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Sex, Image and Power

Women's Week, March 20-25, 1988

Charlotte Frankel

"To be a woman is to have the same needs as a man... . If only we could accept that there is no difference between us where human values are concerned. Whatever sex. Whatever the life we have chosen to live."

—Liv Ullman, *Changing*

It has been twenty-five years since the publication of one of the landmark books of our time, and women's lives have not been the same since. The book is Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique*, which sparked the resurgence of the women's movement much as Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* ignited the abolitionists a century before. It led millions of women to evaluate the quality of their lives and reach for something more—beyond the roles of housewife and mother.

In 1976 two undergraduate women organized the first Women's Week at Vanderbilt to celebrate women's achievements and assess progress toward sex equality. Since then, a committee of students has planned the annual week of activities which is held at the end of March. (In 1987, Congress designated March as National Women's History Month. This was an expansion of the 1981 bill proclaiming national Women's History Week.)

Women's Week has had a strong ripple effect on its university audience. Their consciousness raised, many faculty members now devote time and attention to gender issues.

The event-packed period is coordinated by the Women's Week Committee, with many campus organizations and departments cosponsoring segments. Women's Week '88 cosponsors include the Department of Educational Leadership, Department of Philosophy, The Vanderbilt Women's Political Caucus, and Student Health Services. Financial support has been provided by the Student Activities Fee Committee, the Student Projects Fund, the University Lectures Committee, the Women's Center, and the Women's Faculty Organization.

The 1988 theme is "Sex, Image and Power." Seminars and other events portray the continuum of female images, ranging from that of Marilyn Monroe—"a 50s blonde bimbo whose sexy persona contributed to her destruction," according to Professor Cassandra Laity—to the "Cagney and Lacy" aura projected by police detective Marlene Hall. Hall, who works in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Department of Police and

Security, will conduct a workshop on date rape.

A 1981 Vanderbilt graduate, Hall set her sights on this career while still a student officer working as a dispatcher in the department. She has become adept at conducting sessions on acquaintance rape, a common problem faced by women today. Although she conducts sexual assault prevention sessions at other sites, "They were started on the Vanderbilt campus (in 1981) and that is where the majority are held," she said.

Other non-traditional career options have also proliferated in recent years. The moral muscle of the feminist movement has pushed the clergy into giving women varying degrees of leadership. During Women's Week an interdenominational panel of clergy women will discuss their experiences as religious leaders and as women.

One of the panelists is Beth Davidson, assistant rabbi at The Temple, Nashville's Reform Jewish congregation. Before assuming this position in 1987, Rabbi Davidson served a deaf congregation in New York, where she signed and spoke simultaneously.

While some professions such as the clergy may have been reluctant to accept women, elementary and secondary classrooms have conventionally welcomed them. But what of universities? How are women faring in academe?

"Right now we think the universities are wasting a lot of money by hiring women and not keeping them"

—Dr. Kathryn Moore

"Not very well," according to Dr. Kathryn Moore, director of the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University, who will keynote a symposium, "Women In Higher Education," on Friday, March 25, for Women's Week. She says that fifty to sixty percent of women faculty are instructors with one year or repeatable contracts, and not on the tenure track. These women tend "to move out and move around a good deal or leave academe altogether. The first step is to get them into the tenure track, then to get them up through the tenure years. We think universities have a problem they need to ad-



**Pat Mitchell, keynote speaker
Thursday, March 24**

Pat Mitchell, NBC News correspondent and Emmy award-winner, has pursued three varied careers: teaching, journalism, and television production. Mitchell is currently host of "Woman to Woman," a special segment series of "The Today Show."

She says that "Woman to Woman" is a "special combination of professional dream and mission." Through her years in television, she has paid close attention to mail from viewers. "Woman to Woman" resulted from Mitchell's perception of a need for daytime viewers to be involved in the programs they watched.

Mitchell has worked in both print and broadcast journalism and has held on-the-air positions in Boston, Washington, and New York. She received an Emmy for her preparation and hosting of one specific "Panorama" program called "Name Your Poison," a focus on alcoholism.

dress in terms of retaining tenure track faculty," she said.

