

Union of women's groups won't help, directors say

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Women in Transition and Women's Referral and Resource Service will be merged into a single group if an ASUO vice president's suggestion is approved.

The new group would add administrative continuity for the women's groups, says David Gibson, ASUO vice president of administration and finance. The new group could also do the same activities with less money, he says.

Since both groups have the "same general goal of fighting for women's goals, combining them would strengthen their front," says ASUO Pres. C.J. Balfe.

But a merger of the women's

Talks held on women's counseling

Three women therapists will speak on "Women and Counseling" in the Fall Seminar held today and Saturday by the Women's Referral and Resource Service.

Rosemary Dalton, one of the three Ashland women therapists giving workshops, will speak on "Women and Counseling: An Alternative For Women and Men" today at 7 p.m. in 341 Gilbert Hall.

Workshops on Saturday will address "Fathers and Daughters," "Healing Through Imagery," "Stress: Leave My Body Out Of This" and "Daughters of Incest" starting at 9 a.m. The workshops will be held in 341 Gilbert.

Donations of \$1.50 will be requested per workshop or participants may purchase a ticket for all four workshops for \$4.00. To register in advance for the workshops, inquire at EMU Room 336.

groups would not benefit women, says a Women's Referral co-director.

"It doesn't show support for women's groups on campus," Terri Dismuke says.

If the groups merged they would probably receive less money than before and that would hurt their effort, Dismuke says. Women in Transition is specifically for older women while Women's Referral provides counseling and offers job readiness activities, she adds.

But another co-director says she will consider the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed merger before making a decision.

"At first, I was skeptical because I couldn't see how it would help our agency — Women's Referral," Holly Hutton says. She says she decided to review the proposal "because I have a history of making rash judgments."

But until the merger decision is made, the group is trying to educate the public on coun-

seling as related to women, Dismuke says. The Fall Seminar beginning today will discuss society's portrayals of women and sex roles and how counseling can help overcome the perceptions, she adds.

The group also is planning a racism workshop for winter term, Dismuke says.

"I think it's important to make the links between racism and sexism," she says.

The Reagan administration, the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment and several "turnarounds" in affirmative action have caused a trend toward increased racism and sexism, Dismuke says.

Women's Referral is trying to make students more aware of its presence and the services it offers, she adds.

The program will attempt to overcome this awareness problem by holding quarterly activities, she says. A quarterly seminar, newsletter and open house are targeted to publicize the group, Dismuke says.

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