

Jones Cracks The Sex Barrier

Gaston College just wasn't quite ready for a male beauty "Queen."

Freddy Jones cracked the sex barrier by becoming the first male to become a member of this year's reigning court.

He finished second behind Donna Floyd who became the new Miss Gaston while finishing before second runner-up Melissa Murdock.

One of the reasons Jones entered was because, "A lot of people, mostly girls, asked me to."

"I was real surprised," said Jones, "Someone told me I was going to win, but I really didn't expect to," stated Jones.

He said that he received a lot of comments before the pageant, but declined to comment about their nature.

"My girlfriend thought I was kidding when I told her - she said that sounded like something I'd do," said Jones.

"Some people thought it was crazy, I did too, that's why I ran," said Jones.

What's Freddy Jones like?

Twenty-one year-old Freddy is one of the most active students on campus. He served last year as a member of the Student Government. Again this year, as the previous year, he serves as chairman of the Social Committee. On Awards Day of 1976 Jones received the "Outstanding Senator Award."

After classes Freddy goes to work at Jones Furniture Store, which his father owns, on Main St. in Gastonia.

He has sung with a couple of bands enjoying rock and roll, jazz and country rock.

Other hobbies for Jones are sailing, cars and socializing. "I like to have a good time," said Jones.

A lot of people around campus have started calling Freddy "King." He said this makes him feel pretty good.

The way Freddy looks at it a girl should have won anyway, "but I felt pretty good about getting first runner-up against all those girls," said Jones.

Why should a girl have won? "Well, it's kind of unusual for a guy to get something like that, it just looks and sounds kind of funny. I'm kind of both sided about it, I don't really know."

Freddy said he believed in equality, but to make the pageant more equal it could have been divided up into both female and male contests.

Other members of the pageant had different opinions; some include: Donna Floyd, Lawndale, 21: "I don't think it matters if it's a guy or a girl as long as they can represent the school well."

Ben Scott, Gastonia, 21, escorted by Dawn Gardenhour: "Who says beauty is only for women, if girls can do anything they want, then so can guys."

Marcia Watson, Gastonia, 19, escorted by Rick Price: "A guy is a sign of masculinity and a girl should represent the school in a beauty pageant because I think it should be held by a feminine figure."

Jackie McAbee, Gastonia, 21, escorted by Steve Alexander: "I was pleased with the results, I didn't really want a guy to win

because I felt it was tradition but it was fun having the guy in it."

Melissa Murdock, Cherryville, 17: "I thought it was terrific that guys entered. After the pageant when Freddy beat me, I just looked at them (several male students who were backing the females,) and laughed. I thought Freddy was more attractive than I was."

Some students in the pageant felt a little more time for the pageant was needed, "At least two weeks to put up posters, to figure out a wardrobe and to campaign."

Melissa Murdock who finished as second runner-up said, "A lot of older veterans questioned me about Freddy, why he entered, and if he was funny or something."

Niss Murdock, received a drama award for Best Actress at the Cherryville Little Theatre. At this function, Freddy Jones was her escort.

She said she was glad Freddy had entered and that "If he hadn't, we would have gotten some people to enter him," said Miss Murdock.

Miss Murdock who is a freshman while finishing up her second quarter at Gaston enjoys sketching and painting, riding horses and bikes and playing tennis. She also likes all kinds of sports, working on cars and dancing.

Miss Murdock said that she would agree that "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

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1st Runner-Up Freddy Jones

Mystery Disease

A strange malady is sweeping the Gaston College campus. The symptoms are slight fever, dazed look in the eyes, heavy meaningful sighs.

Accompanying these symptoms are a lack of concentration, an acute aversion to work, a sudden interest in the opposite sex, a growing concern with outdoor activities.

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Gaston College Male Student Gives Woman Bath

A 45-year-old rather matronly looking female patient at Gaston Memorial Hospital was startled one morning to find a sandy-haired young man preparing to give her a bath.

There were no objections, however, and the young man expertly finished his task.

