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Focus on women: annual emphasis

by Betsy Bates

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Prominent female authors, a rape symposium, and a Women's Song Fest will highlight Denison's annual Women's Week, which began Sunday and will end Saturday.

"This year, our focus is on career opportunities and will also feature literary achievements, in that we have three writers here," commented Nancy Nowik, Women's Coordinator of the university. "Last year, student attendance really improved, but faculty attendance during the week was poor," said Nowik, hopeful for better response this time around. She expressed pleasure about the large degree of sorority involvement. "Not a Pretty Picture" a film about "social" or "date" rape, will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in Curtis West lounge.

Students requested the film after portions of it were shown during the Sexuality Conference, held last semester. Every year, a number of



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Florence Howe, (left), visiting GLCA scholar who spoke at Monday's convocation on the "Myth of Coeducation", discusses Women's Week with senior Deb Baer.

Denison students are counseled by Nowik and Dr. Joan Straumanis, after being victimized in such attacks. Therefore, Nowik feels the movie is particularly appropriate for Denison.

The film will be followed by a discussion of rape and a presentation on rape prevention by the Women Against Rape group from Columbus. Men will be asked to leave during the final demonstration, in order that women will not feel self-conscious, said Nowik.

Men, however, are encouraged to participate in all other presentations during the week. Two male students, Chris Gjessing and John Marshall, served on the planning committee, along with members of Panhellenic Council, Women's Emphasis club, and the Office of Student Personnel.

A reception for women will take place at 3:30 Thursday, to be followed Thursday evening by a poetry and fiction reading by Hilma Wolitzer and Bharati Mukherjee. The week-long celebration will close Friday with a song fest.