"I think a lot of departments simply think that once they have hired the one woman they intend to hire that their problems are solved. They've got to understand that the pre-tenure years are crucial and build support into them for the woman—and often for her family.

"Sometimes they (the departments) also have an ethos that is 'make or break.' The person is really on her own mettle to survive those pre-tenure years.

"Right now we think the universities are wasting a lot of money by hiring women and not keeping them," she said. "But I think that will change as we see the scarce faculty pool. They are predicting a forty to fifty percent retirement in the next thirteen years. We're going to start treating probationary faculty better because there is going to be a more competitive market, and that will be good for women."

An alumna of Vanderbilt University, Charlotte Frankel is a freelance writer.

Mother by choice

There is always something that pushes a pro-choice *believer* into becoming a pro-choice *activist*. From a personal abortion experience to an argument with a friend, the reasons vary with each individual. My reason was simple enough: it stemmed out of people's ignorance on the issue. One such person acutally thought that because I was a contributor to Planned Parenthood, I did not want to have any children. He would be very confused if he saw me now—the director of an abortion issue organization and the mother of two children!

How many times has it been said: "I'm not pro-choice because I would never have an abortion?" Fortunately, by the time most of these people get a lesson on the basic definition of pro-choice, they agree that they are, indeed, pro-choice.

Word games. My opponents call themselves "pro-lifers," but I, too, am pro-life. A more realistic description of them is "anti-choice," for that is exactly what this fight is all about: choice. My opponents may refer to me as "pro-abortion" when realistically I am an advocate of choice—a woman's choice to determine her own future. Whether it is a Supreme Court justice nomination, family planning funding restrictions, or local clinic harassment, my interest is in permitting all women to make their own decisions regarding family planning. Conversely, the "no-choicers" are attempting to thrust their personal beliefs upon others.

Whether or not I personally believe in abortion is beside the point; I am not fighting for all women to have abortions. Instead, my aim is to insure all women the right to make a safe, legal, and informed choice. Sounds sensible enough to me....

—adapted by permission from the author, Cathy Fenner, Director of Tennesseans Keeping Abortion Legal and Safe ■

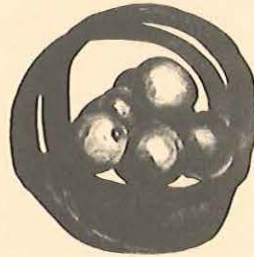


"If we want equality, we must be able to deliver a reliable and crucial margin of pro-equality voters. It is the ability to deliver voters that has served every insurgent group in this imperfect democracy."

—Gloria Steinem
Ms., July/August 1987

Harvard Medical School announces **Women—1988** conference April 22 and 23 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It will offer an opportunity to explore key clinical and theoretical issues influencing and affecting the mental health of women. The relationship of positive and negative self-esteem, adult development and therapy to gender, friendship, sexuality, mothering and the workplace will be looked at through a series of lectures, panels, and workshops. For further information, contact Judy Reiner Platt, Ed.D., Continuing Education, Department of Psychiatry, The Cambridge Hospital, 1493 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, (617) 864-6165.

Artists who just happen to be women



Alligator Pears in a Basket (1932), by Georgia O'Keeffe

What do women's artwork and a Masonic Temple have in common? The National Museum of Women in the Arts, established in 1981 to recognize artists who happen to be women.

The idea for such a museum was born out of concern for the virtual deletion of female artists in history books and the struggle women face in integrating themselves into the world of art. For centuries, female artists have been banned from drawing classes, denied full membership in the European art academies, and signed their works with male names or initials to hide their identities. Even today segregation continues. According to *American Way* magazine, "forty percent of professional artists are women," yet their works comprise only five percent of the art displayed in American museums.

To correct this folly, Wilhelmina Cole Holladay and her husband founded the NMWA, renovated a deteriorating Masonic Temple, and opened the Washington, DC, museum last spring. In doing this, they preserved a historic landmark and promoted the talents of women artists who might otherwise be little-noticed. Displayed are 500 works of 190 artists from 19 countries and range from 16th century paintings to modern sculptures.

