Magazine spotlights women

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"Women Are Human," a bi-weekly information sheet put out by the undergraduate libraries, has been formed out of the concern that women on campus do not know each other or the resources on campus, according to Beth McNeer, reference librarian in the undergraduate library and co-editor of the publication.

Kitty Moshell, reference librarian in the Main Library and co-editor of "Women Are Human" said the publication provides some sort of balance in the male-dominated University studies.

"WE FELT we had a responsibility as librarians to get information to the women in a form they could use," McNeer said.

In addition to information on meetings, sports events, legislation and women's studies, "Women Are Human" includes reviews on books by, for or about women. "As far as we know, "Women Are Human" is a unique publication because nobody else does the critical annotations on books or has the information sheet aspect," Moshell said.

Moshell, also active in the women's movement in Columbus, said the purpose of the publication was "to try to convince men that women are human beings," and that the name started out as a joke.

Moshell said "Women Are Human" is one way to encourage people to use the library. "Libraries are the heart of the University, and shouldn't be a storehouse," she stated.

IN ADDITION to Moshell and McNeer, there are about ten occasional contributors to "Women Are Human," "Basically people in the libraries contribute, with occasional contributions from the Department of English," Moshell said.

"Women Are Human" has grown from a circulation of about 50 to one of about 500. "Most of the feedback we get is from women," Moshell said. "The only feedback from men has been from the male librarians, and they think it is a good thing," she continued.

"Women Are Human" is funded by the Main Library and is available free to all subscribers with a campus address.