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WOMEN'S WEEK 1985 March 25-30

Launching the ninth annual Women's Week at Vanderbilt this year is a public lecture by Gloria Steinem, one of America's leading feminists and a founder of Ms. Magazine.

The events during the week of March 25-30 that constitute Women's Week include special attention to women and feminist perspectives in regular classes, guest lectures, panel discussions, entertainment, and the 3rd annual Women's Week Run.

The Women's Week Committee, composed of undergraduates, coordinates the events and plans the schedule, arranges to have brochures printed, publicizes events and serves as a central organizing body. Women's Week is supported by the Student Activities Fee, the Student Projects Fund, and the Women's Center, with contributions from the Women's Faculty Organization and the University Lectures Committee. Adviser to the Women's Week Committee is Nancy Ransom, Director of the Women's Center.

Among the student groups sponsoring programs this year are the Undergraduate Political Science Majors Association, Pan-Hellenic Council, College Republicans, Young Democrats, Mortar Board, and the Vanderbilt African Students Union. In addition, the Political Science Department is bringing a speaker and the Prison Project/Dismas House is sponsoring a discussion on "The Criminal Justice System through the Eyes of Women," featuring several women who have had direct experience as prisoners or relatives of prisoners, guards, and social service workers or prison chaplains.

A 10K run has been the closing event for Women's Week for the past three years. As in the past, the Intramural Board will organize the Run, which begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30. Registration forms will be available at the Sarratt Desk and the Women's Center.

A brochure listing all scheduled events will be available at the Women's Center, E-2 West Side Row, and other places on campus.

Antoinette Brown Lecture

"Finitude, Death, and Reverence for Life" is the topic of the 1985 Antoinette Brown Lecture. Carol P. Christ, Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Religious Studies at San Jose State University in San Jose, California, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 25, in Benton Chapel. A reception will follow in Tillett Lounge at the Divinity School.

Carol Christ received her Ph.D. from Yale University in 1974. She has taught at Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary and the Pacific School of Religion.
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Women Law Students Symposium

The Women Law Students' Association will present a symposium during Women's Week on Thursday, March 28. Entitled WLSA Presents: Impact on a Changing Profession, the symposium will encompass four different topics:

Child Raising Options - Three women will discuss how they have balanced their legal careers with childbearing and child-raising. Barbara Moss, Attorney at Law, Gullett, Sanford and Robinson; Christine Norris, Clerk and Master, Davidson County Chancery Court; and Mary Anderson, Attorney at Law, Hospital Corporation of America.

Women in the Courtroom: A Judge's Perspective - Martha Craig Daughtrey, Judge, Tennessee Criminal Court of Appeals.

How Women Lawyers Differ from Men Lawyers - Mary Walker, Assistant Attorney General, State of Tennessee.

Maintaining Personal Ethics - Laura Douglas, consultant to the University of Iowa on issues of affirmative action and employee relations.

Gloria Steinem Speaks March 19



photo by Thomas Victor, 1983

Gloria Steinem will speak at Vanderbilt University on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Langford Auditorium with a reception following at 9:00 p.m. in the University Club. Steinem's lecture is being sponsored by the SGA Speaker's Committee; the reception will be hosted by the Women's Week Committee. Tickets will be available at the door. Vanderbilt faculty, staff, and students will be admitted free with a valid Vanderbilt ID; tickets for the public will be \$3.00.

Gloria Steinem is one of the country's most critically acclaimed and widely read non-fiction writers. She is co-founder, editor, and writer for Ms. magazine, the only national, original magazine for women that is controlled by women. She travels extensively as a feminist lecturer and organizer.

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Vanderbilt Women's Studies Conference

April 19-20

"Facing Change: New Perspectives on Women and Society" is the title of a conference that will be held at Vanderbilt on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20.

Catharine Stimpson, Professor of English and Director of the Women's Research Institute at Rutgers University, will give a keynote address at 5:00 p.m. on Friday in the Sarratt Cinema. Her title is: "The Contours of Intellectual Change." This lecture is free and open to the public.

