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A message from the chairman

Or is it Chairwoman?

That's right. While the boys were out cradling their fragile masculinity and enjoying the ordinary language of day-to-day existence that always includes their sex, I was busy plotting my takeover. I smiled and laughed my way through elections right to the cushy seat of power I now recline upon. Anyway, the important thing is that I'm here just in time for Valentine's Day which is perfect because I'm a girl so I know all about love and pink and hearts.

We started off trying to tackle the big "L" word. Love. What is it? How do we write about something so elusive that even Shakespeare couldn't quite put his finger on it? Is it really possible that our soul mates are out there? How do we make this incredibly powerful force funny? Do you think the universe fights for souls to be together? We grappled with these difficult questions and some others we found on Tumblr for a few minutes before we moved on to the kind of love we know. There's the kind of love you see in movies and TV and read about in books. And then there's real life. The world of rejection, dates, and weird sex stuff that you'll never actually do. That's what we're talking about.

The reality is that love isn't all selfless giving, romantic dates, and falling for your partner again after you forget everything in a terrible car accident. It usually doesn't involve dramatic love triangles and declarations of passion. Boom boxes are rarely used and I've never known a pair of lovers to be star-crossed. You can't run to stop your beloved from getting on that plane because the security line is too long. And the popular girl in high school never goes for the nerdy guy when she can date the hot football player and break up with him before college.

Sure there might be moments when you look into someone's eyes and suddenly

realize that they're everything you need in this world. But it's more likely that you look into his or her eyes and see someone who probably could use a nap. It's even more likely that the person you're looking at is yourself in the mirror and that those dark circles are getting aggressive.

So if you're reading this in an attempt to find the answers to some deep questions about love, to discover truth through the discerning power of humor, then you might be in the wrong place. What you will find is a lot of advice about dating from people who don't have a lot of experience dating, sex tips from people who aren't having a lot of sex, and a few pieces only tangentially related to Valentine's Day if you're sick of all this love talk.

Modern romance for the average college student is a lot less about love and a lot more about late night texts, awkward coffee dates, and Netflix, for some reason. Love rarely takes the form of a dramatic scene in a romance movie. But maybe one day you'll bump into someone who makes you want to write a Nicholas Sparks-esque screenplay. And maybe they'll feel the same about you.

So put yourself out there. Go get 'em, Tiger.

Kisses,

Ana DeJesus '18
Chairman

5 Guys Who Will Definitely Take You to the Aquarium

JEREMY MILLER: Nobody doubts Jeremy is a fantastic guy. He's like a taller Zac Efron without the evil glint in his eye. Even better, he's definitely into you. You've seen the way he tripped over himself trying to talk to you in the coffee shop last week.

Real smooth, Jeremy. If you mentioned it to him, he would take you to the aquarium in a second.

BRIAN BEITLORN:

Brian lives across the hall from you. He's nice, though he's probably not going to win any awards for looks. But Skippy the seal is so adorable, playing with his little rubber ball like he always does. And the jellyfish in the Touch-and-Feel tank are awesome. It's crazy they let you touch them with your bare hands! If you asked directly, there's no way Brian would refuse to go to the aquarium with you.

DAVID DELTANO: It's been almost four days since someone took you to the aquarium. What's been going on in the coral reef environment since then? What have Momo, Glenti, Walter, Alfred, Coco, and the fourteen other mako

sharks been up to? Everyone knows David is really strange. He's also extremely unattractive and at least fifteen years older than you. But he would definitely take you to the aquarium if you asked.



