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DENISON WOMEN IN ACTION

Gynecological and Counseling Services Sought

As a result of the November 11th public meeting concerning health services for Denison women, three committees have activated to assist the Senate subcommittee in obtaining adequate gynecological and counseling services. One committee is exploring the various possibilities for gynecological and related services, and will work on petitions for support of these options. Another committee is directing its efforts toward compiling an informational handbook for Denison students, while a third committee is presenting information sessions and distributing questionnaires to all women and men students to determine need of services.

From the questionnaires, the subcommittee will present statistical evidence of need and support at the Health and Safety Committee meeting on Friday November 19th. However, that is only the first step toward reaching the goals, and much work lies ahead. Obstacles have previously barred Denison students from securing similar goals because of a lack of support from the student body for whom the proposed services were to be rendered. Hopefully, the current subcommittee will not be defeated for this reason. Concern and support will hopefully aid and hasten the development of long overdue, basic health services.

SHOW YOUR CONCERN--IT'S FOR YOUR HEALTH!

For information contact Wendy Phoenix or Deneise Deter
Women Faculty Retreat

On the weekend of November 5-7, Denison's Simulation Center and Committee W co-sponsored a retreat for faculty women held at the Granville Inn. Ann Kessler originated and developed the retreat which was attended by twenty general and teaching faculty women.

Purposes of the retreat included exploring problems of pursuing a career and having a family simultaneously, special needs and problems of two-career families, and particular needs of single women. Also emphasized was conflict resolution and improvement of personal effectiveness both professionally and within each individual's personal life. The weekend provided an opportunity for campus women to talk with each other about a wide variety of mutual interests and problems.

Denison Women to Attend NWSA Convention

The founding convention of a National Women's Studies Association will meet in San Francisco, January 13-16, 1977. In attendance at the historic conference will be Denison's Ann Fitzgerald, representing the academic discipline of women's studies, and Juliana Lightle, Women's Coordinator. One purpose of the convention is to promote non-sexist and non-racist education in both traditional and non-traditional areas. Ann and Juliana will be returning with new insights which they will be able to share with the Denison community to further our attempts to promote better educational opportunities for all students.

Women's Coordinator Offers J-Term Course

For the third consecutive year, Juliana Lightle is offering the J-Term course entitled "Exploring Feminism." The month-long commitment will involve study of the philosophical and historical basis of feminism, including exploration of biological and psychological data. Current issues as well as historical analysis will be studied from works including Mary Daly's Beyond God the Father, Shulamith Firestone's The Dialectic of Sex, Gerda Lerner's Black Women in White America, and at least one book on rape. The class will also explore legal issues pertaining to women, and alternatives for the future regarding roles and lifestyles. Particular points and issues may be illuminated by fiction of women writers. There is still room for another student to register for the course by contacting Juliana in Beth Eden.
Local Aid to Battered Women

The act of brute force and violence is only now surfacing as another crime against women and children, like rape and child abuse, that occurs with shocking frequency, but often goes unreported. Due to increasing concern over the needs of battered women, a group of Licking County individuals have organized a committee to address the problem locally. By involving local police and other law enforcement officials, leaders of various county organizations such as L.E.A.D.S., Legal Services, and the YWCA and Crisis Center, the group hopes to establish a broad base of concern and support.

Currently, three subcommittees have been established to address housing problems, legal implications and issues, related economic difficulties, and counseling for both the women and men involved. Hopefully, in the future emergency housing will be available for both single women and mothers with their children. The YWCA has been very instrumental in providing their services at both the local and state levels.

Juliana Lightle, Women's Coordinator at Denison, has been involved in the local group from its inception. On Friday, November 19th, she attended a statewide meeting at the Academy for Contemporary Problems in Columbus. The purpose of the committee is to develop a statewide network to address this problem on all levels.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLCA Women's Studies Conference

"Critical Issues in Teaching Strategies, Curricula and Personal Growth" will be the theme for the upcoming GLCA WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE, to be held January 20-23 at the Geneva Conference Center in Rochester, Indiana. Aims of the conference: to develop teaching strategies and increase teaching effectiveness in courses which include study about women and women's issues; to learn about fields vital to women's studies and concerns; to develop neglected areas of traditional disciplines; to integrate new fields of knowledge into current course offerings.

