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King addresses injustices that plague women

In her denouncement of world history, King says education should give equal weight to all cultures.

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The words of Yolanda King rang out to an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 500 in the Valerie Pida Plaza during the Womyn's Festival Saturday. "In these times, it calls not for merriment but for movement—not for cheerful contentment but for constant commitment."

King, the eldest child of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, spoke of the continuing racism and sexism that plagues our society.

King talked about the injustices women still have to face in the 20th century, noting that women still get paid only 65 cents to every dollar a man makes in the same job, even though women "do 75 percent of the world's work."

She made reference to the effect that "though sparsely documented by historians, women have always been the backbone for movements of social change." She used the story of Rosa Parks refusing to give up her bus seat in Montgomery, Ala. in 1955 as an example.

"Because of that movement, black and brown and white, red and yellow students all across this country can attend school together if they choose, where once we could not," King said. "Because of that movement, we can vote in America pretty much unhampered, where once we could not. Because of that movement we can go anywhere we please, that is if we can afford it, where once we could not. Progress indeed."

King questioned the lack of government spending on educa-

'Festival was for everyone'

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"The late afternoon sun fell over the windows of the distant buildings, someone switched on the neon and I felt fine, just fine."

The moment described in Kathy Evans' poem "Psychic Healers" eloquently captured the feeling of the Womyn's Festival as it came to a close Saturday.

"The Womyn's Festival was for everyone," said Shelly Michael of the festival's organizing committee. "We had a great turn out."

"A lot of people wondered why we used a non-traditional spelling of the word women. We did it because we wanted to generate interest in the events of the festival and to move away from the meaning of the word (women) as wife of man." Some of the workshops

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Above: People gathered in the Valerie Pida Plaza Saturday for the Womyn's Festival. The event's organizers called the festival a success and hope to make the festival an annual event. Left: Yolanda King, the daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to over 500 people.



tion and expressed the sentiment that if more feminine values "molded the prism through which our tax dollars filter" this would not be the case.

"We must absolutely insist that education is as much of a national security issue for America's survival as military preparedness," King said.

"We must not be deceived," King said. "America did not win the Cold War because we spent all those trillions of dollars or because we bullied and fought the former Soviet Union into

submission. We won the Cold War because they went broke before we did and we are fast behind them."

She denounced the history being taught in school and the textbooks used to teach it, saying the teaching of world history needs to be changed to "give appropriate weight to all cultures." Stu-

dents should have to take at least one course in multi-culturalism.

The lack of money spent on researching women's health issues was also a concern for which King summoned a change.

King called upon college students to begin to make a change, sighting course selection, advocacy of entertainers, lecturers,

film projects, rap sessions, and library resources. She said, "in every nook and cranny of college life, you can begin to make a difference."

She called for women to take action in their communities and said, "We must get up off of our apathy, and get to the work that we know is left to be done."

"We as women have special women sensibilities and skills and the power if we use it to redirect the energies of our nations and communities toward those values that have always

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For black women, glass ceiling is concrete wall

MIT lecturer says women should be cautious in assuaging the glass ceiling.

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When a woman attempts to climb the ladder of success in corporate America, she needs to have knowledge and insight into the phenomena called the "Glass Ceiling".

At a crowded lecture given last Thursday by Dr. Ella Bell, an associate professor at the Sloan School of Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the subject was the lives of women in corporations.

Bell and her associates have researched this subject for three years. Results from the research indicate that 41 percent of all managers in corporations are women. Out of that figure 96.7 are white, .9 percent are black, 1.9 percent are Asian and .5 percent are native Americans.

According to Bell, white women who attempt to move ahead hit the glass ceiling.

"The glass ceiling is a very fragile piece of glass that can be broken, but women need to be very cautious," Bell said. "Crashing through the glass ceiling usually results in casualties. It is a place where a woman can observe all that is happening above her and she

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Benneman 'unofficial' Senate president winner for second term; recount pending

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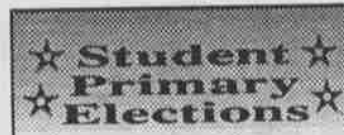
The new Student Senate president will probably be the former one.

Bud Benneman has unofficially won the election with 56 percent of the student vote. If the results are confirmed, this will be Benneman's second year as Senate president and fourth year in Student Government.

"I spoke to about 30 classrooms," Benneman said. "I was able to talk to a lot of people and find out what the concerns of the student are."

Becky Spray, Elections Board director, said the final outcome of the primary election will be announced at Thursday's Elections Board meeting.

A bit of controversy arose during the election because several voters who were not on the



master list had to be written in.

The master list contains all the names of students enrolled at the university.

"We have two master lists," Spray said. "One with all the graduate students and a list of all the undergraduate students. If there are any graduate students who voted they will be removed from the final total. This is to confirm and verify the election and to prevent any complications or controversy from occurring."

Graduate students are allowed to vote as long as they are taking undergraduate courses.

"We will look at all the names of those who voted and compare

them to the list of graduate students. If their name appears on that list we will then compare it to the list of undergraduate students," Spray said. "This is strictly a precautionary measure to ensure an honest and fair election."

If enough names are removed from the election total there is the possibility of a run-off election between Benneman and runner-up Uri Clinton.

Although the Senate president seat was not the only item on the ballot it is a priority.

"The ballot questions are non-binding and informational," Spray said. "Since we have to go through almost a thousand of them it's going to take some time. We are going to try to have those (totals from the survey questions) by Thursday."