Those who have registered for the conference will join Professor Stimpson for a buffet supper at the University Club. At 8:00 p.m. a panel of four Vanderbilt alumnae will discuss "Our Lives Since Vanderbilt: The Impact of Feminism." The members of the panel are Joanne Bailey BA '52, Martha DuBose BA '68, Kim Shafer BA '79, and Karen Stall BA '74.

On Saturday, April 20, participants will examine women's studies as a perspective in various academic disciplines in nine concurrent workshops led by Vanderbilt faculty members. Each workshop will be repeated so that everyone can attend two.

In a concluding panel, "Women's Studies Challenges the University" Nina Gove and Susan Wiltshire will present their thoughts and Catharine Stimpson will moderate a general discussion among workshop leaders and conference participants.

The cost of the entire conference is \$37.00. Anyone wishing to attend everything except the buffet supper Friday evening may do so for \$25.00.

Thanks to a gift from Johan Madson, Associate Provost for Student Affairs, Vanderbilt students may attend the conference at no cost, *excluding the buffet*. Students must submit an application to the Women's Center before March 1. The application forms are available at various locations on campus and also can be obtained at the Women's Center, E-2 West Side Row, between 8:30 and 4:30 weekdays.



Did You Know . . .

• If wives and female heads of households were paid the wages that similarly qualified men earn, half the families now living in poverty would not be poor.

-On Campus With Women
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Women's Athletics: An Update

Basketball

The Lady Commodores, headed by fifth year coach Phil Lee, finished their regular season play with a winning record of 13-12, the over-the-mark win being a first time defeat of the Lady Kats of Kentucky in their home gym, 78-73. After being listed in every publication's preseason Top 20, the Lady 'Dores regular season performance was somewhat disappointing, however, an impressive team and individual achievements were not lacking. In Memorial Gym on January 16, the women's team defeated the Lady Vols of UT for the first time in the program's history, 84-77. Senior Harriet Brumfield's season performance led her to become the all-time Vanderbilt leading scorer AND the first Lady Commodore to reach 1000+ career rebounds. Juniors Jackie Cowan and Donna Atkinson joined Brumfield and fellow senior Barbara Brackman as members of the exclusive 1,000 point Club. No other team in the history of women's intercollegiate basketball has ever included four current members who have scored 1,000 or more career points.

Swimming/Diving

The Vanderbilt women's team, coached by John Smith and Evelyn Newton, finished the regular season with wins over Kentucky, Furman, and University of New Orleans. Their losses were to Tennessee, Missouri, and a 1 point loss to Tulane. Sophomore diver Patti Woodcock qualified for the Nationals in both the one meter and three meter events early in the season. Several swimmers have also qualified for the prestigious meet to be held in Boston March 14-16. Freshman Bonnie Harre met the standards in the 100 Free, and fellow freshman Brooke Burns qualified in the 200 Breast. The 400 yard relay team consisting of Harre, freshman Susan Alexander and Carrie Erzen, and senior Myra Creighton qualified for Nationals, as did the 200 Free style relay consisting of Creighton, Alexander, Harre, and Burns. As a team, the Lady Commodores already have a shot at being among the top finishers at the national meet.

Tennis

After posting a 4-1 dual match record in the fall, the Vandy women's team boasted by Coach Lou Weiss as the best team he has coached here, is anticipating spring season performances which may well put an SEC crown within the Lady Netters reach. Freshman Kathryn Bumstead, who led the team in the fall with a 10-2 record, will fill the No. 1 slot. Senior Liz Moorman will play the No. 2

MSU Center for Research on Women Hosts Workshop

The Center for Research on Women at Memphis State University announces a *Workshop on Women in the Curriculum* for May 30, 31, and June 1, 1985.

This is a workshop for college level faculty who are interested in either developing courses on women or revising their courses to include more material on women. It is part of a larger project at the Center for Research on Women and is supported by the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE). The larger project includes the development of a computer based Research Clearinghouse of bibliographic citations on Women of Color and Southern Women. It also includes monthly seminar meetings to aid faculty in using the data base and other resources to enhance their courses. As part of this workshop, participants will benefit from the data base, staff expertise, and contact with other faculty who have participated in the seminar as they revise and develop courses. This is a unique opportunity to:

- learn to conduct searches of the data base to locate materials for lecture preparation, student reading assignments and research activities;

- participate in group discussions designed to facilitate revising and developing courses (participants will be asked to come prepared to work on a specific course in either the Humanities or Social Sciences);

- participate in small group discussions of teaching issues related to women in curriculum

- gain familiarity with available resources in the field including films, curriculum aids, and bibliographies on Women of Color and Southern Women.

