

Petting: 1st experience increases drive to learn

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Can you remember that after that first kiss you were somehow changed? Breast-petting seems to have similar effects. While the first experience is traumatic in many ways and sometimes creates feelings of guilt, it generally changes attitudes toward the activity and tends to increase the drive to explore and learn more about this touchy subject.

The sample females reported having an average of 5.56 partners with whom they have engaged in breast-petting. Men reported 6.8 partners. In an average 2.78 year period from first experience to time of report, the 100 females estimated having 6134 separate breast-petting experiences. Males reported having 3865 experiences in a similarly derived 3.87 year period.

Type of fondling varied. Females reported 5148 experiences in which fondling was performed by hands, 3089 experiences of oral fondling, and 931 experiences of fondling other than by hand or orally. Males reported 2870 fondling experiences by hand, 1722 oral fondling experiences and 389 other fondling experiences. Not all respondents answered these questions.

The female view

Moral attitude toward breast-petting changed as respondents became more experienced. Twenty-four per cent of the females reported liking the activity, 15 per cent enjoying it, five per cent said it was becoming more important.

Four per cent said it was okay, three per cent reported it as a means of showing affection for a partner, three per cent said it became sexually satisfying.

As experience increased, there were still girls against the activity. Six per cent said they would only allow breast-petting with one they loved or planned to marry.

Five per cent said it was still wrong and immoral and four per cent permitted it only if they trusted the male and reported feeling some insincerity. Four per cent still felt guilty, three per cent had questions about the activity, three per cent reported willingness to tolerate it, two per cent felt less guilt than initially but still some guilt.

Some girls wrote regarding their attitude toward additional experience: "Depends on how soon it is started after dating a person. Too soon — guilty; after several dates, not so guilty."

"The more guys who did it, the more I noticed how unnatural and insincere it was."

"Some guys are satisfied with only breast-petting — you can keep them from going any further."

"Enjoyed it, but it was only a beginning."

"With someone you love, you can derive great satisfaction and tenderness from such acts."

"No more enjoyment but gave satisfaction to partner and pleasure."

"Still liked it — it's better than getting pregnant."

"An accepted, well-liked, spicy part of necking."
"Enjoyed it more as it led to other things."
"My morals changed and I grew to enjoy it."

The males' side

As the males became more experienced 14 per cent reported liking breast-petting, 14 per cent reported it was okay and 10 per cent said it was becoming more pleasurable.

Nine per cent said breast-petting was great, six per cent said they were enjoying it. Three per cent felt they could please their partner by breast-petting and 3 per cent said it led to further activity.

Two per cent wanted more than breast-petting, two per cent said it became an art or skill and two per cent wanted more petting.

Seven per cent of the males reported that the activity became old or less exciting, four per cent learned to be reserved in time and place of breast-petting and two per cent still had questions about it.

Some of the males wrote: "Began to respect the girl's feelings and tried to please her as much as possible (fondle, oral)."

"Wanted to expand to many females."

"Enjoyed it and didn't feel guilty if she enjoyed it."

"Fantastic."

"Mustn't be carried to extremes because of feelings and reputation."

"I still enjoy breast-petting very much but sometimes this becomes

secondary when sexual intercourse is in the forecast."

"Still greater, I would do it no matter what."

"I like it a lot, and it leads to further activities."

"When some feeling is present the petting becomes more fun and the real high is emotional."

"I began to differentiate between good times and bad times to do it."

"Could be used directly for the purpose of sexual intent."

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Maritime Academy to be in SMU game march-in

By **DON MIDDLETON**
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This weekend, as usual, Texas A&M University's uniformed student body will parade in Kyle Field prior to the Aggies' clash with Southern Methodist University. Not so usual will be the presence of 70 Aggies in dress blue uniforms — the cadets of the Texas Maritime Academy.

The Texas Maritime Academy is a division of the Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources in Galveston. The men who will be participating in the march-in are part of the 150-member Corps of Cadets at the seaside campus.

One-hundred fifty may not seem like a large contingent compared to the 2,000 uniformed Aggies here at the main campus. That number represents a fifty per cent increase over last year's enrollment of barely over 100, according to Jim Heap, cadet commander of the Moody College Corps of Cadets.

Heap was in College Station Tuesday to confer with Joe Chandler, commander of the land-based Corps, on operations for the upcoming review.

Like their land-locked comrades, the Galveston cadets wear uniforms to classes five days a week, fall out in the mornings for reveille and look forward to the day they graduate.

Unlike the main body they eat, sleep and play on board the

Academy's training ship the Texas Clipper. The Clipper is a converted troop carrier/cargo ship which was given to the Maritime Academy in 1967.

The cadets live in not-so-spacious cabins and eat in the main galley which seats about 80 men at one time.

"Seniors have first chance at the one-man rooms and the rooms that have bathtubs," Heap said.

"The structure of our Corps is similar to the Corps at the main campus," Heap continued. "There are three companies each with a commanding officer, executive officer and petty officer."

Heap heads the Corps staff which also includes an executive officer, adjutant and master-at-arms.

The Galveston Corps is organized more loosely than Brazos River Corps. There is no "whipping out" and the atmosphere is more informal. Their main concern is learning the ins and outs of the shipping business.

The Academy, under the supervision of Rear Adm. John Smith (USN ret.), is not directly connected to any ROTC program, Heap said. The TMA was established as a training ground for men who wish to join the United States Merchant Marine, an organization of private shipping companies regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Upon entering the Academy freshmen sign a contract stating that they will accept a U.S. Navy Reserve commission upon graduation if offered one. But most cadets go directly from the TMA into a job as a third-mate or third-engineer aboard a Merchant Marine ship.

Part of the training program includes yearly cruises for two months

during the summer aboard the Texas Clipper. This past summer the cadets cruised the Caribbean Sea, learning basic naval skills and calling at such ports as Dry Tortugas, Santo Domingo, Aruba and Caracas. A scheduled stop in Kingston, Jamaica was cancelled by the U.S. State Department due to anti-American demonstrations in that city.

The last port-of-call before returning home is Houston. There the Clipper takes on board assorted VIP's including parents, politicians and an occasional stowaway for a cruise down the Houston ship channel to home base on Pelican Island.

As Heap leads the Moody delegation, mostly freshmen and transfer students, in Saturday's march-in he'll be thinking of his future as a Merchant Marine officer, as most seniors do.

"I'm shipping out as soon as I can," he said.

The lure of the sea has always been strong in some men. And that goes double for the cadets of the Texas Maritime Academy — the "Other Aggies."

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