

Exhibit honors Eddy, women's challenges

Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Monitor, is memorialized in a new multimedia exhibit

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Before a time when many women could vote, own property or earn a living on their own, Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist and the Christian Science Monitor, played a significant role in challenging the limitations placed on women in the late 1800s.

In conjunction with Women's History Month, celebrated every March, the University is hosting a multimedia exhibit in honor of Eddy. The exhibit is in Knight Library's periodicals room and runs until April 29.

In addition to the exhibit, two Thursday workshops will be held to discuss Eddy's book and teachings. The first is at 7 p.m. April 17 at the University Bookstore and the second will be at 7 p.m. April 24 at Border's Books and Music, located at 5 Oakway Center.

The Eddy exhibit has traveled all over the country and is a replica of the original exhibit, which has a

permanent home at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

"The exhibit is great because it's really interactive," said Cara List, the exhibit's campus coordinator and an AAA reference librarian. "It's interesting and informational."

According to Joan Pedersen, the exhibit's national program manager, the exhibit was created in 1998 in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, the first women's rights gathering. Park coordinators wanted to feature exhibits about women in history who have not received much recognition.

"The exhibit really resonates with young people because (Eddy) was an overachiever," said Pedersen. "She was an author, a religious leader and a healer."

After recovering from an accident in 1866, Eddy was inspired by the biblical teaching surrounding healing and medicine. According to Sally Ulrich, the exhibit's coordinator, Eddy discovered a correlation with spiritual thought and prayer and healing, and spent the next 44 years sharing her experience with others.

"Though teachings about metaphysical healing may seem like commonplace today," Ulrich said. "(They weren't) really accepted in

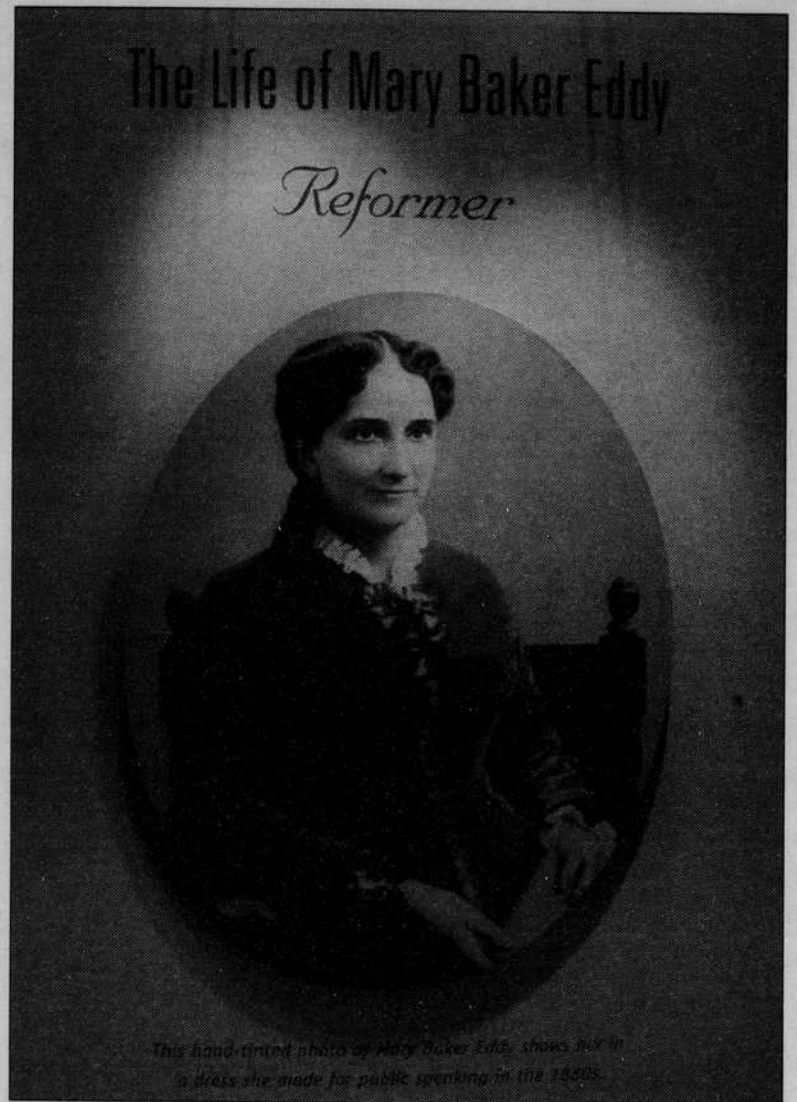
the 19th century."

