

Sextons share advice on making marriage happy and long lasting

By Jessica Kiser, News Editor

In spring the minds of many turn to romance and love, yet in our world disposable relationships have become as commonplace in our lives as disposable sandwich bags. The American divorce rate has soared to over fifty percent. TV commercials encourage consumers to buy a diamond engagement ring, once reserved for a twenty-fifth or fiftieth wedding anniversary, for their tenth anniversary because "diamonds are forever." The commercial is not far from the truth. Fifty percent of married couples find their vows of "until death do us part" ending before the tenth wedding anniversary.

In all of this heartbreak, it is encouraging to meet a couple like Warren and Carol Sexton. Mr. Sexton is the acting head of the Social Science Department, and Mrs. Sexton is a librarian in Whitaker Library. They have been married for over thirty-six years. Mrs. Sexton is quick to point to what she considers to be the reason for their successful marriage, "we've been friends a lot longer than we've been married."

The Sextons met during their freshman year at Lees-McCrae Junior College. She is from a fishing village in New Jersey, and he is the son of a tenant farmer in Banner Elk, NC, near Boone. One day as they walked across campus they noticed each other's school jackets. Both were black and gold, an unusual color combination at the time. She had bought her jacket and admits that he earned his as a twelve letter man in high school. "We started talking and then dating for convenience's sake," Mr. Sexton confesses. "We both needed someone to take to dances and such without the hassle of getting serious. We both were dating other people back home."

During the summer they went their separate ways and dated other people. One of the other ladies that Mr. Sexton dated had the same name as his future wife, Carol Smith. When school began again in the fall, both the Carol Smiths lived in the same dorm. So when Mr. Sexton called on Carol Smith, the one he would eventually marry, at the beginning of the term, it caused quite an embarrassing situation because the wrong one came out to meet him. "I knew that I was the one he had meant," Mrs. Sexton claims. "But I let her go down to meet him anyway."

"I tried to tell her as nicely as I could that I had been dating another girl named Carol Smith," Mr. Sexton relates. "She did not take too kindly to being told that."

That was not the only mishap the Sextons encountered while dating in college. Mrs. Sexton's dorm mother had her ideas about what was proper public display of affection. "The flowers in her dorm must have been water plants because that woman was always watering them. That was her way of coming out into the lobby to check on us," recalls Mr. Sexton. "I remember one day when she saw one of my friends holding his girl-friend's hand. She asked him



Professor Warren Sexton and wife, Carol Sexton.

what in the world he was saving for marriage."

Before the end of their sophomore year, they made things official. "I enjoyed showing the other Carol Smith my engagement ring," Mrs. Sexton remembers.

Both of the Sextons remember the advice that their sociology professor gave them: "Do you like each other? Do you like each other's parents? friends? way of life? You can only make love for one percent of the time. The other ninety-nine percent of the time you have to live with each other, sit across the table from each other, and look at each other."

In August of 1954, they were married. "I got a job at GM in Wilmington because we felt that we were supposed to do things ourselves, but after nine months of that I decided that I wanted to do more with my life than put trim around automobiles," remembers Mr. Sexton.

He went back to school at Appalachian State and earned an undergraduate degree and a master's degree in history, while she worked in the Registrar's Office. Then Mr. Sexton received a one year appointment in the Social Science department of Chowan College. It was a temporary position until the professor decided not to return.

Now with a full time job and two children, the Sextons decided that it was time for Mrs. Sexton to go back to school. She commuted sixty-five miles to North Carolina Wesleyan for five semesters. During this time, they had a lady to watch the kids, but it still took a lot of working together. She used his office during finals to have a quiet place to study, and he watched the kids from 6:30 in the morning until the babysitter arrived and whenever else it was necessary. "He earned the degree from Wesleyan as much as I did," Mrs. Sexton admits.

After Mrs. Sexton finished her undergraduate degree, she went to Chapel Hill to work towards her master's degree. Every summer until she earned her degree they packed up their bag, baggage, and two kids and went to Chapel Hill. Sometimes they did not know where they were going to live until a couple of weeks before they left. She signed up for the classes she needed, and he signed up for a class he was interested in around her schedule. They took turns watching the children and were very thankful that the children enjoyed the library so much. "One summer, the children turned a re-

frigerator box into a library desk. They made library cards for every one of their books and spent the entire summer checking the books out to each other," the Sextons remember.

"We were not of a mind to wait until things settled. We wanted to help each other do it. We have always been absolutely committed to helping each other do whatever we wanted to do. We have still to have our first argument because one of us is always able to keep his cool. If it is big enough to fight about, it is big enough to talk about," Mr. Sexton believes.

The Sextons believe marriage is not accidental. It involves two people making a commitment to each other to work at it. Part of the way the Sextons work things out is the two tubes of toothpaste in their bathroom. "I squeeze the tube from the middle, and he squeezes it from the bottom. Two tubes became a necessity," Mrs. Sexton admits.

In the day of the disposable relationship, the Sextons are a promising reminder of possibility. "We talk about a decision before we make it. That way it becomes a joint decision. There is never any desire to say, 'I told you so'."

Over 500 students attend annual Math-Science Day

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The Math and Science Departments hosted a Math-Science Day on March 20 for North Carolina high school students. Over five hundred high school students and 27 teachers attended the event. Some of the students traveled over four hours from the Eastern Shore in order to attend, while others came from as close by as Ahsokie. The students learned about a variety of math and science subjects from projects made by Chowan students. The college students helped the high school students understand science and math, by talking with them and answering any questions they had. As Christian Overton, a pre-agriculture major from Shiloh, N.C., commented, "It was good. The college students got to learn from teaching the high school students."

