

Women's political roles shift in '92

Women candidates in Tennessee elections plant the seeds for the future

Martha Bickley, Editor and Publisher, Citizenne, a monthly publication for women

While several women candidates in Tennessee lost their primary campaigns this August, good news is abundant. Two particularly promising candidates, Dr. Tommie Brown of Memphis and Henri Brooks of Chattanooga (who beat 24-year anti-choice incumbent Alvin King), both won their primaries and are expected to do well November 3. Other women candidates, while not emerging victorious, have laid solid groundwork for future campaigns.

Sherry Cummings, who ran for State Senate in the newly-created 18th District, lost by a narrow margin among a field of five Democrat candidates. Spending roughly a third of the money Charles Hill Beaty (the Democrat nominee for the seat) spent, Cummings won substantial support among voters, vol-

unteers, and contributors.

Shirley Nash Pitts, who ran for representative from Knoxville, won the hearty endorsement of the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. Nevertheless, she did not prevail, nor did Debra Dugard Harris of Memphis. It has been speculated that religious organizations campaigned actively against Harris by inflaming voter sentiment against her on her pro-choice stance. But when these women run again, voters will remember their names and faces.

Not only do we have promising, viable candidates who will probably run again in the next election cycles, the candidates reap benefits such as appointed board and governmental positions, and we have seen the birth of organizations which share the long range goals of electing progressive women candidates to office.

Women in the Nineties (WIN) raised an impressive \$90,000 within four months

and was able to target \$38,600 of that toward candidates before the August 6 elections. Not only has the organization raised money and targeted promising candidates, it has disproved the myth that women can't or won't invest money in social causes. Political contribution is a crucial habit for women to develop. Giving to political campaigns is an investment in the future; women must put their money where their mouths are.

WIN Treasurer Mimi Wallace notes "We shouldn't be discouraged when not all of our candidates win, because not all of them are going to. It's important to remember that many successful and well-known male political figures lost their first races."

WomenElect Tennessee is a NOW-sponsored 10-year project that recruits and supports women candidates. LaWanna Edwards, president of the —see '92, page 2

Facing the world as a feminist

Every day, feminists must deal with the "bitches" stereotype

*Anastasia Higginbotham
A&S '93*

In preparation for a number of projects dealing with current perceptions of feminists and the women's movement, I confronted friends with a simple, but loaded, question, "What do you think of feminists?"

Having experienced my own share of backlash, I expected the usual response that although feminists are justified in seeking equal rights for women, they often seem angry or resentful, and tend to be overbearing. But from peers, people whom I consider friends, I heard that feminists are not simply unpleasant, rather they are a hateful group of women, "bitches" in fact, whose politi-

cal agenda is often equated with Nazism. Needless to say, I've selected a new peer group.

Paula Kamen examines the responses young people have to feminism and feminists in her book entitled *Feminist Fatale: Voices from the "Twentysomething" Generation Explore the Future of the "Women's Movement"* (1991). Kamen, a 25-year-old graduate of the University of Illinois in Champaign, earned the title "feminist fatale" during college after she published two articles in the University of Illinois' *Daily Illini* dealing with women's concerns.

Kamen's experience illustrates the fact that even a remote association with issues of women's equality and well-

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WOMEN'S VU FILE PHOTO

"Feminist fatale" Paula Kamen

Campus organizations support women's concerns

Sarah Aderholt
A&S '94

It appears "The Year of the Woman" is occurring on Vanderbilt's campus, as well as across the nation, this fall. Two organizations, both started by students, are focused on advocacy for women and discussion of issues affecting their lives today. Both organizations hope to deal with campus safety, rush, date rape, eating disorders, self-esteem, and reproductive rights, among other issues.

The new student newspaper is named *Muliebrity*, which means "the experience of being a woman." According to News Editor Anastasia Higginbotham, the newspaper's goal is to give undergraduate women a voice, to present the reality of women's lives at Vanderbilt, and to start solving the problems facing

female students. The monthly eight-page newspaper will be free to Vanderbilt students, faculty, and staff.

Students for Women's Concerns is another organization devoted to supporting both undergraduate and graduate women. SWC's goal is to become more active and visible on campus by providing a place for female students to feel support and voice their concerns. According to President Amy Winiarski, "When students think of racial issues they think of the BSA. When they think of

women's issues we want them to think of Students for Women's Concerns."

This year, SWC will present speakers Paula Kamen, author of *Feminist Fatale*, and Naomi Wolf, author of *The Beauty Myth*.

