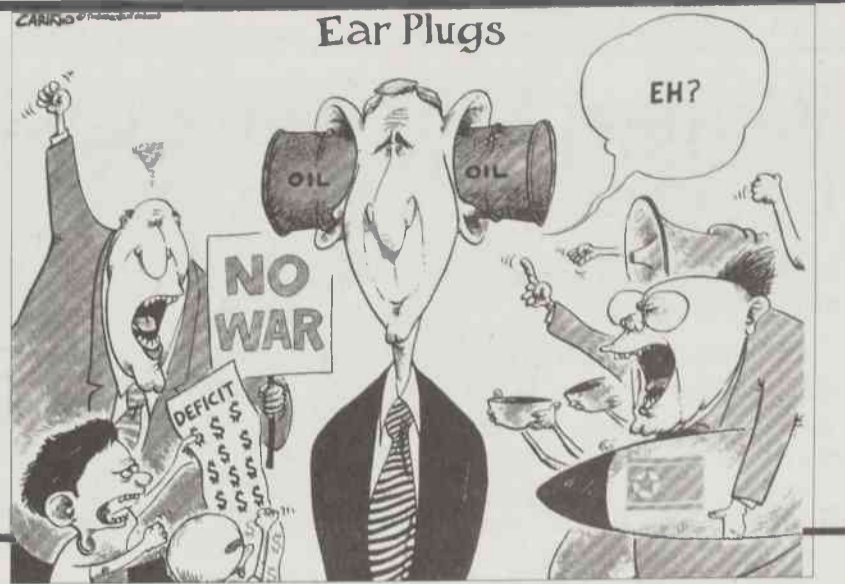


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From the Editor

Is a little bit of war a good thing?

War never seems like the right thing to do at any time. Yet with the planned war on Iraq brewing, it seems that even the person leading the country has made up his mind and does not care what the rest of the world or the people of his own nation think.



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What makes this even worse is that our leaders seem to have an agenda that they want to push.

If there are things worth fighting for, by all means do so, but this appears on the outside to be a tale of finishing business that wasn't done right the first time.

Why is this war so important? To free the people of Iraq? If so, what's going to stop America from going into other nations and employing the same tactics?

A greater, more insidious plan seems to be at work. The United States was bullied when Sept. 11 occurred, and now it's time to bully back.

While there does not seem to be an easy answer, the president has already figured it out: America should invade Iraq, usurp its leader and put another friendlier government in place who will slide the United States a little oil on the side. After all, soldiers are the ones on the front line, and when they die, more soldiers are born.

If people knew what the war was truly about, it might be a little easier to swallow.

What becomes troubling is that even around WSSU we appear to be so nonchalant about the threat of war. Concern is there, but really, do we care?

Maybe we have figured out what the rest of the world hasn't. We should let nature take its course, and we'll be around for the result.

Or we've found a reason for war, and that is why we tune in each night for developments.

Maybe it's the belief that other people in the world are just plain barbaric; they need someone to take care of them.

As long as America is comfortable does the rest of the world really matter?

So by sitting around and letting it happen, everything will be peachy, that is until there is another terrorist attack or some evil person rises to power. When this is all over, the country goes back to the way it was.

There will still be hate, terrorists will still be planning to attack America, the poor will be poor, and the world will be a happy place.

And all this will be accomplished by us lounging in comfort while people die.

From her side, women have it worse than men

By Janell J. Lewis
ARGUS NEWS EDITOR

So which sex has it worse — males or females? In the beginning, during the period of Adam and Eve, the woman led a subordinate role and, although with less effect, this position seems to have stuck with her to this day.

Back then, the woman took care of all the domestic chores, cared for the children (and the husband), and, yes, she even hunted alongside her husband. She worked from dawn until dusk, to ensure the well-being of her family. Today, the woman is expected to not only take care of the domestic work, her children and her husband; she is expected to also hold down a career of her own. And while we're on the subject of careers, let us not look past the fact that there are still more men in power than women. Men get paid a much higher salary than women for doing the same job.

Sexual harassment toward women is still a much overlooked behavior in the job force. Are women to think that the only way of climbing the male chauvinist success ladder is by allowing such activities to occur? Men may get harassed, but their harassment rarely depicts a move up in their career.

So who has it worse? Let's see. If I'm confident, I'm STUCK UP; If I'm strong and independent, I'm a WITCH; For wanting the best, I'm a GOLD DIGGER, and for wanting and loving a beautiful man, I'm a, well, you get the point. Not only are women given derogatory names, we

get no respect.

You don't believe it? Well just turn on the television, read a magazine or watch a movie. Half-naked women grace the advertisements and pages of all media. Why am I constantly seeing women "drop their draws," but rarely ever seeing a male do the same thing? Yes, I am aware that sex sells, but why does it seem that the target audience is geared especially toward men? Contrary to what some may think, women enjoy seeing men, too.

