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## Vanderbilt Women's Accomplishments Highlighted

*This article begins a feature series to applaud the achievements of women on campus. With your help, the series will*

*- recognize the accomplishments of individual women*

*- Provide a sharing of information between women in different schools and areas*

*- encourage the sense of community among women at Vanderbilt.*

*If you or someone you know has received an award, promotion, or other honor, please contact the Women's Center, 322-4843, Box 1513, Station B.*

This month's focus is on women faculty in the College of Arts and Science. In subsequent issues of *Women's VU*, women faculty staff from other schools and areas within the Vanderbilt community will be featured.

Molly Miller was promoted to associate professor of Geology with tenure, full status, partial load, effective fall semester, 1983. Professor Miller received her B.A. from Wooster College in 1969, her M.S. from George Washington University in 1971, and her Ph.D. from UCLA in 1977. She shares a full load professorship in the Geology Department with her husband Calvin Miller, who was tenured at the same time.

Maureen Powers, A.B. University of California at Berkeley, 1968; Ph.D. University of Michigan, 1977, has been promoted to associate professor of Psychology with tenure, effective the academic year of 1983-84. Professor Powers is president of both the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience and the Vanderbilt Women's Faculty Organization. She is the recipient of several grants including an honors grant from the Research Career Development Award from the National Institute of Health.

Francille Bergquist was appointed Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Science, effective July 1983. Formerly as-

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## New Programs Feature Vanderbilt Faculty

Two new programs at the Women's Center this fall will provide an opportunity for faculty members to report on scholarship relating to women, gender, and relationships among women and men.

"Roundtable Seminars" will be held on Wednesdays at noon from October 12 through November 16. Faculty members who do research on gender issues or women will report informally about their work. A discussion and question period will follow the presentation, with each seminar ending at 1:00. Students, staff, faculty, and interested persons from the community are welcome to attend. All seminars will be held at the Women's Center, E-2 West Side Row.

Participating members of the faculty are Kathryn Anderson, Economics; Paul Burstein, Sociology; Shelly Chaiken, Psychology (A&S); Walburga von Raffler-Engel, Linguistics; Walter Gove, Sociology; Kathleen Hoover-Dempsey and Jeanne Plas, Psychology (GPC).

A schedule of seminars is available at the Women's Center, with title and presenter listed for each date.

"Perspectives of Women in Literature and Art" is a two-part program that will meet at the Women's Center on Thursdays, October 20 and December 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Nina Gove, Associate Professor of Russian, will review *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston on October 20. The stories in *The Woman Warrior* tell of the dual experience of powerlessness—that of a woman in Chinese culture and that of a foreigner. But that is only the beginning. The discussion will center on the ways in which

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## YELLOW ROSES FOR EQUITY WEEK

Students for Women's Equity and WEAV have declared the week of Oct. 9 as Women's Equity Week at Vanderbilt. Persons supporting equity for Women are asked to wear a Yellow Rose, the historic symbol for women's rights and suffrage. The roses will be on sale at Rand Terrace throughout the week.

## SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES START OCTOBER 6TH

A new Self-Defense Class for Women will be offered in Hill Auditorium beginning October 6. The class will meet for five evenings from 7:00 p.m. on October 6, 11, 13, 18, 20.

Offered by the Women's Center, the class will be taught by Donna Pence, special investigator for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. She will be assisted by Ken Pence, Metro police sergeant, who taught one of the first self-defense courses at Vanderbilt in 1968-69.

"Creative self-defense" is the term Donna Pence gives to the practical, easy-to-remember streetfighting techniques which are taught in the class and which can be used in a variety of situations.

There will be some physical exertion of participants who are asked to wear comfortable clothing. Even more important there will be a discussion of how to choose clothing from a self-defense perspective.

Specific situations are analyzed and discussed during a session dealing with the dynamics of attack and becoming a victim. "What if . . . someone approaches you on a deserted street?"

Other topics during this five session class include

- conventional weapons and common ready-to-hand weapons

- the psychological limits of self-defense  
-offenders' perspectives on potential attack situations

- what to expect and demand should a rape or assault situation occur in Nashville/Davidson county.

The self-defense class, according to Donna Pence, is designed to give women "a basis of knowledge so that they can make intelligent decisions whether to fight, flee, or submit" in any situation. Giving women a basis to make a rational decision in a given situation, to have some small amount of choice or control, is most important.

*For further information, call the Women's Center, 322-4843.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Adolescent Health Project

The Center for Health Services is developing a new educational project, the Adolescent Health Project. The AHP will involve university students and teens in an innovative community-based adolescent health program. For students, the AHP will provide ways to develop skills while working in the community with teens. University students can help provide needed health screening, referral and educational services and help develop creative ways to make teens more aware of their role in their own well-being.

