

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Women, please stop complaining about men

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Women need to stop complaining — they are the reason for the lack of “high caliber” men on college campuses.

The standard is set by the female. A male dresses nice to attract females. A man keeps himself up to attract females. But he will not do more than is needed to attract females, which is where the problem lies.

Women have allowed such haphazard, lazy, trifling and downright embarrassing attempts at approaching them fly for so long that men do not feel the need to improve their approaches because they don't see the reason to expend a lot of energy when the minimal effort is successful.

If I can take a test by barely glancing over my notes and still pass, that's what I'm going to do. But if I know I must reread the chapter, go over my notes multiple times and make note cards, just to pass, then I will. Women used to be the latter, now they are the former.

If all women came together and decided that they were not going to allow any more of the nonsense men are known to produce, then men would step up to the challenge and raise their games. Why? Because men want women, and getting them is their life's goal.

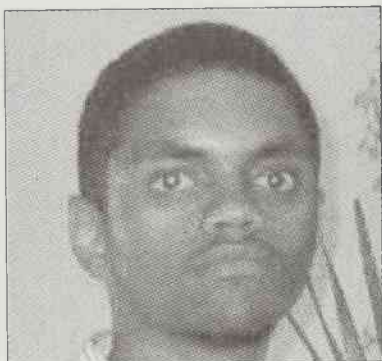
But if one woman will not allow nonsense, but twenty others will, well, that is not the fault of the man.

Now, I'm not saying that men do not have a part in this, because they do. But women need to realize that they have much more of a role than they think in how guys act when it comes to them. Women stay in broken down relationships with men who do not deserve them and stay in them for so long that when they finally do get out these relationships, they have a negative image that all men are like that. No, just the men you date are like that.

Immaturity exists among men and women. Time after time, a woman will detail the many downfalls of the man she's with. She continuously reels off his faults, his issues and his inability to be who she needs him to be, yet she is still with him. I understand that women are natural nurturers but after a while you have to say enough is enough.

Some women complain from beginning to end when there should have never been a beginning to begin with.

Just find someone of your maturity level and move on. If your school does not have someone like that, then look somewhere else; look deeper into the male population on campus or look at yourself and realize that maybe you have a false sense of your own maturity level.



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College relationships can be challenging.

'Hooking Up' becoming much too common

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In college, students have many options when it comes to the opposite sex. An individual has the option of being single, in a committed relationship, or even dating occasionally. But today, more and more students are choosing to just “hook up.”

“Hooking up in college is an all too regular occurrence, and it's not only deadly (because of all the diseases floating out there and everywhere), it's also just a stupid thing to do. All of a sudden, you aren't under mom and dad's “lock and key,” you decide to run crazy totally,” explained Lionchelle Williams, a freshman political science major from Houston, Texas.



What is “hooking up”?

Hooking up is a vague term that ranges from person to person. Its definition can range from “gentle touching” to intercourse. But according to UrbanDictionary.com, “hooking up” is defined by some as engaging in romantic or sexual activity with another usually at a gathering or party. It usually involves little or no emotional attachment. A person sees this attractive guy/girl at a party. They talk for a while and realize that they have chemistry between them. One thing may lead to another, and they hook up. The next day, the pair returns back to their normal lives. This is “hooking up.”

Who is hooking up?

According to a survey of 555 college students taken by Elizabeth Paul, a psychology professor at the College of New Jersey, 78 percent of college students participate in this ritual. While the statistics say that most college students are participating in this act, many are opposed to it. “I feel that one night stands (hooking up) in college is not a good idea because if it's a small college, the count can become something serious and soon you'll become known as a whore,” said Ke'Shon Kirkland, a junior mass communications major at Alcorn State University.

Why hook up?

Hooking up, which is synonymous with having a one-night stand, is as popular as it has ever been among college students, according to a Journal of Sex Research study. According to the study, college students hook up because of the short-term commitment, and the no-strings attached sex. With hooking up, one does not have to worry about the obligation of having relationship and only staying with one person.

The effects of hooking up

A sophomore communications major from New Orleans, La., found hooking up sexually gratifying, but it left her empty in other ways. “Well, at one time I was all for hooking up and one night stands, booty calls, casual sex, whatever you want to call it. Most of the time it was physically satisfying; however, emotionally and spiritually it left me empty,” the student explained.

Along with emotional distress, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are more likely to occur with the multiple partners. According to the Centers for Disease Control, two-thirds of STDs occur in people 25 years old or younger, and, by age 24, one in four sexually active people will contract some type of STD. “People are diminishing their self-worth and undoing the need to be in productive relationships by hooking up,” Williams said.

They Said It

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I attended both the CIAA and the MEAC. Let me say that at the MEAC's Championship game. I bet there was not 5k people there.

So in essence, Raleigh lost money because that's not even enough money to pay to turn the lights on at the RBC, where as the CIAA was packed AGAIN. This is my feeling and the feeling of a lot of other CIAA faithful. You attend

the CIAA and its like a big ole family reunion time after time after year after year. It's just that atmosphere every time you attend the CIAA. You attend the MEAC and you just don't get that feeling, AT ALL. You would think, that

the supposed more prestigious HBCUs would have a bigger following and fan base to come out and support them, but it just don't happen. None the less, I think we should of stayed with the CIAA. Not all the time bigger is better.



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