

FEWER MEN POORER MARKS

"Most men do not recognize themselves as discriminated against; no better proof could be found of their total conditioning."

Karl Millet

The level of male enrollment at the U of A, as well as the proportion of male students to female students has dropped considerably over the past academic year.

According to some professors, this is a result of a higher dropout rate among male students. "Males find it is more difficult for them to please their professors than it is for females", said one professor, who asked not to be identified. "With so many male professors around, it's not surprising that females should be given some sort of a break."

Craig Carmichael, a professor in the Political Science

department was more open: "I've noticed both a qualitative and quantitative difference in the work of female and male students. While the written work is comparable, women tend to take on more 'extracurricular' work. I find their oral work far more stimulating than anything I've ever gotten from a male."

Teaching Assistant Thomas Barrett was quick to point out that the differences in grades between the sexes (women average a full 0.2 grades higher than men in first year) is a result of the different sorts of work they perform; "I've seen papers that males have worked on for an entire term that earned poorer marks than females have been able to get in a single night."

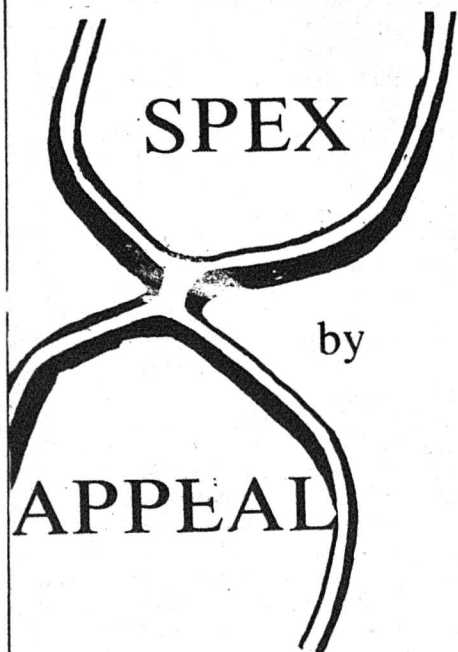
Fourth year Psych student Carolle Duvall confirmed that it is not hard for a female student to 'make the grade', especially when professors mark "on the curve". "In my experience, its

true that a reasonable able woman, who is willing to do the necessary work, has little trouble doing well in courses. In fact, with the exception of a bit of cramming, I've never been really challenged by a course."

The trend of higher marks for females is fairly pronounced across campus, although there is some deviation among the different departments. The degree to which females are favoured ranges from very high, in Engineering (where female students average 9.0, with the exception of Ethel 'Butch' Bolt, who got only 8.9) to very low, in Greek studies, where there appears to be no greater preference for either sex.

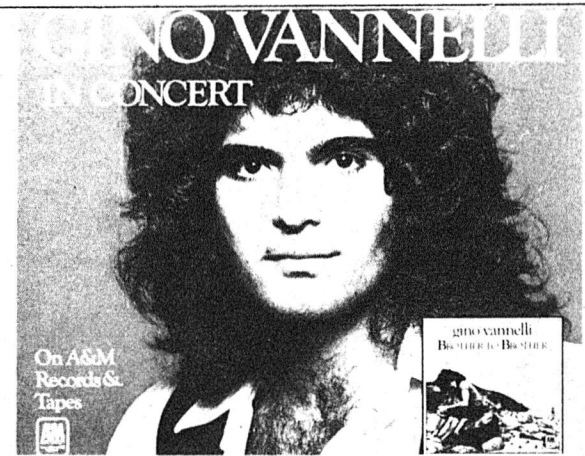
Prominent Greek Studies professor Archimedes Onassis explained, "Its no wonder that students don't do that well in Greek; to me, they're all just a bunch of asses."

"Many women do not recognise themselves as being discriminated against, Wonderful, ain't it."
Hugh M. Hefner



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