

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Earlier studies have proven that no significant differences were found to exist in the female group (Schoenberg and Murphy, 1974) and likewise in the male group (Hartman, Nicolay, Hurley, 1968). The authors of this present study, however, came up with findings that resulted in some significant differences in personality traits for both groups. These differences were measured through a statistical test which somehow show that the values are rather large and in effect, one cannot say that these are merely attributed to chance. But again, this is not an in-depth study and is only a "shallow" interpretation of previous researchers who extensively conducted similar studies and found no significant differences whatsoever of males and females bearing popular and unpopular names.

It seems that there are limited studies, if any, which try to match males against females in an attempt to find out if significant differences do exist between them in terms of personality traits provided one variable is common to both groups. Findings from this present study may prove to be useful for future researchers who would be interested in investigating further human behavior.

Human behavior is such a delicate matter to investigate. In so doing, a careful approach must be adopted in trying to find out reasons as to why man reacts the way he does. A very extensive study is needed



to come up with reliable findings. One has to consider, among other things, the individual's status in society, his ambitions, childhood experience, personal values, and other areas of concern. Only then will studies similar to this shall prove to be useful to man in understanding others like him.

In conclusion, names are not to be taken for granted. Names bring "Identity" to a person and a fate worse than death is not having any name at all. The authors of this present study came up with several significant differences regarding personality traits from subjects bearing unique and common nicknames. This goes to show that names do have a bearing in the development of certain attitudes that could determine as to why a certain individual acts or responds in a certain manner. According to Dr. Gray Garwood, an educational psychologist at Tulane University, a child who dislikes the name given to him will receive negative treatment from his peers and teachers.

