

Message from the Editor

By: Alicia Toke

The beginning of a new semester is always an exciting time. It is an exciting time especially for those graduating and those who are going to finish their first year of college.

Last semester was an amazing semester and I hope it will keep going that way for the rest of the year. I am hoping that there will be more interest in the newspaper this semester. I have been lucky to put out three editions and will put out at least three more before the semester is over. In order to put out more editions I need more help from YOU the student, faculty, and staff. I need people

who will write articles for me that will get people interested in life on and off campus.

In addition to more people writing articles I am going to be looking for someone to take over my position as Editor-in-Chief for The Lance next year. The position is a good one for people who are looking to go into Journalism and or are very good at editing and writing articles. In addition to this position looking good on a resume you might get the chance to go to New York City, and go to a NY Times conference in the spring semester.

Hopefully within this spring semester there will be a variety of articles to read. If there is anything you would like to see in The Lance feel free to email me or call my ext: 5630. Suggestions are always welcome and I hope we have a wonderful semester.

Respectfully yours,
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Losing Fascination with the Feminine

By: Matthew Peak

"... in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27 NRSV).

The philosophies of evolution and feminism have done much alter the way scholars view biblical texts, from the rejection of the creation account as historical, calling it myth, to the laborious efforts to create gender-neutral translations under the auspices that women are excluded if the text uses the word "man." Yet, these newfound approaches to theology, especially from the left, cannot fully cover up the fact that God did not just create one man, but one man and one woman.

One of the paramount shifts in thinking concerning the sexes is that gender uniqueness, the idea that a man is fundamentally different from a woman, has been labeled as a social construct, established by biblical-based cultures that fostered male-dominance. The new thinking, stemming from Freudian psychology and feminist interpretation, is that there are no intrinsic differences; that man and woman are essentially the same. This of course would make sense in light of evolutionary thought placing all humans as just animals.

This thinking of gender neutrality is serving a very destructive role toward the relationships between the sexes and is killing something that has served societies for thousands of years.

Men are losing their fascination with women.

When a person loses fascination with the world around them, they cease to be a fascinating person. There are myriad things in the world to find fascination in, such as

mechanical science, mathematics and engineering as well as animals, biology and children. The biggest fascination of all for a man should be a woman.

Unfortunately, this fascination is being lost because men are being told that there is nothing special about women, that they are just as human as any man. If that is the case, then all a man has to do to learn about women is to hang around with his pals and a woman can teach another woman all there is know about men. Homosexual relationships become the same as heterosexual relationships, though in such a gender-neutral state, sex is all that is truly left. When men lack a fascination with women, the only real need they have of women is as a sex object to fulfill some innate urge to mate. Without natural fascination, men have nothing more to seek concerning women other than outside stimulation, which usually comes in the perverted form of pornography. Women have responded to this lack of fascination and sexual selfishness by either harboring bitterness toward men or presenting themselves as excessively sexual in an effort to relate.

Strangely enough, it is the observation of homosexuality that reveals that something is wrong. In a portion of homosexual relationships, there is one partner who carries masculine qualities and one with feminine qualities. We see this in women who carry themselves with a tough sort of masculinity and men who present themselves in a feminine way. Even in these confused relationship, there is some deep abiding sense that there should be one person masculine and one person feminine. Since they are not believed to be found naturally, given that the current social belief is that masculine and

feminine are not natural, but constructed, then the differences are manufactured as women act like men and men like women. The observable desire for a union of the masculine and the feminine cannot be hidden.

All this reveals that women are looking for men who are fascinated with them simply because they are women. A man who is fully aware of and settled in his masculinity (if he has not been emasculated by a fatherless home or feminist education) will look at a woman with incredible wonder and utter amazement because a woman has the one thing that a man does not: femininity. This natural fascination is what drives men to sacrifice their freedom and swallow their pride to invest their energies into a committed marriage and family.

As the left continues to purport that there are no differences in men and women, gender neutrality has become a genuine coerced social construct to smother the natural and God-given differences between men and women. At the same time they are smothering men's fascination for women, they are also trying to eradicate women's need for men.

Men need to set aside the external stimulations in their life and rediscover their natural masculine fascination for God's world around them. As they search, they will inevitably run into a phenomenon that is sorely lacking under the artificial environment of gender neutrality, open femininity among women. When they find fascination with women again, they will become fascinating men in their own right and women may find that they can be feminine again and are actually wanted simply because they are women.

Ways to be Eco-friendly While in College:

List compiled by: Tonja Hensley

Ways to Save Energy in the Dormitory:

- When drying laundry, do not over dry. Your clothing will need less ironing and will hold up better and longer if it is removed from the dryer while still a little damp. Instead of setting the machine to 75 minutes, try drying for 60 minutes.
- Don't leave your computer, TVs, stereos or games on while you're not using them. Rather than leaving your computer on, turn it off or use the sleep mode when not using it. This will help save energy and increase the longevity of your computer.
- It's easy in a dorm to crank the A/C down to 50 or the heat up to 90 since you are not directly paying the power bill. Keep in mind that this wastes tons of energy and that one day you will be paying your own power bill and turning the thermostat all the way up or down can get expensive.
- Use energy saving light bulbs in your lamps. These light bulbs not only save electricity but also last longer than standard bulbs!

Useful Energy Saving Websites:

Consumer Reports Energy Saving List
www.consumerreports.com
U.S. Dept. of Energy - Energy Efficiency
(<http://www.energy.gov/energyefficiency/index.htm>)

Ways to Save Gasoline:

- Walk across the lake instead of driving and carpool to the Equestrian Center, Wal-Mart or Mi Casita.
- Drive steadily and a bit slower! Remember that hard acceleration and abrupt braking uses more fuel than if you start and slow at a more moderate pace while putting undo wear-and-tear on your transmission. Increased speeds also lower your average mileage per gallon.
- Avoid revving the engine - this wastes fuel needlessly.
- Don't let your engine idle for longer than necessary. Engines warm up faster while driving and it is more efficient to turn the engine off than to let it idle longer than 30 seconds.
- When traveling on highways, keep your windows closed. Open windows create a drag reducing your average gas mileage.

Gas Saving Links:

How to Advice
<http://www.howtoadvice.com/SavingGas>
Fuel Economy
<http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/driveHabits.shtml>
Bank Rate

<http://www.bankrate.com/bnm/news/auto/fuel-efficient/5.asp>

Recycle:

While it is more difficult to recycle in a college environment, it can still be done. Scotland County has a recycling center that is equipped to accept your plastic bottles, beer cans, old batteries, and New York Times. Are you getting a new cell phone, a new digital camera, or have you gained the freshman 15? Donate your old cell phones, clothing and cameras to worthy causes. The How to Recycle Everything website listed below will tell you how!

Recycling Links:

How to Recycle Everything
http://www.lime.com/features/limes_guide_to_recycling/story/11485/how_to_recycle_everything?utm_source=adwords&utm_medium=plm&utm_campaign=tier+1&utm_term=recycling
Recycling Facts
<http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html>
Earth Justice
<http://www.earthjustice.org>