All students are invited to take part in Students for Women's Concerns and *Muliebrity*. Both organizations hold weekly meetings and need the talents of every type of student. "The issues being discussed affect all students," Higginbotham says. "So-called women's issues inevitably affect men. We want to deal with all perspectives."

'92 female candidates introduce women as a political force

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Nashville chapter of the National Organization for Women, says "A lot of these women are first time candidates and will run again. But for their first races, with most of them running against candidates with more name recognition, we think they did well in the elections and have a lot of hope for their political futures."

The seeds of political power have been planted; the sprouts are and will continue to be tended with care and commitment. I believe we'll look back on 1992 as the year of real and healthy change in women's political involvement.

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Feminists must resist stereotypes in order to accomplish goals

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being may warrant the branding of "feminist." While some embrace the title as a statement of commitment to gender equity, others cringe upon hearing the word, denying any association whatsoever.

Too often, the college campus provides an atmosphere which blatantly seeks to delegitimize the goals of the women's movement by degrading and verbally attacking feminists, and consequently, the entire movement. Not only are young women faced with the reality of statistics on eating disorders, sexual assault, and date rape, but for them to make any effort to fight these injustices brings about the kind of backlash that could extinguish any flicker of self-esteem they may have had at one time.

As a feminist, I believe our only power is in our voices, our numbers, and in our resistance to those who try to silence us. The essence of feminism, and of the feminist, lies solely in her (or his) commitment to women's lives and women's choices. If demanding respect for the accomplishments, ideas, and contributions of women in this country and around the world is somehow "radical" then I, for one, will wear the label with honor. The women's movement will not be over any time soon. Resist the stereotypes, redefine the word on your own terms—but remember, no one owns or controls your feminism. Take it back; make your choice. ■

PAULA KAMEN
author of *Feminist Fatale*

Wednesday,
October 21 at
7:30 p.m.

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Calendar
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Please save and post. Individual flyers for these programs will not be sent.

For further information call the Cuninggim Center at 322-4843.

7 (Wednesday)

Self-Image Discussion Group, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Cuninggim Center. Meets again on October 21.

12 (Monday)

Book Group discusses *The Life and Loves of a She-Devil* by Fay Weldon. Facilitator is Margaret Meggs. 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Cuninggim Center. New members are welcome.

13 (Tuesday)

Sports and Fitness for Women: Don't Underestimate Its Importance, lecture by Donna Lopiano, executive director, Women's Sports Foundation. 7:30 p.m., Furman 114. Co-sponsors: Students for Women's Concerns and Opportunity Development Center.

14 (Wednesday)

Challenging Some Myths About Childbirth led by Penelope F. Wright, director, Perinatal Parent Education. Program addresses sources of fear associated with child-birth and birth as depicted in popular culture. Videotaped vignettes of actual births are shown. Reservations are required and are limited to first twenty-five persons. 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Cuninggim Center.

Writers' Workshop meets from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., Cuninggim Center. New members welcome. Meets again on October 28.

15 (Thursday)

Noontime Seminar. Were Women Better Doctors?: Nineteenth-Century Ideas About Gender and Medicine led by Arleen Tuchman, assistant professor of history. 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Cuninggim Center.

19 (Monday)

Women and Self-Image, led by Nancy A. Ransom, director of the Cuninggim Center. This workshop is designed to provide information about the meaning of self-image and mechanisms for maintaining a realistic and positive self-image. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Cuninggim Center. Class is limited to first twenty who register.

20 (Tuesday)

Lunchtime Book Review. Deborah Narrigan, assistant professor of the practice of nursing reviews *Woman of Valor: Margaret Sanger and the Birth Control Movement in America* by Ellen Chesler, 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Cuninggim Center.

Advisory Board first fall semester meeting, Kathryn May, chair, 4:10 p.m., Carmichael Towers East, room 208.

21 (Wednesday)

Paula Kamen, author of *Feminist Fatale: Voices from the "Twentysomething" Generation Explore the Future of the "Women's Movement."* Free. Sponsored by Students for Women's Concerns. 7:30 p.m., Furman 114.

22 (Thursday)

Date Rape, open discussion facilitated by Marlene Hall and Randy Tarkington, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Cuninggim Center.

30 (Friday) through December 4 (Friday)

Art Exhibit by Jan Hattleberg on display in the Cuninggim Center Lounge, first floor, during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Job-hunting involves looking beyond campus

Linda Bird, director, Career Center

What will the employment outlook be for the class of 1993?