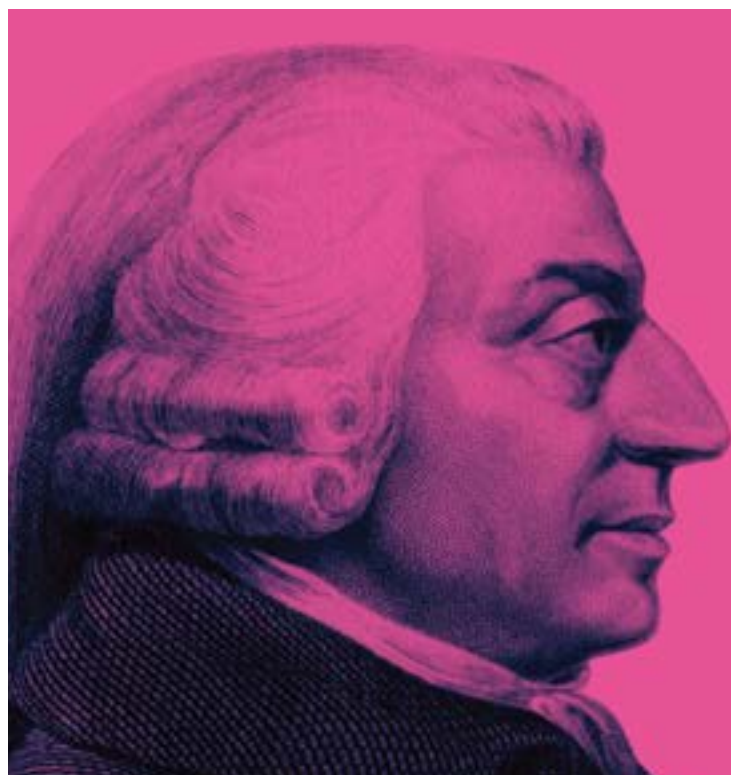
THOMAS SARGENT:

You've known Tom for years. He's a close friend. If you ask him, he'll refuse. He'll say something about how "this has to stop" and "you said no more relapses." But in the end he'll break down just like he always does and take you to the aquarium. Then you will finally be able to press your face up against the glass of the ten-thousand-gallon barracuda tank again. His intermittent sobbing and cries of "Come back to us,

Karen!" might be a little distracting. But none of that will matter if you get to see all your little crayfish friends just one more time.

RICHARD BAYER: Rich is your dad. Honestly, he'll probably just be glad you're spending some time with him.

ALEX DE LA GARZA '18
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Valentine's Day Getaways

This Valentine's Day, don't worry about where to take that special someone. Walks in Central Park and dinner under the stars may be tried and true, but this February 14, we here at New Jersey Transit encourage you to explore some of our state's quaint and charming semi-industrial townships along the Northeast Corridor line. You never know what you might be missing. They say there's something for everyone!

Jordan Salama '19

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For the artsy: Thinking about taking your special someone to the hit Broadway musical *Hamilton*? Why not take them for cheap to the township of Hamilton instead? Filled with travelers who slept through their stop at Princeton Junction, Hamilton lacks both the grandeur of an Ivy League University and the benefits of living in New Jersey's capital. Don't let its "lack of a true downtown" get in the way of "true romance"!

For a classic mystery: As they always say, the key to a healthy relationship is a little mystery. So if you're looking to crack a case, Rahway is for you. Discover the answers to your pressing questions including: "What is Rahway?" "Does anyone live here?" "Is it different from Metropark, about which I also know nothing?"

For the elegant: nothing beats a candlelit takeout meal from Chili's in Terminal 3 of the Newark Liberty International Airport. It's more expensive to take the train here than to any other station on the line, so you're in for a truly ritzy affair. Stand back while top-notch security officers search your belongings as you enter this exclusive location—but make sure she doesn't see the ring!



For the practical: If running errands is romantic for you, get off at Edison – the place where your Amazon package is processed the day before it arrives. Don't wait for that special gift to come to you—nothing's more romantic than finding a box of chocolates together after hours of combing through packages in a major shipping warehouse. Plus, Edison is right in that "sweet spot" of being the last stop on the local train and never a stop on the express, allowing you to maximize your time together en route to your destination.

For the city lover: Conveniently located near the heart of New York City, Elizabeth is a dream for city-goers on a budget. Take a romantic stroll past pawn shops, factories, and 99¢ tattoo parlors while being soothed by the sound of airplanes landing at the Newark Airport. You turn to your partner: "Did you just fart?" "No," they say, "we're in Elizabeth."



