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'Just like Vietnam!'

University Iranian students and many others were among 150 who participated in a rally and march against U.S. support of the Shah of Iran, Friday, chanting "Remember Vietnam? U.S. out of Iran." The protesters marched peacefully from the University campus to the Eugene Register-Guard where a verbal confrontation with Register-Guard representatives ensued. The protesters charged that Register-Guard articles misrepresented Iranian strikers in that country as a small minority.



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Portland meeting bolsters faith in career women

By RUSS LINEBARGER
For the Emerald

PORTLAND — More than 800 women met Saturday and Sunday at Portland State University to get some advice from experts and each other about getting ahead in their careers.

Some were famous, like Betty Friedan, founder of the National Organization for Women, and Betty Lehan Harragan, author of "Games Mother Never Taught You," but most were career women from around the Northwest. All felt that they face special problems as women in business and were there to find ways to be more successful.

The real work of the conference came in the form of workshops, conducted by about 100 women with special knowledge of everything from assertiveness training to writing proposals.

More than 40 separate workshops covered practical concerns about such questions as how to start a business and how to move from middle to upper management.

Individual women expressed their frustrations with male managers, but University counseling Associate Prof. Susan Gilmore, cautioned the group not to interpret motives from actions too easily.

"Be cautious," said Gilmore, "Rule out stupidity, lack of skill, bad day or confusion first. A lot of behavior (that seems obstructive) is due to not knowing what to do. The last thing you should assume is that they're trying to get you."

Dr. Gilmore noted that "assertive, confident, competent women are still unusual enough that people often don't know what to do."

Mimi Grant, founder of We can, a women's network based in Los Angeles, told the group that a "burning desire" was the single most important factor in success, but also gave some practical suggestions on setting goals and trying to achieve them.

Computers provided by PSU and Tektronix Inc. were available at the conference to help the women create their own personal support networks. After feeding in information, the computer responded with print-outs of names of women with related backgrounds and skills.

Gilmore suggested some strategies for dealing with the anger several women told her they felt in business situations where they felt disadvantaged because of their sex. Paraphrasing an associate's statements to make certain one understands exactly what he means and being creative about solving problems others create can help reduce the anger, she said. "Reserve your anger for real power situations," she advised.

Few men attended the conference, something of a disappointment to conference administrator Alice Armstrong, an instructor at PSU's School of Business. She said she has talked to men during the past year about the conference and expected more to attend. Some may have feared that the tone of the conference would be accusatory, she said, and stayed away from it as "counterproductive."

Armstrong said that one man who attended some of the sessions expressed regret that others misunderstood the practical purpose of the conference and he would pass the word to other men.

Terry Mandel, one of the conference coordinators, also regretted that more men had not attended, but added "With this many women here, they'll know they can't ignore us or wish us back to the production lines."

Harragan, who spoke on "Women as Corporate Leaders," commented that "Women are going to get what they fight for and beat someone else out for it."

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