For more information contact Pat Sharkey, 322-4773.

## Planned Parenthood

### *Taking Charge of Childbearing*

A one day program to discuss the physical, emotional, and social changes of pregnancy and breastfeeding, and to explore available choices in medical care and birth settings. The experiences of all family members will be included. Sat., Oct. 1, 9-4, \$15/person, \$25/family

### *Single Parenting and Sexuality*

A six week course program for parents which will examine how to share sexuality information with children and the difficulties of being a sexual person and a single parent.

Thursday evenings, Oct. 13-Nov. 17  
\$10 registration fee applied toward tuition,  
Co-sponsored with Family & Children's Services  
6:30-8:00 p.m. \$25/person

### *Premenstrual Syndrome Seminar (PMS)*

A morning seminar which will provide information on the symptoms as well as treatment of PMS presented by experts in the field.

Sat., Oct. 29, 9-12 noon, \$10/person

### *Women and Sexuality*

A five week course designed for women of all ages which will assist them in examining who they are as sexual people.

Monday evenings, Nov. 7-Dec. 5  
7:30-9:30 p.m. \$25/person

### *Men and Sexuality*

This five week course for men will examine the changing role of men and provide an opportunity for discussion and sharing.

Monday evenings, Nov. 14-Dec. 12  
7:30-9:30 p.m. \$25/person

## League of Women Voters Meeting on Incentive Pay for Teachers

Friday, October 21, Noon - 1 p.m. Belmont United Methodist Church (2nd floor, enter Acklen Ave., side). Bring lunch. Beverage provided. For further information, call the League office, 297-7134.

## Volunteer Services

We need your previously read books and magazines. (Magazines no more than six months old, please).

The book/magazine cart will be outside of the entrance to Medical Center North for your convenience on the third Monday of each month. Other times, Monday through Friday, 8:30-5:00 reading material may be left in S-2424 MCN or 2105 VUH.

If you have any questions call 322-2379.

## Herpes Support Group

Much of the hysteria surrounding Herpes II viruses has abated; however, the disease still exists as a serious health hazard if not managed carefully. A self-help support group has been formed in the Nashville area. Facilitators for the group include a physician familiar with the management of the disease and a trained counselor. For further information, contact the Crisis Intervention Center, 244-7444.

## Parenting Course

A course designed for parents of preschool and elementary school children will begin Tuesday, *October 4, 1983* at Samaritan Counseling Center in Hillsboro Village. The group will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for seven weeks and a fee of \$30 will be charged. A scholarship is available. Mrs. Virginia Holladay will be the leader.

The course is based on the philosophy that parents, with some basic skills learned in supportive group, can discover their own answers to day-to-day child-rearing problems and find more enjoyment in the parent-child relationship. It incorporates Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) designed by Drs. Gary McKay and Don Dinkmeyer, but uses ideas of other child-rearing experts as well.

Another course for parents of pre-teens and teenagers will begin Friday, October 7. Meetings will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays for six weeks and a fee of \$30 will be charged. A scholarship is available, if needed. The course will be led by Mrs. Virginia Holladay.

The material is based on the philosophy that parents, with some basic skills learned in a supportive group, can develop a good relationship with their teenagers based on honesty and respect. Systematic Training for Effective Parenting is used as a guide.

Additional information is available from Mrs. Holladay, 269-4308, or Samaritan Counseling Center, 292-2614, which is located at 1901-20th Avenue South. Reservations are required.

## VANDERBILT PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

### Dutch-Treat Breakfast 1983-84 Schedule

October 27, 1983	Iris Kozol, Executive Director of Alive Hospice, Inc.
December 1, 1983	Barbara Sadler of Color Magic, consultant on wardrobing and grooming for professional women
January 26, 1984	Katrin Bean, Investors Diversified Services, Inc.
February 23, 1984	Nancy Hendrix, Assistant to the Chancellor
March 29, 1984	Diane Neighbors, Director of Vanderbilt Child Care Center
April 26, 1984	Fran Adkins, Chair of the Board of Health Care Partners and Administrator/Director of Nurses for Health Care at Home, Inc., Tennessee and Health Care at Home, Inc., Colorado

Any woman who is employed at Vanderbilt is welcome to attend. Announcements will appear in *Women's VU* and in the *Vanderbilt Register*.

The breakfast line forms at 7:30 a.m. in Rand Hall. Go through the cafeteria line and bring your breakfast tray to the Faculty Dining Room where coffee is provided by the Women's Center.

