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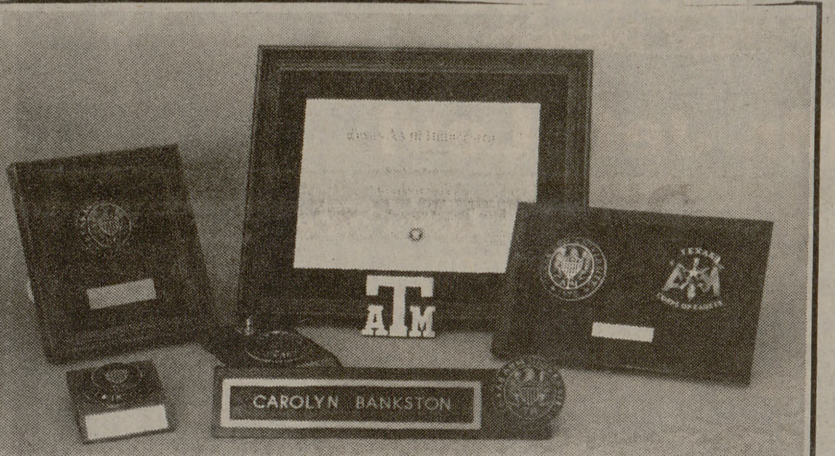
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Professor to show slides on pornography

The degradation of women in pornography will be discussed during a slide presentation sponsored by the Texas A&M chapter of the National Organization for Women Monday at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

Dr. Wendy Stock, assistant professor of psychology and founder of NOW at A&M, said the program's purpose is to educate and raise awareness about mysogyny — the hatred and mistrust of women — in America.

Stock will discuss mysogyny in popular magazines and in pornography magazines.

The media frequently portrays degradation of women in an eroticized context that Stock calls "sugar-coating violence."

"Much of the material (in the media) depicts women being degraded and sometimes as victims of violence," Stock said. "Women are shown enjoying this type of behavior."

Fliers advertising the presentation warn that "explicit sexual and violent material will be shown."

Admission to the slide show is \$2.

Clinic director: Disease research loses funds to AIDS

By Kimberly House
 Reporter

Research on the most common sexually transmitted disease in the country, chlamydia trachomatis, has suffered because many of the funds used for chlamydia have been redirected for studies of AIDS, said Sally Miller, clinic director of Brazos County Planned Parenthood.

"These funds have been diverted to AIDS for good reason," Miller said. "It's a killer disease. Hopefully, however, more money will go to chlamydia research soon. We just really don't know a whole lot about it and it can be a very dangerous disease."

"Chlamydia was not seen as a huge problem until the last five or six years."

The A.P. Beutel Health Center reports chlamydia trachomatis is the most common of all communicable diseases among Texas A&M students and its incidence has risen in the past year.

The center treats mostly females with the disease, but this is primarily because males usually ignore the symptoms or attribute them to something else. However, 80 percent of females and usually all males show no symptoms. Miller says local cases of the disease are increasing.

"The cases of chlamydia treated at the Brazos County Planned Parenthood have increased markedly over the past couple of years," Miller said. "The cases of chlamydia are about 13 per 100 women, compared to cases of gonorrhea, which are about 2 per 100 women. I strongly suggest that women be checked for chlamydia every time they go in for a check-up."

The infection, caused by bacteria, most often is found among people under 25 years of age, especially high school teens.

"We find chlamydia in younger sexually active people because they aren't married and are more likely to have multiple partners than older, married people," Miller said.

In an article in the *San Francisco Examiner*, Phyllis Schoenwald of Planned Parenthood reports teenage females may be at a higher risk than older women because their cervical cells are at a critical state of development.

Symptoms of the disease may appear two weeks to a month after exposure and for females may include vaginal itching or a heavy white discharge with an odor, lower abdominal pain, bleeding between menstrual periods, an inflamed cervix or a low grade fever. If chlamydia in females is left untreated, it can cause a painful pelvic infection that may require hospitalization.

Males may experience a discharge from the penis or a burning sensation during urination. If the male's case of chlamydia is left untreated for several months he may develop epididymitis, an inflammation that causes pain near the testicles.

Permanent damage to the reproductive organs resulting in sterility may ultimately occur in both sexes, and babies can get pneumonia or eye infections if the mother has chlamydia at the time of delivery.

Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the Beutel health center, said the treatment for chlamydia is 10 days of tetracycline, an antibiotic. Both partners must be treated to prevent the "ping-pong effect," or reinfection by the partner who carries the germ and isn't getting treatment.

The health center sells the medication to students for about \$3.50.

Miller said barrier methods of contraception — a condom or diaphragm — provide the best prevention. Spermicidal methods are somewhat effective, she said.

Chlamydia in women is detected by a test, similar to a Pap smear, in which a sample is taken from the cervix. It is not painful and the results usually will be given within two days.

If chlamydia is suspected in a male, a sample is taken from the urethra.

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