



Dear Liz...

Despite the tough act men have fears as well

I want a girl with extensions in her hair, bamboo earrings, at least two pair, a Fendi bag and a bad attitude, that's all I need to get me in a good mood.

These are lyrics from the smooth song, "Around-the-way Girl," where L.L. Cool J emphasizes the type of girl that interests him most.

What are men on this campus looking for in the opposite sex? A recent survey revealed how they really feel about relationships, their sexual appetite and their views of the ECSU females.

Most young men on campus are single. However, they do have "friends." They enjoy female companionship but, to escape being smothered and tied down, they call it "friendship," a more general term. This omits commitment, allowing them to see whomever they wish. At this point many are not looking for long term relationships because their education and careers are first priorities.

For years, women have had the misconception that they were the only one afraid of being hurt in relationships. The macho image that men often portray does suggest that they are in control of everything. Also, it has been dictated to them that they have to wear the pants and kick rumps because "they're tough."

However, they do have insecurities and risk getting "burned" as females do. Moreover, unfaithfulness is the major fear men develop. Nothing hurts worse than to commit oneself to someone who breaches the bond of intimacy. Being hurt by unfaithfulness has nothing to do with his ego, but everything to do with feeling betrayed by the one he cares for.

Viking men are very sexually active people. They engage in intercourse within a range of from two to six times a week. Unlike in the past, they have resorted wholeheartedly to using protection. Many females are on

the pill; however, to prevent the spread of venereal diseases, condoms are used as well.

Oral sex is an issue which seems to be taboo. Each survey respondent agreed upon it being the choice of the partakers. They didn't consider it as being perverted. However, some men felt that the most respectable people would not practice such acts.

On the other hand, "The stiff-necked and stuck up type people are the first to be suspected," comments one respondent. So behind close doors and in dark places anything goes.

As stated in the beginning, men are not looking for serious relationship now. So if it is established from the start that intimacy, or sex, is the only reason to be together, things would be very different. The female would still be respected, no one would be hurt and the love games would be cut out. Honesty is the key!

Men view women in different ways. A puzzling topic is, when girls say "no" to sexual propositions, what do men interpret "no" to mean? There were a variety of meanings given.

First, "no" means "no." Some men feel it's a woman's right to choose and that right is respected. To some men "no" means "wait." Then to others, "no" means "yes, please do!" Some women say no, but like aggressive men and want to be taken. Some are shy and feel dirty saying they just want the men to make it happen.

Men on the campus feel that there is only a small percentage of naive girls left. They see Viking women as respectable black women who take pride in their school. Overall, men want a woman who isn't just good-looking; intelligence and compatibility are the major qualities that attract them.

It takes more than a Fendi bag and bad attitude to keep ECSU's Viking men in a good mood.

Liz

P.S. —send me your letters!

Poetry Corner

Someone Inside Of Me Is Crying

I smile at my image in the mirror;
Such alluring, dark eyes,
Sensual plump lips, and the perfect,
round nose in the midst of them,
All creatively arranged on a strong
brown face.

I smile at my image in the mirror,
But someone inside of me is crying.

—By Rita K. Mabine

(Rita Mabine is a sophomore biology pre-med major from Ahoskie, N.C.)

Shower Song

He carried with him
a wardrobe of smiles
as he stepped cautiously
through the faces of the day.
He tried them on,
appropriately,
before each face that
looked his way.
He adorned the smiles
with nods and frowns
and other trinkets
to make them complete.
He chose his words
like birthday cards
and delivered them
as a speech.
At night he hung
the wardrobe away
and he wiped his
mirror clear.

Then he relaxed
as a voice in the shower
sang a tune
he loved to hear.

—By Lisa Doxey

(Lisa Doxey is a senior majoring in Art Education.)

I Used To Wonder (A tribute to Umfort Locus)

I used to wonder WHY—
Why the suffering and the deaths?
I used to wonder HOW—
How could people save themselves?
I used to wonder WHEN—
When did I have to face?
I used to wonder WHERE—
Where will these events take place?

Now I know WHY
Because it's God's will.
Now I know HOW
In your heart let God fulfill.
Now I know WHEN
When my time on earth is done
Now I know WHERE
In heaven, where life has only
begun.

—By Ernest V. Caldwell

(Ernest V. Caldwell is a junior chemistry major from Thomasville, N.C.)

By B. Kaleema Overton

America is finally at war with Saddam Hussein. But does America need to be at war with Hussein and what they call his injustice or does America need to be at war with its own lack of morals, honesty and integrity?

It's very hard to clean someone else's house while you're slipping on blood at your own front door.