Programs and speakers start promptly at 8:00 a.m. and finish by 9:00 a.m. Those who need to leave earlier may do so easily.

## Staff Council Project Benefits Child Care Center

Over \$700 was raised for the Vanderbilt Child Care Center at the University Staff Council's flea market on August 27. Held on one of the hottest days of the summer, the flea market enjoyed a successful turnout of staff, students, faculty, and community.

Sallie Wamsley, new president of the Staff Council, said she hopes this project is something they will do annually. Not only was it for a worthwhile cause, she noted, but the flea market benefited the community. Most items were priced under a dollar with real bargains realized by many buyers.

The School of Nursing deserves special thanks for allowing the Staff Council to store donated items on its premises. Plant Operations assisted by donating trucks and personnel to pick-up and transfer donated items and to set up the tables and booths at the flea market.

## Women's Center Library

The Women's Center Library has recently received these booklets from the U.S. Government Printing Office:

*A Woman's Guide to Social Security*, June 1983 edition, from the Social Security Administration

*A Working Woman's Guide to Her Job*, January 1983, from the U.S. Department of Labor

*Women's Handbook: How the Small Business Administration Can Help You Go Into Business*, April 1983, from the U.S. Small Business Administration

## YWCA

YWCA lists these programs which begin in October:

**Up Your Success - a Career Advancement Seminar:** Design your own career advancement strategies and goals. Learn how to ask for what you want. Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Instructor: Brenda Hunter. Fee: \$45.00. Bring a sack lunch.

**Assertiveness Training:** Learn an effective communication technique which opens communication lines, enhances professional relationships and emphasizes positive personal relationships. Mondays, October 3-24, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Instructor: Doreen Bieryla. Fee: \$35.00.

**Relaxation Training:** Learn how to handle stressful situations through developing your relaxation techniques, Wednesdays, October 12-November 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Instructor: Dr. Nancy Stott. Fee: \$40.00.

For further information about any of these programs, call the YWCA at 385-1952.

## Vanderbilt Women's Center Celebrates 5th Anniversary

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On November 1, 1983, the Vanderbilt Women's Center will observe its fifth birthday. Everyone at Vanderbilt will be invited to share in the celebration. Arrangements will be announced in mid-October.

The Gender Gap, unlike the Grand Canyon and the Women's Center, cannot be located on any map. But most women today will testify to its existence on the college campus, in the work place and in society. It is the abyss that separates women from social parity. This is the abyss that the Vanderbilt Women's Center strives to bridge by

- promoting equal opportunity for women at Vanderbilt
- educating the University and the wider community about women's contributions, achievements, and potential
- assisting in the University's efforts to eliminate sex discrimination at Vanderbilt
- providing a supportive environment for women striving for self-fulfillment and the chance to participate in University life

Behind the University's recent designation of the attractive upstairs suite at E West Side Row as the Women's Center lies 10 years of unremitting effort by Vanderbilt women faculty, staff, and students for "a room of one's own."

In 1972 an *ad hoc* committee asked Chancellor Alexander Heard to appoint a commission to examine the status of women in the University. This request came on the heels of the passage by the U.S. Congress of Title IX of the Educational Amendments which prohibits discrimination against students and employees on the basis of sex. A commission of 16 men and women was appointed to:

*... investigate the conditions of employment for women, the status in faculty, administration and staff positions, curricular offerings which pertain to the study of women, the quality of life for women students, and attitudes toward women in the University community; to review current University policy and procedures pertaining to these matters; to develop and make public a plan for Affirmative Action, and to recommend innovative means to implement all proposals.*

The Report of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women was published in 1976. Establishment of a campus Women's Center, a "permanent office for women," was its priority recommendation; establishment of a child care center on campus was its second priority.

The Women's Concerns Committee, a second *ad hoc* group of women faculty, staff, and students, came into existence in 1976 to

monitor the responses to the Commission's Report and to press for establishing a Women's Center. In 1977, the Women's Concerns Committee submitted a formal proposal to President Fields.

Guidelines for opening a Women's Center were agreed upon in April 1978. The Women's Center would open for a trial term of one academic year, September to May 1979. Its staff would consist of a part-time Director and part-time Staff Assistant. An Advisory Board of 15 persons would represent campus groups: students, faculty, staff, and administration. The Advisory Board would evaluate the Women's Center after its first year and make recommendations to the President.

In November 1978, Nancy Ransom was appointed Director of the Women's Center by President Fields, and the Women's Center was formally open. Space for one office at E-2 West Side Row was donated by the Opportunity Development Center's director, Ken Jordan.

