

# Men's Resource Program takes care of anxiety

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"Raising the consciousness of men in our society" has been a major focus of courses offered by the Men's Resource center at the College this year, according to Vince Fitzgerald, advisor.

"Men, in certain ways, are a sexual minority," said Fitzgerald. "We have been oppressed in emotional development, psychological health, and generally, personal growth. While the women's oppression has been more visible, in the economic and political world, the men's has been more subtle. We have not been brought into awareness of this until the last 10 to 20 years."

Originally, the Men's Resource Center started while Fitzgerald was working on the Focus On Women program, also offered at the College. "There eventually came an interest in an awareness program here for men," Fitzgerald said. "I read a book on male sexuality, and that got me interested in a seminar I have now done twice called 'Men in Transition.'" After the second workshop, Fitzgerald decided to expand the program into a men's consciousness raising program. Men's resource

programs have also been implemented at Chemeketa and Portland community colleges.

There has never been a steering committee for the Men's Resource Program at CCC, although Fitzgerald said that several sessions have been held to determine the kinds of seminars people have been interested in. "I would have liked to have gotten the program to be carried on by other men as well as myself," he said.

Until now, Fitzgerald's goal in the program has been to touch on as many possible interests as males find themselves concerned about. "I think we've hit almost every one of them now," Fitzgerald said.

In his experience with the program, Fitzgerald has found the largest concern among men to be anxiety, "the real fear and discomfort that we all have when we are faced with something we can't cope with." Finding out first what their difficulties are, and then suggesting ways that will strengthen each man's own situation has been a big concern for the adviser.

The response as yet has been good, according to Fitzgerald, with turnout ranging from a total blank in one program on the veteran's role in society, to audiences of up to

40 for the other seminars.

Fitzgerald has found especially strong interest, in the Seminars on male sexuality, single parenting, separation from children, and men in relaxation.

On May 2, during the spring term, Fitzgerald will be offering a course in "People Communications." It will deal with "how the sexes communicate. What are some of the implications, power plays, obstacles, conditions and premises we're under?" he said.

Fitzgerald would like to see some spiritual impetus for the program. "Forever the humanist, he said, 'I think there should be some real spiritual energy, where it is not

paying off materially. Like today, where a guy cannot cope with his wife leaving him, I can give him some help that will pay off the minute he leaves my office."

Expansion of the program uncertain, but Fitzgerald said that he does not foresee carrying it beyond seminars. Tony Pfannestiel, director of the Confidence Clinic, located on Beaver Creek Road, will be working to plug in the advisors and lecturers that Fitzgerald has provided, to a men's awareness program. Pfannestiel's program may be funded by the College, United Way, or other agencies. Fitzgerald has his doubts that it will be budgeted by CCC. "I don't think the board has that

kind of enlightened priority. They have too many other people clamoring for money. Whatever the case, somebody has to fund it," he said.

Finally, Fitzgerald would like to see his efforts result in a combination of what is best in men and women in terms of emotion, intellect, passiveness and aggression, depending upon what kind of behavior is called for.

The decision to come and get some help from the course offered by the Men's Resource Center will depend on the individual, but Fitzgerald "would like to see everybody have a bit of consciousness raising occur in their lives. If enough of us are aware, it will happen," he believes.

## Hitler's cruelties studied

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It has been 30 years since Hitler's tyrannical rule was terminated. The aftermath of his exploits has left an impressionable scar upon the world. Yet, most people today are still unaware of the full extent of Hitler's persecution of various races.

Don Epstein, College history instructor, will be offering a special three-credit course titled "Holocaust" presenting the actual and complete list of cruelties Hitler imposed upon various races. "Holocaust is a Biblical term found in the book of Isaiah, Chapter one, which means 'burnt sacrificial offering,'" Epstein said. The word holocaust typifies Hitler's attempt to annihilate the races he thought threatened his projected utopia, Epstein said.

Epstein said that his course will not feature the recent "Holocaust" television series itself, but will be based on its content. "The course is focused on racism and destruction of certain races by certain races and the analysis of their motives. Hitler wasn't the only person who attempted to completely destroy a specific race. The American expansionists in the early 19th century indirectly did the same thing to the American Indian."

Hitler's attempt to commit genocide of the Jewish race is more prevalent, however, when compared to the crisis in Cambodia, the persecution of the American Indian and the United States' confining of the Japanese-Americans during World War II, Epstein said. "Anti-semitism dates back to the time of Christ. Persecution of the Jewish race and culture has been happening for more than 2,000 years," he said.

The first week of the course will deal with anti-semitism and the crises that evolved, Epstein said. Hitler's reasoning behind the massacre of nearly six million Jews alone, separate from millions of other races which were exterminated, will be analyzed during the course.

"The extermination of Jewish race and culture was Hitler's main priority of the war. Hitler was a pagan who visualized the past as the Wagner opera or in a mythical sense. The Jews' god, Jehovah, was a threat to Hitler's belief in numerous gods. Their Marxist, liberalistic views and their striving for

modernity continually aggravated Hitler's desire to abolish them, Epstein said. "Hitler not only attempted to exterminate the Jews but other races with similar cultures and ideals," he said.

When the Jews were exiled from Russia in the late 19th century, for their rejection of becoming Christians, Epstein said that many fled to the United States to promote their academic interests and the rest remained in Europe as garment dealers, dairymen, tailors and bakers. "The Jews who remained in Europe were the unfortunate ones. Hitler foresaw their culture and customs infiltrating the European way of life, thus establishing a possible threat to the pseudo-social Darwinistic style of life," Epstein said.

With annihilation of the Jewish race as his main incentive for war, Hitler began to enforce laws for the imprisonment of all races which might possibly threaten his goal of superiority, Epstein said. Concentration camps comprised millions of Jews and other innocents were established, beginning the morbid details of the genocide of various races, he said.

"During the course, we will have a guest speaker who survived the worst concentration camp of all—Auschwitz," Epstein said. Later in the term, a man who lived under German rule in Austria will describe the anxious atmosphere during Hitler's tyrannical rule.

Hitler's extermination of the Jewish race can be paralleled with the U.S. and Japanese relations, and the U.S. treatment of the Indians, which will be discussed during the course, Epstein said. The trials at Nuremberg which convicted many of Hitler's associates will be discussed and a film titled "Hitler's Executioners" will be shown.

For more information regarding the Holocaust course, contact Don Epstein at 658-2631, ext. 345.

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## Hakanson makes request

The Associated Student Government meeting Feb. 8 was highlighted by College President, John Hakanson's request for ASG members to encourage everyone they know to write letters to legislators concerning the College's exclusion from the 1979 list of community colleges that will receive state funds for new projects this year.

According to Hakanson, only four community colleges statewide will receive government funding for new construction on their campuses. Clackamas Community College is number six on the list.

"The state budget designated for community colleges has been cut from \$21 million in 1977 to only \$6.7 million in 1979, Hakanson said. "There will be no money for the new science building we need."

Hakanson urged ASG members to inform people of the need for funds at the College, and to write the legislators to make them realize the need for a larger budget for community colleges.

In other events at the meeting, the formation of a ways and means committee was put into effect by a majority vote from ASG members. The committee will investigate all

requests for funds from ASG during the three-week period designated for the committee to evaluate requests.

"The trouble with teachers asking for money just got out of hand," commented ASG Senator Joe Woods. "We needed a formal committee to investigate all requests."

Woods also presented a petition of a proposed plan for Tri-Met to change their bus routes so that they would make stops at Orchard and Clairmont halls on the College campus.

"If we get enough signatures, it could warrant a change," Woods said.

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