SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. )

THE FEMALE HEALTH COMPANY

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, $.01 per value

>Title of Class of Securities)

314462 10 2

(CUSIP Number)

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MAY 18, 1999

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS/I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY)
Gary Benson

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(See Instructions)
(a) [ ]
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
United States of America

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES
1,421,000

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

7 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING PERSON
1,421,000

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
1,421,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [x]

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
8.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)
ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER
This statement relates to the common stock, $.01 par value, of The Female Health Company, a Wisconsin corporation ("Female Health Co"). The address of Female Health Co.'s principal executive offices is 515 N. State Street, Suite 2225, Chicago, IL 60610.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND
This Schedule 13D is being filed by Gary Benson. Mr. Benson's business address is Regency Athletic Club, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Suite 600, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Mr. Benson is a private investor.

During the last five years, Mr. Benson has not been (i) convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), or (ii) party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Mr. Benson is a citizen of the United States of America.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION
Not applicable.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION
The shares of Female Health Co subject to this Statement are held by the Reporting Person solely for investment purposes.

Although the Reporting Person has not formulated any other definitive plan, he may from time to time acquire, or dispose of, common stock and/or other securities of the Company if and when he deems it appropriate. The Reporting Person may formulate other purposes, plans or proposals relating to any of such securities of the Company to the extent deemed advisable in light of market conditions, investment policies and other factors. Except as indicated in this Statement, the Reporting Person has no current plans or proposals which would relate to or would result in any of the matters described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.
ITEM 5. INTEREST IN THE SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

a.- b. Mr. Benson beneficially owns 1,421,000 shares (includes 300,000 shares of common stock and 21,000 shares of preferred stock owned by Goben Enterprises, LP, a limited partnership of which the reporting person is a general partner. Also includes warrants to purchase 1,100,000 shares owned by Goben Enterprises, LP). According to the Company's Form 10-QSB the number of shares outstanding as of May 14, 2002 was 16,008,588. Accordingly, based upon this information Mr. Benson owns 8.3% of the outstanding shares.

c. TRANSACTIONS WITHIN THE LAST 60 DAYS

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<th>Date Acquired</th>
<th>No. of Shares</th>
<th>Price*</th>
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<td>7/22/02</td>
<td>300,000</td>
<td>$1.61</td>
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* The above acquisition was a private transaction with the Issuer. The price is based upon the last sale price of the shares on the date acquired.

d. Not applicable.

e. Not applicable.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

None.
After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 28, 2002

/s/ Gary Benson

Gary Benson
This information is provided for informational purposes only.

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<th>Entity</th>
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<td>Charitable Remainder Trust (of which the reporting person is not a trustee)</td>
<td>81,450 (1)</td>
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(1) The reporting person is not a trustee of such trust and disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares held by such trust.