The Women's Center received continued funding on a part time basis with the beginning of the fiscal year July 1979.

In March of 1980, the Advisory Board's evaluation and recommendations were submitted to President Fields. The Board found the Women's Center making valuable contributions in terms of programs, services, referrals, and advocacy. Major recommendations were to 1) develop mechanisms for regular consultation so that the perspective represented by the Women's Center is taken into account in the administrative decision-making process, and 2) move the Women's Center into a place of its own, with facilities for informal gatherings, library, workrooms and office space.

The two staff positions became full-time in July 1980 and a work study student was added to the staff.

In the Fall of 1982, Chancellor Wyatt approved the entire floor of E-2 West Side Row for the Women's Center. Renovations which were accomplished over the summer of 1983 included installation of central heat and air-conditioning, repainting and recarpeting. The Women's Center anticipates the anniversary of its fifth birthday on November 1 with a walk-in lounge, a meeting-lounge, a library, and three offices for the Director, Staff Assistant, and groups that are based at the Center.

The next issue of Women's VU  
will be distributed  
November 1, 1983

Deadline for announcements is  
October 7, 1983.

## LONG LIVE THE ERA!

Vanderbilt Women, *cont. from p. 1*  
sistant professor in the department of Spanish and Portuguese, Dean Bergquist received the 1983 Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Technological University.

Ann Jennalie Cook was promoted to associate professor of English with tenure, full status, partial load, effective fall semester 1982. She received her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Oklahoma in 1956 and 1959, respectively, and her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt in 1972.

Susan Ford Wiltshire, Associate Professor of Classics, won the Thomas Jefferson Award for distinguished service to Vanderbilt in the fall of 1982. She has served on and chaired many committees, including among others the Women's Studies Committee (1973-1977) and the University Committee on Religious Affairs (1979-1981). She received her B.A. (1963) from the University of Texas at Austin, M.A. (1964) and Ph.D. (1967) from Columbia University.

We congratulate these women and we congratulate Vanderbilt for its recognition of their excellence.

### Women's Faculty Organization

The Women's Faculty Organization is open to all who are interested in the concerns of women faculty and administrators. The organization meets periodically; dues are \$5.00 per year. The next general business meeting will be held in early October.

For further information, please call the current president, Maureen Powers, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, at 322-2874.

The Equal Rights Amendment lives again! During the week of September 11th, both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives began full hearings on the E.R.A. A vote is expected to come within two months.

Peter Rodino (D-NJ) is the sponsor of H.J. Resolution 1, with 242 cosponsors. Harold Ford (D-TN) is the only cosponsor from Tennessee. Paul Tsongas (D-MA) is sponsor of S.J. Resolution 10 in the Senate. Neither of Tennessee's two Senators - Howard Baker (R) or Jim Sasser (D) - are among the 56 Senators cosponsoring the amendment.

It is important that we in the Vanderbilt community take action now by writing to our Senators and Representatives. A short, to-the-point note is appropriate in which you need state only that you are a registered voter and that you support the E.R.A. It is not necessary to write a persuasive letter including all of your reasons to support the amendment; your letter will probably be simply a tally measurement.

Everyone registered to vote in Tennessee can write to both Senator Baker and Senator Sasser:

Howard Baker, Jr. (R)  
522 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Jim Sasser (D)  
298 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

Congressman Bill Boner represents the Nashville area in the 5th Congressional District and can be written to at 107 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515. ➔

You can find out who your Representative is, and her or his address, by calling the Election Commission at 259-6031.

When time for the vote approaches, phone calls to the legislators' Nashville offices will be appropriate:

Howard Baker 251-5129  
Jim Sasser 251-7353  
Bill Boner 251-5296

Remember - Honor thy mother: Put her in the Constitution!

-Annie Wills



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the author transforms powerlessness into power through imagination, language, and narrative. It will also consider the ways in which the characters in this autobiographical work appropriate power in reality - or succumb. Gove will also bring to bear on the discussion her own experience of having been an immigrant to the United States as a child and adolescent.

*The Woman Warrior* is available in paperback at the Vanderbilt Bookstore.

On December 1, Gloria De Arcangelis, Assistant Professor of Fine Arts, will discuss her portrayal of human relationships through sculpture. Professor De Arcangelis will illustrate her discussion and answer questions. A more detailed description of Professor De Arcangelis' presentation will appear in the November issue of *Women's VU*.

These programs are open to all interested persons. For more information about either the Roundtable Seminars or "Perspectives" call the Women's Center at 322-4843.

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