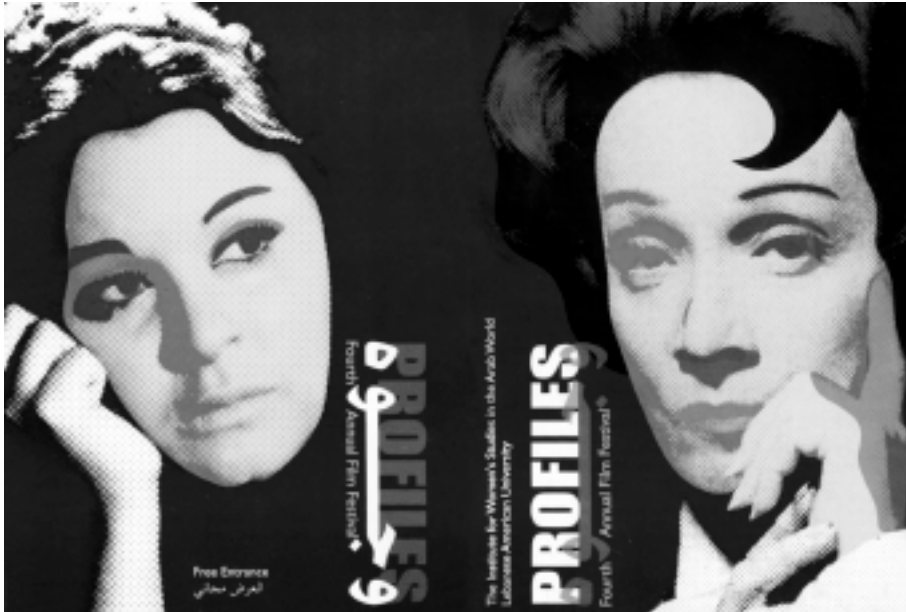


Fourth Annual Film Festival



The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World at the Lebanese American University - in consultancy with Cine-Club Direct Line - organized its fourth annual film festival entitled "Profiles". The festival lasted for 4 days (May 27 -30, 2003). The films and documentaries screened, directed by several renowned directors, featured various profiles of women such as Marlene Dietrich, Rose Al-Yusif, Valerie Solanas, Nico, etc. On the final day, IWSAW hosted Lebanese-Egyptian director Marianne Khoury who presented "Les Passionnees du Cinema" a documentary she prepared in 2002.

Launching of Al-Raida's Centenary Issue

The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World at the Lebanese American University launched, on July 28, 2003, the centenary issue of Al-Raida entitled **Women's Movements in the Arab World**. The issue in question is divided into three sections and includes: a historical introduction to the Arab women's movement which covers three basic areas namely the Mashreq and Egypt, the Maghreb and the Gulf; an email interviews conducted with 19 respondents who are either movement activists, scholars, or Muslim feminists; and a gender-sensitive fact file with comparative data related to gender for each Arab League country. Moreover, the issue also includes a book section, as well a bibliography containing books published on the Arab Women's Movement.

The keynote speaker for the event was Mrs. Mervat Tallawy, Under-Secretary of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA. Moreover, President Riyad Nassar, Acting Vice-President Abdallah Sfeir and IWSAW Director Mona Khalaf gave individual talks about the history of IWSAW and AL-Raida. The audience included UN officials and staff, NGO representatives, faculty members representing various Lebanese universities, journalists, as well as gender studies researchers.



IWSAW Director Mona Khalaf with Mrs. Mervat Tallawy, Under-Secretary of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA, at the launching.