

# THE OSU Women's Center's WIRE & ZINE

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Off-Campus Resource Exchange

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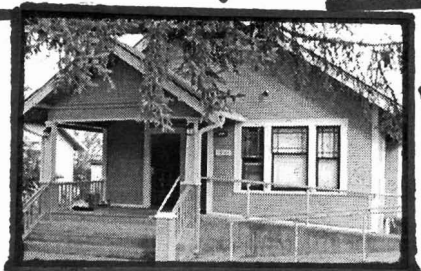
# THE CENTERS



NAL

What better way to show our love for the cultural & resource centers on campus than to give them each a page to help decorate our lovely Zine! All the centers inhabit their own little corners on campus, yet we all work towards equality for all people -- an idea that will always bridge the physical gaps between each and every little safe space.

Enjoy the efforts & creativity displayed by each center and go check them out sometime!



Pride Center



Women's Center

an excerpt from "Dragon Ladies:  
Asian American Feminists Breathe Fire"

# MAKING WAVES BIG AND SMALL

The first wave of Asian women's organizing formed out of the Asian American movement of the 1960s, which in turn was inspired by the civil rights movement and the anti-Viet Nam War movement. While many Asian American women are quick to note that women's issues are the same as men's issues -- i.e., social justice, equity, human rights -- history shows that Asian American men have not necessarily felt the same way. Leftist Asian women in Yellow Power and other Asian American groups often found themselves left out of the decision-making process and their ideas and concerns relegated to "women's auxiliary" groups that were marginal to the larger projects at hand. Not surprisingly, large organizations of primarily middle-class East Asian women flourished during these years. These

groups devoted themselves to education and service projects, rather than to directly resisting social injustices. However, conservative and mainstream institutions supported these "model minority" activities because it implied there was a "good" minority in tacit opposition to the "bad" minorities -- African Americans and Latinos. At the same time, the model minority myth helped countless struggling Asian Americans start businesses and send their kids to Ivy League schools, and was thus consciously upheld by Asian American community leaders.

White feminists and other liberals advanced this feel-good fantasy with celebrations of Asian American culture and people. The result was a triple pressure on Asian women to conform to the docile, warm, upwardly mobile stereotype that liberals, conservatives, and their own community members all wanted to promote. The political context of the 1990s is significantly different and today, Asian immigrant professionals are less vital to the labor market and are thus, in a familiar cycle, being forced down the status ladder.

With fewer and fewer class interests to divide them, they are shaping a new movement, one that goes beyond just agitating for our little piece of the ever-shrinking pie. They are putting poor immigrant and refugee Asian women at the forefront of their organizing, thinking globally, and they are making the connections among the politics of labor, health, environment, culture, nationalism, racism, and patriarchy. A different sort of Dragon Lady is emerging -- not a cold-blooded reptile,

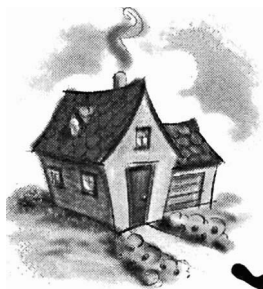
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choice

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- 1 An Afternoon with Tea and Dimsum- bring you and your mom (mom's weekend) for delicious tea and yummy dimsum Free May 6th at the APCC 1-3pm
- 2 The Changing Role Of Women in Asian Cultures, 5:30 Monday May 21st at the APCC in collaboration with International Cultural Service Program

# Connection



Women's Center

We both provide:

- study space
- safe environment
- support
- diverse programs
- equity

## Did you know

that it takes only about **697** steps (we really counted) to get from the Women's Center to the Black Cultural Center. So come and visit! We're open from 10–8pm on Monday – Wednesday; 10–6pm on Thursday; and 10–5pm on Friday.



Black Cultural Center

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## Upcoming Events

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- ☐ Afro-Latino Week: May 14<sup>th</sup>– May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Featuring a student talent showcase, lectures, a concert and more.
- ☐ Juneteenth Week: May 29<sup>th</sup>– June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Featuring a Kick-off in the Quad, Keynote Speaker Kevin Fuller, and a Dinner.

## EL CENTRO

By: D-REX!

### Francisco Juarez



MAJOR: Graphic Design

INTERESTS: BMX, graphic design, music, video editing

POSITION: Publications Coordinator

D-Rex's THOUGHTS: Francisco always, ALWAYS knows how to make me laugh. He's so on top of his work all of the time. The Centro would not have been as much fun as it is without him there. :-)

### Leo Soto, Jr.



MAJOR: DHE

INTERESTS: the desire to skydive, talk on the cellphone

POSITION: Community Outreach Coordinator

D-Rex's THOUGHTS: I've known Jr. since high school, and I can't imagine going through the rest of my life without him.

