

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom



Addiction may be the No. 1 public health problem in our country. This presentation exposes manipulative marketing strategies used by the alcohol and tobacco industries to keep people hooked on their products. Kilbourne, Ed.D., internationally recognized for her pioneering work on alcohol and tobacco advertising and the image of women in advertising, argues that these cynical industries clearly understand the psychology of addiction – an understanding they exploit to feed a life-threatening dependency on their products. She also educates the audience about the primary purpose of the mass media, which is to deliver audiences to advertisers. In addition, she demonstrates how the objectification of women and the obsession with thinness are related to addiction.

Kilbourne will be available after her talk to sign books. The NDSU Varsity Mart will have copies of her books available at that time.

*Sponsored by: Campus Attractions, Memorial Union, Multicultural Student Services, Orientation and Student Success, President's Diversity Council, Residence Life, Women's Studies, Women's Week, the Cooperative Sponsorship Committee and the YMCA of NDSU.*

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m., Century Theater

## Invisible No More: The Growing Influence of Women in Politics

*Featuring: Governor Christine Gregoire, Washington*

If 1992 was the “Year of the Woman” in American politics – when four women were elected to the U.S. Senate in the year after the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearings – what was 2006 when Nancy Pelosi was propelled into the position of House Speaker and more women were elected to Congress than ever before? With Hillary Clinton’s status as frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination, what does this foretell for 2008? Washington Governor Chris Gregoire discusses the growing influence of women in politics and encourages more women to get involved in the political process.

## EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 26,  
Noon-1 p.m., Century Theater

### **Sisters of 1977: Stories of Courage**

Many times HERstory is overshadowed by HIStory. The heroic women involved in the National Women’s Conference of 1977 are one example of how women’s history has become invisible and forgotten. Attendees will hear stories of courageous North Dakota women who were on the forefront of the Women’s Movement.

2-3 p.m., Ceres 201

### **Sisterhood Circle: Interracial Adoption**

A group of mothers and daughters will share their interracial adoption experiences.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

12:30-1:30 p.m., Century Theater

### **Equity Law: One Path to Visibility**

A panel of women who have extensive experience with federal laws supporting gender equity will discuss how these laws have enhanced women’s visibility in public life – especially in education and employment – and how this visibility has created greater awareness of barriers faced by women in their efforts to participate fully in public life.

2-3 p.m., FLC 319

### **One Wedding and a . . . REVOLUTION**

In 2004, the newly elected mayor of San Francisco decided his city government would be the first to issue same-sex marriage licenses in the United States. “One Wedding and a Revolution” documents the impact of his decision and celebrates the first same-sex wedding. Come watch this film and discuss issues of lesbian rights.

4:30-6 p.m., Reineke Visual Arts Gallery, Women Art Exhibit Reception

### **Invisible [but, and, if, then] visible art exhibit** Music will be provided by Tau Beta Sigma.

This exhibit recognizes alumna artists and encourages beginning student artists to keep pursuing their talents. It also pays tribute to female artists throughout history who, because of their gender, were not acknowledged for their talents. The public can meet some of the featured artists during the reception. Mediums will include oil painting, drawing, photography, collage and clay among others. The exhibit runs from Feb. 15 to March 8. A percentage of proceeds from sales will go to the Rape & Abuse Crisis Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Noon-1 p.m., Century Theater

### **Moving from Invisible to Visible . . . Cutting and other Self-injurious Behaviors**

Behavior that involves self-injury is troublesome to many people. It can be confusing to friends and families when students injure themselves and report that it brings them relief or comfort. It is an example

of movement from the invisible to the visible world . . . yet because the behavior feels shameful to participants, they often hide the effects of this behavior. This session will explore some of the dynamics of self-injurious behavior, seeking to understand it more fully and to offer some suggestions to those who come in contact with this behavior.

