

Speaker opens minds to joined factors in holistic picture

■ **FUTURE:** People can find a vision in Martin Luther King Jr.'s work, speaker says

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

Activists need to examine how their work on single issues affects a larger whole, said Kathryn Flewelling, a consultant on immigration and environmental issues, to more than 50 people in the law school Saturday night.

Flewelling, the main speaker at the Second Annual Grassroots Conference on Environmental Racism and Justice, has worked on issues ranging from development to international affairs.

As she worked on these issues, Flewelling said she tried to fit her work into a global framework.

"It is in the linking of progressive struggle that we will find the strength to face the dawn of the 21st century," she said. "Do we know how our issue fits into the

broader scope of things? It's important to take a holistic view."

She told the audience that taking such a view means being aware of a wide range of social problems, such as poverty and environmental degradation, and how they are connected to one another.

"The real [world problems] have gone unnoticed," she said. "If it's not on television, it is not real for most of us. Countless people die every day and we're not aware of it."

A holistic vision also includes looking at how people interact with the world, Flewelling said. She said this kind of examination traditionally has taken place at universities, but now universities are used to teach people how to dominate nature.

"We need a reawareness — a rethinking — of how we interact with the universe," she said.

Flewelling said this reawareness must include an examination of how we use our

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resources and treat our indigenous people.

"How many of our resources ... still go to war?" she said. "What does it mean that 200 years ago there were 15 million indigenous people in this continent, and now there's less than a million? We are guests in their country. Are we clear about that?"

Flewelling also said a new view of how people associate with each other and the environment is necessary if people are to be positive about their struggles.

"It's our vision that sustains hope," she said. "This struggle for our planet that

we're in requires sacrifice."

Through the writings and work of Martin Luther King Jr., people can find a vision for a better future, Flewelling said. This vision included creating a world free of militarism, sexism and racism, she said.

"We need to remember the real person King was and the real reason he was killed," she said. "He was talking about challenging the fundamental power structure."

"King was about destroying myths that make us comfortable — myths that white supremacy allow."

Flewelling said the problems King addressed throughout his life are still present in society, and they will not go away just by putting well-meaning people into positions of power.

"The problem is structural and systemic," she said. "It is not a matter of putting a good man [to head] the ship. We must understand what we are fighting against and what we are fighting for."

Autzen Stadium to echo with male voices keeping Christian promises

■ **CONFERENCE:** Promise Keepers will join together Northwest men of faith next summer

By Sherry Rainey
Community Editor

The national Christian group Promise Keepers will use Autzen Stadium for its 1996 men's summer conference, and more than 45,000 men are expected to attend.

The conference is scheduled for Aug. 2-3, said Dennis

Blevins, Oregon state manager of Promise Keepers, at a news conference last Friday.

Autzen Stadium was chosen because it is the largest stadium in Oregon, Blevins said.

The Eugene conference is one of 23 stadium conferences for men to take place around the United States. An Oakland conference in September 1995 was attended by 48,882 men and brought an estimated \$7.2 million to the local economy.

"It's the chance to have men

together in one setting under Christ," said John Lind, regional development officer for Promise Keepers.

Blevins agreed. "It's one man keeping his promises in his local church and his community," he said.

Blevins was asked by a local TV anchorwoman why women aren't allowed at the conferences. He answered that men just act differently if women are around, even if just one woman walks into a small group of men.

"There is an element of surrender that comes out of the conference," Blevins said. "The event in Boulder, Colo., changed my life. I learned to serve my wife and work as a team."

"We don't come back from the conference to lead women; we come back to work together," he said.

Promise Keepers men's conferences are designed to serve as a catalyst, challenging men to live a life of Christian integrity. The conferences are intended to equip participants with practical

teachings and tools for improved relationships with God, their families, other Christians and their communities, according to a news release.

The conference costs \$60 per person per conference, in advance, which includes a Saturday brunch and the 1996 worship audio cassette. Space available walk-up registration is \$70, meal and tape not included.

Of 13 conferences in 1995, 11 sold out. For more information, call 1-800-888-7595.

Internship program links graduates to future

■ **JOBS:** Student interns find practical experience through local companies

By Cindy Long
Higher Education Editor

Sonya Walker didn't spend her summer delivering pizzas. Instead, she spent it working on a financial analysis as an intern for a Eugene company.

For the fifth year, the Lundquist Center for Entrepreneurship is conducting an internship program which pairs graduate students with local businesses during the summer. Last year, the program matched 13 graduate students and four post-graduate students with companies, said program coordinator Debra Bonn.

Bonn said the center is trying to expand the program to include undergraduate students this summer.

Walker, a finance graduate student, said she benefited from her internship last summer at Hydro-Fit, a company that makes water fitness equipment.

"It went really well," Walker said. "It was such

a great experience working for a small company. I was able to do so much."

Walker said she doesn't believe she would have had as much responsibility if she had interned at a larger company.

Bonn said the program works to combine the needs of both the students and the companies.

"Both go through interviews and screening. We're really looking for companies that are growth-oriented," Bonn said.

Interns earn \$4,400 for the 11-week program, Bonn said. The companies pay interns \$5 per hour and the center matches that, so they both pay \$2,200.

Walker said she will graduate in June, so she is trying to find a job rather than an internship, but still keeps in touch with Hydro-Fit.

Bonn said several people continue to communicate with the companies where they interned over the summer, and some even earned full-time positions.

"It's been such a successful program because it gives students practical experience," Bonn said.

Conference ties knot between crisis and prevention

■ **CONFLICTS:** Speaker illustrates different roles problems play in individuals' lives

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

Support systems, problem coping skills, perceptions of the world and a sense of identity tie together to form the anchor lines that determine how someone handles a crisis, said the main speaker at the Annual Crisis Prevention Conference on Saturday.

Nancy Taylor-Kemp, a staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center, spoke to students about why a crisis occurs and ways to improve coping skills at the conference sponsored by the University Crisis Center.

The events that happen in a person's life are the "life threads" that determine who we

are, and the things that other people do have an impact on us, Taylor-Kemp said.

The Greek definition of crisis is "turning point" and the Chinese definition is "danger, opportunity," she said, explaining the various roles a crisis could play in life.

A crisis, even though it is painful, can be an important time of growth, said Taylor-Kemp.

"You can only work from where you are now," she said. "It is not a deficit program but one where you are incorporating the growth into your life fabric."

When faced with a problem that seems to be painful and hard to deal with, people tend to push the problem to the back of their mind.

"It's like some beautiful blankets I saw in Mexico," Taylor-Kemp said. "They wouldn't be as beautiful if all the red threads

were hidden behind the blue. We need the full fabric available in order to be able to deal with whatever comes up."

Following the opening speech, students attended three workshops on topics ranging from facts and myths about domestic abuse to effective conflict management.

Knowing that support services are available to help deal with a crisis is an important aspect of crisis and conflict management. The final session of the conference was a resource fair to educate and inform participants of resources that are available through the University and the community.

The University Crisis Center provides free anonymous counseling Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and 24-hours on weekends. To reach the crisis center hotline, call 346-4488.

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