### Jessica Barriga



MAJOR: General Science, option in pre-nursing

INTERESTS: eat, sleep, workout, listen to techno

POSITION: Office Assistant

D-Rex's THOUGHTS: This girl always makes staff meetings so much fun. Her laughter is contagious and she better not leave! :-)

### Eddie Serrano



MAJOR: Business Administration, Computer Science

INTERESTS: sports, dancing, hanging out, DJing

POSITION: Office Assistant

D-Rex's THOUGHTS: When I first met Eddie, I was really drawn in to his calm and collected composure. Eddie and I are always joking, too. He generally makes me happy all the time. :-)

### Emanuel Magaña



MAJOR: Ethnic Studies

INTERESTS: sports and video games (and comic books)

POSITION: Activities Coordinator

D-Rex's THOUGHTS: So, every time I see Emanuel I always see Spider-Man. But in all seriousness, Emanuel really captures the vibrant personality that makes the Centro unique. It's always a good time with Spidey. :-)

### Hunnan Pope



MAJOR: Construction Engineering Management

INTERESTS: games, the guitar, and girls

POSITION: Activities Coordinator

D-Rex's THOUGHTS: Hmmm...Hunnan. Hunnan and I go way back (i.e. last year), and we have developed a really good friendship. Except he makes fun of me a lot. But I still love him! :-)

### Blanca Vázquez



MAJOR: Business Administration

INTERESTS: loves to dance, watch movies, Danza

POSITION: Internal Coordinator

D-Rex's THOUGHTS: She's graduating! Blanca has been one of the prime reasons the Centro is in such great shape. I only hope that next year's Internal can fill her shoes, if only a little bit. :-)

*It's been a pretty amazing year with a really phenomenal staff. Come to the Centro and get to know us a little better!*

*In Unity,*

*Desirée Segura AKA D-REX!*



# Getting to Know the Native American Longhouse!



Melody Christy Deahna January Kristen & P. SIVE

# Pride Center

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Spirit  
Office Assistant

She amazes her friends  
with delight and energy

Sam Leinen  
External Coordinator

Jerred Taylor  
Internal Coordinator

walks on the beach and  
watching '24' with his lover  
Shawn.

Sam loves his apple pie and  
nerdy graphic arts stuff.

Melissa Brazeale  
Community Outreach  
Coordinator

Michael Faris  
Media Coordinator  
can be most often seen at

Ingrid Olive Odd  
Office Assistant

known by the name 'Brazil' and  
her terrific hugs.

Nicholas Rhodes  
Office Assistant

a guinea pig with about 500  
names.

canoodling with his kitty Grrr.

How Are Queer Issues and Women's Issues Related?

- Misogyny and homophobia are linked
- Some women are queer, lesbian, transgender
- The media loves to distort representations of both queer folk and women
- Both groups have had historical lack of access to sex ed, health information

# So Long, Farewell



6 beautiful, amazing, brilliant, wonderful, and strong women have made lasting impressions on the Women's Center. From activism, outreach, and web design, to programming and internships both here and abroad, these women have left their mark on the Women's Center.

Chelsea, Sophie, Meghan, Caeli, Althea, and Bayley have helped make the WC a special place on campus. I will miss each one of them as they continue on their paths. Enjoy each one of their pages as they creatively reflect on their time at OSU.



THANK YOU!

MEXICO

# BELIZE

GUATEMALA

MEXICO  
 my major - Washington DC. Moki. Rock 4 CHOICE.  
 PRO - CHOICE OSU. Diversity Dev. Cool Idealist Conference. FMLA. being an aunt.  
 PETER. falling in love. Yllithia. Meeting Kate Planning and changing plans. I WAS HERE  
 Lisa. Tika. Bornstein. WOMEN'S CENTER. Studying in Mexico  
 cyndi. Jennie. Tika.

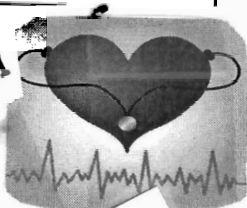
AFRICA

## MY AUNT LISA:

My dawg! For always telling me straight and teaching me that speaking your mind gives you more of yourself than other people trying to define you can. Thank you for the faith and bluntness

"MOMMA BETH" AND THE WC:  
THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE  
SUNSHINE AND WATER I NEEDED TO  
BLOSSOM INTO THE FLOWER I AM!

## A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HELPED PAVED THE WAY



MY SIGNIFICANT  
OTHER (GOD) AND  
MICHAEL FOR BEING  
THE SUPPORTIVE  
FAMILY I LOVE!



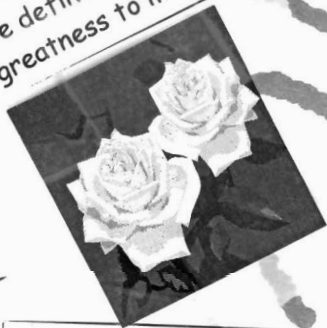
SOPHIE:

FOR SEEING  
THE LIGHT  
IN THE  
DARK,  
KEEPING  
PEACE  
DURING  
THE STORM  
AND BEING  
YOU!



MY MOMMIE:

For your strength,  
encouragement, Love  
and showing me the way  
to a real woman. All  
you are defines grace  
and greatness to me.



## MY GRANDMA REMBERT:

For leading by example in all that you have overcome in your life. I was watching when you knew it and when you didn't and each time you show me the great legacy you gave the women in our family: **HEADSTRONG**



WHO I MISSED?  
YOU KNOW WHO YOU  
ARE AND I THANK YOU  
VERY KINDLY!