September brings a flurry of activity in the Career Center. A fresh new senior class pours into meetings introducing them to the process of setting up interviews with employers recruiting through the Career Center.

They listen attentively at seminars where Career Center staff and guest speakers guide them through the essentials of resume preparation and interview skills. They busily prepare resumes to meet a mid-September deadline for interviews which begin in October.

Alumni Hall really hops when the day for interview sign-up arrives.

As these activities begin again for another school year in the midst of a much-discussed and widely-felt recession, the question on the minds of the career-concerned is "What will the employment outlook be for the class of 1993?"

A thoughtful A&S senior recently called to inquire about the prospects for this year's campus recruiting activities. As I was about to apologize for not being optimistic, I was quickly reminded, "but you have to be realistic."

That gentle reminder went right to the heart of the challenge of today's job market. A recent article in the College Placement Council newsletter, *Spotlight*, August 2, 1992, stated "the employment process. . . is changing in many ways—in where jobs are, in who applicants are, and in how applicants get hired.

"As large corporations continue downsizing — or 'right-sizing' — and limiting job opportunities, an increasing number of new jobs are in small or medium-sized companies. Because most of those companies do not recruit on campus, the employment process is moving away from on-campus interviewing.

"Moreover, smaller companies tend to hire locally, so there is an increasing need for localized or regionalized recruiting and employment information. Consequently, a new burden rests on the job seeker to research and to identify such companies and possible job opportunities."

Being realistic about the job market means accepting these changes in the process, understanding their impact and planning a job search accordingly. Job-hunting in the 90s is different. Whether

While seniors should certainly take full advantage of the campus interviews available, no one can expect to automatically land a job in that process. Students must look beyond the campus for possible opportunities with a variety of different organizations.

it is "better" or "worse" for any individual depends on how well the search is conducted.

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Women entrepreneurs are making a major impact on the nation's economy by opening small businesses in record numbers. According to a new study by the National Foundation for Women Business Owners, by the end of 1992 businesses owned by women will employ as many workers as the Fortune 500 companies combined. A recent article in *Nashville Business Journal* reported that Nashville ranks twenty-second nationwide and third in the Southeast in women-owned businesses. Students would be wise to seek out these small-business owners in their research and network activities.

Research is the key. As anyone in sales and marketing knows, proper market research is a prerequisite. The same rule applies to the job seeker whose goal is to "sell" herself to an employer.

The Career Center provides numerous services to support these research efforts. The Career Resource Center offers a number of databases, networks, directories, and other employer information. Students and alumni can make use of the Center in 110 Alumni Hall, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. ■



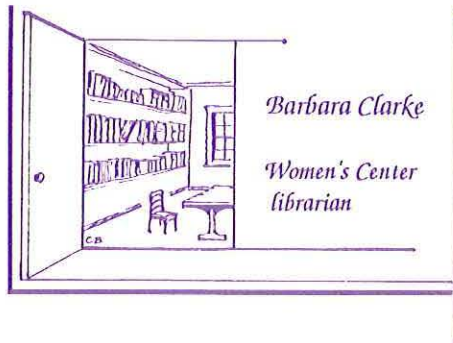
The toy cannon. . . out. The missile models. . . out. The stealth bomber. . . out. I want amber waves of grain, a model of the new day-care centers, and a large framed motto: "For all—liberty, justice, and equal pay for equal work."

Rodin breaks out of 'body traps'

Against the Tide considers pro-feminist men; new collection responds to the men's movement

Body Traps: Breaking the Binds That Keep You From Feeling Good About Your Body by Judith Rodin is a notable new book on body image and beauty, and it is intended for both women and men.

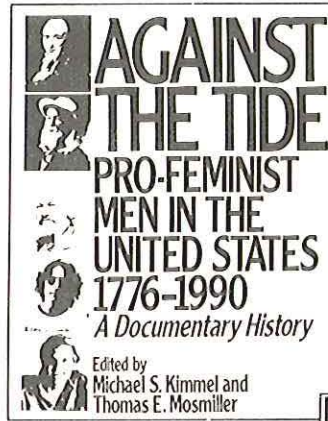
More and more Americans are becoming obsessed with their appearance, and with fitness and body shape. Most



discusses various traps, which she calls the Shame Trap, the Vanity Trap, the Fitness Trap, the Food Trap, the Success Trap, the Competition Trap, and the Dieting-Rituals Trap.

