

Are you a male chauvinist?

By Dr. John W. Gosnell

Within the past generation women have increasingly assumed roles traditionally dominated by men. In an effort to measure male reaction to these new roles a twenty-two question opinion survey was conducted among the male students at Chowan College. Two hundred questionnaires were returned that were usable. Twenty professors cooperated in the survey.

Some of the areas covered in the survey include teaching, law, medicine, law enforcement, the military, fire fighting, airline pilots, childcare, and sexual freedom.

When asked how they would feel if

a female they had never dated asked them for a date 8 percent said it would make them feel insecure, and 7.5 percent said they would feel that she was too aggressive. The rest said they would admire her courage.

If they had a choice between a male and a female professor who were equally qualified 22.5 percent would choose the male; 15 percent said he would be better; 6.5 percent said he would be easier. Fifty five percent would choose the female; 21.5 said she would be better while 17 percent said she would be easier.

If they were in competition with a female for a job and she got the

position 28 percent of them said they would feel that she got the position because of her sex.

When they reported for their first job if all the other workers were female 26.5 percent would feel uncomfortable. Twenty-three felt that it would be an advantage for them. If their new boss were a female about their own age 4 percent would say that she probably did not deserve the job; 8.5 percent would find it difficult for them but 23.5 percent said it would be easy for them.

Fourteen percent said they would feel uncomfortable dating a girl who made better grades than they did. Ten

percent said that it would make them feel inferior. Three people said they would not date her anymore. The rest would be PROUD to date her, so they said.

If a girl they had dated only a few times asked them to go to bed with her 49.5 percent would feel that she had loose morals; 57.5 percent would think she was a nice girl, which means that some of them think that a girl with loose morals is a "nice" girl.

If a girl they had been dating proposed marriage 31 percent would think she was too aggressive; 4.5 percent thought she would dominate them in marriage but 22.5 percent thought she would make a good wife.

If they were married to someone who made more money than they did 16 percent would feel inadequate; 11 percent would hate to admit it, while 27.5 percent would prefer to earn more than she did.

If they were married to a woman who wanted to engage in intercourse more often than they were able to 24.5 percent would be embarrassed to admit it; 22.5 percent would feel inadequate. Three people said they would seek divorce based upon sexual incompatibility. The rest said they would be happy in such a situation.

A sizeable minority of males apparently still feel uncomfortable with many of the new female roles, with a few notable exceptions, such as defense lawyers and surgeons.

Death—a subject the young should consider

By Larry A. King

I lost one of my friends to cancer when he was eighteen—an age when most guys are in their prime of life. He was taken ill just as we had begun to enjoy our senior year. When I found out he had cancer, I was shocked. Everyone at our school thought he was too young to have cancer. Most people wondered how he could have cancer after playing sports for several years. In order to play sports one must take a physical exam each year and be physically fit. People then wondered how cancer could strike someone so strong, young, and athletic.

The first sign of his illness was pain in his back. The last game of the season he did not play too well because of his back. He then went to the hospital, but the doctor found nothing wrong, so he released him.

Rodney did not even get out of bed for Christmas. He then went to Chapel Hill where the doctor found he had cancer. Rodney did return to school for a few weeks, but he continued to get sicker. Rodney passed away just after his eighteenth birthday.

The point is most teenagers do not believe that they can die. Most teenagers think only older people can have cancer. Some teenagers think that death cannot happen to them. The point is that nobody knows on what day or at what time he or she will leave this earth. I learned from Rodney's death not to take death as a joke because it can come to young and old alike.

Larry King is a first semester English 002 student. This essay is the result of several drafts taken through several revisions.

"Spring fever" hits Chowan

By Karen Uberti

The time has come once again. Students suddenly are turning shades of red and brown and skipping various classes throughout the day. Yes, you guessed right. This illness is spring fever. However, Chowan students have caught this bug rather early this year.

Students enrolled at Chowan are planning their Spring break as well. Some of the more popular places to travel over this break are Myrtle

Beach, Daytona Beach, and Virginia Beach. Some are even planning a Spring getaway to the Bahamas.