3-4:30 p.m., FLC 319

### **Motherhood Manifesto** *film and discussion*

Did you know the United States is one of only five countries of 168 studied that doesn't mandate paid maternal leave, putting us on par with Papua New Guinea, Lesotho and Swaziland? Did you know, as Ann Crittenden writes, "A college-educated woman with one child can easily pay a 'Mommy tax' (lost lifetime earnings) of \$1 million?" The "Motherhood Manifesto" documentary, produced by the grassroots organization MomsRising.org, gives concrete examples of how our society devalues motherhood and what things can be done to change that. Join us for this fascinating short film and discussion to follow.

7-9 p.m., Century Theater

### **TransAmerica** *film*

A pre-operative male-to-female transsexual takes an unexpected journey when she learns that she fathered a son, now a teenage runaway hustling on the streets of New York.

*Sponsored by Campus Attractions.*

### **Thursday, March 1**

12:30-1:30 p.m., Century Theater

### **Language Bias: How our Language Reflects and Reinforces Gendered Bias**

This interactive session will provide opportunities to analyze ways that gendered language shapes our understanding of the world. The group also will brainstorm about our power as individual language users to create change.

2-3:30 p.m., Century Theater

### **TransAmerica** *film discussion*

Join us for a discussion of the film.

### **Friday, March 2**

Noon-1 p.m., Ballroom

### **How to Avoid Dating a Jerk**

Single men and women spend millions of dollars on dating services in an effort to find that perfect partner. Psychologist John Van Epp has researched love, attachment and intimacy, and has put together a workshop, "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk," to help you learn how to prevent distorting your judgment in the midst of a growing relationship. In this presentation, the NDSU Counseling Center staff will share information from this workshop. They will cover five dynamic bonding forces that influence a relationship and help you identify destructive dating patterns, so you can be ready for "the one."

Credit Options Students can earn one credit by participating in Women's Studies (WS) 491 Seminar/ Women's Week Awareness #9540. This course is open to all women and men, regardless of major. Contact the instructor, Heather Nesemeier, Heather.Nesemeier@ndsu.edu, for information.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

**Saturday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., Historic Fargo Theatre**

### **Celebration of Women and Their Music**

The 10th annual women's concert highlights the talents of favorite regional and local artists. For tickets, call the theatre box office, 235-4152.

**Feb. 26-March 2, Memorial Union contact table**

### **Tell Someone Campaign**

Fewer than 20 percent of women in the United States are aware of the connection between human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer. In 2006, the American Cancer Society estimated there would be about 9,710 new cases of cervical cancer and about 3,700 will die from the disease. And yet regular Pap tests help prevent cervical cancer by detecting the abnormal cells caused by HPV. At a contact table in the Memorial Union, women from Panhellenic Council will help educate women and men about the important connection between HPV and cervical cancer.

*Sponsored by NDSU Panhellenic Council.*

**Feb. 26-March 2, Challey Atrium (Reineke Fine Arts)**

### **Clothesline Project**

The Clothesline Project (CLP) was founded in 1990 in Cape Cod, Mass., and addresses violence against women. The project is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt, which is hung on a clothesline and viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women. Attendees may view the display or create and hang their own shirts. The project also calls attention to the problem of violence against women in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

*Sponsored by Women's Studies and Volunteer Network.*

**Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Reimers, lower level, NDSU Alumni Center**

### **How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk Workshop**

This workshop, based on psychologist John Van Epp's nationally renowned workshops, teaches universally applicable, proven strategies to navigate the complexities of relationships. Based on years of research, this workshop will maximize your chances of finding "the one" by giving you tools to focus on the crucial characteristics of a loving, lasting relationship. The one-day format allows time to identify and learn how to break destructive dating patterns.

This workshop will be presented by NDSU Counseling Center staff. A \$20 fee will cover the class, a workbook and lunch. To secure a spot, call the Counseling Center at 231-7671.

## **Purchase Your Commemorative T-shirt**

A limited supply of 25th Anniversary t-shirts are now on sale for \$10 each. To purchase a t-shirt, featuring our **invisible** theme, please call 231-7787 or stop by the Memorial Union Student Activities Office.

Tremendous amounts of talent are being lost to our society just because that talent wears a skirt.  
—Shirley Chisholm