The book includes a number of diagnostic tests so the reader can ascertain if he or she suffers from a particular problem. Rodin hopes her suggestions and discussions will help to solve any problems.

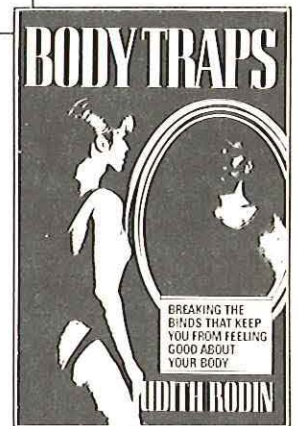
The magnitude of the current preoccupation with appearance is illustrated by the fact that Americans now spend more money on beauty than on education or social services.



ways that are today considered consistent with feminism.

The selections are by contributors as diverse as Thomas Paine, Frederick Douglass, Horace Greeley, Walt Whitman, Howard Cosell, Jesse Jackson, and John Lennon. The compilers made an effort to include writings by black, ethnic, and homosexual men. Kimmel and Mosmiller state that "men neither made nor led the feminist movement, but we have been there."

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women and many men are preoccupied with their looks, and women particularly are dissatisfied with their size, as the "ideal" body shape is an unrealistic goal for most women once they leave adolescence. Many people are aware that there is a correlation between physical appearance and success.

The writer, who founded Yale University's Eating Disorders Clinic, believes that "Body Traps arise from the beliefs and feelings that keep us imprisoned by anguish over how we look, anxiety over whether we are doing enough to be attractive, and feelings of shame for worrying about it." Rodin

Another important new work is *Against the Tide: Pro-Feminist Men in the United States, 1776-1990: A Documentary History* edited by Michael S. Kimmel and Thomas E. Mosmiller. The editors were surprised to locate over one thousand documents written by pro-feminist men over the years, and they have included more than one hundred selections in this book.

Some of the contributors discussed their support for one or a few aspects of women's rights, while others seemed in favor of true equality. A writer could support feminism only in the historical context of his era, and some men who publicly supported various aspects of women's equality did not always act in

The Middle Tennessee Women's Studies Association

Why I'm anxious to attend a Saturday meeting

Jan Rosemergy
1992- 93 MTWSA Convener

Give up a Saturday morning when "free" time is so precious? I do, for the Middle Tennessee Women's Studies Association (MTWSA)—six times during the academic year—and what I get in return is provocative conversation and friendships with women from other Middle Tennessee colleges and universities.

"Transforming the Curriculum: The

Middle Tennessee State University Experience," the topic of our September meeting, is typical of what MTWSA is about—sharing experiences from our respective institutions, exploring ways of using feminist process in teaching, hearing about and encouraging our members' work and interests.

MTWSA serves as a local network for the exchange of ideas and information about contemporary women's issues.

With leadership from Vanderbilt

women, in particular Elisabeth Perry and the late Barbara Wallston, MTWSA was formed in 1986.

Its members represent a cross-section of disciplines: literature, history, the fine arts, the social and natural sciences, and mathematics. We are faculty, staff, students, and women in the community who are interested in women's studies.

MTWSA meets six Saturday mornings each academic year, rotating its

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The threat of gallstones

Beth Colvin Huff, MSN, RN

The gallbladder is sometimes confused with the urinary bladder because of its name as well as the fact that they can both contain stones. However, they are two very separate organs with very separate functions. Gallbladder disease occurs in women three times as often as in men, and the incidence increases with age.

The gallbladder is a small sac located under the liver on the upper right side of the abdomen. The liver produces bile which is stored in the gallbladder until it is released into the small intestine to aid in the digestion of food. Bile is made up of cholesterol, lecithin, bile salts and bilirubin.

When the amount of cholesterol becomes too high, it separates out to form solid material. In a semi-liquid form it is called sludge or sand; in a more solid form, it becomes stones.

Two factors associated with gallstones are obesity and estrogen use. Although there is no direct dietary link, high fat diets do seem to play a role in both obesity and gallbladder disease. But since rapid weight loss is also linked to gallstone formation, dietary consultation is recommended to reduce fats and monitor gradual weight loss.

Estrogen, in the form of pregnancy, birth control pills, and hormone replacement, can also contribute to the development of stones. Active gallbladder disease is, therefore, a contraindication for estrogen-containing hormones.

Many people with gallstones will never be symptomatic and the stones are often an incidental finding during the course of a workup for another problem.