The registration fee is \$35.00 which includes lunches and coffee breaks. Lodging is available at Memphis State's Richardson Towers. Rates are \$14.00 per night for a double and \$20.00 per night for a single.

For applications and more information, contact Marie Santucci, Center for Research on Women, Memphis State University, Memphis, TN 38152 or (901) 454-2770.

position, while All-SEC performer, sophomore Bekki Robins will hold the No. 3 position. Fellow sophomore Andrea Di will play the fourth position while senior Lisa Tamberello and freshman Kim Arnold will fill the fifth and sixth positions respectively.

-Terri Thompson

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Smith College, Steinem spent almost two years in India, studying on a Chester Bowles Asian Fellowship and writing for Indian publications. Since her first article was published in this country in 1962, her work has appeared in many magazines, newspapers and anthologies in the United States, England, and Europe. She also has written for television and for several political campaigns - most notably those of Robert Kennedy, Cesar Chavez' United Farmworkers, Shirley Chisholm, George McGovern and Bella Abzug. She was one of the founders of *New York Magazine* and was its political columnist until 1971.

Among the organizations Steinem helped to found are the National Women's Political Caucus and the Coalition of Labor Union Women. She was also a founder and now serves on the Board of the Women's Action Alliance, a non-profit organization that has pioneered in such areas as non-sexist, multi-racial early childhood education and building national coalitions among women's groups; the Ms. Foundation for Women, the only national multi-issue women's fund; Women USA, a national communications system on women's issues; and Voters for Choice, a political committee that encourages voters among the majority supporting reproductive freedom to make their views known at the polls.

In 1970, she received the Penney-Missouri Journalism Award for writing one of the early articles on women's liberation. She has also received Front Page and Clarion Awards, the first Simmons College Doctor of Human Justice Degree, the American Civil Liberties of Southern California Bill of Rights Award, and is the subject of the Ceres Medal distributed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. In 1978, she spent a year as a Woodrow Wilson Scholar at the Smithsonian, studying the impact of feminism on the premises of political theory. Steinem has been chosen six times as one of the "25 Most Influential Women in America" by the World Almanac, and recently she was selected by *Harper's Bazaar* as one of the "Ten Most Influential Women."

Her writing now appears each month in "Feminist Notes," a monthly column in *Ms.* Her best-selling anthology of new and past writing, *Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions*, was published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston in September 1983.



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African Student Union

The Vanderbilt African Student Union, with financial sponsorship from the Office of International Services, McTyeire International House, University Lectures Committee, the Women's Center, and the Graduate Program in Economic Development, will be sponsoring a Symposium on "African Women and Development", to be held on Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29, as part of Women's Week.

Maigenet Shifferraw of Ethiopia, an Education and Development consultant now living in Maryland, will speak on "The Relationship between Education and Development with Respect to Women in Africa." Her lecture is slated for 4:00 p.m. March 28 in 118 Sarratt.

The second speaker is Jean Due, Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, a specialist in women's role in Agricultural Development in Africa. Her lecture will focus on shifting patterns from agriculture to industry and the service sector. She will speak on Friday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. in 118 Sarratt.

A reception for the two speakers is open to all starting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, at McTyeire.

Women's Center Seminar

"Vergil, Carol Gilligan, and the Two Voices of the *Aeneid*" will be the topic of the third and last spring Lunch Seminar sponsored by the Women's Center. Professor Susan Withshire of the Classical Studies Department explains that Carol Gilligan has described Vergil's Aeneas as prototypical of the traditional moral development of males, struggling through arduous labors to a glorious destiny. Withshire contends that Vergil speaks in two voices in the *Aeneid* belonging to the public and private realms, which correspond to the two "voices" described by Gilligan as male and female. To read only the public or male voice would result in a partial understanding of the poem.

