

Mark talks about sexes : part II

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No Jim, I'm not going to let you out of that newt-filled steamer trunk until you tell me that you'll run... Yes, I know that they have pointy teeth, but....

Oh hi! Ha ha ha. Just chatting with my editor about this week's column. He's worried that some people may find it offensive. He's also convinced that I was possessed when I wrote it.

Anyway, this week's column deals with the questions that men have always wanted to ask, but have been afraid to for fear of being pounded down into objects that resemble little bits of Moist and Meaty Dog Food. No one has been foolish enough to ask these questions. Until now.

I asked a few of my friends what they wanted to know and here are some of the things we came up with.

My first question is: what is the deal with the bathroom? It seems that every time a group of people goes out somewhere, the following scenario happens: A female will stand up and loudly announce to everyone in a two mile radius that she has to go to the bathroom and ask if anyone would like to join her. Another female will usually volunteer and off they go. What are they doing, re-enacting Noah's ark? Is the fear so great of falling in that women use the buddy system?

Then there are times when several women go to the rest room at the same moment. In this case the whole establishment will usually clear out, leaving the men to sit around looking at each other and remarking: "How about them Cubs?"

Ladies, what is so interesting about the rest room that keeps you in there for 30 minutes at a time? Do you have nice furniture, a big screen tv with cable and a whirlpool in there? My personal theory is you play poker.

That's right, I think that when a group of women go to the bathroom they frequently sit down and start up a game of five

card stud. I wouldn't be surprised if one day I walked in to discover my date and a few other broads sitting around a table, smoking cigars and passing out cards.

The exodus from the bathroom is almost as bad. For the most part, women emerge from the bathroom laughing and chatting about something very interesting. This generally leaves men feeling uncomfortable and asking each other, "How about those Cubs?"

The only time women don't come out of the bathroom smiling and laughing is when they're complaining about their hair and/or make-up. Which leads me to my next question: "why do women bother with make-up?"

I took an informal poll among a few friends and Jim Bakker. Everyone except Jim (who said Tammy looked pretty bad without it) said that they had never asked girls to wear make-up. This makes us wonder why you bother in the first place.

I guess men are just a little scared of make-up, since putting it on is very similar to painting a house or a car. Here's a sample set of instructions for painting a house or a car:

- 1) remove all loose paint, rust, dirt and foreign matter from the surface. Make sure the areas are clean and dry.
- 2) apply a coat of primer.
- 3) apply two to three coats of paint, allowing each to dry thoroughly. Make sure there are no drips, runs or brush marks.
- 4) Cover the painted area with a final coat of a sealant to protect the new paint.

Now, here is a set of instructions for applying make-up:

- 1) clean the facial area of old make-up, oil and dirt.
- 2) apply a base to allow the rest of the make-up to adhere.
- 3) apply lipstick, rouge, eye liner and what ever else you deem necessary.
- 4) Finish off with a protective application to hold everything together.

See? It's no wonder men get a

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little nervous about this make-up stuff. When I go into a girls room, I half expect to see power tools lying around that are used to put it on.

The final question we have for women is: "what do you want from us?!!" There are times when we have no idea what we should do or say around you.

We may make a comment and the girl will say "Don't say that!" Later on, she will ask, "Why don't you say that anymore?" Make up your minds!

While you're at it, decide whether you want to be an ERA girl or not. Nothing wrong with it. Most men don't mind chivalry. We won't slay dragons

or wear tin underwear, but we will hold open doors, pull out chairs, let women go first for just about anything and all the other neat things that go with the territory.

I think that I can speak for most men when I say we'd like you to tell us what side you're on. I'm a little tired of this confusion. I hold open a door for a girl and she hits me for being a male chauvinist pig. I don't hold open the door and I get hit by a lady who is convinced that I was either raised by a pack of wolves or Gloria Steinem (which could be worse). Tell Us! This way we'll know whether to open the door or run for the car.

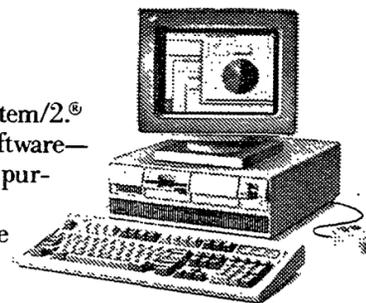
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Letter applauds editorial; respects flag's symbolism

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checkbook the ability to mess around with the Bill of Rights, the freedoms that each of us grew up with?

I am a Political Science major, specializing in public law and have studied the Constitution for several years under the guidance of the best political science professors known to the world. We cannot allow those people who have been elected into office (most of them for the wrong reasons) to try and change the basic foundation of the freedoms of this country. Don't

get me wrong folks, I worship the American Flag and all it stands for, but I also worship the right to burn that flag. The right to burn the flag is more important and more sacred than the flag itself. The principle outweighs the physical manifestation of that principle.

And as your editorial mentioned, you did not see an amendment stopping the display of the flag of the Confederate States of America. Let's talk about desecration of the Constitution.

Beth Buck