

Androgyny proposed by lecturer

More than 60 men and women listened at last Thursday's Focus on Women seminar as M. Kathleen Lane told them to throw off their sex role chains and to tap their own inner potential in order to become androgynous.

According to Lane, androgyny is the concept of accepting the maleness and femaleness inside each one of us and becoming comfortable being people and not just male and female.

"Either we (the human race) become androgynous or we self-destruct," Lane said.

"Why should the feminine qualities of nurturing, sensitivity, softness and beauty just refer to women and the masculine qualities of strength, force, logic and rigidity refer only to men?" she said.

"Are these really masculine and feminine qualities or are they really just human qualities shared by all?" Lane said.

"We must learn to harmonize these tendencies to be better able to create authentic human relationships-not those between half people who belong to only one category," she continued.

Lane feels that we are at a point in our history where, unless we allow our leaders to show the feminine qualities of kindness and

trust, we face the possibility of the destruction of the whole race.

The reason the world is in such bad shape is that people have demanded that leaders show only masculine traits such as aggression and power for too long, she said.

According to Lane, throughout western history, which she calls the "history of western man," people have tried to polarize the sexes and fit them into masculine and feminine sex roles, when in reality, everyone is a combination of the two sexes.

"This false polar structure has stolen something from people--their power and potential to become, to actualize--to realize what they really are," Lane said.

It is unfair, according to Lane, that men be forced to always bear the burden of the masculine adjectives and that women should be suppressed into feminine ones.

"To become androgynous is to become human--more than just male and female," she said. "In practice the equality of the sexes is an outward manifestation of (the recognition of) these traits and is essential to civilization."

Accepting this equality within ourselves and becoming a 'whole person' is, according

to Lane, the only way we can ever have lasting relationships based on truth.

"Androgyny is a state of being demands a healthy, vigilant, challenge not only towards oneself but towards other beings, especially fellow humans that share androgyny," Lane said.

"It is the whole of being, competence and dominance, tender competition, assertion and nurturing having a great sense of one's self," she said.

Junior college concept created for local high school students

High school students can earn college credit in selected high school classes this year under a cooperative program with the College, according to John Hooley, director of humanities and social sciences.

"The high schools participating in this program include Estacada, Owen Sabin Skill Center, Oregon City, Molalla, Canby, and West Linn," he said.

The college credit program was established to make it possible for students who master basic college level skills or knowledge in high school to earn credit for that knowledge and be able to enter college classes at their own level.

Some of the basic skills taught in high school classes are the same skills that are learned in classes at the college.

"Under the program, both high school

and college credit is earned for such classes as typing, shorthand, industrial drawing, vocational drafting, basic electricity, basic electronics, vocational electronics and advanced senior English," Hooley said.

"A \$10 fee is required to set up a college credit file. Once a file has been established," he said, "there is no additional cost and students may earn any number of college credits under the program."

Students must maintain an A or B grade in order to gain credits; however, they may apply for college credit for classes before or after taking the class, according to Hooley.

"I had some real reservations about this program at first, but now I think it will work for some students." "The real plus about the program is the break for the student in college cost."

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