women's Transit** is now running. Hours are Fri. and Sat. from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., and Sun. through Thurs. from 8 p.m. to midnight. Operations will begin at 6 p.m. when it gets darker outside. Women walking alone can call 5-6830.
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- **The WSU chapter of PSI CHI**, the national physiology honor society is holding its first regular meeting at 7:30 tonight in Johnson Tower 235C.
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- **WSU Cycling Club Rides:** If you want to ride meet at the P.E. Building on the Intramural Field weekdays at 3:30 p.m., and weekends at 10 a.m. Call Pat at 5-3466 for details.
- **The WSU Gay and Lesbian Assoc.** (GALA) meets regularly. For information about events or if you want to talk to someone, call 5-4311. Confidentiality is assured.
- **ASWSU** invites any recognized student organization to attend the ASWSU Expo, held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 16 and 17, on Holland lawn. Space is limited and assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. Sign up on the third floor of the CUB.
- **Phi Kappa Theta:** Come check out Wazzu's newest Greeks! Informal Rush at 8 tonight in CUB 214. Call Wade at 334-6973 for information.
- **The Lesbian Supper Club** meets for dinner and a viewing of Desert Heart at 6:30 tonight in CUB B-19B. This club is a social group for all lesbians in the Pullman-Moscow community. Call the WRRRC at 5-3680 for more information.
- **Students & Faculty: Peace Corps Recruiters** will be on campus Sept. 15 and 16, and would like to speak to student organizations and classes. Call Kevin at 5-5060 for more information. Sponsored by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of the Palouse.
- **Student Employees:** Get the most out of your campus work experience. Attend Partners, a Human Resource Services offering. The two part course is from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 21 and 23. To register, call Evelyn at 5-4521.
- **Law School Admissions Prep (LSAT)** class begins at UI today and runs until Sept. 28. Class time is Mon., Wed, and Fri. from 7-9 p.m. \$10 per session, \$55 for all 7 sessions. Call 885-6486.
- **The Daily Evergreen** will run your briefs free. Any news on upcoming events for you club will be published on a first-come, first-serve basis. Drop off your information in the basement of Murrow building at the Student Publications office.

Correction

Charlie Carlson is earning his Ph.D in Secondary Mathematical Education, not business, as was incorrectly reported in a Sept. 11 article titled "Sig-Ep live-in adviser in familiar territory." Also, Carlson does not condone partying in the fraternities.

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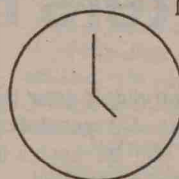
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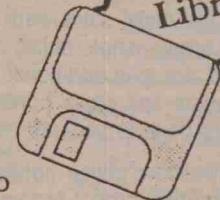
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