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DAYTON, Ohio, February 22, 1982 -- Men's Awareness Week: Issues for the Eighties, a four-day presentation of panel discussions, awareness sessions, and film will take place at the University of Dayton March 2-5.

"The purpose of these activities is first, to make people aware that there are such things as men's issues, and secondly, to illustrate the importance of and need for addressing these issues," explains Eugene August, English professor and coordinator of the event. "The different activities are not designed on the premise that women's issues are unimportant, but instead, that men's issues must be discussed in tandem with women's issues otherwise the discussion becomes one-sided and pointless."

The first event of Men's Awareness Week will take place Tuesday, March 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in UD's Miriam Hall Lounge, 8th floor. "The Hazards of Being Male" will be an awareness session on the male sex role conducted by Dan Held, a clinical social worker.

Two events are scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, the first being titled, "Black Men: Success in America." This panel discussion, lasting from 3 to 5 p.m. in Kennedy Union 311-312 and led by Faith Johnson, coordinator of UD's Center for Afro-American Affairs, will concentrate on successful Black men, the attitudes that make for success, and other related topics. Later that night, the film, "The Great Santini," starring Robert Duvall and Michael O'Keefe, will be shown in O'Leary Auditorium in Miriam Hall at 7 p.m. Commentary after the movie will be led by Dave Ellis, a clinical psychologist.
"Men and the Military," is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Kennedy Union 311-312. This will be a panel discussion centering on careers for men in the military, the Vietnam experience, the male-only draft, and more. The second event for that day, "The Disposable Parent? Fathering in the 80s," will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in Kennedy Union 311-312. This session will cover new roles for fathers, Christian perspectives on fathering, divorce, and custody, and the terminally-ill child.

The final event of the week, "Male Sexuality," is set for Friday, March 5, from 3:15 to 5 p.m. in the Staff Dining Room, Kennedy Union 152. This presentation will focus on various aspects of male sexuality, gender roles, and pressures on young males.

There is no admission charge for any of the events. For more information, contact Eugene August at 229-3426.