In 1875, Eddy published "Science and Health," later named "Science and Health with Key to Scriptures," one of the first major publications about metaphysical healing, Pedersen said. The book has sold more than nine million copies.

In addition to authoring her pioneering book, Eddy also established the Church of Christ, Scientist in 1879. The church, which accepts members of any faith, has grown internationally and focuses on a prayer-based system of healing, Pedersen said. Eddy also established the Massachusetts Metaphysical College in 1881. The college still convenes every three years as a symposium for teachers of metaphysical healing.

At the age of 87, Eddy established the Christian Science Monitor in response to yellow journalism — what she considered irresponsible reporting that many large newspapers practiced to dig up dirt on people and businesses. The Monitor is still published today and is considered one of the top seven news publications in America. The paper has also won seven Pulitzer Prizes, Pedersen said.

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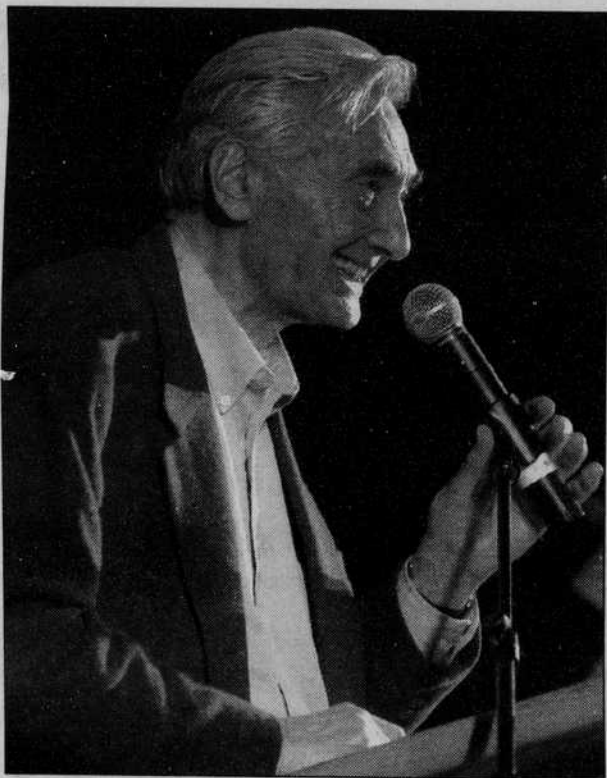


This hand-tinted photo of Mary Baker Eddy shows her in a dress she made for public speaking in the 1880s.

Mark McCambridge Emerald

The Mary Baker Eddy exhibit will run until the end of April in the periodicals room of the Knight Library.

A voice on war



Howard Zinn, author of "A People's History of the United States," spoke to a sold-out McDonald Theater audience on Friday night. The event, where Zinn discussed his latest essay, "War," was hosted by the Cultural Forum. Jeremy Forrest Emerald

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public relations arm of the republican party."

Siporin, the next speaker, received laughter from the crowd as he talked about the Bush administration, even comparing the 2000 elections in Florida against former President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"Personally, I would rather have a president who screws a person than who screws a nation," he said.

It was 7:15 p.m. when Palast took the podium to a standing ovation and thanked the crowd for coming.

"Special thanks for the invitation here at the Shedd," he said. "They have very good reasons (for not wanting me), but it's all bullshit." Palast also added a special thanks to the one man who had brought the crowd together: President Bush.

Palast then launched into

some of the stories he had uncovered as an investigative journalist working from London. Palast focused on the controversies of Richard Pearl, Barrick Gold, the war in Iraq, a terrorist organization and the 2000 Florida elections.

As Palast spoke of the stories he had uncovered, he also spoke of the lack of corporate media coverage of these events. He pointed out that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People won a lawsuit against the state of Florida after the 2000 elections, and added that there was little, if any, press coverage.

The event was originally supposed to raise money for independent media outlets, but organizers ended up losing money after controversy arose. Originally, Palast had been scheduled to speak at the John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts in Eugene, but he chose to throw away the contract three weeks ago. Kat Beglinger-L'Estrange, who organ-

ized Palast's Northwest tour, said "the Shedd" didn't want to host Palast after finding out he would be speaking about politics.

Beglinger-L'Estrange said the University allowed Palast to speak at Columbia 150, but she did not have time to fill out the paperwork required when charging for an event. As a result, the event made no money, and more than 400 dollars was lost on the broken contract.

To compensate for the lost funds, Palast ended his speech by asking people to send donations to help.

"We have to keep meeting like this," he said. His final thought was a quote from President Bush, the only one Palast said he agreed with.

"Do not fight for a dying regime," Palast said as he quoted the president. "It is not worth your life."

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