March 1997

National Women's History Month

A Fine and Long Tradition of Community Leadership

National Women's History Month is a month-long celebration and examination of the contributions, accomplishments, and varied roles of women throughout history. The 1997 theme, "A Fine and Long Tradition of Community Leadership," provides an opportunity for communities to honor their own leaders, as well as community leaders throughout the country, who have made a positive difference in the lives of women.

Featuring:

Andrea Dworkin
Lisa Tiger
Julia Wood
Mary Ann Graeve
Jen Peterson

All events are free and open to the public.

Keynote Address:
6th Annual National Student Conference on Campus Sexual Violence

Andrea Dworkin:
"Ending Sexual Violence: Commitment, Conflict, and Endurance"

Friday, March 21
8 p.m.
Atwood Ballroom

Dworkin is internationally renowned as a radical feminist activist and author who has helped break the silence on the issue of violence against women. In her determination to articulate the experiences of poor, lower-class, marginal, and prostituted women, she has deepened public awareness of rape, battery, pornography, and prostitution. The author of 12 books, she is a political artist of unparalleled achievement. Andrea will address the depth of her commitment, her strength in the face of conflict, and her courageous journey of endurance.

This presentation has been organized by Campus Advocates Against Sexual Assault (CAASA) and cosponsored by numerous campus organizations and departments.

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A tradition of excellence and opportunity
Keynote address for National Women's History Month and the Women's Health Issues series

Lisa Tiger
“Why Happened to Me Can Happen to You: Women and AIDS”
April 2, 7 p.m., Ritsche Auditorium.
Reception to follow keynote presentation.
Women are the fastest growing population contracting the HIV virus, and women with AIDS die six times faster than men. AIDS is the fourth leading cause of death of women ages 25-44, and women account for ten percent of all AIDS cases. What strategies for educating women and men about this deadly disease are the most effective? As the keynote speaker for National Women's History Month and in conjunction with SCSU's Health Fair, Lisa Tiger will give a personal account of the challenges and realities of living with HIV/AIDS as a Native American woman.

Lisa Tiger is a member of the Muscogee Nation and is of Creek, Seminole and Cherokee descent. On July 5, 1992, she learned she had tested positive for HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS. Lisa made choices on the cause of AIDS education, prevention, and research. Lisa is certified by the Red Cross as an AIDS educator and she has taken her message to schools, colleges, clinics, and conferences throughout the nation. Lisa enjoys exchanging ideas with the Native American people and believes a return to traditional values will give men and women of all tribes the strength and determination to work together against poverty, suicide, lethal alcoholic syndrome, alcoholism, drug addiction, and AIDS. Lisa's most cherished wish is to see a day when all tribes are in alliance to preserve the health, history, and culture of each and every Native American.

Julia Wood
“John Gray is from Mars: Men, Women and Communication”
Monday, March 24, 10-11 a.m.
Atwood Little Theater
This presentation will examine the differences and similarities between men's and women's communication styles. Wood will review popular, as well as scholarly, publications on the topic.

Julia Wood is a full professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a prolific author. She is the recipient of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender's 1993 Best Book award for Who Cares? Women, Care and Culture

“Mentoring Women Faculty”
Monday, March 24, Noon-1:30 p.m.
Voyageur South, Atwood
In a conversation over a brown-bag lunch, Julia Wood will lead a discussion of mentoring women faculty, especially junior faculty, and ways of providing personal and professional mentoring for them. Beverages will be provided.

Organized by the Department of Speech Communication and cosponsored by the Affirmative Action Office, Faculty Center on Teaching Excellence, the Department of Women's Studies, and the Women's Center.

GIRLS TOWN
Film and discussion
Monday, March 24, 2-4 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Atwood Little Theater
GIRLS TOWN is a unique coming-of-age tale that involves three young women grappling with the loss of their friend, and in the process, gaining a sense of their own voices and the impact they can have on their world. Winner of both the Filmmaker's Trophy and a Special Jury Prize at the 1996 Sundance Film Festival, GIRLS TOWN addresses issues ranging from acquaintance rape to empowerment. An appealing alternative film that raises awareness about issues facing young women, GIRLS TOWN is a great vehicle to foster substantive dialogue about topics relevant to the study of women's lives. Discussion will follow the film.

Spring quarter 1997
“Women on Wednesday”
Women's Health Issues: Knowing, Understanding and Taking Charge!
(Call the Women's Center for a "WOW" brochure)

“The Spirit of Healing: Integrative Health Care”
March 19, 1997, Noon to 1 p.m.
Atwood Center, South Voyageurs Room
Our bodies are naturally inclined to maintain a state of health and a sense of wellness. Wellness encompasses not only our physical and mental health, but also our psyche or spirit. Nurturing our spirit facilitates good health and well being. This session will explore the spirit of healing and the role of integrative health care in healing.

Presenter: Mary Ann Groves is a registered nurse and a certified adult nurse practitioner. She also is a certified massage therapist, using acupuncture, and therapeutic touch in her healing practice. Groves received her education from the University of Minnesota. She has many years of experience in medical and health care settings, most recently as a provost at Central Minnesota Group Health Plan. She instituted a self-care program at Group Health using integrative methods of healing.

“Reproductive Rights and Health”
March 26, 1997, Noon to 1 p.m.
Atwood Center, South Voyageurs Room
What type of birth control is best for me and my partner, and what are future trends? What kind of impact will RU 486 have on the reproductive lives of women and men? What are the different choices and options available to women and men facing unintentional pregnancies? What about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases? What is the abortion process? These and other issues surrounding women's and men's reproductive health will be discussed.

Presenter: Jen Peterson is a reproductive health counselor and director of education at Robbinsdale Clinic P.A., and a 1994 St. Cloud State alumnus with a degree in applied psychology and community health. Peterson is on the speakers' bureau for Pro-Choice Resources Hersey Abortion Fund and has been active with Planned Parenthood and the St. Cloud Family Planning Board.