

THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

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NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER TO SPEAK AT UNF.

Betty Williams Perkins, winner of the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize with Mairead Corrigan, will speak at UNF on March 24th. Ms. Perkins and Ms. Corrigan worked for many years to bring about a peaceful resolution to the Catholic-Protestant conflict in Ireland. Some of you may remember hearing Mairead Corrigan speak at JU several years ago. We have every reason to believe that Betty Perkins' presentation will be just as dynamic.

This event is part of a three-day series co-sponsored by the Campus Ministries of Jacksonville and the Women's Public Leadership Consortium, and will involve programs at JU, Edward Waters, and UNF. The UNF Women's Commission is one of the co-sponsors of the presentation at UNF. Ms. Perkins will speak on the topic "Peace in Our World is Everyone's Business." The lecture will be held in Building 2/1021, at noon, with a reception to follow. This is the first of several University-wide events which will be co-sponsored by the UNF Women's Commission.

FALL SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

The fall semester business meeting of the UNF Women's Commission was held October 19. Several items were discussed which are briefly described here.

Dues

We decided to ask all of our members for voluntary dues of \$5.00 per year. The money will help defray the cost of the group's expenses, such as xeroxing, refreshments, and duplicating, since we are not funded by anyone but ourselves. If you would like to participate, send Susana Urbina either cash or a check, made out to "Susana Urbina, Treasurer," to the Department of Psychology, Building

11, Room 2337.

If we collect \$100.00 or more, we can get an account at the Southeast Bank free of service charges, as a non-profit organization.

Advocacy Committee

The Commission decided to reactivate our Advocacy Committee to explore options for handling the problem of sexual harassment within the UNF structure. The committee members (one from each college, etc.) are Barbara Bunch (Psych.), Chair; Mary Grimes (Ed.); Dawn D. Bennett-Alexander (Bus. Admin.); Phillis Voss (Counseling); Kathy Bloom (Nursing); and Marsha Jones (Math) (ex-officio).

Meeting with President McCray

On Monday, November 8 at 4 P.M., three members of the Women's Commission met with President McCray in his office in order to introduce the Commission and provide a historical perspective. President McCray met with Ellie Scheirer, the Commission's Convener, Sandy Hansford, the Commission's Steering Committee Chairperson and Marsha Jones, the Commission's Committee Coordinator. The meeting was extremely productive, with President McCray being supportive of the organization and willing to meet with the Commission at any time.

Women's Studies Minor

A meeting was held on October 27 for all interested members to continue our discussions regarding the nature of a Women's Studies minor. Courses already identified as appropriate are "Women and the Law" and "Women and Health." Several courses which we teach lend themselves to inclusion in this minor without working an undue hardship on us. If you are in any way interested in helping design the program, please call Mary Grimes at ext. 2952.