

Hifi Magic
RONNY'S STEREO
STUDENT DISCOUNT!
 344-2454
 1744 Willamette
 12-6 Tu-Sat

SPEAKERS

At Ronny's we sell only the best Snell, Signet and Sound Dynamics.

Come in and you'll be amazed at our competitive prices!

STUDENT AIRFARE DISCOUNTS!

\$5 off

\$10 off

Domestic Roundtrip
 minimum \$100 purchase

International tickets
 with student I.D.

EUGENE TOUR & TRAVEL

2001 Franklin Blvd. • 485-4131

STAR GATE
 TOUCHING THE SPIRIT WITHIN
 UNIQUE CARDS, CALENDARS, & GIFTS
 BOOKS, TAPES & VIDEO RENTALS
 1374 WILLAMETTE • 342-8348
 MONDAY - SATURDAY 10:30 - 6:00
 MID-TOWN • FREE PARKING

Gender: Education the key to avoiding sexism

Continued from Page 1

woman talk," she said.

Another type of sexism that women involved in science face starts at childhood, when children learn certain roles are open to women and men, Page said.

"Society has been telling us for how many years that science is really a male pursuit," she said. "It's almost like women have to be better in science in some respects because of stereotypes."

Page said job stereotypes can affect women when they enter science classes. "This isn't universal, but women graduate students are more likely to think they don't know something when they actually do."

The role of a mentor

Page said because children often don't realize that women can be scientists, she takes the opportunity to act as a mentor very seriously. "I'm much more conscious of the role-model role now than I ever was."

She said she acts as a mentor to the graduate and undergraduate students who help her perform research on superconductors and building materials. Grace Neff, a graduate teaching fellow currently working with Page on the molecular research, said Page makes a great role model.

"She's got a family, and she's a woman in science and it's hard," Neff said. "I think she's a fantastic role model for women.

Women's Center honors 14 women killed in massacre

By Kristin Bailey
 Freelance Reporter

This week the Women's Center is remembering 14 women killed six years ago in the Montreal Massacre.

The Women's Center newsletter, *The Siren*, explains the tragedy that led to this tribute. On December 6, 1989, Marc Lepine walked into a classroom at the University of Montreal, told all the men to leave and ordered the 10 women left to line up against the wall.

As he drew his semi-automatic rifle, he called the women standing before him "feminists." He then opened fire, killing six. The rampage continued in three other locations, on three different floors

of the university. In his wake, the 25-year-old man shot 27 people, leaving 14 women dead.

Every year since, the University's Women's Center has sponsored events to remember that day.

The memorial will continue today in the Willamette Atrium from 11-2 p.m. The Women's Center invites people to attend and learn about the tragedy.

The Women's Center is also honoring women currently pursuing scientific degrees. People attending the Montreal tribute can also learn about the scientific contributions women have made while there.

I wish I'd met somebody like her sooner."

Page said she also makes presentations at elementary schools to show students that women are currently engaged in the sciences.

She said she was reminded of how important these kinds of presentations are after a recent visit to a second-grade class. "One of the girls went home and told her father, 'You know, women can be scientists too.' So already

at that age kids have an idea that women aren't in science."

Sexism on campus

These childhood ideas carry into the University too, Page said. She said she has heard colleagues make sexist comments in front of graduate students.

While Page tries to educate her colleagues about sexism, she said she does not believe that sexism has directly impacted her career. "I feel fortunate because the people who are in my field are fairly supportive," she said. "In school I never felt directly affected by sexism even though I knew it existed. And at that point it wasn't uncommon to be the only woman in a classroom."

Neff said some of her graduate chemistry classes have an average of four or five women to a class of 20 people. She said she believes male-female ratios in science classrooms are changing.

Page said she thinks programs like affirmative action have helped women and minorities enter into more professions in the science world.

"I don't think women would be where they are today; I don't think minorities would be where they are today without affirmative action because the male system shut them out entirely and it opened the door," Page said.

A future in science

Both Neff and Page said it is possible for women interested in science to have rewarding careers. "Women shouldn't be afraid to be in science," Neff said. "If you want to have a family and have a career, it's not impossible."

