

In Christian Feminism Course

Non-Sexist Language Emphasized

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"Emphasis was placed on the development of non-sexist language for worship, the participation of women in church and the relation of feminist concerns to Christian and Biblical heritage," said Trobian.

Various books, films, tapes and journalism articles were used in teaching the class, including an original speech written by Dr. Trobian on feminism in religion. But more important in conducting the class was the interaction among the students.

Stephanie Thomas, a junior, business administration major from Georgia said, "The class was like a general conversation, very relaxed and filled with intense emotional feelings. The most interesting thing about the way the course was taught, was that we taught each other."

Agreeing with Stephanie was Kathleen Fears, a junior sociology major, also from Georgia. "There was constant arguing, but we learned from it all. We discovered hidden talents and widened our views on women in religion. The program we presented was our view of sexism in religion."

Helen Ferguson, a junior pre-med major from Pennsylvania had this to say about the class: "We

became particularly conscious of sexist language, and avoided using it. Women have a vital part in the church today because of the changing values in today's society."

The majority of the class felt that the following topics had been covered extensively:

(1) The contribution of women to creative change in theology.

(2) Women's changing attitudes toward church and society.

(3) The nature of sexist language.

(4) Ways women can retain traditional (Christian and/or Hindu) concepts and still work toward

liberation.

It was generally felt that the program "Cry for a New Birth" was the highlight of the course. "It was somewhat of a happening," said Dr. Trobian. "Helen had written a litany and Elizabeth Adams wrote an original poem. So through combined efforts, this program was born. The message, given by Rose Hudson, was also a joint effort of class members."

Every aspect of the program was decided upon by the students.

Music was supplied by class members also, with a little help from Earch, Wind and Fire.

The thing that proved most disappointing was the lack of faculty attendance at the program.

Next semester the Women's Studies Program will offer a course entitled "Feminist Religion." This course will be the fifth in a series of courses dealing with the nature of cultural changes in religious consciousness and theological formulations.

"Banner" Staff Honors Athletes

by S. Marie Brown

The "Bennett Banner" staff is organizing and hosting the first Banner Athletic Appreciation Dinner Monday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. in the David D. Jones Student Union dining hall.

The purpose of the dinner is to act as a morale booster for the athletes and the student body.

At this time certificates and words of appreciation will be given to the athletes — the volleyball and basketball teams — by Shawn Humphries, student government president and senior biology major from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Leon

McDougle, associate professor of physical education and basketball coach; Pat Moore, Greensboro Daily News sportswriter; and Joyce Bass, "Banner" editor and senior communications/ISP major from Creedmoor, N. C.

The dinner is open to the student body, faculty and staff. Those who do not know who the athletes are are encouraged to attend.

The dinner is not a formal occasion. Dinner will be served in its usual manner.

Tuesday, Nov. 22 is designated as "Blue and White Day." Everyone is expected to wear blue and white to show school spirit.

For Belles Only

Vaginal Infections: Professional Treatment Should Be First Move

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used throughout the entire prescribed period which is usually 15 to 30 days.

Trichomoniasis, which is harder to kill than candida, is caused by a microscopic one-cell animal called the trichomonad. The symptoms of "Trich" are like those of candida and also produces a thin, yellowish or yellow-green, bad smelling discharge. As a result of Trich the vagina may turn a deep strawberry red in color and sore-

ness and tenderness may occur during intercourse. Treatment is usually with the drug Flagyl, which is taken orally for at least six days. Although this type of treatment is nearly 100% effective it may cause nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and dizziness. To lessen your risks, take the drug with food and avoid alcoholic beverages. Your mate will also need treatment to prevent reinfection.

Not nearly as common as candida or trichomona, *Hemphilas vaginalis vaginitis* (*h. vaginalis*) is caused by a germ of the same name. *H. vaginalis* causes no redness or soreness. The only symptom is a sour smelling, grayish discharge. This infection usually clears up with a sulpha preparation or another bacteria-fighting medication applied locally and/or the antibiotic ampicillin taken orally for at least six days. Your partner should be treated with oral antibiotics.

Herpes genitalis, often called *herpes simplex* or *Herpes 2* is not actually a vaginitis, but a sexually transmitted viral infection. Symptoms include painful blisters resembling cold sores on the vaginal lips, lesions of the vagina, vulva or anus, and possible fever. Sexual intercourse may be extremely painful. There is no totally effective cure for *herpes*. Still, if you suspect you have *herpes*, see a gynecologist for diagnosis and treatment. Herpes will eventually disappear by itself within 14 to 21 days, but it will recur.

Your very first move if you suspect a vaginal infection should be to see a gynecologist. Trying to scrub or douche vaginitis away is more likely to aggravate vaginitis than to cure it.

Here are a few suggestions on what to do.

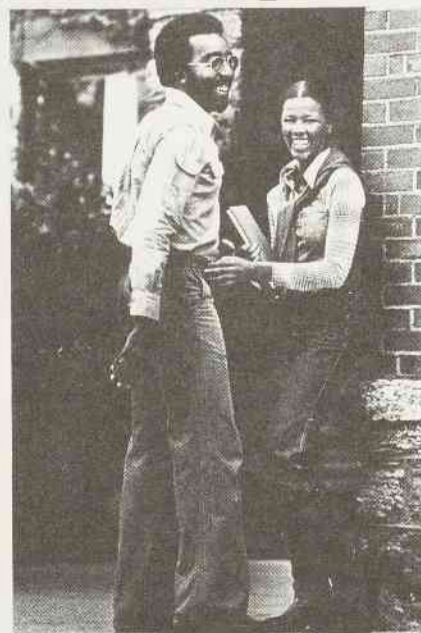
- Keep the area clean and dry.
- Ask your sex partner(s) to be examined, and if necessary, treated.
- If you have intercourse, have your partner to use a condom.
- Wear cotton panties and stop wearing panty hose until the infection clears up.
- Take showers, not tub baths, to avoid getting reinfected.
- Disinfect douching apparatus and diaphragm with hot water and soap each time you use them.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or suspect you might be as some forms of vaginitis should be treated differently during pregnancy.
- Don't feel guilty about your infection. The thing to do is to seek immediate medical attention.

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