Perhaps we would like a male version of Hooters, or to see more than the bare chest of a man on the screen. Because women are relentlessly exposed to the content that men demand, we are forced to watch the production of these fabricated, society-created female figures, who, in turn, are subjecting adolescent women to aspire to look just like them. Now I'm asking you who has it worse? Which sex has the higher rate of bulimia, anorexia and obesity? There are young adolescent women having a hard time because they are trying to live up to the message that looking like this fictitious female being is the only way to be. Women are depicted as sex objects in society by the dominant male, who in his mind knows he is inferior, but has to subdue the growth of women by exploiting them, so he can beat his chest as the conqueror. We have been labeled and seduced unconsciously into believing we are less, and second to, men.

Why can't I walk out in public

without a man trying to get my attention by grabbing my behind, honking his horn or by the infamous snake calls (psssst!!!)? Where is common doggone respect for women?

So who has it worse, the man or the woman? In relationships, if the woman gets pregnant, she is most often left with the child, whether the daddy and she have good rapport or not. Also in a relationship, a woman is supposed to suppress her feelings and pride in order to make the man feel as if he is a man. In particular, black women are supposed to compromise themselves because the black man goes through so much "stuff" in an average day, and they had no strong male figure to aid them in their growth as men. Few seem to understand that the same "stuff" that black men have to deal with, women have to deal with, too, only in a different way. There are a lot of black women out here that grew up with no positive (if any) male figure in their lives. Aren't the men supposed to show compassion for our sake, as well? Yes, women should undoubtedly never make a man feel less than a man. Indubitably, a man should never dream of making a woman feel any less than just that, a woman.

Men may be stronger, physically, than women, but there's no doubt in my mind that the emotional, mental and spiritual strength of a woman vastly surpasses that of a man, more than anyone can ever imagine. To be able to put up with the psychological abuse from society day in and day

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Competition is tough for jobs in the real world

By Courtney L. Hill
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All I will say is persistency and consistency is key when looking for a job.

And whether you're about to graduate in May, or you're wrapping up your freshman year, the main thing everybody wants when they graduate is a job.

But the sad part is that your degree won't guarantee you a job unless you have made some mad connections or have mad experience. And being a college student, "experience" can only be gained through part-time work and internships.

When I crossed that stage in May 2001, I had no idea what was waiting

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for me on the other side. I mean, my résumé was close to perfect, I had great references, and I had the knowledge and experience (though minimum) to back it up.

But so did everyone else.

My major was mass communications-news editorial, so my career move was to venture into journalism.

Before I graduated, I was chosen as one of 17 top journalism students in the country to study at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, the best

journalism institution in the nation, for six weeks in Florida. And they paid me to do it!

Dr. Valerie Saddler, who was my mentor, strongly pushed me to do it, because having that on my résumé would catapult me above everyone else in my field.

I must say it did help ... a lot.

And now I'm the health and human services reporter/columnist for the *Salisbury Post* newspaper and have been for close to a year and a half now.

But the road there was not easy, even with Poynter attached to my long list of endeavors.

Please read this seriously and take

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Internships are imperative for students who want to be successful

WSSU is quite fortunate to continue to enjoy success and growth. As we continue on this road of prosperity, we must provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

A very important area I would like to focus on in this *Chancellor's Corner* is student internships. This is an area in which the university must create opportunities for you, the students. We must help you better understand the benefits of internships in your professional and career development.

Internships are traditionally defined as career related work experience that place students

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in various work environments closely related to their areas of study during the summer months or as part-time or full-time employees during the academic year. Experiencing the working world comes by way of paid and unpaid internships and may lead to permanent employment with that organization. Moreover, such internship experiences provide students a competitive edge for

permanent employment opportunities over individuals who have not had such experiences. Additionally, a good quality internship experience allows you to apply many of the concepts you've learned in the classroom, gain invaluable experience and have a greater appreciation for the concepts you learn in class.

How does one gain access to an internship opportunity? Typically, students must have good academic qualifications to be selected for the best in class internships. The internal requirements for WSSU students are the following: com-

pletion of at least the freshman level courses, current good standing as an enrolled student, a good GPA, and students must register for the Internship Course. If you meet the criteria, you will be eligible for internships that are available through the Office of Career Services.

It is important to understand that preparation is not a short-term effort. There must be focused attention to all the important qualifications of a strong candidate; allowing no form of compromise in your effort toward preparation. This includes the highest academic performance, an early start to

the internship process, the most precise workplace etiquette and a polished appearance.

I encourage you as the new leaders of the millennium to embrace the opportunities before you through internships. The choices are vast, the experiences are diverse, and the growth of your abilities is limitless. You deserve to have the very, very best exposure. Yet, the first step begins with you. Go visit the Office of Career Services and begin discussions about internship possibilities.

Send all questions and comments to chancellorsoffice@wssu.edu.