For more information, write 801 13th St., N.W. Washington, DC 20005 or call (202) 783-5000.

It's your health

Beth Colvin, RN, MSN
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You have just received a call or card from your doctor's or nurse's office informing you that your Pap smear is abnormal. Most likely you are confused by the terminology ("dysplasia") and frightened about the possibility of cancer or of the potential of major surgery. As these are reasonable concerns, it is important for one to increase her understanding of what an abnormal Pap smear means.

Last month's column dealt with some of the reasons why a Pap smear may be inaccurate. In general, however, the Pap smear is an excellent screening tool because it identifies abnormal changes on the cervix long before they become cancer. Therefore, an abnormal smear is far more likely to indicate the presence of a minor abnormality. The name of abnormal cells which are not cancer are labeled *dysplasia*. The word itself means "abnormal growth." Some people call dysplasia a precancerous condition because we do not know whether cervical cancer will result from cells which are left untreated on the cervix.

Dysplasia is divided into degrees of severity. It can be thought of as a continuum beginning with mild dysplasia, going on to moderate dysplasia, then to severe dysplasia and on to carcinoma in situ. Even though this last term includes the word "carcinoma," CIS (as it is commonly called) is not a true cancer. It cannot spread to other organs or cause death. The next stage after CIS is cancer.

The old system of using classes to describe a Pap smear would correlate with the newer descriptive way of reporting like this: Class I—normal; Class II—minimally atypical (sometimes due to an infection); Class III—dysplasia, either mild, moderate or severe; Class IV—carcinoma in situ; Class V—cancer.

The risk factors or causes of dysplasia include some correlation with sexual activity, most likely related to certain viruses (herpes and genital warts, for example), and cigarette smoking. When a woman chooses to become sexually active, she should also assume the responsibility of regular Pap smears to detect an abnormality when it can be treated easily.

Treatment for dysplasia can often be provided on an outpatient basis. The main options are cryotherapy, laser therapy and cervical conization. Cryotherapy simply means freezing the cervix which causes the top layer of cells to die so that they grow back in a normal way. This is done in the office, no anesthesia is needed, and it takes ten to fifteen minutes. Some cramping is experienced immediately and there is a watery vaginal discharge lasting two to three weeks. Laser therapy is a more recent development and is the treatment of choice for many women since

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Schedule of Events

A brochure listing and describing Women's Week events will be available at the Women's Center and other campus locations. Unless otherwise specified, all events are free and open to the community.

20 SUNDAY

11 a.m.

15-mile bike ride with VU Cycling Team. Meet at front of Memorial Gym.

7:30 & 9:20 p.m.

Film: "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," starring Marilyn Monroe. Sarratt Cinema. Discussion following first screening led by Cassandra Laity, assistant professor of English and Women's Studies. Sarratt room 203.

21 MONDAY

12:00 p.m.

Panel: "Successful Women: The Sacrifices and Rewards." Bring lunch. Sarratt room 118.

4:00 p.m.

Forum: "AIDS: Women's Concerns," A. Gene Copello, director, Vanderbilt AIDS Project and assistant professor of medical ethics, Lynne Cushing, counseling coordinator, and staff. Sarratt room 118.

5:30 p.m.

Panel: "Eating Disorders," Dr. John Greene, director of Health Services and Peggy Elam, clinical and counseling fellow. Film: "Bulimia! The Binge-Purge Obsession." Sarratt room 118

7:30 & 9:50 p.m.

Film: "The Misfits," starring Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable. Sarratt Cinema.

8:00 p.m.

Lecture: Antoinette Brown Lecture, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Director of the National Museum of American History's Program in Black American Culture. Benton Chapel. Reception to follow in Tillett Lounge.

22 TUESDAY

12:00 p.m.

Lecture and reception, exhibition: "Eight for Eighty-Eight," Artists/Speakers: Lou Horner and Mimi Holmes. Sarratt Art Gallery.

3:00 p.m.

Panel: "Men's Response to Feminism" Sarratt room 118.

4:00 p.m.

Lecture: Joan Briggs, "Racial Environment as Perceived by First Black President of Tennessee Democratic Women," Cosponsored by Racial Environment Project, Bishop Johnson Cultural Center.

