

## ISU Academic Advisor Campus Updates December 16, 2008

Heidi Harold - Assistant Director for Programming,  
Janet C Anderson Gender Resource Center

Heidi noted the purpose of the Janet C Anderson Gender Resource Center is to increase awareness and promote open dialogue about gender. The staff includes Heidi, Rebecca Morrow, who serves as Director of the Center, and Kimberly Talbot, who is the Assistant Director for Advocacy.

- The Janet C Anderson Gender Resource Center is funded through student fees & reports to the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Center's website is <http://www.isu.edu/departments/andersoncenter/> Students can sign up for the Center's listserv at this site.
- In October 2008, the Center celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> year and, as a fund raiser, is requesting \$10 donations for 10 years of service to ISU.
- During 2007-2008, the Center sponsored over 65 events in Pocatello & Idaho Falls and was awarded grants of over \$23,600.
- Project Hope is the Center's advocacy program which includes domestic violence & sexual assault awareness programs, provides on-site crisis intervention, response and legal advocacy, protection order assistance, stalking, and related resources & referrals for ISU students. Counseling for non-sexual assault, and other concerns are referred to the ISU Counseling Center staff.
- Who is involved at the Center:
  1. Over 25% of students are male and 72% female
  2. Age of participants ranges from 18 to 70 years of age.
  3. During Women's History month:
    - ~ 29% of participants are male
    - ~ 69 % are female
    - ~ 2% report themselves as "other"
  4. All ethnic minority groups are represented among those who have used the Center, noting gender preference as 78% heterosexual, 15% "no response", and 7% gay, lesbian or bi-sexual.
- Statistics for 2007-08 note that 237 students, faculty & staff sought assistance for rape-related, stalking, physical assault, sexual harassment, child abuse & neglect, domestic/dating violence, and other issues.
- Annual events include:
  1. Every-other-Thursday Series focusing on Gender & Religion in 2007-08, and Gender & Family in 2008-09
  2. Brassiere Bazaar (raised \$335 for breast cancer awareness)
  3. Annual African American Read-In for Women Writers
  4. Take Back the Night (focusing on domestic violence) each April as part of the National Take Back the Night Event

5. National Coming Out Day (Oct. 10)
  6. In October, Annual Walk-A-Mile-in-her-Shoes Fundraiser
  7. In November, Transgender Day of Remembrance
  8. December 1, World AIDS Day
- Other Services
    1. Women's Issues & Sexual Empowerment (WISE) - focused on prevention of transmission of HIV & STI
    2. During 2007-2008 the Center increased its programs in Idaho Falls
  - New Programs:
    1. Poster campaign: You Decide, We Support
    2. WILL (Women in Learning & Leading) program which focuses on creation of a Learning Community in the ISU residence halls.
    3. AAUW CAP Grant awarded to the Center which will create an overnight Leadership event on campus May 22 & 23, 2009 for 75 high school girls from Southeast Idaho. Workshops & fun events will focus on graduating from high school & opportunities at ISU.
    4. 2009 Walk a Mile In Her Shoes Calendar
    5. Newly-established ISU Student Parent Club for families with young children with goals to develop stroller parking designated areas, diaper changing stations in men's restrooms on campus, a babysitting coop, and other support and resources.