Women's Center Dutch-Treat Breakfast

The Women's Center Dutch-Treat Breakfast will meet in March on Thursday, March 21st. Judith Poindexter, owner of Poindexter and Associates, an employment agency, will be the featured speaker. The program starts at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast begins at 7:30 through the cafeteria line at Rand Hall. Coffee will be served in the Faculty Dining Room. All faculty and staff women employed at Vanderbilt are invited to attend.



Carol Christ

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Christ was instrumental in initiating and organizing a working group on women and religion, which has been a regular section of the American Academy of Religion for the past 12 years.

Christ is the author of *Diving Deep and Surfacing: Women Writers on Spiritual Quest* and with Judith Plaskow edited *Womanspirit Rising: A Feminist Reader on Religion*. Both works represent major contributions to feminist religious studies.

The Antoinette Brown Lectureship was begun in 1974 with the help of monies made available by Sylvia Sanders Kelly, B.A. '54 of Atlanta. The lectureship is intended to bring to the Divinity School distinguished women theologians and church leaders to speak on a variety of concerns for women in ministry.

The lecture is named for Antoinette Brown Blackwell, who in 1853, became the first woman in America to be ordained a minister. A graduate of Oberlin College, she was active in all aspects of the early women's movement and suffrage campaign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YWCA WORKSHOPS

The Nashville YWCA, 1608 Woodmont Blvd., has scheduled the following workshops:

- March 20: *How to Select a Day Care Center* - A panel discussion by child care providers. To be held at Belmont United Methodist Church, 21st and Acklen. 6:45 p.m. \$5.00.
- April 1: *Wardrobing for Spring* - Add a new look to your wardrobe for spring. Learn to mix and match, organize your closet, stretch your fashion dollars. Make-up demonstration on color and application. To be held at Franklin Road Academy on Franklin Road. 7:00 p.m. \$5.00.
- April 10: *Tennessee Divorce Laws and Women's Rights* - Become informed about Tennessee's new divorce laws on divorce, child custody and support. To be held at YWCA headquarters. 6:45 p.m. \$5.00.
- April 11: *Religious Emphasis Program* - Vanderbilt Divinity School Professor Peggy Way will offer a class on changes in life, both expected and unexpected, from a Biblical and theological perspective. How to live through change faithfully and hopefully. Four Tuesdays, April 11-May 2. 1-3:00 p.m. YWCA headquarters. \$15.00.

To participate in the above classes, membership and pre-registration are required. For more information call 385-3952.

A Woman's Place

A Woman's Place, Inc., located in Park Place Shopping Center, offers a variety of workshops and support groups for women on health issues, career issues and personal development.

For a schedule of classes or more information call 321-5900.

League of Women Voters

Education issues, such as the Better Schools Program, mandatory kindergartens, and home schools, will be the focus of a series of discussion meetings sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Nashville, March 18-22. The public is invited. For specific times and places of these meetings call the League office at 297-7134.

Sexual Assault Survivor Self-Defense Class

In April a six week self-defense class will be held for women who are survivors of sexual assault. The class is part of a study being conducted by Patricia Resick, Professor of Psychology, University of Missouri. The class will be free of charge. Participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire prior to the class, a post-class assessment, three month and six month follow-ups. The questionnaires will be numbered for anonymity.

The course will be taught by Donna and Ken Pence. For more information or to enroll contact Donna Pence at 741-0430 (day) or write P.O. Box 100940, Nashville, TN 37210.

Women in Higher Education in Tennessee

Women in Higher Education in Tennessee (WHET) will hold its sixth annual Spring Workshop on April 26, 1985 at the University Center at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN.

WHET is a statewide organization that seeks to clarify and support the aspirations of women employed in higher education community in Tennessee with other professional organizations to build strong movements of collective action for advocacy.

The morning session "*Upward Mobility - Specific Strategies for Movement*," will be presented by Max S. Wortman, Jr. He is Director for the Institute for Strategic Management and Policy Studies as well as William B. Stokley Professor of Management at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Bonnie Dill, Director of the Center for Research on Women and Associate Professor in Sociology at Memphis State will conduct the afternoon session, "*New Trends in Women's Studies - Focusing on Women in the South*."

Preregistration deadline is April 15, 1985. The workshop fee is \$20.00 which includes handouts, lunch and WHET membership. For further information write to: Pat Pierce, Box 1809, Station B, Nashville, TN 37235.

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