5:00 p.m.

Panel: "Women and Religion," Sarratt room 118.

8:00 p.m.

Judy Gorman-Jacobs, New York Music Awards nominee, "Album of the Year" Folk/Rock category, Underwood Auditorium. Free.



23 WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m.

"Sexual Harassment: Discrimination in Disguise" Sponsored by the Women's Faculty Organization. Pat Pierce, Director of the Opportunity Development Center, and Nancy Ransom, Director of the Women's Center, will discuss the meaning of sexual harassment and its impact on women in educational institutions. Sarratt room 118.

2:00 p.m.

Discussion/Seminar: "Women in Literature: Feminist Criticism," Professors of English Laurence D. Lerner and Cassandra Laity, Sarratt room 118.

3:00 p.m.

Lecture: "History of Women and Music," Judy Gorman-Jacobs. Sarratt room 118.

5:00 p.m.

"When the Date Turns into Rape," Marlene Hall, Criminal Investigation Department detective. Sarratt room 118.

7:00 p.m.

Forum of the Sexes, Furman room 114.

24 THURSDAY

12:00 p.m.

Panel: "The Barbara and Joe Show," Sen. Joe Haynes and Judge Barbara Haynes discuss "Sex, Image and Power," Sarratt room 118.

2:00 p.m.

Lecture: "Nature-History-Dispossession: The Ontological Assumptions Underlying Discrimination," Idit Dobbs-Weinstein, professor of philosophy. Sarratt room 205.

5:00 p.m.

Self-Defense Workshop, Missy Hill, Sarratt room 118.

7:00 p.m.

Workshop: "The Religious Self and the Sexual Self," Edie Rice-Sauer and Mark Huffman, Planned Parenthood Center, 112 21st Ave. S. Public: \$15, Students: free. Register by phone 327-1097

7:00 p.m.

Pat Mitchell of NBC Today Show "Woman to Woman" feature, Furman room 114, followed by reception, room 109.

25 FRIDAY

11:30 a.m.

Symposium: Women in Higher Education, keynoted by Dr. Kathryn Moore, director, Center for the Study of Higher Education, Pennsylvania State University, Public: \$25, Students: \$17.50. (For information about student scholarships call Casey Baluss, 2-8122.) Fee includes luncheon, symposium and parking, Vanderbilt Stadium Club. Register by phone 327-1097.

2:00 p.m.

Lecture: "Evangelical Roots of Feminism," Donald W. Dayton, professor of Theology and Ethics, Northern Baptist Seminary. Divinity School room G-23.

7:00 p.m.

Panel: "Why Can't Sharon Come Home?" led by Karen Thompson, assistant professor of physical education, St. Cloud University. Followed by reception. Cosponsored by Vanderbilt Lambda Association, Furman room 114.

**Antoinette Brown Lecture Series
Sponsored by the Vanderbilt Divinity
School**

- 3:10 p.m. Lecture and Song
Bernice Johnson Reagon
Room G-23, Divinity School
- 4:30 p.m. Libations and Cheese
Tillett Lounge, Divinity
School
- 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
Reservations required. \$6.00
per person. See Barbara
Simpson, Room 102, Divini-
ty School or call 322-4205.
Divinity School Refectory
- 8:00 p.m. Antoinette Brown Lecture
Bernice Johnson Reagon
Benton Chapel

Reception for Dr. Reagon
following lecture in Tillett
Lounge

This year's Antoinette Brown lecturer is Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, a specialist in Black American oral culture, performing arts culture, and American protest traditions. She is also the director of the National Museum of American History's Program in Black American Culture. Reagon has developed and coordinated festivals and workshops on such topics and is the founding member and leader of Sweet Honey in the Rock, an ensemble of Black women singers. She is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta (B.A., 1970) and Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Helen Prize

What the Nobel prize has done for literature, peace, and the sciences the **Helen Prize** hopes to do for women. The International Organization of The Helen Prize for Women is establishing the award to "symbolically honor all women" and "acknowledge the multitude of ways in which women contribute positively to life on this planet."