If symptomatic, the person may experience mild pain in the upper abdomen, belching, bloating, and/or nausea which indicate inflammation and irritation of the gallbladder. If a stone becomes lodged in any of the ducts leading from the gallbladder, acute symptoms of severe pain, vomiting, and fe-

ver may occur. This requires medical consultation and treatment to minimize the risk of severe infection.

If gallstones are suspected, ultrasound examination will confirm their presence. A probe is passed over the abdomen, just as in pregnancy, and sound waves transmit images of the organ and its adjacent structures.

Once the diagnosis of gallstones is made, treatment options include conservative management with dietary counseling; the use of bile salt medications to dissolve existing stones; and a new, non-surgical treatment called lithotripsy, which uses shock waves to break up the stones into tiny fragments.

Surgical therapy still provides the most rapid result. There are two major choices — traditional cholecystectomy requiring a large incision (and long recovery time), or the new laparoscopic laser cholecystectomy. The laser procedure requires usually no more than one night's stay in the hospital. Because there are risks and benefits associated with each procedure, make sure you feel fully informed when making this decision with your surgeon.

If you have early symptoms of gallbladder disease, talk it over with your health care provider. Having a plan of care ready may help save time, money, and illness. ■

The Middle Tennessee Women's Studies Association presents ...

"Electing Women to Public Office in Tennessee"

October 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Vanderbilt MRL/
Kennedy Center
room 241—Peabody Campus

Academy of Women of Achievement to honor Nashville leaders

On November 10 the first inductees into the Academy of Women of Achievement will be honored at a gala reception at 7:30 p.m. followed by a dinner and program at the Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel.

The Academy was established by the Y.W.C.A. to pay tribute to those women in the Nashville area who have exhibited leadership, initiative, creativity, and integrity in contributing to the community, whether at work or as volunteers. The Academy will also recognize businesses and organizations whose programs and practices empower women to participate equally and at their highest potential in the workplace.

Cost is \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of ten. For additional information or tickets, call 269-9922.

New books at Women's Center library

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Women Respond to the Men's Movement: A Feminist Collection edited by Kay Leigh Hagan is an interesting new publication. Hagan felt that the time had come for feminists to share their views on the men's movement. She believes that men now realize that they must share power with women, and that "many men have found in the men's movement a place to explore and express dissatisfaction with their changing social position, and confusion about their identities as men."

The nineteen articles present a wide variety of reactions to the men's movement. Among the contributors are Phyllis Chesler, Myriam Miedzian, Starhawk, Jane Caputi, and bell hooks. Gloria Steinem wrote the foreword, and there are several cartoons by Nicole Hollander.

Other new library arrivals include: *The Modern Woman's Guide to Life* by Elizabeth Chapman, Margaret Kassner, and Karen Kriberney; *Mother, Madonna, Whore: The Idealization and Denigration of Motherhood* by Estela V. Welldon and *The Women's 1992 Voting Guide* by the Women's Political Action Group. ■

News Quotes ...

Women still face barriers in companies

Small firms, get ready. The Labor Department is looking for glass ceilings that keep women from reaching the top rungs of small and mid-sized corporations.

What prompted the search is new evidence that those invisible barriers to women's executive advancement still exist among big companies. Women made up just 7.5% of 1,315 board members in 100 largest corporations during 1991.

Fact is, the low totals helped to spread the effort to small companies. A joint pact, signed by Labor and the Small Business Administration, targeted smalls to help women reach top-management levels because it would make a bigger dent—they fill 2 of every 3 jobs, or about 58% of the private sector work force.

Plan is to establish an information network that smalls can tap into. SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership—(202) 205-6673—has the details. Note, women had 25% of small firm manager jobs in '91; 18% in big firms.

Research Recommendations
August 24, 1992

Women officers climb higher in Fortune 50 companies

The percentage of women officers in Fortune 50 companies climbed to 5.1% from 2.2% between 1990 and '92, say Roy Adler, Pepperdine University business professor, and Rebecca Yates, University of Dayton associate dean. The researchers showed that the number of women officers climbed to 71 from 21 over the two-year period.

Women are emerging from the 25- to 30-year climb from MBA graduate to top corporate positions, the analysts believe.

They predict that 20% of top executives may be women by the year 2000.

Despite concerns about "glass ceiling" barriers to women's advancement, the study reveals that women's "penetration to officer level is much higher than previously reported," says Mr. Adler.

About half the big companies don't

have any women on their boards, though, and female directors have increased only 3% in number in the past five years, says Catalyst, a women's research group.

