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PEACC Relocates to New Offices on Belknap

Beginning in April 2005, the Student Health and Counseling Center Building on Belknap Campus will be the new home of U of L's Prevention, Education, and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community (PEACC) Program.

The Department of Justice Administration has provided PEACC with office space in Brigman Hall since the program began in 1999 with a grant from the federal Department of Justice/Violence Against Women Office. With these funds, PEACC has worked with its campus and community partners—including U of L's Justice Administration, Kent School of Social Work, Public Safety, Women's Center, and The Center for Women and Families in Louisville—to meet the needs of victims of sexual assault and to prevent violence against women.

With this move, PEACC will have more room to expand its programs and services to the campus community. Sharon LaRue, PEACC Program Director, along with project

coordinator Shannon Wendt, administrative assistant Ora Mae Gilkey, volunteer coordinator Angela Bland, and Men of PEACC coordinator Jason Wade, will continue their ongoing projects. The projects include victim services, prevention training and educational workshops, peer education initiatives, public awareness campaigns, and a collaboration with UofL's coordinated response team to implement a sexual misconduct policy.

For more information about the PEACC Program, call Sharon LaRue at 852-2663 or email sdlaru01@louisville.edu.



"When Battered Women Fight Back"

BOSH Quilt on Display at Ekstrom Library through April

In 1995, clemency was granted to ten women convicted of killing, conspiring to kill, or assaulting the men who for years had abused them. Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones got involved that year after viewing a quilt displayed at the Kentucky State Fair made by some of these battered women (dubbed the *Sisters in Pain*). The quilt, created as part of the Battered Offenders Self Help group (BOSH) at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women, visually details the stories of the abused and their journey through the legal system. Eventually, twelve women were paroled as a result of the quilt project.

A replica of the quilt will be on display through April in the Ekstrom Library Lobby on Belknap Campus. For more information about the history of the BOSH Quilt, check out the Louisville Clothesline Project at www.louisvilleclothesline.org.

"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" at UofL April 28

Young folks will be visiting UofL on Thursday, April 28, as part of "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day."

Founded by the Ms. Foundation for Women, the Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work® Day program was created to provide an opportunity for girls and boys to share their dreams and communicate their expectations for the future.

The Women's Center will participate in this event by hosting a "welcome table" on campus. Activity materials, snacks, and giveaways will be available.

For more information, please call the Women's Center at 852-8976 or email womenctr@louisville.edu.

Information about "Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work® Day," including suggested activities, is on its official web site, www.daughtersandsonstowork.org.

Women Who Write Announces Annual Contest

For those women who possess the desire to write (viewed by some to be both a gift and a curse), a local organization is again offering the chance to compete for a prize. The contest—the Ninth Annual Poetry and Short Prose Contest for Women—is sponsored by Women Who Write, a local group founded by UofL's Women Center in 1993.

Held every year to showcase local writers, the contest offers three cash prizes in each category of poetry and short prose, along with a gift certificate from Borders Books & Music and a tote bag from the University of Louisville Women's Center.

Each winner will be invited to read her work at a public reading and reception in December at Borders Books & Music on Shelbyville Road in Louisville.

To learn more about the contest's rules, or for more information about Women Who Write, call Carridder Jones at 502-426-9158, email her at cmjone01@gwise.louisville.edu, or go to www.louisville.edu/provost/womenctr/women_who_write.html.

The final lesson a writer learns is that everything can nourish the writer. The dictionary, a new word, a voyage, an encounter, a talk on the street, a book, a phrase learned.

Anais Nin

The secret of joy in work is contained in one word—excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it.

Pearl S. Buck

Congratulations to . . .

Fall and Spring graduates from the Department of Women's and Gender Studies: The M.A. program, started in June 2004, will have its first three graduates this spring: **Sara Gibson, Elizabeth Hatchett, Jessica Underwood.** Graduate Certificate in women's and gender studies: **Malinda Daniel,** with her graduate degree in Pan-African Studies. The graduates from the undergraduate program this year include May graduates **Kelly Nooning, Sara Ogburn, Bobby Plienis,** and **Yukiyo Sasahara,** and December graduates **Amanda Scheldorf,** and **Erika Fleshman.**

Jeanelle Sears, U of L's first Fulbright Scholar for 2005-2006, Sears, an anthropology major and Honors student, received the Fulbright for the master's program in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies at the American University in Cairo.

Meghan Little of women's golf and **Karen Bramer** of women's rowing for being named Outstanding Graduating Senior Athletes, and **The Women's Golf Team** for winning the Team GPA award for maintaining the highest grade point average.

Lilyalyce Akers, University of Louisville professor of sociology, who was among three women to receive the 2005 Kentucky Women Remembered award. For twenty-five years, this award has been given to honor outstanding Kentucky women and their achievements. The other winners are the late Mary Elliott Flanery and the late Jeannette Bell Thomas, both of Boyd County. Dr. Akers was honored for her years of leadership advocating the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and for her tireless work with the United Nations, Business and Professional Women/USA, and many other organizations.

Sena Jeter Naslund, University of Louisville professor of English, for being named Kentucky poet laureate. The two-year appointment honors outstanding writers and promotes literary arts in Kentucky. In addition to her many accomplishments as a writer, Naslund is Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Louisville, and program director of the Spalding University brief-residency Master of Fine Arts in Writing Program. She received U of L's distinguished teaching award in 1980 and the president's award for outstanding scholarship, research, and creative activity in 2000.

Winners of this year's Disability Awareness Awards: Each year, UofL's Disability Resource Center honors those who have "gone the extra mile to promote disability awareness and accessibility on our campus and/or in the community." Among the winners named at the Center's tenth annual luncheon were **Kelly Kaufman,** Academic Achievement & Personal Growth Award; **Cathy Bays,** U of L School of Nursing, Faculty of the Year; **Jenny Smith,** Masters degree, University of Louisville, 1998, Disabled Alumna; **Sherri Gary,** Outstanding Service Awards.

