

Women's studies no longer a 'crazy fad'

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SEATTLE — Women's studies programs are no longer just "crazy sociology," Eleane Reuben, National Women's

Studies Association coordinator, told the Northwest Women's Studies Conference Saturday.

More than 120 persons gathered at the University of Washington to attend panels and workshops addressing the issues

facing women's studies programs and to elect new NWSA regional officers.

"Women's studies is no longer just an idea, fad or crazy sociology," Reuben said. "It's legitimate."

The NWSA formed last year to gather women's studies data, strengthen the teaching of women's concerns and give women's studies a "national commitment," she explained.

"There's probably no aspect of social interaction and academia that's more exciting," said incoming NWSA chairer Corky Bush. "Women's studies is to the culture and to education as Copernicus was to astronomy and the church."

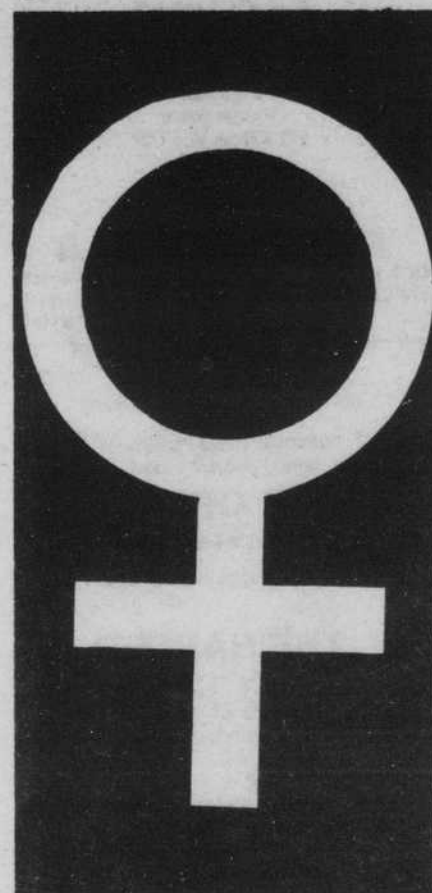
Bush, University of Idaho's assistant dean of students, said the chance to meet other women involved in the field was an important aspect of the conference.

"You may be stuck in East Overshoe, Ore., but you're not alone," she laughed. "That's the strength we have over Copernicus — we're not alone."

Reuben counts more than 300 women's studies programs in the United States, up 35 from last year.

"I suspect we're not even catching all of them," she noted. "Year by year, schools are developing programs. These are all pretty much ground-up, fought-for kinds of things."

The interdisciplinary nature of



women's studies is "threatening" to some university departments, Ruebens added.

"One would like to see women's concerns happening everywhere," she explained. "At the same time, what we're trying to imagine are courses that would only be taught in a women's studies program."

Though the number of women's studies programs has grown steadily, Reuben noted there has actually been "little change in the number of women teaching in higher education, for all the talk about affirmative action."

"In most places, women's studies has been dependent on the structure of the university," Reuben said. "It's a political discussion."

Controversies over women's studies boil down to changing roles, according to Reuben.

"We are in a period of some tension, in which two sets of forces are in motion. The whole range of issues is still being fought over, but they have in fact just gotten onto the national agenda."

"We're all going through a great deal of changing," she said. "We've been educated to have a whole set of interconnected values and assumptions. What we've accomplished is really quite extraordinary is you think about the last 10 years."

Meetings planned

A series of meetings for students who plan to study abroad will begin Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the International Lounge in the EMU. Recent participants and faculty members will discuss a variety of topics related to study in foreign countries.

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