Views of Iranian women mixed

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"Then Khomeini backed down and put Ayatolah Telaeghani on TV for two hours saying 'please don't be angry,'" Khomieni's mean you must wear the veil."

"She denied the Koran recognizes women as equal to men. "The Koran talks only to men, and it says to men if your wife does not satisfy your desires, you can punish her. But it never says a woman can punish her husband," she said.

"Those protests are another sign the revolution is not basically a religious movement. Religion cannot give people what they want," she said, "and when the next revolution comes, religion will be rejected."" MANZI ASHTARY IS A GRADUATE STUDENT IN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING AT MIT WHO SPOKE WITH THE TECH AT EASTGATE. She passionately defended the religious orientation of the Iranian revolution and just as passionately denounced sexism in Iran, which she said made working there impossible for her under the Shah's regime.

Ashtary said she left her job in an Iranian government agency and returned to MIT because of stifling authoritarianism and in- consequence in the bureaucracy. Now Ashtary plans to return to Iran after graduation, and she expects working conditions for women to be improved.

Ashtary does not cover her head. Asked why, she poignantly declared she is "too oriented toward people around me," and not sufficiently conscious of God. She spoke of her love for Islamic tradition in its pure form, which she, like the others at Eastgate, sees as liberating. "I cut that traditional system, and went to be Islam as a new thing and with an open and intellectual mind," she said.

She is repelled, not only by the repressive aspects of Iranian society, but also by what she regards as the shallowness of the modernizing culture that emerged under the Shah. "I could cry for the younger generation," she said, "blindly following the West."

Announcements

The EECS Student-Faculty Committee is running a tour to Data General Corporation on Tuesday, March 20, to visit the plant and talk to company engineers. The tour leaves from the Lobby of Building 39 at 9pm. For free tickets and more info, contact the EECS Undergraduate Office, 38-476.

Sports

There will be a mandatory general meeting for all undergraduate and graduate Club Intercolligate Football next week. The meeting is at the Delta Upsilon Fraternity House (526 Broadway) on Monday, March 19 at 8pm. Coaches and officials will be available for questions about the upcoming season. To attend, please leave your name and number with Keith Therrien at 261-1791. The Club Football Team is also looking for managers for next season. Interested students should contact Keith Therrien at 261-1791.

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