

Men need to contribute

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A show of hands, how many men have been asked these questions during an interview? Do you have any children, and if so how many and how old? Now, how many women have been asked these same questions? Why do answers to these questions hold different meanings for men and women?

In my opinion, the way you answer these questions should have no bearing on the outcome of the interview, but they do.

When men are asked if they are married with children, they are generally looked upon as being responsible and reliable.

In contrast, when a woman is asked this same question, her prospective employers generally see her as being unreliable, because of her other family commitments.

The way I see it, just because the man's paycheck is going to support his family doesn't necessarily guarantee a loyalty to his job. Isn't it the man who is more likely to use his current position as a stepping stone? They will gain as much information as possible in a short period of time. They will take that new-found experience and move on to a higher paying position with a different company.

Women, on the other hand, who have a family to support, tend to stick with a

Gang violence needs to be addressed

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A few months ago, a young man was exiting a gym after he had been working out. When he walked out on the sidewalk, he ran into another young man. They got into a fight over different opinions, and within seconds a third young man pulled out a gun and shot the first young

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man three times in the chest, because one "gang member" protects another.

The young man was rushed to the hospital. After a few hours of surgery, he fell into a coma that lasted several weeks. Everyone had given up hope, even me, although he was one of my great friends. But after three months, he started to get better. Today he is fine, back to his old self. Unfortunately, not everyone is this fortunate.

"Don't be a hot head if you can help it," my friend said. "Just walk away. Your ego doesn't mean anything if you're dead. If I had it to do over again, I would walk away," he said.

Children are too frequently murdered in this country, by killers not much

position for longer periods of time. They have been known to put up with reprehensible working conditions to ensure continued financial stability for their families.

Many people would argue that the reason employers are wary of hiring women over men is because they have a higher rate of absenteeism. I feel this is largely due to the fact that the women are more likely to fall prey to sick children, and inclement weather, which in turn causes school closings, lackadaisical baby-sitting services, and auto problems.

Aren't men just as likely to experience problems with their cars, health, and weather? These emergencies can also keep them from their jobs. They seem minor compared to the stress of juggling your schedule at the last minute to accommodate the needs of a sick child, or late baby-sitter. Often the husband will leave for work, knowing the latest family crisis will be handled proficiently by the Wife.

Even though women have consistently taken the rap for the high turnover rate in the work force, it is often the men, who are paid 10-20% more in wages, that are allowed to go to work stress free knowing the family's needs are being met.

As a mother, I feel that running a household should be looked upon as over qualification for some positions. Keeping track of your children and husbands activities is

older than themselves. Kids armed and dangerous, are killing and being killed in sickening numbers. There are so many reports that after a while they become all too familiar and we are less shocked. Maybe a little shock therapy could help kids. Take them down to the morgue where the bodies of kids lay. Tell them that this could be them if they pick up a gun and join a gang.

This violence that leaves thousands of children scarred, wounded, or even dead, continues to spread. Society now installs metal detectors and guards in public schools. Many people feel hopeless and even helpless in this overwhelming violence.

Individuals offer solutions that are ignored like investing in schools, increasing opportunities to get higher education, or rebuilding communities. Yet the cry for social reform goes unaddressed and kids continue to be victims of this society's policy of neglect.

comparable to the responsibilities of someone in a management position. Mothers must always keep abreast of the issues pertaining to their household. In this same sense, a manager must always know what is happening in his/her department.

In defense of the men of the 90's, I would like to acknowledge that yes, you are putting your hands into dirty dishwater more often. Yes, you can now go to the store and successfully shop for your family, and a few of you have also been known to show up at parent/teacher conferences. But, in my opinion, when push comes to shove it is often the trend to allow the Mother to shoulder most of the responsibility for her family's well being. Is this because she earns less, works sporadic hours, and her job is less critical?

Walking into a popular fast food restaurant recently, I noticed a flyer advertising for help wanted. The ad was directed toward high school/college students, retired men, and housewives. The company was offering to work their schedule around your family commitments. At first glance I thought this was a step in the right direction toward equality for women in the work place.

After closer examination, I realized the company was basing this ad on the assumption that only Mothers would need to apply for a position that would allow them more time with their family's. My question is why is it the women who are expected to work at a job that is more flexible with their schedules? Having a position that will work around your schedule usually means taking a lower paying job.

I was offended that this ad was not directed toward the family man. Are they not expected to rearrange their lives to fit their families? It is the rare man who is willing to take the lower wage, but more flexible job in order to be more involved on a day to day basis with his family.

