

At workshop Minority women seek 'liberation'

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Who is excluded from a capitalistic system that can employ a limited number of people?

This question was raised by Carolyn Williams, who along with Dorothy La Fleur and Ida Morris made up the panel on "Minority Women" which spoke to the "Women on the Move" workshop in 250 Clinical Services Building on Tuesday afternoon. Williams and La Fleur are both graduate students at the University and Morris is an undergraduate.

Williams said in her initial remarks she realized that regardless of ethnicity and socio-economic background, all women have some common biological and sociological problems. Relating to this as a black woman she said she is aware of suppression by a society made up of both men and women.

Oppression v. liberation

Williams said that many oppressed people aspire for things that will oppress others by the acquisition of those things. The question to ask, she said, was "How can we liberate ourselves without oppressing someone else?"

A woman from the audience expressed the conflict she felt from spending her energies working on "band-aid reforms," when she really believed that a total basic restructuring of the system was necessary.

Williams said that oppressed people "must think of liberation in terms other than entry into the system" which by its competitive nature results in oppression for someone.

Most people in the audience agreed that a basic restructuring of our socio-economic system was necessary and that women should begin to question roles, norms, and values that have been taken for granted.

Examples

Some women from the audience asked the panel how white women could help black women. Williams responded saying that you can't teach people to liberate themselves and gave as an example white people working in the civil rights movement who learned that you can't fight for someone else's freedom.

Ida Morris, a Native American from the Chocktaw tribe of Oklahoma, said that Native American women are not oppressed by their men but are oppressed by the system.

Equality between the sexes and sometimes inequality in favor of women is characteristic of the Native American tribes.

Welfare mother hits 'stigma'

"Welfare mothers suffer the same stigmas as prostitutes," said Robin Derringer, a welfare mother, to about 200 persons Tuesday at the "Women on the Move" workshop entitled, "Women and Welfare Reform."

She said welfare women are usually at home because they have nowhere else to go, no cars, no money; not because they feel the home is a woman's place. Derringer also said, "The majority of welfare recipients are white children." Loretta Daniel, an active woman in welfare groups, said, "Seventy per cent of the children on welfare are below twelve."

Daniel spoke on the Y-ettes group, a YW-YMCA-Welfare Department group. She said the group discussed managing budgets, caring of clothing, and talked some on child-raising.

Persons from this group formed ADC, Aid to Dependent Children. With 45 members, the

group tried to pass four bills in the state legislature in 1967. Two of these bills were passed.

The ADC program now has a scholarship program in which the government backs their pledges 3 to 1, a confidence session, and an information forum.

as wealthy educated people try too often to tell welfare people what to do.

Derringer said, "Welfare people have probably experienced every kind of social and racial discrimination"

'Move' activities set

9-10 Karate Demonstration 250 CSB

10-10:15 Break

10:15-11:15 Anne Froines "History of Working Women" a dramatic Reading.

11:30 "Female Sexuality" Pepper Schwartz 250 CSB

12:30 Film: "It Happens to Us" (abortion) 103 Fenton

12:50 Film: "Schmeerguntz" (feminine mystique) 103 Fenton

1:10 Short films by women filmmakers 103 Fenton

1:30-2:15 "Why and How to Learn to Speak in Front of Groups" Marsha Trew 250 CSB

2:15-2:30 Questions, Break

2:30-4:30 Workshops. Informal discussion with Anne Froines on "Women and the Vietnam War"

7:30-8:15 "Discrimination in the University: Can the Government Help?" Bernice Sandler 103 Fenton

8:15-8:30 Questions, break

8:30-9:30 Panel on "Affirmative Action Programs" Jean Leppaluoto 103 Fenton

Vietnam discussed

"The most important thing about the Vietnamese War is that it's a national liberation struggle against colonialism and aggression from the United States," stated Anne Froines Tuesday evening in a "Women on the Move" workshop on "Women's Liberation and Third World Liberation."

Froines spoke to an audience of about 100 and related the women's liberation movement of the United States to anti-colonial movements in other parts of the world.

"We understand much more about oppression of women in this country because the U.S. has decided to fight a war in Vietnam," Froines said. She went on to connect the plight of the Vietnamese women with what she termed U.S. aggression.

"Recently in this country there has been a lot more information available on aggression in Vietnam," said Froines. "Imposition of American cultural values on the Vietnamese people has caused as much concern amongst the people of Vietnam as military aggression," she said, "you have to care more about having a Honda or radio than you do about Vietnamese patriotism or poetry."

"Women's liberation is pretty ordinary and a basic topic," Froines said, "what it is that makes me angry and what you have to understand is male supremacy."

ASUO sets Senate agenda

Fiscal appropriations and appointments will be considered at the ASUO Senate meeting tonight.

The Inter-institutional Union of Students (IUS) is requesting a total increase of \$1,590 in funds for a Director's salary, and increases in telephone and travel.

The Drug Information Center has requested funds of about \$5,330, but has not submitted a detailed budget.

The Graduate Student Council has requested to transfer some of their money to Student Community Projects so they can give some money to the Youth Hostel. They will also ask the Senate to match their "donation" with \$200 from the Senate reserve.

Appointments for five positions will also be considered. The Senate meets at 7 p.m. in 101 EMU.

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