

Arab teach-in advocates non-involvement

Asked what the people of the U.S. could do to help the situation in the Middle East, Amasha, a group spokesperson at an Arab teach-in held Wednesday, suggested they start thinking about their own problems rather than trying to solve those of other people.

"You should take that million dollars the U.S. sent Israel to promote racism and chauvinism, and use it to start free clinics here instead," Amasha said.

But temper flare-ups were relatively minor at the teach-in held by Arab students and supporters from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Teach-in organizers said the main goal of the teach-in was to give a clear, unbiased picture of

the Arab people's struggle against imperialism and the Zionist movement in the Middle East, which they feel the American news media purposely does not give.

Representatives from Iran, Africa, and Latin America started the meeting by pledging their support and complete solidarity with the Arab Liberation Movement.

The format consisted of three speakers giving a history of Zionism and imperialism in the Middle East from 1918 up to the present time, followed by a question-and-answer session.

The speakers felt the fighting taking place in their country should not be considered different from the recent struggles

in Chile or South Africa. They said all are Third World countries struggling against systems of exploitation, racism, oppression and chauvinism forced on them by western imperialism.

They spoke of Arabs and Jews living in harmony together, working shoulder to shoulder in one state. Previously in the discussion, however, they stated the only way to solve the struggle was to destroy the war machinery and ruling class of Israel. When the subject of the Promised Land came up, Amasha stated, "God made Arabs and Palestinians second-class citizens when he promised Israel to the Jews. If God wants to give you a land, let Him bring you a land!"

Women's study center established

A Center for the Sociological Study of Women has been established at the University.

"The need for such a center is one consequence of the very rapid growth of interest in questions relating to sex roles and socialization patterns in contemporary society," said Richard Hill, head of the sociology department, which will host the new Center.

Joan Acker, associate professor of sociology, has been named director.

"Acker has been concerned and active for a number of years in developing a center for research on women," Hill pointed out. The center is unique in the State of Higher Education in its research focus. Both Portland State and Oregon State universities have women's studies programs, but they are basically curriculum-oriented.

Funds to establish the center come from University President Robert Clark's reserve fund, which is used to encourage instruction-related research and for other instructional needs.

Acker sees the center as a resource for the entire University. Although the focus of interest is within sociology, the center will welcome the participation of scholars from other

areas, she notes.

Working with Acker will be Miriam Johnson and Marion Goldman, new members of the sociology faculty.

"We will be continuing some research projects already begun in this area, as well as beginning new research," explains the director.

The center is a continuation and expansion of activities instituted under a \$3,000 grant to Acker in 1970 which allowed her to embark upon a study of reactions of university faculty to affirmative action. The survey questionnaire for that study now is being tested, and different kinds of approaches are being designed.

Other research already under way includes a study, now only in its preliminary stages, on the differential participation of mother and father in sex roles socialization. In addition, a proposal has been made to a private foundation to fund a research project on the effects of the women's movement on women political party activists.

Six graduate students are pursuing dissertation research in this area.

As a result of research carried out by Acker and others during the past three years, a small

research library has been established primarily from private collections, and now will be expanded.

The center for the Sociological Study of Women has been allocated \$5,244 a year for three years. The funds will be used to hire a graduate teaching fellow and a student secretary, and pay for library and data acquisitions, supplies, and a telephone.

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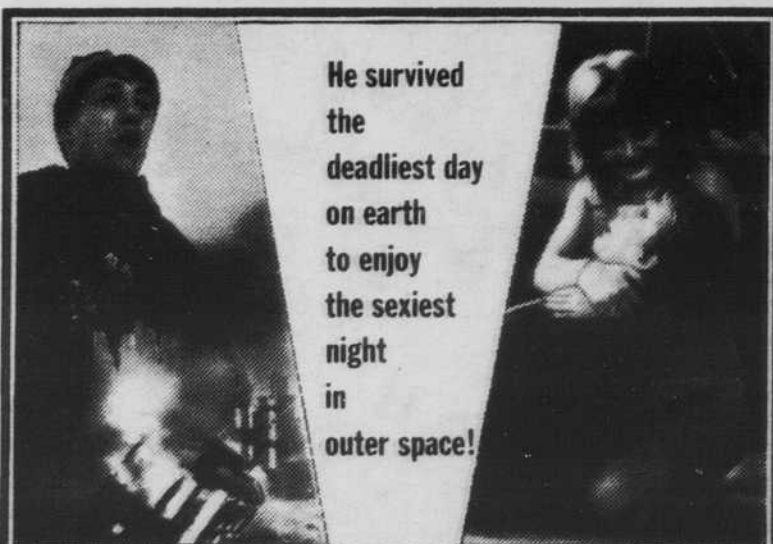
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