

CAMPUS

Survey studies sexism in black community

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Do you think making sexual comments to a female is considered sexual harassment? If you are dating more than one girl at a time do you let them know? Are you down with "O.P.P.?"

questions such as these to 65 black males on the UNC campus. The class will use the responses to determine attitudes of black men toward women. Monica Hooker, Yanita d'Audiffret, Marsha Jessup, Carisa Johnson, Deneese Yarborough and Tonya Jackson conducted the survey. D'Audiffret said the survey succeeded in bringing attention to the con-

cerns of the black females on campus. "The whole point was to examine the sexist attitudes in the black community and then just to raise awareness," said d'Audiffret. "One of the things we were supposed to do is study an 'ism.'" In the above questions:

- 15 percent of the black men surveyed said making sexual comments to a female was harassment.
- 19 percent would tell a girl if they were dating more than one person at a time.
- 44 percent were down with O.P.P. (other people's property)

Johnson said the survey was intended to raise the awareness of the males who answered the questions. "We wanted to show how (black males) really treat black women on campus," Johnson said. "I think they were quite honest with their answers." Ann Trapasso teaches the English 117 class. "The class focuses on racism and sexism," Trapasso said. "They were hoping they could share this information with others." D'Audiffret said the survey originally was intended for publication in

the Black Ink because this was an issue that concerned the black community and specifically the Black Ink columnist "Wonderboy." But plans for publication did not pan out, she said. Members said the study was in response to the columns, which are written by John McCann. In addition to the survey, the members of the group produced a video in which sex-roles were reversed. Johnson said some of the men were quite defensive when approached by a woman.

"We did a videotape where we reversed actions — where the girls were aggressive and the guys were reserved," she said. "The guys were really surprised. They didn't like it." Jackson said the women in the video employed many of the same tactics used by men. "The girls in the video came out with the same pick-up lines and come-ons," she said. "We also simply interviewed guys about what would happen if a girl came on to them." "They openly admitted that guys are jerks, but at the same time they laugh about it. But at least they admit it."

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY
5 p.m. Juggling Club will meet at the flagpole between Wilson Library and South Building. Rain location: Great Hall.
5:30 p.m. Students Against Drunk Driving will meet in 206 Union.
7 p.m. Tar Heel Recycling Program will meet in 206 Union.
Undergraduate History Association welcomes Dr. Kahn to speak on "Questions in need of answering from the Persian Gulf War" in 569 Hamilton.
Student Environmental Action Coalition will meet in 211 Union.
8 p.m. Young Democrats welcome Harry Payne, Candidate for N.C. Labor Commissioner, to speak in 226 Union.

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Hero

being a hero." Lori Booze, a fourth-grade teacher at Carrboro Elementary, said that while her students were awed by Michael Jordan, they did realize that Air Jordan is just another earthing. "When you mention Michael Jordan, they're going to think that he's some kind of god," Booze said. "But when they talk about it in a class situation, they realize that he's only human." In December, Booze and her class discussed sports role models, and Booze said she was impressed with her students' attitudes. "They're not really into it as much as I thought," she said. "They still see their parents as their role model, as their number-one hero."

In the survey, just eight students named a friend or relative as their favorite sports hero. That was expected because of the wording of the question, and the amount may have differed had the survey asked for a favorite "role model." Lauren Williams of Carrboro Elementary chose her dad as her favorite. "He is fun to watch when he plays basketball, and he teaches me how to play," she wrote. And then there was Amy Gage, the Carrboro Elementary student who chose her brother. "He is the very best player of the undefeated Bulls pee-wee league champions," she wrote.

Magic Johnson, the former Los Angeles Lakers point guard who retired Nov. 7 after testing HIV-positive, was a favorite of 12 percent of those polled. Another 24 percent named him as someone they really liked.

"He is my favorite because he is good with kids," wrote Jolene Lyon of Carrboro Elementary. "He really tries to help people with his experiences." Added Kiana Hunter, also of Carrboro: "Magic is my hero because he is teaching kids about AIDS and his HIV virus."

Bo Jackson, the former Los Angeles Raiders running back and Chicago White Sox outfielder who recently underwent hip surgery, was a favorite of 12 percent of those polled, while 21 percent said he was someone they really liked. Reasons for liking Jackson often had to do with his physique and with his ability to excel at two sports.

The next-highest among favorites was Joe Montana, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback who led his team to four Super Bowl titles. Montana was named by 14 percent of children as either a favorite or someone they really

liked. Chicago Bulls forward Scottie Pippen and gold-medal-winning figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi both received 11 percent of the votes. Janelle Kemsley of Carrboro said of Yamaguchi: "She is a very good ice skater, and she doesn't brag about winning. She works very hard."

In Carrboro, 21 percent named former UNC guard Hubert Davis as either a favorite or a well-liked player. "He always smiles, and I asked him for an autograph, and he was really nice to me," Jessica Kohls said.

There were, of course, many children who singled out lesser-known individuals as their favorites, from former Syracuse lacrosse player Paul Gait to American Gladiators star Ice. Vanessa Haas-Hernandez of Staten Island chose wrestler Hulk Hogan. "He inspires me not to give up," she said.

Tyson, the former heavyweight boxing champ convicted of rape Feb. 10, was the least-liked sports figure among those athletes named by both schools. "He's a real bad influence," said Andrea Demoleas of Staten Island. "It's not like it's a good thing to rape somebody."

For Bird, the dislike probably had more to do with his team than with his personality. He is the most recognizable player on the Boston Celtics, a team that many basketball fans either love or hate. Seven percent named Bird as one who they liked.

Nine percent of those polled said there was no one they disliked in sports. And, yes, 4 percent named Michael Jordan as one who they did not like too much.

As a man like Jordan becomes an even greater role model for children, sports naturally becomes an even stronger part of our nation's culture. Is all of this healthy?

Stan Quint, a computer instructor at P.S. 39, said that when he was young, a man like Albert Einstein was a role model for children. The great scientists and teachers of today are taking a back seat to the great athletes, he said.

Arrington agreed. "Something about Einstein came up the other day, and my kids had heard the name, but they didn't know who he was," she said.

However, Nicole Fiordilino, a 9-year-old from Staten Island, said Jordan was a key ingredient in American education. "He's a good role model," she said. "He tells kids that they should stay in school."

Test

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graduation, but they won't receive diplomas."

The addition of swim test results to students' transcripts in 1987-88 has made it easier for the Registrar's Office to locate swim test results, she said. "It's made it easier for us to keep up with the results we get from the physical education department," Lanchantin said.

Seniors who fail to graduate usually contact her during the summer and take the swim test then, she said.

Keel said students with questions about swim test requirements should call their school dean instead of the registrar's office.

Lanchantin said several students had contacted her since the last swim test to inquire about the regulation.

For the fall semester, the University will hold swim tests in Woollen Gym's Bowman Gray Pool Aug. 24, 25 and 28, and Nov. 20.

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