

Series reveals modern Eve's role

"The Adam and Eve of the 21st century will emerge in a new landscape, a new Garden of Eden," said Mrs. Fran Carter, the first speaker in the "Free to be Female" series. The series, sponsored by Women's Residence Association, YWCA, Union Board, Mortar Board, Ward System and Panhellenic Council, concludes today.

Mrs. Carter is director of the teenage department of the Columbus YWCA and vice president of the Ohio Sex Education Council.

"Adam will hold Eve nearer to his heart. She will not be childlike and ready to rebel. She will not be resentful to competition. They will share a continual wonder and joy in the reality of each other," said Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. Carter, who spoke in the Sun Room, Memorial Union Sunday night, centered her lecture around the "New Female" and "Feminine Sexuality."

First Choice

Mrs. Carter said that, in the beginning, Eve opened the dynamic possibilities of living by making the first choice. She left the childlike world and became part of the creative world of responsibility, where the decisions she made would determine her life.

"Women have become 'free to be female.' They can set their own pace and make their own decisions. However, if they don't make the choice, life will choose for them. 'Not to choose is to choose,'" said Mrs. Carter.

"The woman can decide what role she wants to play in life," said Mrs. Carter. "She can be the dutiful wife, the romantic, the submissive woman or the job-holder. As a mother, she can even plan for her children through birth control."

ISU Women

Mrs. Carter said the women of ISU have al-

ready made one choice. "They have decided to get a college education."

She said an education is vital. "It helps develop the personality and allows growth and creativity. It helps to break the stereotypes. It puts life into years, not years into life."

"Education develops the ability to understand one's own needs and those of others," she added.

Loneliness

Mrs. Carter said many women fear loneliness. "A woman needs to love and to be loved. She wants a real relationship with a real man, a man as lonely as she."

Mrs. Carter quoted from Erich Fromm, noted author, "Love is the union of two lonelinesses."

She said out of this fear of loneliness, many women grab at marriage as a solution, but this is not the answer. Marriage brings new duties, new intimacies, a new world of sex. Since every man responds differently, it may take several years to reach the total self-giving.

Listening

"The woman learns feminine sexuality by being in love and loving, by truly listening to herself and to the other person," said Mrs. Carter.

"A woman can enable a man to feel," said Mrs. Carter. "She can offer human understanding that the man needs to discover his true manhood. Man and woman can exist side by side, and not man against woman."

"The New Man and the New Woman will not dehumanize each other, but will be united more fully to each other," said Mrs. Carter.

"They have learned the meaning of love and respect and can relate to one another. The fig leaves, symbol of the masks we wear, have fallen away," said Mrs. Carter.