Bush vetoed the Civil Rights Bill of 1990 while he simultaneously sent African-Americans, as well as other minorities to the Persian Gulf. We (African-Americans) have died in vain throughout the years in the name of Democracy—in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, to name a few. Now our few good men die to "protect our way of life," according to President Bush.

But to who's way of life is he referring?

In 1964 30% of all eligible African-Americans were drafted to Vietnam compared to 18.8% of all eligible whites.

In 1966 the Pentagon started Proj-

ect 100,000 to "help" those African-Americans who were not eligible for draft for educational reasons, to get that "much needed" education.

In the following year, an overwhelming 64% of all now eligible African-Americans were drafted compared to 31% of all eligible whites!

We know that even now the privileged African-American enters the armed services on the hope that he or she will obtain money to go to college.

It's a lot like putting the apple in front of the horse to bribe him to carry you home; meanwhile, he still has to sleep in the stable. When they return "home" they will still be victims of racial discrimination. Please, let's take another look at the scales of justice and see that they are grotesquely unbalanced.

Let's evaluate this situation. The U.S. is protecting interests in Saudi Arabia, the Kuwaiti citizens, their oil and, I guess, the sand crabs in the desert. Think about it. Is it the goodness of America's heart or the depth of her pockets or, better yet, the extent of her greed? Don't let the media tell you

who's right or who's wrong; exercise your right as an American and evaluate the situation. Make your own judgements.

After thinking about the past, oh yeah, sure, I'd be thrilled to send my son to Saudi Arabia to fight for "our way of life" while my brother remains unemployed, uneducated and unnoticed as he slips into the cracks of an unconcerned society!

And what about this Democracy? It must have passed me by while I yawned in the middle of the Pledge of Allegiance. Oh, I remember! It was the notion that all men were created equal—equal that is, to men of their own color, poverty and level of education.

What happened to this equality when it came time to fight for this country, "their" country? Times of war seem to be the only time that African-Americans can fully become an essential part of this nation.

Maybe I'm being a little too hard on the good old U.S. of A. Really, the Vietnam Vets only fought for "us" and then for themselves once they came home. Those were the lucky

ones, because while some of them just remained homeless; others were left in Vietnam. Meanwhile we turned our backs, built a wall full of names and said, "They all came home, dead or alive, they all came home." A Marine in Saudi Arabia said he didn't mind fighting so his younger brother wouldn't have to in ten years. That's what they said in Vietnam—that they were fighting so their children wouldn't have to.

They're right you know. We need to fight for "our way of life." Hey, let's even fight in the name of Democracy. Maybe we can catch Hussein and give him a fair trial by a jury of his peers. If he's set free we can give him 40 acres and a mule, then he can taste Democracy until he chokes to death.

When he's dead and gone we won't even hold a grudge because our motto is "peace, liberty and justice for all." We'll give him a grand old funeral and say how he was a pillar of the community because his war helped us make money in the end. After we put him in the ground and he no longer matters, we'll even build him a wall full of names, too.

ECSU co-eds changed 'after dark' in dorms

By Sharon Chappell

While looking for general historical information and pictures in the archives of Elizabeth City State University, I stumbled upon some very interesting bits of information in the school's newsletters.

For instance the freshman class of 1945 had to undergo a probationary period of two weeks. During this time the girls had to wear "long plaits, green bows, and mis-matched socks" while the boys wore "white dunce caps."

In another newsletter, dated April 1951, female students received a lecture about when to wear "bobby sox" and when not to. The girls were wearing them to class, to Sunday School, to college dances and to dinner on Sunday. Only vespers was safe from the bobby sox phenomenon. The newsletter informed the female students that wearing bobby sox to class was all right and would be tolerated at games. The sox were "highly recommended" for Saturday attire but were totally inappropriate for dances unless the program specified otherwise. The final word was that young ladies on campus "should have too much pride to wear (them) to a Sunday dinner." Also, it was recommended that no bobby sox be worn on campus after 6 p.m.

But perhaps the most interesting item was found in the October issue of 1945. In this issue in the "Poet's Corner" Rosa L. Bush, class of '47, shared a poem she had written entitled "Woman After Dark."

Would you like to see our fairer sex
Without their rouge and paint?
Well, walk into our Dorm at night,

And look hard before you faint.

You'll see Egyptian mummies,
And painted Indian maids,
You'll even see a few cannibals
With bones knotted in their braids.

Why, you think little Susie Peters
Has the voice of a meadow lark;
You think there is nothing like her
Well, there isn't after Dark.