Wall Street Journal
September 8, 1992

Pat Robertson stages a '90s style witch hunt against feminists

Exactly 300 years ago, in 1692, the town of Salem, Mass., was busy deciding which of its citizens was a witch.

It wasn't difficult, especially with all the "spectral evidence." That's when witnesses saw the devil whispering in a defendant's ear.

This summer, Pat Robertson, the TV evangelist and onetime presidential candidate, has made a startling discovery: Salem didn't exterminate all the witches. Quite a few are lurking right here in the United States. In Iowa. Working for the Equal Rights Amendment.

In a fund-raising letter, Robertson said the E.R.A., which will be on the Iowa ballot, represents a "feminist agenda" that isn't about equal rights, but is "a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbians."

That sound you heard was all those

E.R.A. activists padlocking their broom closets. Hiding evidence.

Can't fool Pat. We've heard so much this summer about the "essential natures" of women, and who were witches but gals who didn't follow theirs?

Nashville Banner
August 31, 1992

Middle Tennessee Women's Studies meetings

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meeting site among our Middle Tennessee colleges and universities. Coffee and conversation start at 9:30, a brief business meeting at 10, and the program is from 10:30 to 11:30.

To receive meeting notices, contact Vanderbilt's 1992/93 campus representative: Nancy Ransom, Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, Box 1513 Station B, Vanderbilt (37235); (615) 322-4843.

Dues for the academic year are \$10 for faculty/staff and community members and \$5 for students. Guests are welcome.

On October 24, MTWSA's program is "Electing Women to Public Office in Tennessee." Join us in Room 241 MRL/Kennedy Center on the Peabody campus and experience MTWSA, the group that's worth a few of your Saturday mornings.

Current Maternity Leave Provisions in the European Community

Country	Maternity Leave	Pay
Belgium	14 weeks (6 before birth)	100% then 80%
Denmark	28 weeks (4 before birth)	90% of salary
FRG (Germany)	14 weeks (6 before birth)	100% of salary
Greece	15 weeks (6 before birth)	100% of salary
Spain	16 weeks	75% of salary
France	16 weeks (6 before birth)	84% of salary
Ireland	14 weeks (6 before birth)	70% of salary
Italy	20 weeks (8 before birth)	80% of salary
Netherlands	12 weeks (6 before birth)	100% of salary
Portugal	90 days (6 weeks before birth)	100% of salary
UK	40 weeks	6 weeks at 90%

SOURCE: THE NETWORK NEWS 8/92

WOMEN'S VU GRAPHIC BY ANDY GROGAN

Announcements

Additional information on items listed below is available at the Cuninggim Center.

CONFERENCES

1992 Annual Conference for Women in Higher Education, "Leadership Challenges of the 90s," October 8-9, Middle Tennessee State University.

Fourteenth Annual Women Writers Conference, University of Kentucky, October 28-31, Lexington, Kentucky.

North Central Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Kentucky, "Many Voices; Many Visions; Many Women's Lives," October 30-31, Lexington, Kentucky.

International Conference of the Association for Women in Psychology, "Judaism, Feminism, and Psychology: Creating a Shelter in the Wilderness," October 29-November 1, Seattle, Washington.

Fifth International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, first week of February 1993, University of Costa Rica.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Vanderbilt Center for Health Services, in cooperation with the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence, is conducting face-to-face interviews with battered women defendants at the Tennessee Prison for Women. Results of the research will be used to advocate for improved policy responses to battered women defendants.

Training is on Saturday, October 10. Contact Jane Fleishman, Center for Health Services, 322-4181 immediately.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

As previously announced in *Women's VU*, the new Vanderbilt Breast Center is now located in the Village at Vanderbilt. Effective November 1 the center will have a new Director of Breast Imaging, Dr. Catherine Brandon.

A service offered to Vanderbilt women by the center is a Breast Cancer Support Group. This support group meets every other Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Breast Center, 2500 Village at Vanderbilt. The next meeting is October 12. For more information call 322-2064.

1992 RACE FOR THE CURE

Nashville has been selected as one of twenty-six cities across the U.S. to host the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation "Race for the Cure" on October 24. The all-women's 5K and One Mile Race/Walk are presented locally by The Minnie Pearl Cancer Foundation. Funds from the race will go to fund mammograms for medically underserved women in the community and for education and research.

The organizers hope that 2,000 women will participate in the walk/run, departing at 8:00 a.m. from Legislative Plaza/Church Street. Entry fee is \$15 before October 10.

For more information contact race chair, Margaret Groos at 342-1740.

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