The organization was founded out of respect for Dr. Helen Caldicott, an anti-nuclear war activist and leader of Physicians for Social Responsibility. In 1985, Physicians for Social Responsibility was awarded a Nobel Prize; Caldicott was not recognized for her role. The Helen Prize is named for Caldicott to acknowledge her contributions to world peace.

Before this goal materializes, however, prize money needs to be raised and nominations need to be submitted. Interested people should contact The International Organization of The Helen Prize, P.O. Box 781, Place du Parc, Montreal, Quebec H2W 2P3.

—adapted from literature from The International Organization for the Helen Prize

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Opportunity beckons: Action Research

Shelley Neill, A&S 1

So you're tired of hour-long lectures, and you wonder where to apply what you've learned. You yearn for a challenge, a new sense of confidence, hands-on experience. ...Search no further.

Opportunity beckons in the form of the Action Research Project, sponsored by the Center for Health Services. Formed in 1984, the project bridges community organizations and interested Vanderbilt students who are willing to do research in exchange for academic credit.

According to program director Jane Fleishman, Action Research serves three primary interests: students, faculty, and social service/local non-profit organizations. "A lot of professors use an out-of-the-classroom experience to (further communicate) what they're trying to teach in the course. They realize that it's important for students to be able to apply what they're learning in a real, complex situation," Fleishman said. "And we are another option for students and faculty."

To better comprehend social problems, for example, a sociology student may work with local groups whose foci range from preventing teenage pregnancy to increasing literacy rates. A history major may pursue her interests by preparing an oral history of the women who founded a labor union. Education majors may discover first-hand how theories of child development are applied to public policy.

The possibilities extensive, Action Research provides students with perhaps a "more sophisticated experience" than volunteering. "The projects are planned, so students never do busywork (which) sometimes you get in internships. We evaluate each project and ask, 'Is it too complex for this student, or is it inappropriate?' What we're trying to do," she said, "is provide college-level educational experiences."

And many times a fresh supply of self-confidence accompanies the experience. Fleishman said that women students in particular boast the success of Action Research. They proclaim, "I didn't realize that my skills with people could be so useful. ...Now I have more confidence in my abilities. ...I found out that I could be effective in the community."

This source of self-confidence, however, has yet to be fully tapped; the number of available projects consistently outnumbers student applicants. And the majority of the applicants are women, she said, because "many women think they might not get by (in the job market) on just their credentials, so they (seek) experience before they get out there."



Jane Fleishman, Program Director,
Action Research

Whatever the motive, a symbiotic relationship (Action Research/student) awaits initiating. Interested in a particular issue: South Africa, re-integrating prisoners into society, the politics of abortion...? Contact Jane Fleishman at 343-4288 for a list of the over 100 programs offered next semester.

Sexual harassment

The courts are issuing a warning to the good ole boys in the officeplace: risqué jokes, pornographic material, and sexist literature equal sexual harassment.

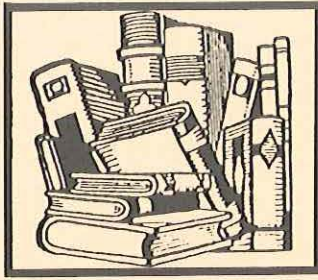
According to the *Wall Street Journal*, "a Chemlawn Corp. executive allegedly spiced up a company slide show with a photo of a naked woman and suggestive comments." Other companies circulate pornographic magazines or call attention to their newsletters by printing pictures of nude models alongside biographies of new female employees.

In response, national women's rights organizations are challenging these practices by taking up the issue in the courtrooms of America. "...As more of these cases get into court and employers start discussing them, a clearer picture will emerge," Kathleen Neville, vice-president of Women's Action for Good Employment Standards, told *Journal*.

With the help of such organizations, women like Olivia Young are filing suit. A medical services saleswoman, Young was present when administrators at St. Louis University Hospital showed "Deep Throat" to business associates. She filed a four million suit, charging that the incident invoked "acute emotional distress that led to a divorce and the loss of her job," her lawyer told the *Journal*. Young lost the suit but in her stand may have inspired other working women to stand up to sexual harassment.