Because that sweet little feminine tone
She's been using throughout the day
Has been replaced with a deep low bass
That would drown a donkey's bray.

And all the hair that covers her brain
Is rolled in a twisted mess
With all the paper the Journal and Guide
Could ever put off the press.

And Oh! those beautiful figures
That you admired most above all,
I'm glad that you can't see them
When they discard those
"Whatchamacalls."

Those frisky walking Janies
Oh, the words aren't in my mind,
But they certainly make you think of
That creature called Frankenstein.

Gee! that beautiful skin of Lora's
Sandpaper is the word to use
It's plastered with a thing called mudpack
That will polish the Sole of Shoes.

There are many things I might say
But I think I've made my mark,
On this very dreadful little tale
Called "Woman After Dark."

Education news briefs

By Harold Sanderlin

Middle Grades Educ.

As of this semester, teachers majoring in Middle Grades Education will no longer be required to pass the Education in the Elementary Program, the specialty area that, until recently, has been required of all majors.

They will, however, be required to pass the specialty area in which they are planning to teach, according to Dr. Eloise Roberts, Advisor for Middle Grades Education majors at ECSU.

"If the prospective teacher is planning to teach language arts at the middle school, he or she would be required to pass the English specialty area examination," Roberts said.

The minimum score for passing this exam is lower than the one for secondary education teachers, Roberts said, "because the secondary teachers are expected to have more in-depth knowledge."

Students who previously majored in Middle School Education will now major in an academic area much like Secondary School Education majors, and will minor in Middle Grades Education, along with an eighteen hour concentration in a second academic area.

Wendy James, a sophomore interested in teaching in middle grades education, said she was pleased with

the change.

"The main thing I like about the change is the idea that you can be certified in grades six through twelve, which gives you more job opportunities," she said.

NCATE evaluation

Although ECSU's Department of Education is certified by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, it has never been certified by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

In the fall of 1992, ECSU's Department will be evaluated by NCATE, to determine its eligibility for certification, with the determination to be made by the spring of 1993.

The state had mandated that all of its 45 teacher education programs must all be certified by NCATE, according to Dr. Boyce Williams, Director of Teacher Education at ECSU.

"This is the first time ECSU has ever applied," she said. "I feel confident that the school will be accredited."

Williams said each of ECSU's 11 different degree programs have submitted a curriculum of each major to every professional association that offers a teaching certificate.

"For example, the Middle Grades Education curriculum had to be sent



Book shortage eased Pedro Holley declares

By Renee Knight

An article in the May 5, 1989 issue of *The Compass* examined student complaints of book shortages for their classes.

To deal with the problem University officials formed a committee to ease the problems of requisitioning and ordering textbooks.

Book store director, Pedro Holley says the problem of textbook shortages has improved since then.

"We're in a better position now than we've ever been in the ten years I've been here," said Holley. "Since the article appeared back in '89 we have established a working textbook committee chaired by Tommy Faust, giving us direct contact with academic affairs."

Holley said that Faust sends letters informing professors to make their requisitions on time.

Holley also said the University had devised a system for ordering new books. Instructors are now required to submit a contract which identifies the course title, course number, section, average enrollment, earliest date to renew, publisher, author, and a computer identification number that tells the exact location of the book.

Holley said he has a similar system for the older text books which doesn't require as much detail on the requisition.

Holley attributed the problems with book orders to inaccurate counting by departments.

"The department textbook committees and the bookstore make a professional guess according to previous enrollment and preregistration," Holley explained. "Therefore it can fluctuate one way or the other and there are no guarantees to know ex-

actly how many books are needed."

Holley also said that although all requisitions for the second semester should have been in by November, in one instance, one department on campus had not sent its requisitions in until January 8.

"The problem we had was increased enrollment," Holley said. "I think the fall semester should be the only time new books should be ordered. It puts us in a crunch to order books over the holidays because the publishers are on vacation. Professors should know in the summer what books they will need for the entire academic year."

a GPA of at least 3.25, Moore said. "They are a service-oriented group," Moore said, adding that they support the E. E. Manley Scholarship, which is given to an outstanding education major each year.

Last year's recipient of the scholarship was Alisa Robinson. Kappa Delta Pi was established in 1911 at Indiana University. It has been at ECSU since 1964.

ECSU was one of the first black institutions to get a chapter, Moore said.

Kappa Delta Pi is a nationally chartered organization. This camp-

us has 19 current members to date.

Hon. society to induct

The ECSU chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society of education, will induct new members in February, according to Dr. Samuel Moore, local advisor for the chapter.

To be eligible for induction, students must be a sophomore and have