

After the **F** Word...

The **G** Words



The **G** Words is for **Gender Justice**, gaining purposeful knowledge to effect social change towards an inclusive and equitable campus community.

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Thoughts from the Director



“The enemy here is not the man or the woman... The enemy is the patriarchal system that we know is present, but we fail to discuss and dismantle.”
~PJR

I would like to get through one day without thinking about it. Every one of us are affected by it, yet we rarely talk about it. “It” has become the way things are and the natural order because it is a part of everything we do, yet we ignore it. I am talking about patriarchy.

Patriarchy is the kind of social system that we all participate in. A society is patriarchal “to the degree that it promotes male privilege” (Johnson, 2005, p. 5).

I am talking about meetings where the majority of those present are male. The females at the table might speak up, but her words, ideas, suggestions, and perspectives are ignored, until a male brings up the topic and is complemented for his insight. I am talking about the freedom to make inappropriate comments

during such a meeting about “getting emotional” and then the pausing for the “good old boys laugh.” I am talking about the persistence in our hiring practices to replace those leaving with someone who looks just like those existing personnel.

The enemy here is not the man or the woman who has achieved a level of administrative success that isolates her/him from others through her/his position and survival strategies.

The enemy is the patriarchal system that we know is present, but we fail to discuss and dismantle. The enemy is the fear that patriarchy creates for women and men to speak up when a decision is clearly biased or inappropriate. The core of this fear is survival and protection of

what individuals have gained.

I cannot get through a day without thinking or talking about patriarchy. It is a fundamental part of what the Director of a Women's Center should address. Patriarchy has been around for many years, but it was not always this way, nor does it need to continue. This patriarchal system will eventually cost each of us too much—personally and professionally. I would like to go through one day without thinking about it or using the word, but since this appears to be impossible, would you join me in the conversation to address the issue within our community?

Peace, Penny Rice

Johnson, A. G. (2005). *The gender knot: Unraveling our patriarchal legacy*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Margaret Sloss Gender Equity & Scholarship Award Winners

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The G Words is a monthly electronic newsletter produced by the Margaret Sloss Women's Center to provide the Iowa State campus with the latest information on Women's Resources and activities. If you would like to contribute to The G Words, please contact womenctr@iastate.edu

Over 200 Enrolled in Gender Justice

Just over 200 students are registered for the UST 160: Gender Justice course being offered this spring semester. Gender Justice (GJ) was created and is coordinated by the Margaret Sloss Women's Center. The course fulfills one (1) credit of students' U.S. diversity three credit requirement. The purpose of GJ is for students to receive practical and purposeful knowledge, grounded in research and theory that can be used to develop their own interpersonal and intrapersonal communication abilities and effect social change. Course objectives include:

- Recognize how the socialization process impacts personal relationships and societal norms and values.
- Understand the personal and professional costs, damages, and rewards of this socialization.
- Develop skills to better understand and communicate with others.
- Develop skills to become allies for women and other oppressed groups.
- Learn about forms of privilege and oppression from varying perspectives.
- Continued development of written and verbal communication skills.

GJ is an eight week seminar-style course which relies upon active participation and thoughtful commentary. Check out the syllabus: <http://www.dso.iastate.edu/wc>

V-Day Raised \$2979.55 for ACCESS & more!

The Vagina Warriors hosted the V-Day February production of *The Vagina Monologues*, February 14 and 15, 2008. The event raised a total of \$2979.55 for ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support) and V-Day 2008 Spotlight: Women of New Orleans. Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the event.

V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler's award winning play *The Vagina Monologues*. In 2007, more than 3000 V-Day events took place in the U.S. and around the world. To date, the V-Day movement has raised over \$50 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it. The movement has crafted international educational, media and PSA campaigns, launched the Karama program in the Middle East, reopened shelters, and funded over 5000 community-based anti-violence programs and safe houses in Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq. The 'V' in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina.

The Vagina Monologues will be hosted in 2009 on Thursday, January 29 and January 30 at Durham Great Hall, Iowa State Memorial Union. Additional information about next year's event will be available during the early part of fall semester. Contact womenctr@iastate.edu if you are interested in being involved with next year's production.

