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She Really Twists This Truth

Women love to say, "Men never grow up, they're just little boys at heart." True, I'll admit. But what would you call that particular stage of a woman's development when she manages to take reality and twist it into which-ever distortion she happens to need at the moment — and then believe the fantasy herself?

Women hate to face the truth, particularly if it is an unpleasant one, and only women have built-in mechanisms that can change the truth to suit the whim.

Here, for example, is a hysterically funny misinterpretation of some official statistics released by the U. S.

Census Bureau. According to that department, there are now about 93 eligible bachelors for every 100 needy women.

"As a result," says a sociologist, "the young men have been successfully warding off any pressure from the mounting number of marriageable young women."

One woman with enough business background to be interviewed and quoted as an "expert" must have skimmed lightly over the figures and, like a computer with a short circuit, released her own conclusions. "There are now more men around than women, which means that for the first time women can sit back

and do the picking. Men have to do their darndest to attract."

See what I mean? To prove she is absolutely right, she pointed out as final proof that there is such a shortage of available females that men today are paying more attention to their clothes and style in order to draw attention to themselves.

"The poor men of today," she added, "are like the women of the 1870s who drew attention to themselves by emphasizing their prettiness. Men will just get prettier and prettier. They'll have to, in order to attract."

The man's viewpoint, after careful study of the same statistics, is more practical. Said one expert, "The evidence so far indicates that it is possible that more girls will ultimately not marry at all."

What a cold, unfeeling, unromantic individual that one is. Completely devoid of imagination, wouldn't you say?

Just a little mind-switching never hurt a woman, apparently, and it does make the truth more palatable to other women.

Consequently, I can find no finer proof that women don't need college educations. Learning to read and write so you can distort to your heart's content is surely education enough.



HOMECOMING COURT . . . Queen Alice Severson (second from left) will reign over homecoming festivities Saturday at El Camino College. Queen Alice is seated here among her court, which includes (from left) Gail Phien, Helen Kinsey, and Judy Rollins. Miss Severson will make her official appearance during halftime ceremonies at the El Camino-East Los Angeles football game Saturday evening. The fifth member of the homecoming court, Jo Reed, is not pictured.

Two-Year Study of Gifted Set

Ten top California experts on gifted children have launched a two-year study on ways of improving teaching procedures for gifted children.

Participating in the study, which will get underway in January under the auspices of California State College at Dominguez Hills, will be Torrance Unified School District, Manhattan Beach schools, Palos Verdes schools, and the South Bay Union High School District.

The project will be financed by a U. S. Office of Education grant.

Meeting at Anza Elementary School to formulate evaluation procedures were program director Dr. Ruth Martinson, director of teacher education at California State College Dominguez Hills and former president of the National Association for the Gifted; Mrs. Martha Shea, consultant for the gifted, Oakland Unified School Dis-

trict; George Banks, consultant for the gifted, San Diego; Dr. Robert Bishton, professor of education at Sacramento State College; and Mrs. Dorothy Syphers, consultant to the gifted, Arcadia Unified School District. Others were Sanford Williams, consultant for gifted, Long Beach Unified School District; Mrs. Anna Mae Gunn, teacher consultant, San Diego; Dr. Gertrude Wood consultant for gifted, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Office; Mrs. Mabel Purl, director of research for Riverside City School; Dr. May Seago, associate dean, school of education, UCLA; Miss Jeanne Delp, consultant for gifted, Garden Grove Unified School District; and Dr. Donald Duncan, curriculum consultant, Torrance Unified School District. Co-director of the program will be Dr. Jean Wiener of the college.

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