UofL Faculty honored for Distinguished Teaching and Service: The University of Louisville holds an event each Spring to recognize faculty for their accomplishments in their chosen fields.

In the category of **Distinguished Service,** the honorees include **Linda Ewald,** Brandeis School of Law for Distinguished Career of Service; **Susan Kosse,** Brandeis School of Law for Service to the Community, Commonwealth and Region; **Wendy Pfeffer,** College of Arts and Sciences, for Service to the Profession; **Hannelore Rader,** University Libraries, for National/International Service.

In the category of Distinguished Teaching, **the honorees include Pam Yankeelov,** Kent School of Social Work.

Jane Thibault, School of Medicine, received the **Presidential Exemplary Multicultural Teaching Award.** The nominees for this award included **Margaret D'Silva,** Department of Communication, College of Arts and Sciences.

In the category of **University and Distinguished University Scholars,** the honorees include **Barbara Wheeler,** School of Music, as a University Scholar, and **Anita Barbee,** Kent School of Social Work, as a Distinguished University Scholar.

Nancy Martin, Office of Research, was honored in the **License recipient** category. **Paula Bates,** with Don Miller and John Trent, School of Medicine, was honored in the category of **Patents Recipients.**

The University announced faculty named to endowed chairs in the previous year. They include **Gina Bertocci,** bioengineering, Endowed Chair of Biomechanics, J.B. Speed School of Engineering; **La Creis Renee Kidd,** pharmacology and toxicology, James Graham Brown Foundation "Our Highest Potential" Chair in Cancer Research, School of Medicine; and **Olfa Nasraoui,** computer engineering and computer science, Endowed Chair for E-Commerce, J.B. Speed School of Engineering.

The Women's Center at the University of Louisville is seeking a UofL student to fill its part-time position of

Student Events Coordinator

Since it was founded in 1991, the Women's Center at the University of Louisville has worked to promote equality, to increase women's self-reliance, and to heighten the understanding of women's contributions in all cultures and societies. The Center does this through its programming and by working with its partners on the campuses and in the community.

The Women's Center is currently accepting applications for the position of student events coordinator. This position was established to reach out to the traditional-age student at U of L who is interested in putting her interests in women's issues to work either by learning more about women's issues or by creating programs and working relationships with other students.

The student events coordinator is responsible for planning and coordinating programs and projects that directly benefit students: workshops, lectures, discussions, etc. As a member of the University community, the coordinator utilizes the existing alliances between the Women's Center and academic departments, including the Women's and Gender Studies Department and the Department of Pan-African Studies; service units, such as the PEACC Program, Student Activities Board, Multicultural Academic Enrichment Program, and the International Center; and student organizations, such as the Student Government Association, Resident Student Association, and commonGround. The coordinator is welcome, however, to develop working relationships with other on-campus organizations.

Additional responsibilities include being available to serve as an advocate for women students by responding to their needs and collaborating with the other members of the Women's Center staff on special projects.

The ideal candidate for this position is a well-organized self-starter with excellent communication skills, a person who is at an advanced stage of developing her feminist sensibilities—from curious about some aspect of women's issues to passionately committed to women's equality.

This position is part-time (approximately, 15 hours per week, starting wage \$9.00 per hour) and is designed for the busy UofL student who would appreciate the opportunity to work in a setting that reflects her interest in women's issues and offers the possibility of applying what she learns in her studies by putting them to work.

The application deadline is Wednesday, May 11, 2005. Applications will be accepted, however, until the position is filled.

To apply, please submit a letter of application stating why you would like to work at the Women's Center, describing the strengths you would bring to the job and ideas for involving students. Please include the contact information of three references.

Please mail your application to the Women's Center, Room 4 Administrative Annex, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292.



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Derby Pin Sales Raise Funds for UofL Rowing Team

For those UofL folks who are fans of women's sports and the Kentucky Derby Festival, the Central Cardinal Club, an athletic booster club of the University of Louisville, is selling Kentucky Derby Festival Pegasus Pins to raise funds for UofL's rowing team.

The Rowing Program at the University of Louisville was begun in 1999, along with golf and softball, to improve UofL's gender equity record in athletics. Since then, it has built an impressive record of wins against other programs in the U.S.

The Pegasus Pins have become a familiar symbol of the Kentucky Derby Festival since they were first introduced in 1973 to raise funds for the events leading up to the Kentucky Derby.

Denita Campo, a technology consultant with UofL's Department of Information Technology, is selling the pins for the club. She can be reached by calling 852-4320 or denita.campo@louisville.edu.



UofL Women's Club Selects Thelkeld Scholarship Winners

Two University of Louisville students recently received \$500 scholarships from the UofL Women's Club's Hilda Threlkeld Scholarship Fund.

The two winners are **Ha Dinh** and **Jenny Krouse**. Ms. Dinh is a senior majoring in English with a minor in political science. She plans to pursue a masters of arts in teaching degree after graduation. Ms. Krouse is a graduate student in the Kent School of Social Work. She is completing her field placement at Metro United Way.

The **Hilda Threlkeld Scholarship Fund** is named in honor of Hilda Threlkeld (1889 -1966), who was the first dean of women at UofL.

The University of Louisville Women's Club is the oldest club affiliated with UofL. It was formed in 1928 as the "Faculty Wives Club" because most faculty members were men. It began as a monthly meeting of faculty wives convened by the wife of the Dean of the Liberal Arts College. Its purpose then was to help wives of faculty members meet each other and strengthen interest in U of L. In 1939, the Club assumed its current name. The club continues its social, educational, and financial projects to this day.

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