Women Moving Forward: Lucy Burns by Val Erwin

"As long as women have to go to jail for petty offenses to secure freedom for the women of America, then we will continue to go to jail." Lucy Burns

Lucy Burns was born in Brooklyn New York in 1879 and attended Vassar College and eventually became an English teacher. When she was 30 she moved to England to attend Oxford University. While she was at Oxford she gained a strong interest in the Women's Right to Vote and joined the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). During these days she met suffrage activist Alice Paul.

When Paul and Burns returned to the United States they joined the National American Women Suffrage Association (NAWSA). They had a disagreement with NAWSA and started the National Women's Party. They were committed to using direct action to progress the women's rights movement. Burns was arrested more than any of the other famous suffragists; involved in picketing the White House for the right to vote, and led multiple prison hunger strikes. After women won the right to vote Lucy retired from political life and dedicated herself to spirituality and her orphaned niece. She died on December 22, 1966.



To learn more check out these resources:

Movie: *Iron Jawed Angels*, Books: *The Story of the Woman's Party* By Inez Haynes Gillmore

Culture of Fear: Take Back the Night by Marissa Klousie



Take Back the Night is an internationally recognized event with rich history, occurring worldwide since the 1970's. According to the History of Iowa State Timeline, the first Take Back the Night event was held in 1989, to emphasize women's right to safety. While working to coordinate Take Back the Night, I have thought a lot about what Take Back the Night means to me. My first experience with Take Back the Night was in 2004 at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. I stood

on the periphery of the handful of people in attendance and was struck by the stories of the women who spoke. I felt sorry for the women and felt sorry for a family member of mine who was raped when she was 15. The sorrow and compassion I felt for these women was very external. This was something that happened to other people and had not happened to me. At least, that's what I believed at the time.

I believed that sexual assault and rape were perpetrated by strangers in the night. I was always cautious and looked under and in my car before entering, I rarely walked alone at night and when I did my keys were between my fingers when I walked alone, and my phone in hand ready to dial 911 if necessary. I thought about how I would fight if I were attacked. I even took a self-defense class, and I knew to yell fire if I was attacked, because more people were likely to respond to someone yelling "fire" than someone yelling "help me". I took all of these precautions because I was taught to. I was told from a young age that it was not safe for girls to be out at night...to walk alone...to leave their windows open when they sleep...this world is not safe for girls was the underlying message that was taught.

Little did I know that I was more likely to be sexually assaulted by my

partner than a stranger. Instead of being taught what sexual assault is and what healthy communication about sex is, I was taught to fear my freedom; my independence. I was taught to fear. This culture of fear that has been created has served to keep girls and women afraid to move about freely. It has also served to keep people ignorant to the truths about sexual assault. If you don't know what sexual assault really is, you won't know if it happens to you. This was true for me. I didn't know how to define sexual assault when it happened to me. I didn't realize until ten years later that I too was assaulted. It wasn't just something that happened to other women, it happened to me too.

Take Back the Night now means something different for me than it did four years ago. Now, Take Back the Night, in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month, signifies my reclamation of freedom and independence. It signifies the beginning of a discourse about the realities of sexual violence with the intent of eliminating the culture of fear that binds girls and women.

You are invited to join us at the Take Back the Night rally and march on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. to take a stand against violence and to reclaim the night. Following the march, there will be an Open Mic: Rant, Rage & Reflect in the M-Shop. Participants are encouraged to share their stories and let their voice be heard in speaking out about sexual violence!



Words by Marcia Purdy



Words. Words, words... words... it seems I have heard so much about the use of words, the power of words, the misuse of words, the stealing of words! In a time of intolerance, words are tossed around as hand grenades and anyone close enough to the blast can be injured, possibly for life.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" has been told to children for decades, but does it really work? Clearly we are all paying more attention to the

power of words. I see the impact of words in the world around me. As a parent I know the power to do harm with words as well as the power to heal and strengthen with them. A grown woman talks about being called "the mistake" in her family by her father (her siblings were all boys). What can take away the life of that word once spoken? Even a chuckle at the end does not evoke a smile. I see the pain in her eyes.