Phyllis Dewar, a chemistry teacher at Chowan, agreed, "The college students were well-received. It was a good experience for all involved."

Displays were about subjects ranging from birth control devices and how they work to demonstra-

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE SPRING SEMESTER, 1992

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL
6:30 p.m. Final exams for AS 002 (Writing Fundamentals)

FRIDAY, 1 MAY
8:00 a.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 11:00 MWF and 11:00 MTWTF
10:00 a.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 2:00 TH
1:00 p.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 1:00 MWF

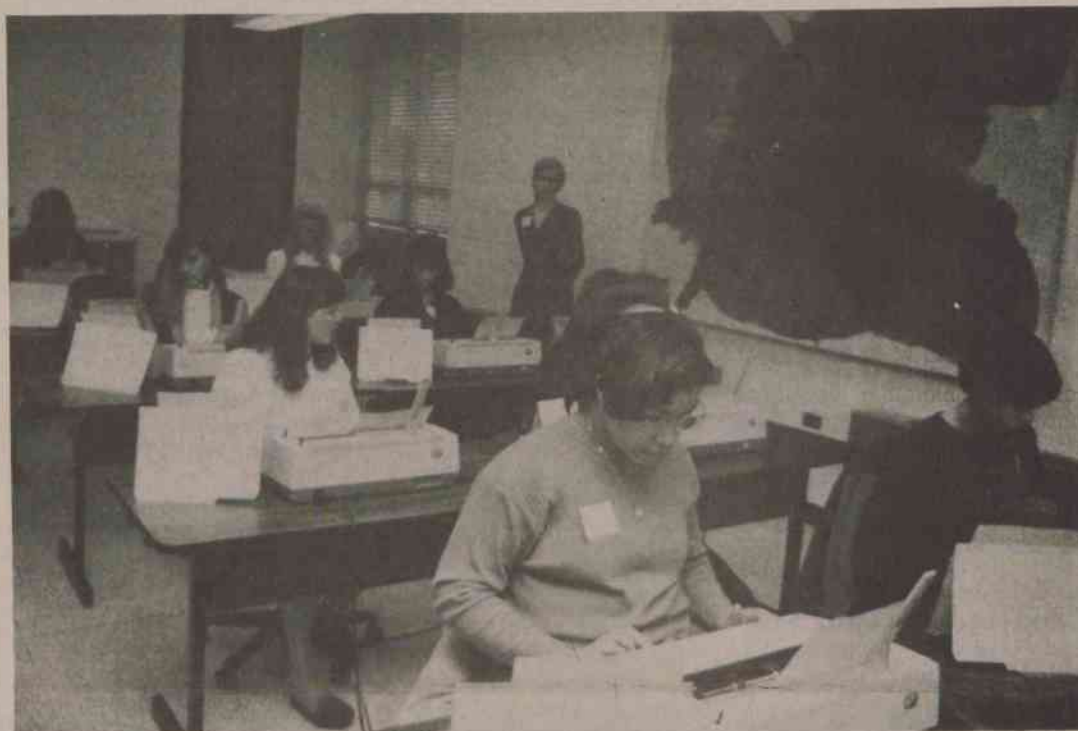
SATURDAY, 2 MAY
8:00 a.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 11:00 TH
10:00 a.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 2:00 MWF
1:00 p.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 9:00 TH

MONDAY, 4 MAY
8:00 a.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 9:00 MWF and 9:00 MTWTF
10:00 a.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 12:00 MWF and 12:00 MTWTF
1:00 p.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 12:30 TH and 1:00 TH

TUESDAY, 5 MAY
8:00 a.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 8:00 MWF and 8:00 MTWTF
10:00 a.m. Final exam for classes that meet at 8:00 TH
1:00 p.m. Final exams for classes that meet at 10:00 MWF

WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY
8:00 a.m. FINAL EXAMS FOR CLASSES THAT MEET AT 3:00 MWF AND 3:30 TH
10:00 a.m. MAKE-UP EXAMS

NOTE: Final exams for all classes that meet after 3:00 MWF and after 3:30 TH will be administered at the time of the last regular class period.



The seventh annual typewriting contest for high school students from both Virginia and North Carolina was held at Chowan on March 26. Thirteen schools participated in the half-day event. The contest featured both a beginning and advanced division. Each school was permitted to enter two students in each division. Chowan students assisting with the contest were Belinda Everette, Cathy Piland, Missy Wright, and Mike Moore. Andrea Eason served as chairperson of the contest and was assisted by Hattie Jones, Dorothy Wallace, and L. M. Wallace.

Kappa Sigma Chapter inducts new members

Kappa Sigma Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Languages Honor Society initiated three full members and two associate members on Tuesday, March 17 (Saint Patrick's Day).

Students elected to full membership are: Sloan Holliday, Wanda Lassiter, and Noriko Yoshimoto. Associate members are Jennifer E. Lane and Hollie E. Tinsley. These new initiates join the present membership: DeAngela Bishard (secretary-treasurer), Jason C. Drake (president), Sheila Garrett, and John M. Linstrom. Dr. Carl Garrett is the faculty sponsor.

Alpha Mu Gamma is an honor society that includes men and women who strive for and attain excellence in the study of French or Spanish at Chowan College.

LIBRARY EXAM HOURS

FRIDAY, May 1—8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, May 2—8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, May 3—2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, May 4-6—
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THURSDAY, May 7—8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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