We are in for a very, very long haul.  
I am asking for everything you have to give.  
You will lose your youth, your sleep  
your patience, your sense of humor and  
occasionally the understanding and  
support of people that you love very much.

In return, I have nothing to  
offer you but your pride in being a woman,  
and all your dreams you've ever had  
for your daughters, and nieces, and granddaughters,  
and the certain knowledge that  
at the end of your days you will be able  
to look back and say that once in your life  
~~you gave everything you had~~ for justice.

-Jill Ruckelshaus, from a speech given in 1977

Thank you to everyone that has worked, volunteered, and visited the  
Women's Center. Thank you for making me laugh, challenging me,  
supporting me, and reminding me to be silly. Thank you for helping me  
discover my passion. Thank you for inspiring me. Thank you for making  
the Women's Center my home.

This speech reminds me of the dedication, creativity, selflessness and  
enthusiasm that exudes from this place. It reminds me of the women who  
have worked here before us and those who will work here after.

I feel honored to have been a part of this place and its history.

Caeli June Virag

thanks + goodbye to  
the dub sizzle + all  
of OSU!

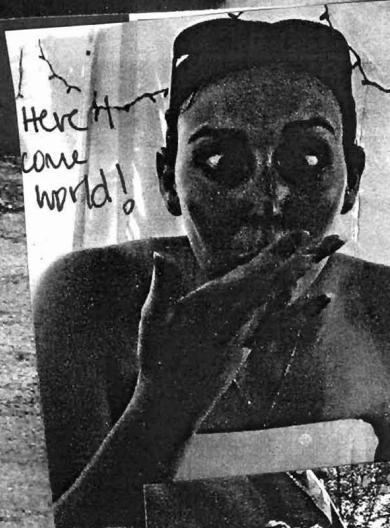
Grandma Ine!

My heroine!

Much  
love



Home



Namaste



↑ ↑  
... power!

**Althea Turner**  
**DHE doctoral student**

**And her little monsters**



**Meghan**



**Alexander**

Embrace your uniqueness.

Time is much too short to be living someone else's life.

- Kobi Yamada

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience.  
We are spiritual beings having a human experience.  
- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

free as a bird  
*break away*

**family**

make life a little better

**B**

*wide-legs*

WHEN THE HEART SPEAKS, THE MIND  
FINDS IT INDECENT TO OBJECT.  
- MILAN KUNDERA

If you fall into a million pieces in a crisis,  
there wasn't much to you in the first place.

- Proverbs 24:10

I know that God won't give me more than I can handle,  
I just wish sometimes he didn't trust me so much.  
- Mother Teresa

Always do the things you fear the most. Courage is an acquired taste, like caviar.

- Erica Jong

**LITTLE MISS  
SUNSHINE**



# Director's Cut

Remembering.....

by Beth Rietveld, WC Director

The tragic events at Virginia Tech last month have had a profound affect on me. I had tears each time I read a personal story about one of the students or faculty members who had been killed. The young lives that ended so abruptly left me feeling shattered in so many ways...as a mother of a college student, as a university administrator, as a human being.

The lesson I learned in recent weeks is to respect each person, listen to each person's story and give of myself as much as is humanly possible. The uniqueness of each individual is worth knowing. We must honor those voices that may have been silenced, listen to someone who may have been hurt, celebrate the lives of our colleagues, our students and our families and cherish these memories forever.

So I want to spend a part of this article honoring those who have influenced the Women's Center's history over the past 15 years...people that I stay in touch with or who get in touch with me periodically. I have also "Googled" several former WC staff members and found some interesting stories.

Several Women's Center coordinators have moved on to tenure-track and administrative positions at the University of Virginia, Winona State, Portland State and UC-San Francisco. Several have pursued law school or masters and doctoral programs in fields like public policy, women's studies, sociology, philosophy, or cultural anthropology at Michigan, Purdue, UC-Irvine and Arizona.

As a lifelong activist, one former WC staff member was arrested recently in Eugene as a member of "CODEPINK: Outraged Women Say No to War." A former animal rights activist has worked with troubled youth but continues to speak out on animal rights. Some Corvallis and OSU jobs held by former WC staff members include yoga instructor, artist, Affirmative Action administrative assistant, Difference Power and Discrimination coordinator and Business Affairs assistant. Others work with disability services, teach music, act in plays and movies, do cancer research, and work with LGBT services. One received a \$3.5 million dollar grant while working for the YWCA in New York City. Several former staff members have worked with direct service to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault...in Roseburg and in Tucson. Some live in Sri Lanka, India, Japan, France, Austria and Barcelona. Individuals work in Portland with services for seniors, catering/food service for a major hotel, and as a chef. Some former staff members are stay-at-home moms and loving every minute. And all of the current women's center staff members will go on to change the world in their own special way.

The most important message here is to *remember*....remember the great days at OSU, remember the friends and colleagues that have helped to shape your life...and remember those who are no longer with us, for their influence and the fact they lived and worked among us has been profound.