Everyone knows what they are saying when they say, that shirt is so "gay" or that movie was so "gay." Individuals that use such offensive words are quick to point out that "they don't mean it," or "it isn't directed at a certain group." So, why does this matter? Because the most recent GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and Iowa Pride Network climate surveys state

- Students hear anti-gay epithets 25 times a day, and teachers fail to respond to these comments 97% of the time
- Gay and lesbian youth are two to three times more likely to commit suicide than other youths, and 30 percent of all completed youth suicides are related to the issue of sexual identity.
- 85% of teachers oppose integrating lesbian, gay and bisexual themes in their curricula.
- More than 91 percent of LGBT students say they hear homophobic slurs or expressions frequently or often.
- More than 64 percent of LGBT students say they feel unsafe at school because of their sexual orientation.

Many times words are written and intended to be threatening. Recently, someone wrote racial epithets on the apartment door of a University of Iowa student. The slurs and threats specifically referenced and targeted blacks. Iowa City police have started a hate-crime investigation. Words are used as weapons, to invoke fear and isolation.

I once read that a word is like a living organism, capable of growing, changing, spreading, and influencing the world in many ways, directly and indirectly through others. Because of that, I continue to hope for words to be used to educate and unite rather than to ignite fear. Peace.

Taking Care of Self by Laura Bestler-Wilcox



Being in a world where being involved is equal to the amount of our success, we have a tendency to forget the one thing that will make the rest of it happens: Self. I learned about this the hard way while I was over involved from when I was very young to almost two years ago. It is difficult to maintain the appeal of being everything to everyone, being the super person, and above all — doing it all with a smile.

Many of you know I had worked in higher education since 1993 in student activities and programming. I really did have the perfect job, great supervisors, amazingly talented staff, and an innate ability to work with students. Many of you know the endless hours of meetings, events, programs, teaching, facilitating, one-on-ones, crisis management, and more that goes into the daily grind. Many of you know it is not the dollar made—it is the experience working with students and gaining knowledge which makes higher education unlike many fields.

You know you are doing your job well when you have a student say to you, “You know, the reason why we pulled this rally together is because of the things you taught us,” or “I have kept this marble in my knapsack since you gave it to me my freshman year — helping me remember to take care of myself.” The moment I heard this... “taking care of myself...” I thought, “Wow, I really do not do this at all...” If there is one thing I hope I can help bring to the forefront of discussion is how we perpetuate unhealthy behaviors of stress to each other, and most of all to our students. We are role models. Take it or leave it — you are one.

Now, you may wonder why I am going on about this in our G-Words? It is because I care about a lot of people — I do. The person I care about the most now—is myself. No, that is not selfish. It is called self-preservation. It is called being smart. It is called finding the balance and keeping it realistic to myself and those I am close to in my life.

Many professionals feel they “have” to do it to succeed in the institutional system. If this is so, why are we not challenging the system to create an exemplary healthy environment instead of one which perpetuates unhealthy professionals? Our sense of urgency is tainted by the fact – we do not take care of ourselves. We don’t.

Your identity should not be your work. I recognize higher education is in dire need of resources to teach the courses, take care of the campus grounds, facilitate meaningful experiences for our students, and above all else provide a future to our people. If the institution is this important, we are forgetting one of the most utilized commodities: ourselves.

We are not protecting ourselves as professionals from burn out. We continually talk about sustainability; seriously, how are we sustainable if we are overworked, tired, and have no identity outside of our careers? How is this sustainable? How are we being usefully productive without a world away from our campus?

It is important for our body, mind and spirit to take time for ourselves. To breathe. To be who we truly are in life. Your work should not be your identity. It should be a part of who you are in life — not the only part of who you are as a person... Many years ago, I found these ways to stay unstressed, I utilize most of them today:

- Get up 15 minutes earlier each morning so you don’t have to rush to work and start the day feeling frazzled.
- Do nothing that you’ll have to lie about later.

