

Symposium draws feminists

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Workshops, panels and speakers of national and Northwest acclaim have been confirmed for the first Women's Symposium held at the University. A core group of about 50 women have worked for the past two months contacting participants and finding support for the week long event scheduled for April 4 through 9.

Heading the list of speakers is M.F. Beale, a feminist and novelist who teaches at Fresno State University. Beale wrote "Amazon Women," the winner of last year's Atlantic Award. She has also had a feminist monograph published by Northwest Matrix. Beale will speak of writing about women and violence.

Charlotte Mills from Northwest Matrix, a feminist press, will head a workshop covering the entire publishing network and problems of women getting their work into print. Mills is asking participants to bring their manuscripts to the workshop. A printer, publisher, distributor, bookstore operator and women's press reviewer will appear on the panel representing

the publishing network.

The symposium has also tapped local women for appearances. Randi Douglass, producer of the Eugene Theater Co. will deliver an evening of interpretative reading from women poets. Douglass played Joan of Arc in an Ashland production last summer and recently starred as "Molly Bloom" in Eugene. She also produced "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground."

Members of the two-year old Newport Women's Center plan a presentation on battered wives. The groups will make its second annual presentation on the topic a week before the symposium and repeat it for symposium participants.

The panel on women and prison includes representatives from "Hands Against the Wall," an organization of women who have been imprisoned, Skipworth Juvenile Detention Center as well as a speaker on women's rights in prison.

Linda Gordon, author of a book on the history of birth control, will speak on the history of working women in the U.S.

The symposium will also feature a speaker on women's roles in other societies. Janet D'Visco will compare the role of women in Australian and American society — and tell how Australian women are "uniquely oppressed."

A speaker of national stature, Noracy Ruiz de Souza from the United Nations confirmed her symposium appearance earlier. The Political Science Student Union is co-sponsoring de Souza. The role of rural women in developing societies is the topic of her address.

Helen Frye, an Oregon judge, will share what women need to know about their legal rights. Specifically, she will deal with tax benefits for women, and the rights of women living with men they aren't married to.

Other speakers will address feminist literature criticism, parenting, women in athletics, health care for women — both traditional and non-traditional areas. Whole days will be devoted to women in careers, child care and the stages of women's life. A workshop on the philosophy of non-sexism in day care will be included in the child care workshop.

Jobs

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"With the 'last hired, first fired' rule there are tremendous repercussions for women, especially during a recession."

Possible alternatives noted by Simeral include a process called "work sharing" where, instead of laying off a certain number of workers, all employees agree to take a cut in the amount of time to ease the crunch on those who stand to lose more.

Neither practice is widespread. While most workers sympathize with layoff victims, these practices require sacrifices few are willing to make.

Simeral agrees. "The obstacles are enormous. But we can't just

stop at that. In ways it's a brutal system — people are insecure; they're scared. The main priority of most people is economic security. I think economists often ignore that."

Simeral is discouraged by the lack of progress of women in the labor force. "There's really no institution or program to deal with it, and the reaction against anti-discrimination laws has become so divisive, it's saddening."

She concludes, "I'm so pessimistic right now, it's difficult to say anything positive. I just don't see why men and women can't work together for what are really common interests."

Editor sets appearance

Margaret Sloan, a founding editor of Ms. magazine and founder of the National Black Feminist Organization, will speak on "Racism and Sexism in America" Thursday at 2 p.m. in 167 EMU.

Sloan's civil rights activities began at age 14 when she worked with Chicago's Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) organizing tenant unions and rent strikes, and campaigning against lead poisoning of children on Chicago's West Side.

In high school Sloan founded the Junior Catholic Interracial Council, a group in inner city and suburban students working to-

gether against racism.

Sloan participated in the Open Housing Marches with Martin Luther King in 1966 and coordinated the Hunger Task Force Team of Operation Breadbasket.

Sloan has lectured extensively with Gloria Steinem throughout the United States, Canada and Europe on sexism and racism. She is currently completing a book on black feminism, and she has had numerous articles published in newspapers, magazines, and the Civil Rights Digest. Sloan has appeared on radio and television programs including the David Frost Show.

Women

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in society today that "only a real good woman can do what a mediocre man can do."

Equating ability with sex may be a problem in a college classroom, but it is even more of a hardship on the hiring level. According to Myra Willard, director of Affirmative Action, the highest paid woman falling under the executive and manager area is earning about \$25,500 a year, while the highest paid man on campus is earning about \$48,500.

Willard claims about 15 women hold positions in the upper administrative rank (including deans, directors and the president). In 1972 only eight women held these positions.

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MEETINGS

Psi Center staffers and volunteers will meet at 5 p.m. today in the EMU room to be posted. All persons interested in program coordinating for spring term are also invited to attend.

The Incidental Fee Committee will meet with Off-Campus Housing, International Education Center and Computer Science Graduate Students Association at 6:30 tonight for budget hearings. All interested students are invited to attend. Room to be announced.

The Women's Sports Council will meet at 6:30 tonight in the Forum Room, EMU. A brief business session will be followed by a talk from Lynne Wittiger, Olympic discus thrower. Interested students and faculty members are invited to attend.

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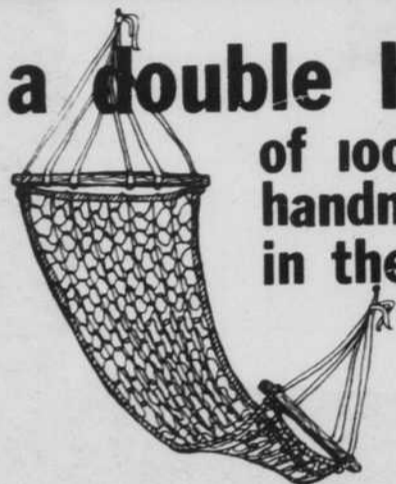
Diana Pien, a University assistant professor, will speak on children's interpretation and understanding of questions at a psychology seminar today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 156, Straub.

Cholicha Tantakosol, a University linguistics graduate student, will speak on "Linguistic Stratification in Thailand," at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 159, Straub.

MISCELLANEOUS

"By, Of and For Women," a non-denominational worship service celebrating International Women's Day, is scheduled for 6:30 tonight at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. Women from a feminism and theology class have organized this non-traditional service.

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