

Woman schedules racism workshop Saturday

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For some Eugene residents racism seems to be a far off, sad-sounding problem that only people who live in big cities have to deal with.

But for people of color or whites who understand the pervading ugliness and far-reaching divisiveness of racism, Eugene in its pristine whiteness offers no escape.

Making people aware of the nature of racism and the direct and subtle ways it manifests itself sounds like a big job, but one Eugene woman has taken it upon herself to make the effort.

Kendra, an active member of the Eugene women's community, has organized this Saturday's Women's Racism Workshop. The workshop, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be held at St. Mary's Church, 166 E. 13th Ave.

Because of the special nature of the workshop, no men will be permitted to attend.

"Racism makes us all uncomfortable because who wants to admit it or to confront it? We've got our TV, we've got our booze and all these diversions that can leave us unthinking," Kendra said. "It's easier not to deal with something that makes you feel hopeless and

it's always been this way. Racism just seems like too much to deal with."

Through confronting and recognizing the racist attitudes women carry, the first step toward eliminating racism can be made, Kendra said.

"We have to admit there is racism and that we are racist. We have to see that people are still suffering from racism, still dying from it. To deal with it personally is the crucial move."

Saturday's workshop will include a film, a general overview, a presentation on anti-semitism and small group work. Kendra hopes

the small groups will move to a larger group discussion of what concrete action participants can take to rid themselves and others of prejudice.

Kendra wants to dig back into history for an explanation of racism's long and healthy life. She plans to link the profitability of slavery with capitalism's need for a surplus labor supply.

"If you can segregate the labor pool, it's a lot easier to exploit all the workers because if they cause any trouble they know they can be replaced," Kendra said. "The whites who settled this country needed a quick, cheap labor

source. They would have captured the Indians but they put up an incredible resistance — the ones who didn't die of white diseases."

Exactly who profits from keeping the American people divided along racial lines will be discussed as well as the concept of "white skin privilege."

Kendra said it is important for whites not to fall back on their special status but to challenge racism wherever they find it.

Contraceptive methods rated

Editor's Note: As a final addition before the summer vacation, Dr. Terry Copperman thought this chart may come in handy. He reminds students, however, that nothing in medicine is 100 per cent certain and although the numbers here represent the best estimates available from several sources, he says they are subject to change as new information is gained.

CONTRACEPTIVE EFFECTIVENESS AND RISK AGES 15-30			
METHOD	How many women will get pregnant per thousand due to method failure per year	How many women will be hurt by the method	more or less safe than driving a car
CONDOM & DIAPHRAGM & JELLY	0.6 1,000	0	more safe
DIAPHRAGM & JELLY WITH VAGINAL FOAM	1.0 1,000	0	more safe
CONDOM & VAGINAL FOAM	1.0 1,000	0	more safe
BIRTH CONTROL PILLS	1.0 1,000	serious blood clot 3-6 100,000 gallstones 75 100,000 minor blood clot 1-10 10,000	same
CONDOM	20.0 1,000	0	more safe
DIAPHRAGM & JELLY	20.0 1,000	0	more safe
FOAM	50.0 1,000	0	more safe
I.U.D.	20.0 1,000	tubal pregnancy 1/250? uterine perforation 1-2 800 tubal infection 2-7 100 (P.I.D.) sterility often follows	less safe
NONE	900.0 1,000	complications of pregnancy & abortion more dangerous than the above	less safe

IFC winds down

As the school winds down to a close, the business of the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) is also nearing completion.

Wednesday night, the IFC had only three items on its agenda. The committee voted \$1,000 in supplemental funding to the University Theatre to help cover a \$3,800 deficit it has incurred from discount ticket sales to University students.

The IFC postponed until their next meeting a vote on funding the Amazon Community Tenants' trip to Klamath Falls at the meeting of the State Board of Higher Education. The group leaves today to air their grievances in a dispute with University Housing over a recent rent increase. The committee decided to hold off on the vote until ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman appoints a committee member to fill the vacancy created by Feldman's own departure from the IFC.

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