For a copy of the complete article, stop by the Women's Center.

—Adapted from a *Wall Street Journal* article, "Women Allege Sexist Atmosphere In Office Constitute Harassment," 2/10/88



In the library

The reason wellness is so important to me is that I have so many things I want to do, and I have to be well to do them. I don't want to live to be eighty or ninety unless I am well enough to be active. I don't want quantity of life without quality. [a 57 year-old woman]

My mother would wholeheartedly agree with this statement. She has told me that she would rather die healthy at 70 than sick at 80. When you consider that the current life expectancy for women is 78 years, and for those already 65 it is 83½ years, the issues of wellness and aging are ones that should concern all women sooner or later.

In an effort to help women combat ageism—the belief that a person's worth and abilities are determined solely by chronological age—editors Paula Brown Doress and Diana Laskin Segal have published *Ourselves, Growing Older: Women Aging with Knowledge and Power* (1987). This book grew out of a chapter in *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves* entitled "Women Growing Older." Doress and Segal worked in cooperation with the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, the group which authored *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves*. When that group was working on the chapter about women and aging, they recognized that "the task of squeezing the health and living issues of four or five decades of life into one chapter seemed insurmountable." From this was born *Ourselves, Growing Older*.

Ourselves, Growing Older is similar in format to its precursor. Some topics are the same, but with a different emphasis and perspective. Some of the subjects which receive more detailed examination in the newer book are menopause, osteoporosis, urinary incontinence, memory lapse and memory loss, and dying and death.

Because the writers, contributors, consultants and editors of the book are so numerous (over three hundred), individual qualifications are not listed. But because *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves* has received much praise from feminists and health care givers, one can assume that *Ourselves, Growing Older* will also be a reputable and valuable resource to women of all ages.

Tish Sommers, co-founder of the Older Women's League, said in her foreword, "I do believe that women will take the lead in remodel-

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ing the health care system of the future, and those of us in midlife or older will play an important part of that eventual transformation. Why? Not only because we are the compassion experts...but also because we have the least to lose and the most to gain by that transformation.... Taking control of our own lives and of our bodies is the most basic feminist principle there is. Since we cannot beat aging, we had better learn how to join it. That is what this book is about."

Katy Ginanni, *Women's Center Librarian* ■

Congress Again Increases Appropriations for AIDS. The fiscal year 1988 appropriations bill recently signed by President Reagan included funding for AIDS programs totaling \$931,229,000. This amount is almost double the \$495 million appropriated for AIDS in fiscal 1987. However, the increase of over \$400 million does not represent the quantum leap in funding for AIDS research, monitoring, education, and prevention efforts many believe necessary if we are to successfully fight the worst health crisis of the 20th century.

The funding level finally approved is some \$140 million more than requested by the Reagan Administration, continuing the recent trend for Congress to significantly increase Administration requests for AIDS funding—from \$86 million to \$234 million in fiscal 1986, and from \$213 million to \$495 million in fiscal 1987.

According to the recent Democratic Study Group (DSG) Special Report on AIDS, the costs of treating AIDS patients are projected to exceed \$8 billion by 1991.

Eleanor Smeal Report, 1/29/88

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it may interfere less with future fertility than other treatments. In addition, it is often available in the gynecologist's office and usually requires no anesthesia. Post-treatment symptoms are similar to cryotherapy. Cervical conization is a surgical procedure that is done under anesthesia in the operating room and removes a larger amount of the cervix. This treatment is necessary for some women to be able to completely remove the area of abnormality. Hysterectomy is an outdated treatment for dysplasia and would not be recommended as a primary treatment.

If you do have dysplasia and some form of treatment has been recommended, make sure you: 1) understand the diagnosis and the terms being used, 2) understand the treatment and why it was chosen for you, including all alternatives, 3) understand plans for follow up and future Pap smears. You are always entitled to a second opinion about any kind of treatment and your insurance company may even require one.

Next month will be a discussion of genital warts, also known as condyloma or papillomavirus. ■

Women's Center programs

Call 322-4843 for further information on the programs listed below.