The conference will also promote the strengthening of human resources of each campus community and the building of a stronger consortial network through the sharing of information. The program is open to persons from GLCA colleges and consultants and staff; each campus may send a delegation of up to ten women and men representing the faculty, administration and student body.
Women in Higher Education

The Center for Field Research is a non-profit organization established to foster private sponsorship of basic field research. The Center volunteers to support research projects in the natural and social sciences and other disciplines involving field work.

To be eligible, the research program must constructively utilize lay assistants in the field, who contribute financially to the project's costs in exchange for limited time involvement. In five years, more than 200 field research investigators whose work was appropriate to this type of support have been subsidized. Projects have included natural and marine sciences, conservation, medicine, humanities, arts, but women applicants are infrequent. The Center is especially interested in hearing from women with questions or proposals. Contact: Betsy Caney/Director of Research/Center for Field Research/68 Leonard St./Belmont, Maryland 02178.

ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN AT DENISON

New Career Placement Director Hired

Denison is very fortunate to have as its new career placement director, Pat Sommers. Sommers has received her B.A. in Spanish and a Master's degree in Portuguese. Presently she is working toward a Ph.D. in Labor and Human Resources at Ohio State University's college of Business Administration.

Sommers says that she always felt pressured in undergraduate and graduate school to follow a more traditional women's role rather than get involved in a technical field. She realized sometime after her graduation that she wanted something more than that. She worked for the State Equal Employment Office helping to locate jobs for women in the state offices. In 1974, she worked in a Job Training Program for women, to train women for technical work in predominately male jobs. She also worked with the Personnel Office of many employers to resolve problems that might arise from conflicts between men and women on the job.

Currently, besides working at Denison assisting students in their decisions about post-graduation life, Sommers is working toward her Ph.D. and living with her husband and daughter, Susan B. Anthony Sommers. She feels at home here at Denison and wants to create a link with the women on campus. We sincerely hope that she can.
Denison Woman Publishes Poetry

Tona Dickerson is a Denison freshman from Columbus, Ohio. She attended Wellesley High School in Wellesley, Massachusetts and plans to major in Latin American Studies and Graphic Arts. At present, Dickerson has a book of her poetry on sale in the Denison Bookstore entitled To Deny What You Are, Doesn't Mean You are What you Say.

Scotch-scented takers; a rusty old youth,
Tattooed, scorched elder,
With my name
For my tears; for my flames

"I love you"
Expecting me! to fill
An empty place in you
with those same hollow words!

Seems like;
Trying to hold me
from kiss to kiss
Who leaves me in the VICE
Ah, but sweet ignorance;
I'm feline; walking away

I am breaking your heart
Still you're breaking my life.
(baby boy? Y'ttle man?)
The black rose is me
Tainted and revelling
in my heavenly sin.

Oh one woman man!
Heed this one nite woman,
You can never buy
You can never win

A daughter of the Nile.

Tona Dickerson
CAMPUS AND AREA EVENTS AND SPEAKERS

December 1—MEG CHRISTIAN, feminist singer, songwriter and musician from Olivia Records, Los Angeles, has decided to make Columbus one of her concert stops. The concert will be at the WESLEY FOUNDATION, E. 16th and Waldeck Avenues, 8:00 pm. Tickets are $3.00 at the door.

December 2—SALLY TESELLE, author, editor, scholar and teacher at Vanderbilt University, is the first woman dean of a divinity school. She will speak on "Women and the Search for Self" in Slayter Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

December 2—VAL GRAY, new Assistant Professor of English at Denison, will be addressing English majors on the topic of black literature. Others are invited to attend this lecture at 1:30 in Fellows 207. Gray will be receiving her Ph.D. from Ohio State University this quarter.

FROM THE EDITORS...

SYLPH is a monthly publication of the Women's Coordinator Office at Denison University. Its purpose is to supply information about campus and area events of interest to women and to help coordinate women's activities on campus. All campus women's groups are invited to send announcements of their activities to Juliana Lightle in Beth Eden.

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