

Women in Society directors consider ways to spend \$3 million endowment

By Leslie Knight
Of the Emerald

The directors of the Center for the Study of Women in Society still don't know when they will receive their \$3 million endowment, but they do have some concrete plans on how to use it.

The grant, left to the center by the late William H. Harris in June 1981, will be used to fund additional research and to bring visiting scholars to the University. Joan Acker, director of the planning committee, says they will also offer fellowships for graduate dissertations.

"We feel it is very important to support the next generation of researchers," says Acker, who also is an associate professor of sociology.

Harris left the money to the center in honor of his wife, feminist writer Jane Grant, who died in 1972. Grant was co-founder of New Yorker magazine and co-founded the Lucy Stone league in 1921. The league worked on behalf of women who wanted to keep their maiden names.

Acker says the center will use the money to further research on issues about women, including questions of sex role learning, gender identity, the symbolic representation of men and women, and women and work, including domestic work.

Although there are plans to bring in visiting professors, such as Bjorg Sorensen this term, the center will not hire regular faculty using the endowment.

People hear the figure \$3 million and don't understand that the center will not receive the money in a lump sum, Acker says. The money will be invested and the center will operate using the interest, which Acker says she expects will be between \$100,000 and \$200,000 each year.

"It will be very exciting to have any money at all," Acker says. The center has been existing on a budget of \$5,000 a year, but that figure is misleading too, she says. The center has had "a tremendous amount of volunteer work" and the sociology department contributes half of Acker's time at the center, Acker says.

There are plans to increase the materials in the center, located in PLC 605. Those plans call for an increase in the center's library and article files, and keeping the center open all day long.

Acker says that when the money is received the center will ask for research proposals from graduate students and from faculty in sociology and other disciplines.

"There is a great deal of work in other disciplines that applies (to women's studies) so we will entertain proposals from other areas," she says.

Research on women and gender is essential in order to make society "more humane, more equal," Acker says.

"The research has important implications for changing the way we think as well as the way social life is organized," she says.

Although there has been a tremendous amount of research on women recently, Acker says more is needed.

"We need to find out what women's lives are like, we need to find out to what extent there is a female culture."

Tight budget cuts housing

Working within an already tight budget, the housing department is considering several cost cutting measures, Housing Director Dan Williams told the Residence Hall Governance Committee Monday.

Compared with last fall's expenditures, the department has saved more than \$99,470 despite working with a budget that is nine-tenths of a percent lower than last year, Williams said.

The department has made major headway by saving \$41,000, or 10 percent, in food costs over last year, he said.

The department will not raise housing fees for summer term, even though there may be some rise in the housing costs, Williams added.

Also being considered is a new policy for the "no-show" rate for dormitory rooms, although the rate has decreased from 13 percent to eight percent, Williams said.

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MEETINGS

SORD (Students Opposed to Registration and the Draft) will be holding its second organizational meeting today at 7 p.m. in 112 EMU. All are encouraged to attend.

The Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America has changed its meeting night. General meetings will be held every Tuesday night at 7:30 at 1236 Kincaid. All interested persons are welcome.

The Christian Science Organization meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU. This week we're having a special Thanksgiving service, and everyone is welcome.

Students for a Nuclear Free Future will be holding a meeting today at 5:30 p.m. in 112 EMU. All are welcome.

The Campus American Civil Liberties Union is meeting to discuss projects for the year. The meeting will be at 4 p.m. this afternoon in an EMU Century Room. Dave Fidanque from the Eugene ACLU office will be joining us to discuss opportunities for student involvement in local ACLU projects. Any interested person is welcome.

The Gay Men's Rap Group will meet tonight at 1236 Kincaid from 7 to 9. We will have a guest speaker tonight discussing Homosexuality and the Military. For more information call GALA at 686-3360.

All Mortar Board members: The last meeting of the term will be today at 5:30 p.m. in 108 EMU. Gail Hemsforth from Career Planning and Placement will give a presentation. Denise and Deb will be bringing refreshments.

Attention Ad Club: There will be a meeting today at 4 p.m. in 301-A Allen Hall to discuss the booksale. New members, it is your last chance to join this year.

SPEAKERS

University molecular biologist Brian Matthews will take "A Look at the Molecules of Life" in an illustrated

lecture today on campus. The talk, which will be held at 8 p.m. in 16 Science I, is intended for people who are "curious about the topic yet may have a limited scientific background," Matthews said. It is free and open to the public.

MISCELLANEOUS

Parents whose children frequently lie, fight and refuse to obey can get help with child management through an on-going program offered by the University Psychology Clinic. The Child Management Program is open to parents with children between 3 and 12 years old. Fees are variable and based on family income. For further information and to set up an appointment, contact Greg Clarke or Linda Gonzales, University Psychology Clinic, x4954.

Emerald Tour: Students interested in finding out how the campus newspaper is put together can take a tour of the Emerald today. Meet in 211 Allen at 2:45 p.m.

The ACS Student Affiliate presents a fun-filled movie on protein structure tonight at 7 p.m. in 331 Science II. Popcorn will be provided.

The Oregon Mozart Players will present an evening of chamber music on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Beall Concert Hall, University of Oregon. The following works will be performed: String Quartet in C major, K. 465, "The Dissonant" by W.A. Mozart; Octet for Winds in E-flat, Opus 103 by L. van Beethoven; and Quintet in A major, D. 667, "The Trout", by F. Schubert. Tickets are \$6 general admission and \$4 for students, and are being sold at the Musical Offering, 808 Charnelton, 345-6197, and at the door.

Last Opportunity to nominate your favorite professor for Professor of the Month. Submit your nomination to the nomination box on the first floor of the library, or the Mortar Board mailbox in EMU Suite 4. Deadline for nominations is Wednesday.

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