Dissertation Writers Group continues to meet on a monthly basis. In March they met Tuesday, March 8, 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. which was prior to the release of this issue of *Women's VU*. If you are interested in being involved with this group, call the Women's Center for information about the next meeting.

Book Group will meet Monday, March 14, from 5:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. at the Women's Center. Elaine Goleski will lead the discussion of the women's studies classic, *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin. Light refreshments.

The Women's Center staff will host a reception in honor of the **Graduate Student Council** and the **Women's Center Advisory Board** on Tuesday, March 15 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Women's Center. Please call 322-4843 for a reservation.

Lunch With Community Leaders will include slides of the recent Rand Terrace renovation with Tara Armistead's commentary. As a woman in a field often thought of as male-dominated, Armistead will have some interesting thoughts to share on her position as Landscape Architect in Campus Planning and Construction. The Thursday, March 17, 12:30 p.m. event will be held in room 139 of the Divinity School. Lunch may be purchased in the Refectory or brought with you. Soft drinks will be provided.

Women's Week, March 20-25 will include numerous programs of interest. A partial schedule is included on page three. Complete information is available at the Women's Center. ■

It's a man's world
unless women vote!

Announcements et cetera

Planned Parenthood Association of Nashville, Inc. announces a new training program geared toward parents: "AIDS: The Facts, The Fears, The Children". To schedule this program for your organization, contact Planned Parenthood's Education Department at 327-1097.

On March 24 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. PPAN offers a workshop examining the interweaving of our religious tradition/values and our sexual selves. Staff: Edie Rice-Sauer and Mark Huffman. Cost \$15.00

The YWCA has many offerings of interest to women. Some of these are:

"Where Are All The Jobs: An Overview of Job Market Trends", how to look for jobs, what jobs are most open and available and how to apply. Three Mondays beginning March 7, 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.. Instructor, Cherie Hamilton, Director of Recruitment and Staffing, Vanderbilt University. Fee \$35.

"Women in Transition Support Groups", a look at the beginnings and endings of relationships, learning to let go and to trust your strong single self will meet five Wednesdays beginning March 30, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. Instructor, Irene Ratner, Ed.D. Psychologist. Fee \$100.

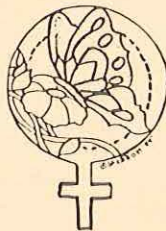
"Situation Leadership", learn your own and others' differing managements styles, three Tuesdays beginning March 15, 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.. Instructor, David Logsdon. Fee \$45.

For information on these and many other programs call 269-YWCA.

Women as Leaders, the Washington Center's fourth annual symposium, will offer a two-week course in May in which you can meet and learn from successful professional women and possibly receive two or three academic credits.

If you are currently a leader on campus, if you see a leadership role in your future, or if you seek advice and guidance about being a professional in today's world, **Women as Leaders** in Washington, DC, May 15-18 is just the program for you!

Among the speakers for the two-week symposium are women lawyers, communications specialists, educators, government employees, entrepreneurs and business owners. Featured speakers include Rep. Liz Patterson (D-SC), Blandian Ramirez, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and Molly Yard, President, National Organization for Women. For more complete information, come by the Women's Center for a brochure.



Appleworks is currently running a ten week support group for men lead by Dan Ramage, Clinical Social Worker at VU Hospital. The group, which meets at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays, deals with issues confronting men today including the 80's version of masculinity, father-son relationships and male-male relationships. For information regarding an additional group to be formed, call 322-4751.

Sarratt Gallery will open "Vanderbilt Student Exhibition" March 24 with a reception from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Included will be works in all media (painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, pottery, fiber, printmaking) by Vanderbilt undergraduate and graduate students.

Following spring break, craft classes at **Sarratt Studio** will be back by popular demand. Class topics will include bookbinding, hand-made paper, silk screening and the creation of silver jewelry.

Working women, do you know what your rights are and how to protect them on the job?

A workshop covering your rights in hiring, promotions, pay, benefits and working conditions will be offered by **Nashville 9to5**, Saturday, March 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The program will be held at Tennessee State University, downtown campus, room 353. Registration fee is \$7 (\$5 for 9to5 members).

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