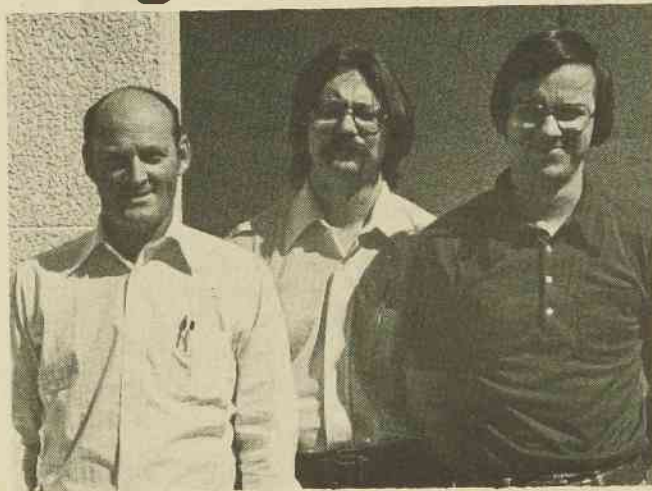
"Someone else gave her a bath the next day," laughs Guy Lopez, a freshman nursing student at Gaston. "And she wanted to know why I didn't return to give her another bath."

Male nurses will soon become a familiar sight at Gaston Memorial Hospital. This year the first male will graduate from the registered nursing program at Gaston College.

There are eight other males along with Guy enrolled in a class of 36 in the freshman nursing class at Gaston. The other males who hope to graduate in June, 1978, include Terry Cogdell, Rick Davis, Albert White, Roy Jenks, Ronnie Thompson, Stanley Zebroski, Bruce Norwood and DeForest Tennies.

How does a male get interested in pursuing a career in an almost female dominated field?

"Why not get paid for doing something you enjoy?" said Terry Cogdell of Gastonia. Terry, who has worked nine years with the Gaston Lifesaving Crew, hopes to continue his education and become a physician's assistant after graduating from nursing



Male Nurses: Terry Cogdell, Guy Lopez, Rick Davis

school.

Guy, who feels male nurses are becoming more in demand in civilian hospitals, got interested in nursing while in the armed service. He's been working for the past four years as an operating room technician in a Charlotte hospital.

Another nursing freshman, Rick Davis, got his start as an emergency room technician, later becoming a pharmacy technician.

"I've always been interested in the field of medicine," Rick said. "And this is the best way, I think, to pursue a medical career."

Being a male in an almost all-girl class could give a guy a terrific complex. But Terry,

Rick and Guy don't seem to have any.

"The reason is very simple," Terry said. "We've been accepted by the females in the class. We are sort of looked up to as big brothers or leaders in the class as far as the participation goes."

Students in the liberal arts program go to classes during the day and then are free to work or attend night classes. Nursing students must go to class and then go to the hospital for on-the-job clinical experience. Some of them have other paid jobs in the hospital.

Nursing students must also maintain a higher grade average. They are not allowed to fall below a grade of C on any course. If they get a D, then

they have to take the course over or drop out of the program.

The nursing department defines its program as "total nursing care." This means a student must do everything from emptying bedpans, giving bed baths and administering medication to doing the paper work.

In the clinical area, each nursing student is assigned certain patients to look after from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. each of the two days of clinical experience. The student might get one patient on Tuesday and a different one when he returns for more work on Thursday.

"We never know until the assignments are posted which patients we have," Terry said.

"Most of the time the instructors try to assign us the same patient both days."

Although they don't have much spare time, Terry, Guy

and Rick enjoy a variety of activities.

Guy raises Doberman pinchers, and enjoys reading, listening to all types of music except country and Western and playing cards.

Rick is more the outdoors type and enjoys playing a number of sports. Terry is active in the Gaston Lifesaving Crew and likes to fish.

Sometimes all three get together. Like last December when the three went on a fishing trip in 16 degree weather at Mountain Island near Mount Holly.

"I went to the trouble of building a fire and they didn't even catch a fish," Terry said. "We didn't see you catching any either," shot back Rick.

"I wanted to go in swimming, but I couldn't talk Rick and Guy into it," Terry said.

"He told us the water was warm," Rick said. "It wasn't."

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For Your Information...

Students interested in taking Education and/or Psychology courses during the Summer Quarter 1977 should submit their suggestions to Dr. Joseph Lewandowski, Room C-217 prior to April 20, 1977.

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