

MISCELLANEOUS

Career Center will offer an Effective Interviewing workshop today from 2 to 3:30 p.m., a Career Center Services orientation from 4 to 4:30 p.m. and a Campus Interview Program orientation from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 12 Hendricks. For more information, contact Room 244 Hendricks or call 346-6001.

Southwestern Company will have an information table today from 3 to 7 p.m. in EMU Century Room C. For more information, contact Room 244 Hendricks or call 346-6001.

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Speaker confronts racial stereotypes

RACE: Women's empowerment forum faces human scientific classifications

By Jennifer Carter

Student Activities Editor

Understanding yourself is the key to achieving your goals and making positive changes in society, said a doctoral student during the Black Women of Achievement's 1996 Women's Empowerment Dinner on Saturday night.

Joy Leary, a student and Portland State University faculty member, said gaining this understanding also means understanding media coverage and examining accepted truths, such as the notion of race.

Leary, also a consultant to organizations in cross-cultural sensitivity, spoke to more than 100 people in the EMU Ballroom during a lecture titled "From Queens to Second Class Citizens."

Through examining these kinds of information, Leary said, African-American women can find truth and define for themselves who they are.

"Once you understand who you are, there's no one who can stop you," she said.

Using the coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial and the Oklahoma City bombing as examples, Leary discussed the disparity between what events occur in society and how they are presented to society.

More air time was devoted to the Simpson trial, a tragedy that ended in two deaths, than to the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, which ended in more than 100 deaths because of the race of the alleged perpetrators of the crimes, Leary said.

"What's in the media isn't always truth," she said.

She also said accepted ideas such as the notion of race needs to be examined for fallacies. The scientific system of classification was applied to humans without science, she said.

Reading from classification documents written by scientists such as Carolus Linnaeus, Leary explained how humans were classified according to stereotypical behavior. Europeans were classi-

fied as humans "governed by laws" and Africans were classified as "lazy," she read.

These classifications are lacking in their use of scientific data, yet they are still taught in every university around the world, thereby promoting institutionalized racism, she said.

Ajuan Mance, an assistant professor of English at the University, said people of color can also examine and reject messages of the dominant culture through organizing together.

Claims made by a minority of academics that ethnic and cultural organizations further segregation are incorrect, Mance said.

Instead of promoting segregation, she said, these groups provide people of color with necessary support.

"When African-American women use organizations like BWA, they're dismissing an entire social order on which institutionalized racism depends," she said.

The current claims made by academics arise out of fear because these groups and their models of identity challenge the current power structure, she said. "And you can't dominate a people who refuses to acknowledge your power to dominate them."

Lyllie Parker, an academic advisor in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said the support system that organizations and individuals offer are necessary to achieving educational and personal goals.

Parker said she credits her success as a University student to her support network.

"This campus can be very alienating for black women," she said.

She encourages African-American women to keep their "eyes on the prize" and not allow anything to get in the way of achieving their dreams.

Students who are able to make it into college through the front door, she said, have the right to leave through the front door.

"I hope it for you," she said. "And I expect it of you."

Restaurant owners ban negative patrons

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The well-dressed businessman stared at a hand-printed sign warning that the owners of a small restaurant "will continue to refuse serving negative people."

"I'd never eat there," he said, turning away.

"Tough," said the owners of Dardanelles restaurant.

"If people don't like the sign, or don't like us, that's their problem, not ours," said Levent Yueksel, who owns the trendy 32-seat restaurant with his wife, Sherri Kane. "I know it's bad for business. But I don't care."

"There are two kinds of people you don't disrespect. The

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people who heal you and the people who feed you," he said.

Yueksel, 34, and Kane, 27, have grown tired of customers who demand their food in a hurry. Weary of diners who are rude. Bothered by patrons who want them to turn down their music. Annoyed by people who want to use credit cards. Disgusted with smokers.

So they posted the warning sign, which begins "This is a private restaurant. Very soon, we will open for our regulars. Until then, we will gladly serve selected newcomers. ..."

"It's just a sign," said Yueksel recently as he and Kane tended to a brisk dinner crowd. "We let everyone in."

The sign also, however, uses a common, earthy term for part of the human anatomy to describe "negative people" they'd just as soon see turn around and leave.

The sign outrages some would-be customers.

"Someone put Crazy Glue on the locks," Yueksel said. "People call and say 'I'm going to ruin you.'"

The menu is largely seafood with a Mediterranean flair. And it's reasonably priced for a restaurant that has been recognized by at least one critic as being among the top 100 restaurants in a city that has several of the nation's best.

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