- Practice preventative maintenance on you car, appliances, home, teeth, and personal relationships. They will be less likely to require emergency care.
- Keep reading or work material with you so you don’t feel you’re wasting time while waiting in lines or for appointments.
- What you want to do tomorrow, do today. What you want to do today, do now. Procrastination is stressful. Hard work is simply the accumulation of easy things you didn’t do when you should have.
- Organize your home and your desk at work, so that everything has its place. You won’t have to go through the stress of losing things, and you’ll save time.
- Schedule a realistic day. Allow ample time between appointments so you won’t have to rush, worry, apologize for being late- or get a speeding ticket.
- Relax your standards for nonessential chores. The world won’t end if the grass doesn’t get mowed this weekend.
- Talk it out. Discussing your problems with a trusted friend can help clear your mind of confusion so you can concentrate on solving problems. Do not be afraid to have a counselor.
- Make time for solitude every day.
- Simplify. Then simplify and simplify.
- Say “No thank you” to extra projects you don’t have time or energy to do them.
- Get enough sleep. If necessary, use an alarm clock to remind you to go to bed.
- Check your breathing throughout the day and before and after high-pressure situations.
- Turn “needs” into preferences. Our basic needs are food, water, and, keeping warm. Everything else is a preference.
- Don’t put up with things that don’t work right. If something is an aggravation, get it fixed or replace it.
- Before saying anything, ask yourself if what you are about to say is true, kind, and necessary
- Stop worrying. If something concerns you, do something about it. If you can’t do anything about it, let it go.
- Unplug your phone and turn-off your cell phone.
- Write thoughts and feelings in a journal to help you clarify things and put them into perspective.
- Do at least one thing you enjoy each day.
- Be kind to unkind people. They probably need it the most.
- Don’t sweat the small stuff.
- Laugh.
- Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully.
- Remember the best things in life aren’t things.
- Practice relaxation techniques.
- Add an ounce of love to everything you do.
- Forget about counting to 10. Count to 100 before saying anything that could make matters worse.
- Learn to delegate responsibility to others who are capable of handling it.
- If you are faced with an unpleasant task, get it over with earlier in the day.
- Focus on understanding rather than being understood, on loving rather than being loved.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Story County, Iowa –During April, ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support), Story County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), YWCA Ames-ISU and a number of Iowa State University departments and student organizations will be joining with people throughout the state and the nation to focus the public's attention on Sexual Assault. This is an opportunity to highlight the efforts of individuals and agencies that provide rape crisis intervention and prevention services while offering support to sexual assault survivors, victims and their families.

Sexual violence is a crime of epidemic proportions. It affects everyone. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (<http://www.rainn.org/>):

- Every 2 minutes someone is sexual assaulted in the US.
- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will be sexually assaulted.
- In 2006, there were 272,350 victims of sexual assault.
- College age women are 4 times more likely to be sexually assaulted.

60% of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.

During 2006, ACCESS, our local advocacy agency, assisted over 200 victims/survivors and their friends or family via crisis intervention and support services.

SAAM raises awareness of sexual violence through special events while highlighting sexual violence as a major public health issue and reinforces the need for prevention efforts. Local activities to raise awareness of sexual violence include:

SART Flag Display, Monday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., South of the Campanile & Friday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., South of Parks Library
The Story County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) will display flags representing everyone they have assisted.

These Hands Are Not For Hitting, Monday, April 7, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. & Tuesday, April 8, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Central Campus during VEISHEA Campus Showcase

A visual support of non-violence by imprinting your hand on a large canvas, and signing the pledge form. Sponsored by SHAC and S2S.

Culture of Fear Roundtable Discussion, Tuesday, April 8, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00p.m., 3505 Iowa State Memorial Union

Dr. Diane Price-Herndl, Director of the Women's Studies Program will host a roundtable discussion about the Culture of Fear, which results in keeping girls and women afraid to move about freely. It has also served to keep people ignorant to the truths about sexual assault. If you don't know what sexual assault really is, you won't know if it happens to you.

SAAM on Display, Monday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., MU Booth & Monday, April 14 – 18, MU Display Case

Find out all of the information, grab a teal ribbon, from our SAAM Committee members on Monday or read about how sexual assault impacts our community in the display case throughout the week. Sponsored by the YWCA Ames-ISU.

The Clothesline Project, Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Margaret Sloss Women's Center West Lawn (Rain Date: Thursday, April 17)

The Clothesline Project is a visual display of t-shirts addressing the issue of violence against women. T-shirts have been designed by survivors of violence and families/friends of victims of violence. The project focuses on providing healing for survivors of violence, educating the public about issues of violence, and encouraging individual action to prevent violence. Participants will have the opportunity to create a shirt of their own inside the Margaret Sloss House during the event.

