

Feminists advocate peace in Middle East

Internationally known lecturers discussed the participation of women in Mideast peace talks

By Lee Straney
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"There is a theory that women are more peaceful and nurturing than men," said Galia Golan, "[because of] our associations with children and the ability to give birth."

Golan, a founding member and deputy-chair of the Israel Women's Network and the Jerusalem Link, joined Zahira Kamal, director of the internationally known organization Gender Planning and Development for Palestinian Authority, Tuesday evening to discuss women's participation in the Middle East peace process.

Their lecture was one in a series

titled "Israelis and Palestinians: Narratives of Peace and Identity," which began last October.

The series was made possible through the efforts of the University's Savage Endowment Steering Committee, which was designed to foster peace by educating undergraduates about conflicts in foreign countries.

This year's topic is the struggle between Israelis and Palestinians and the search for a peaceful resolution.

Diane Baxter, a University professor of anthropology and co-chair of the committee, said women in both societies are adopting a more active role in pol-

itics as the Israeli and Palestinian governments become more passive toward peace agreements.

Golan spoke of the rise in communication and authority among Israeli and Palestinian women and how this communication is helping to promote peace.

"I believe all women identify with the state of powerlessness and oppression, and I sought activism in a women's peace group for two reasons," Golan said. "I wanted to create a space and a means for women's voices for those who were silent in mixed groups or weren't listened to, and I believe women have a more promising starting point with dialogue with Palestinians than males."

Kamal said women are using their voices to encourage political change and to stress the importance of compromise.

"In 1996 women gained the right to vote and run for political offices," she said. "We are concentrating on the participation of young women and seek equal pay and the right to make decisions. There is an increase in violence against women and children during these times, and we struggle together for social change."

Baxter said she feels the University is very involved in promoting awareness of international issues.

"Through the Savage program there is an ongoing discussion of foreign conflict at the University, as well as contact with the other citizens of Eugene," she said. "Although you can never do enough, the University is very active in promoting this cause."



GOLAN



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Student Senate holds final meeting

By Kristina Rudinkas
Student Activities Reporter

The Student Senate for the 1997-98 school year adjourned last night after hours of debate.

ASUO Vice President Ben Unger sat through the entire meeting with a piece of tape over his mouth to comply with the Constitutional Court's censure for Unger's election violations. "I didn't even get to say goodbye," Unger said after the meeting.

The Senate transferred \$600 for a food request for the Japanese Student Association social. The Student Insurgent was given \$1220 from the surplus fund to account for several purchase orders mistakenly taken from the incorrect budget.

The Multicultural Center was allocated \$3835 from the surplus

fund to help pay for the upcoming EMU Amphitheater opening which will host two speakers: Arun Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's grandson and Yolanda King, Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter. The Senate also approved a transfer of \$1647 from the MCC's budget to be used for the expenses during the event.

The Senate approved a transfer of \$500 from the Programs Finance Committee's payroll to be given to the Multicultural Center for the grand opening of the amphitheater.

Heated debate took place during the EMU board committee's report. Board member and Student Senator Jenna Wasson apologized to the Senate for unknowingly giving them wrong information about the amount of money the EMU had to

spend on projects. She said she later discovered the EMU had \$54,000 that could have helped pay for the air conditioning unit in the downstairs of the EMU. "Why dump \$2.6 million into this building if students can't control it?" asked Wasson.

The Senate decided to write a letter to University President Dave Frohnmayer to have some of the money the Senate allocated to the EMU board for the air conditioning unit paid back.

Board member Geneva Wortman and Wasson voiced concern over the amount of student control they had over how student fees were spent in the building.

"I think this is a sign for the new senators to be wary; nothing's given," said Senator Tamir Kriegel. "This building is a corrupt hole."

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