Football, frisbee throwing, and water balloon fights are becoming popular also. One hot weekend, a water balloon fight broke out between the Columns girls and the guys from Simons. There were approximately 450 balloons involved. The Simons group put up a good fight, yet the Columns sisters won the war.

Spring Festival is also coming

closer. Some of the events which occur during this festival are a band as well as dinner in Squirrel Park.

Many groups of students are also enjoying themselves while cheering on the baseball team. There seems to be much more support for these players than last season. It also seems to be paying off.

One thing to remember, however, while having fun in the sun is to be careful not to take in too many rays. Sun poisoning can be extremely harmful for your body in the long run. Just have a good time and maintain your grade point average.

Placing sports before education

By Nadiem (Jimmy) Al-Awar

Our society has a lot of problems. One of the biggest problems is that student athletes are coming out of high school not prepared to go to college. They might have a high school diploma, but that does not mean they are ready to come to college. The only reason they made it through high school was they were good athletes. It has been going on all over the United States. The education system is hurting not only the students, but it is also building a bad name for itself. Let me tell you about my personal experience in high school.

Throughout my high school years I had a lot of problems academically. I had problems with reading and writing. It seemed that my teachers did not care about whether I did well or not. The reason they did not care at the

time was because I was having too much fun doing what I was doing. Ever since junior high school, I was always moved up. For example, if I did not do well on a test, and I needed some points to pass the class, I would always somehow get them.

Now I am in college, and I have bad writing skills. I have trouble spelling words and putting the right words on my paper, and I make a lot of mistakes. I had a really bad reading problem, too, but I am working on it and trying to become a better reader. I am steadily progressing, and my writing skills are improving, but still I need some work.

I feel with a lot of effort and hard work, I will overcome what has happened to me, and I will be able to read and write a whole lot better than I can today.

Jimmy is in his second semester of English 002. This draft represents his third revision of a paper originally written in class in January 1990.

Dear Zoey

Dear Zoey,

I have a big problem. I was kicked out of my house during Thanksgiving break. I am finding it difficult to concentrate on my schoolwork. All of my teachers and friends keep trying to help me with my problems, but all they are really doing is adding to my frustrations. At this point I really don't know where my life is going. I wish everything could be like it was last year. It is as if everything I try to do to help my situation is in vain. Please help me work through this mess.

Signed,
Confused and frustrated.

Dear Confused,

I am sorry that you are having such a hard time. I know how difficult it can be trying to handle family problems. I am sure that your teachers and friends are only trying to help you through this. I don't think that you should be upset with them. If their criticism or advice is constructive, then please take it to heart. I think that you should take some free time and think about the events which led up to your present situation. Next, try to find out what you can do to make things better.

You should not try to retreat to your past. The past is gone. You should think about what you have going for you and make the most of it. I am sure things will look better. Seek help, support, and advice from friends. If they are really and truly your friends, they will care and listen.

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Zoey

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April 27	Eddie & The Cruisers II	8:00 p.m.	Marks Hall
April 28	Ghostbusters II	8:00 p.m.	Marks Hall

Faculty Profile

Marla Hunnings

By Jennifer Allen

Mrs. Marla Hunnings is the dance instructor at Chowan College. She also has two dance studios, one in Franklin and one in Murfreesboro for the people of the community. Mrs. Hunnings loves her work and particularly enjoys working with the students here.

Mrs. Hunnings began dancing when she lived in Spencer, N.Y. and participated in the summer dance program in New York City every summer. She began working backstage with props and scenery and then began work in a few off-Broadway shows.

At 20 years of age she married and moved south. There she met Patsy Joyner who encouraged her to try out for the Southampton Review. She did

and she made it. After that, she received her teaching certificate from Mr. Ferguson at the Dance Masters of America. She then opened up studios; first in Courtland, then in Murfreesboro, and now has one in Franklin. Mrs. Hunnings also choreographed for the Miss Ahoskie pageant for ten years until, with the help of Bob Brown, she came to Chowan College. She has been happily helping and teaching students here ever since and hopes to continue.

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