Signmaking for Take Back the Night, Monday, April 21, 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. & Tuesday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., The Workspace (East Basement, MU)

Individuals may create signs/banners to symbolize Take Back the Night including: "Join together/free our lives/we will not be victimized" or "Survivors unite/take back the night."

"I Have Hope", Tuesday, April 22, 11:00a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Margaret Sloss Women's Center West Lawn

Primarily we will be addressing our U.S. Senators by signing a petition to be sent to them in regards to the funding of the U.S. Violence Against Women's Act; and advocating for more awareness of the systematic rape of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo by hosting a table for campus community members to educate themselves. Sponsored by Women's Studies Outrageous Acts.

Take Back the Night Rally & March, Tuesday, April 22, Rally beginning at 6:30 p.m., Memorial Union West Terrace & March beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Take Back the Night is an internationally recognized event with rich history, occurring worldwide since the 1970's. The annual Take Back the Night rally and march at Iowa State University is organized with the purpose of unifying women, men, and children in an awareness of violence against women, children and families. You are invited to join us at the rally and march to take a stand against violence and make the night safe for everyone.

Open Mic: Rant, Rage & Reflect, Tuesday, April 22, at approximately 8:15 p.m. following the Take Back the Night March, The Maintenance Shop, MU

To celebrate taking back the night we are hosting an open mic event for the community to share stories, poems, and music. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on Sexual Assault Awareness Month, contact the Margaret Sloss Women's Center at 515/294-4154 between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, confidential help is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week at 29-ALERT (292-5378) Sexual Assault Support Services.

Events are co-sponsored and/or supported by Margaret Sloss Women's Center, Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS), YWCA Ames-ISU, Story County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Women's Studies Program, Catt Center for Women and Politics, Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), The Office of Greek Affairs, Students 2 Students (S2S), Student Union Board, VEISHEA, Thielen Student Health Services, ISU Police Division, Ames Police Department, Government of the Student Body, The Maintenance Shop, and The Workspace.

EVENTS

Margaret Sloss Women's Center

APRIL

Monday, April 7-Sunday, April 13..... VEISHEA

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 3505 Iowa State Memorial Union

Wednesday, April 9

11:30am-1:00pm..... Faculty Women's Network, Cardinal Room, MU

Friday, April 11

11:00am-1:00pm.....SART Flag Display
Campus Lawn (South of Parks Library)

Saturday, April 12

9:00am-4:00pm..... VEISHEA: Rest & Relaxation, Margaret Sloss House
 10:00 a.m.-?Graduate Women's Network
 Meet at Sloss House for VEISHEA events

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11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.Margaret Sloss Women's Center Open House &
Gender Equity Scholarship & Awards Celebration, Sloss House

Monday, April 21

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Margaret Sloss Women's Center Advisory Board
 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. TBTN Signmaking, The Workspace, MU

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 Violence Against Women Act & Awareness, Margaret Sloss House Lawn
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The Maintenance Shop, MU

MAY

Monday, April 28-Friday, May 2..... **DEAD WEEK**

Monday, May 5-Friday, May 9 **FINALS WEEK**

Friday, May 9 **Graduate Commencement**

Friday, May 10..... **Undergraduate Commencement**



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2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
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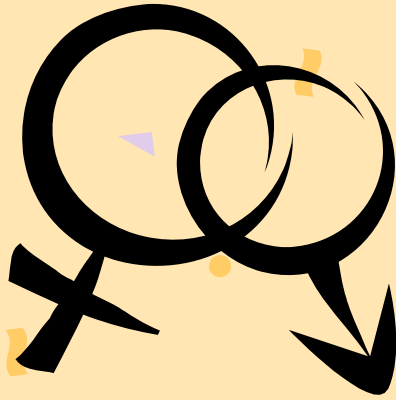
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~ Toni Cade Bambara, writer

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Open House—Thursday, April 17
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Scholarships and Awards Program
12:15 p.m.

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It is not always a STRANGER
73% of rape/sexual assaults
are committed by a
NON-STRANGER*
a friend/acquaintance, intimate partner, or another relative.

*National Crime Victims Survey, 2005: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cv05.pdf>

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