"I think the best thing is to talk to someone who is doing it to discuss how to incorporate science into a real life or to convince themselves that it is feasible," Page said.

Maggie Morris, assistant provost for research and graduate education, said there are various fellowships and scholarships available to both men and women involved in the sciences.

Morris said the purpose of offering fellowships is to help women who have made a commitment to science. "Our goal is to get some women in the pipeline."

SMART GIFTS

MULTIMEDIA CD-ROMs

Cool Tools to create, stimulate, orchestrate and motivate. Fiction and Non-Fiction. Facts and Fun. On subjects ranging from movies, art, and poetry to photography, baseball, and nature.

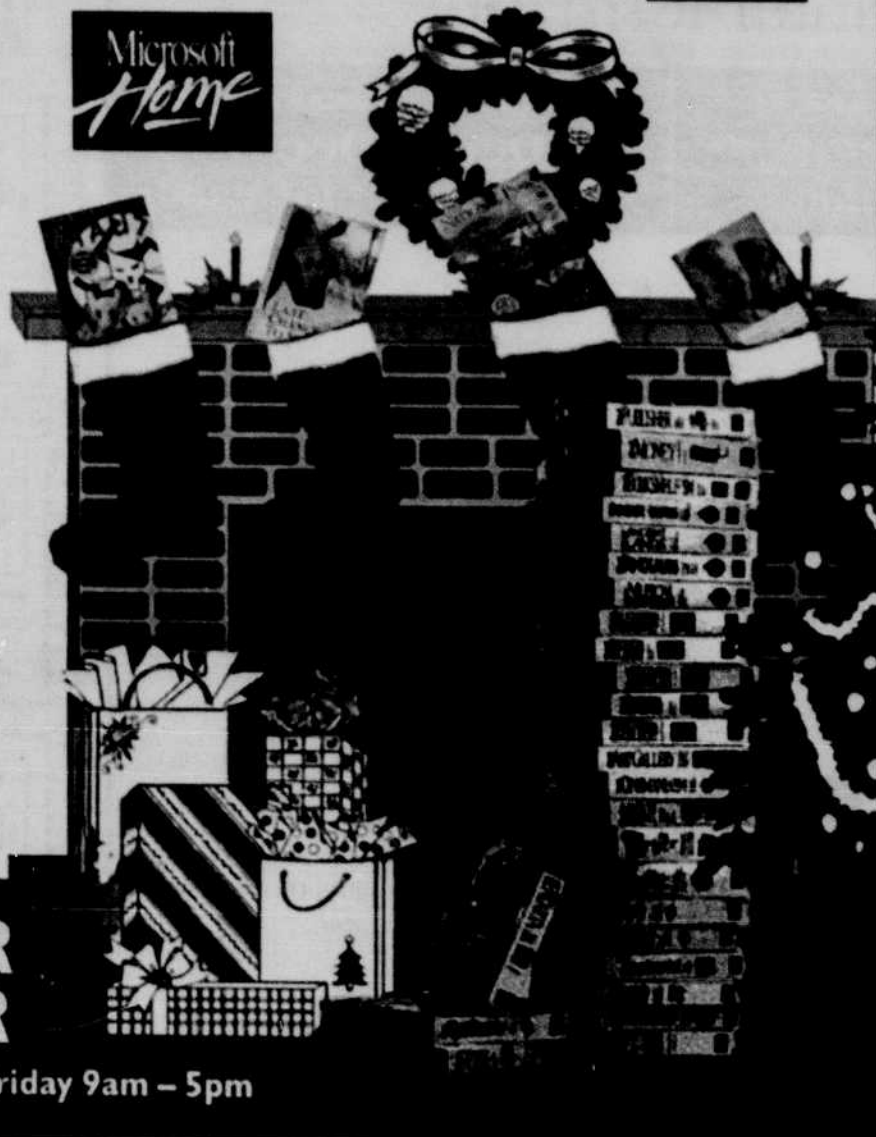
For both Windows and Macintosh.

Check out our large selection of innovative titles, available for the gift-giving season.

Holiday ideas from the

MICROCOMPUTER SUPPORT CENTER

202 Computing Center • Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm



BRING YOUR BRAIN
 VOYAGER