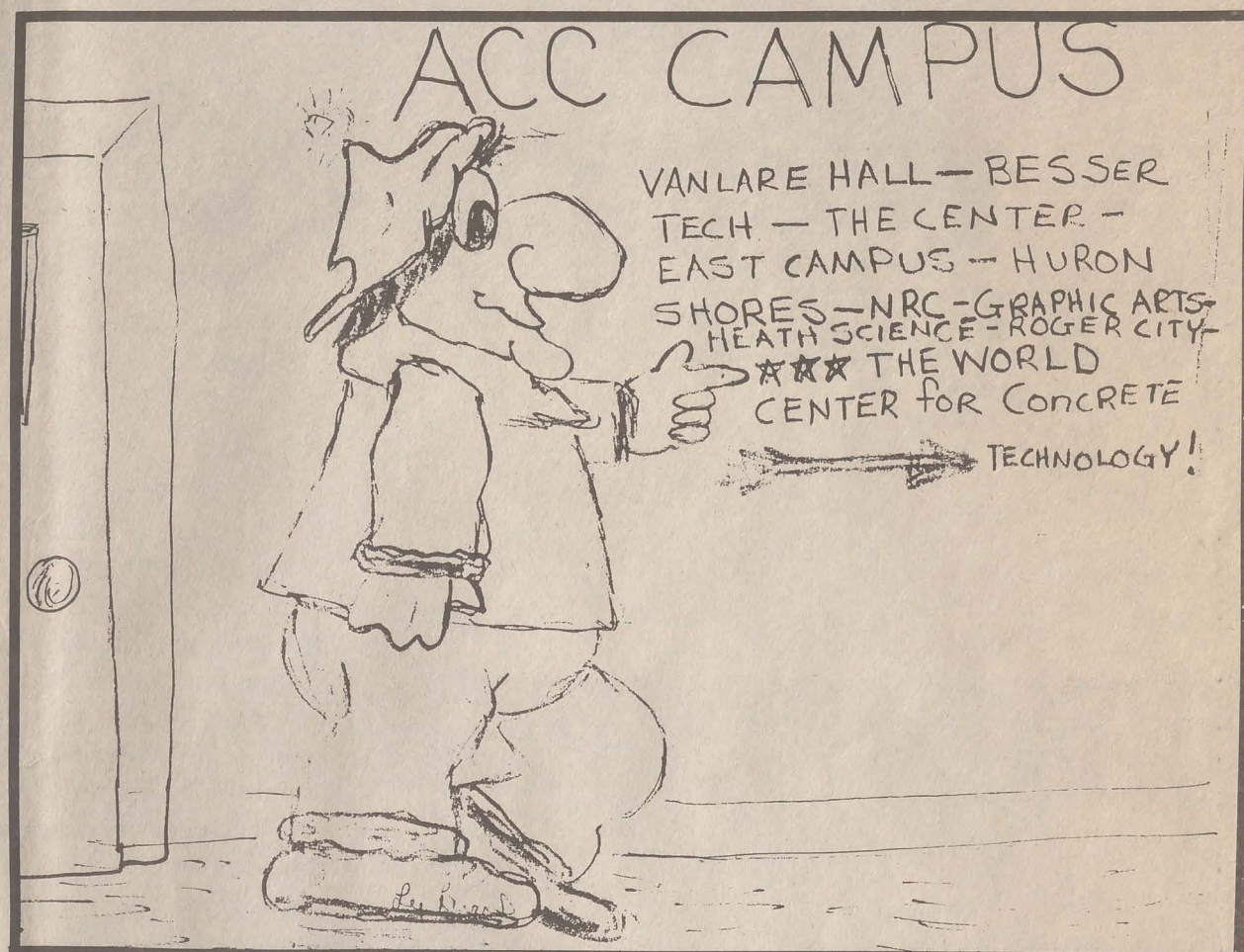
American Gothic inflicts pain upon viewers

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American Gothic is a television show that comes on Wednesday night at 10 p.m.

What exactly is this TV show about? What are the pros and cons of this show that seems to glorify evil over good.

The cons would be a law



Male bashing is not cool

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One thing I do not understand is this new trend that I see happening every place I look:

Watching television, I see men who are buffoonish in their ways of dealing with women, children, and life in general.

When a woman's voice can be heard guiding the simpleton man through buying cough syrup, and he proudly boasts "I can shop," I want to scream.

When women gather together and talk about personal hygiene, then cut men down in the next breath, I want to puke.

Why are men being treated like this? Forty years ago when women were the subject of cut-downs and simple minded jokes, people took offense.

But now men are being treated like the

airheads of our society, and I for one (a woman) resent the hell out of it.

When you go to buy a greeting card, you see there are a variety that slam dunk men. This makes me sick.

Whatever happened to Equal Rights, whose goals were to have equality between the sexes. Nowhere in those ideals did it say superiority of one sex over the other.

We must come to realize that male bashing is not a cool thing to do.

I saw an eye-catching greeting card recently that showed a woman gardening. "Grow your own dope", it said. But when I opened it up, inside it said "Raise a Man." I find that offensive.

Wake up people, one form of sexism is NOT better than the other. Enough is enough! Seek the balance.

Guardian angel protects writer

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Do you believe in angels? I do. I believe in the unconditional love of my guardian angel. My Angel isn't a big strong man or a meek and gentle man. She's got long sandy blonde hair draped down her shoulders and a prolific light behind her. I don't particularly know why my angel is female, but if I asked her why I wasn't sent a male angel, I'm sure that she would say that I needn't worry. All angels are equal in strength regardless of sex or race.

And it shouldn't be a surprise that one of my favorite shows is "Touched by an Angel" with Della Reese. And it shouldn't be a surprise that my guardian angel is just as beautiful as the angel on that show. Although I tried to find out her name in real life, I was unsuccessful.

Now, to stop beating around the bush, I'd

like to tell you a story. I was walking to college one day when I stepped on a patch of ice and fell. I hit my hand pretty hard on the ground in catching my fall. It was throbbing and I had a small cut on my palm.

I immediately got back up. While standing to my feet, a woman's voice called out to me by name. She asked, "Are you all right?"

I looked all around, but there was nobody in sight.

Maybe I was just a little shocked by my fall.

"Maybe I'm going crazy", I thought.

Now, I've only told some close friends about this, and I know some won't believe, but regardless of your beliefs, color, religion, or sex, I think I have a Guardian Angel.

I pray that bestowed on each of us there is a guardian angel, promoting acts of love around us; helping each of us to understand peace, silence, patience, and unconditional love.

