

Eight women's studies courses offered

The Women's Studies Program at the University has been growing. Approximately eight new courses have been added for spring term, and for the first time, two introductory courses in women's studies will be offered.

Yet even as the Women's Studies Program grows, its root is still small, said Barbara Corrado Pope.

Pope, an instructor in the Women's Studies Program, came to the University last summer after teaching history at four different schools. She is currently a member of the Women's Studies Council, the decision-making body for the Women's Studies Program.

Pope also works in the Women's Studies office, located

in Rooms 17 and 18 PLC. The office coordinates courses offered in other departments and provides up-to-date information on new classes. The office is staffed by Pope, graduate teaching fellows and work study students. But at no time is one person consistently in the office, said Pope.

"The women's studies department depends on the exploitation of those who run it," she said. "This is true with a lot of departments across the country. We are in demand from students, from other faculty, and we could be in demand from the community if we had the time."

Pope said, despite limited resources and personnel, the office tries to answer as many questions

as possible from the community and maintain a liaison.

The Women's Studies Program, she said, was not rational because of its three-way administration. The program is currently being administered by Marilyn Farwell, chair of the Women's

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Studies Council; Velma Mullaley, administrative assistant of political science, and Pope. Farwell conducts her duties from her office in 415 PLC, and Mullaley may be reached in 940 PLC. Pope is the only one in the Women's Studies office, and most questions come to her.

"The program needs a coordinator and at least a half-time staff person, but we're not about to get it," said Pope.

The budget of the women's studies department is low. This year the department received about \$16,000, she said. This included money for non-matriculating courses (those added every semester) and the new introductory 101 courses for spring. The budget, however, is minute compared to those of other departments.

The Women's Studies Council is currently looking into reorganization of the Women's Studies Program. Three options are open for this proposal, said Pope.

First, the program could go into

a department. But this means the Women's Studies Program would lose its autonomy and interdisciplinary ranking, she said.

Another option is the Women's Studies Program could be placed under an "interdisciplinary umbrella." There has been talk of this, said Pope, but nothing has been done yet.

The final option would be for the Women's Studies Program to become a department itself, but she said this seems impossible. Pope said there has been a freeze by the University in the creation of new departments and degrees due to lack of money. If the program was to become a department, it would have more money for classes and office staff and would provide tenure-line positions for faculty.

In August, 1974, the Women's Studies Program at the University was authorized by the State Board of Higher Education to offer a certificate in Women's Studies. To obtain it, a student must take 21 hours of classes approved for the program by the Women's Studies Council.

Pope said she has tried to provide space for men in her introductory class this spring so they would not feel isolated. "We tried hard to get men's group discussion leaders experienced in leading men's groups. We want to give men space to talk on a personal level."

Recently Pope has been successful in "recruiting" a man to lead discussion groups in the 9:30 introductory class she will be teaching this spring. He is James DeLong, a Eugene resident experienced in facilitating men's groups.

Women's union promotes 'self-criticism'

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To become a member of the Women's Studies Student Union (WSSU), one must believe in two concepts: rotating facilitators and "criticism/self-criticism."

The WSSU is a non-hierarchical collective of approximately 25 University women. WSSU has no president or chair, rather, two women volunteer to become facilitators at each meeting, sharing the responsibilities of organizing and running the meeting.

For example, one facilitator may take primary responsibility for time limitations at meetings, while the other takes responsibility (but not total) for the discussion process. The WSSU maintains their non-hierarchical organization by having the facilitators rotate at

each meeting.

They have tried to develop an atmosphere where women can openly express their feelings by using a method called "criticism, self-criticism." Denise Marion, a member of WSSU says this concept helps bring out underlying tensions within the group. "It makes the group healthy," says Marion. "You notice more and more what's going on within the group."

The WSSU was formed in March, 1976, as a resource and support group for University women in all academic departments. It also was created as a forum for student input into the University curriculum, especially the Women's Studies Program.

Before the WSSU was formed, there was no way for women to get

together and get things done, said Marion. "The women's studies department is an interdisciplinary program," she said. "Women would meet in classes, but there were no other connections as students."

"There was also no other mechanism for input into the Women's Studies Council, which is the decision-making body," said Marion.

The Women's Studies Council consists of nine faculty members and three students and is responsible for hiring faculty members in the women's studies department. The WSSU was instrumental in having two students on the council when Barbara Corrado Pope, an instructor in Women's Studies, was hired last summer.

Recently, a task force was set

up to work with the Women's Studies Council, mailing out questionnaires to schools and universities throughout the United States. The questionnaires were designed to find out the extent of other schools' involvements in women's programs. The results of the survey will be used by the WSSU and the Women's Studies Council in developing the women's studies curriculum at the University. A file of the results will be set up in Room 605 PLC (the Center for the Sociological Study of Women).

The WSSU also dedicates much of its time to passing out leaflets and putting up posters for the women's studies department. They are currently in charge of on-campus publicity for International Women's Day.

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