Connor Stonesifer '16

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Girl Kiss Academy

Strategy Guide!

You are a nerd who has never kissed a girl. You want to kiss girls so you enroll in Girl Kiss Academy? Can you kiss all the girls in this popular Japanese Dating Video Game? Follow the steps in the strategy guide below and you'll beat the game for sure!!!

Walkthrough

1. (click on door) Enter Girl Kiss Academy,

Oh no, Principal Kiko is there!

2. (click) "Sorry I am late, ma'am"
3. (click) "Detention?!"
4. (click) "I only want to get a passing grade"
5. (click) "But Principal...
2 D's are not a passing grade"
6. (click) "Oh, I understand."
7. (click) "haha"
8. (click) "You were not talking about grades"
9. (click on mouth) Kiss Principal Kiko.



Congrats! you kissed a girl!

11. (click Math door) Go to Math class.

Princess Sakura is there.

12. (click on scary mask) Put on scary mask.
13. (click on Princess Sakura)
14. (click on scary mask) Take off scary mask.
15. (click) "I am sorry I scared you, Princess"
16. (click) "I could teach you math. Let's try a sample question."
17. (click) "kiss divided by x equals one. What does x equals?"
18. (click) "That was almost the right answer, Princess. Try again."
19. (click) "Try again."
20. (click) "You have a beautiful mouth. try again"
21. (click) "you got it!"
22. (click on mouth) Kiss Princess Sakura.



Congrats! you kissed a girl!

24. (click on Science door) Go to science class.

Professor Momiko is there. Will you have "chemistry"? ;-)

25. (click on scary mask) Put on scary mask.
26. (click on mouth) Kiss Professor Momiko.

Congrats you kissed a girl!

27. (click on sports door) Go to sports class.

Uh oh! School bully Tomika is in your way!

29. (click) "your lips are strong like your arms"
30. (click anywhere) kiss Tomika.

You get The Kiss Trophy! You are a kiss stallion! Now let's get to sports class!

31. (click on sports door) Go to sports class.

Famous J-pop singer Hikaru Nishida is there! Wow!

32. (click on dodgeball)
33. (click on Hikaru Nishida)
34. (click) "Wow. You're good at dodgeball."
35. (click) "haha? I've never played dodge lips before"
36. (click) "how do you play?"
37. (click) "so many rules!"
38. (click on mouth) Kiss Hikaru Nishida.
40. (click) "I guess I'm not good at dodging lips, am I?"
41. (click) "haha"
42. (click on scary mask) Take off scary mask.

Congrats! you kissed all the girls!



Tips and Tricks:

- Do not click go to the cafeteria. There are no girls there!!!
- If you eat the garlic cloves Professor Momiko will be frown. She will still kiss you though ;-)
- Check behind the lamp. Is that a didlo?!?! You are a kiss stallion.
- Principal Kiko is not a real Principal.
- Don't play on mute. You won't hear the kissing!
- I love Princess Sakura.
- Put your ear to the basement. Is that kissing???? ;-)

Cheats:

- 2Kawaii4Skool: Eye size increase by 200%.
- MaoriMode: All characters are Maori!
- KissStallion: Get some "tail" (get it?!)
- SakuraLips: Princess Sakura has no lips.
- NoScary: Fewer scary masks = more challenge.
- GirlKissAcademy2: Haha. Tricked you! Japan hasn't invented a sequel yet!

DAN CAPRERA '16

A Rejection Letter

To: Jane Padecki

Subject: Rejection Letter

From: Pierce Madison

Dear Ms. Padecki,

I regret to inform you that I will not be moving forward with your application for the role of “girlfriend”. While your qualifications were certainly impressive and your experience more than sufficient, your performance on last Thursday’s interview certainly did not meet my standards for the position.

I wanted to share some feedback from your interview. For a start, six inch heels are impractical and utterly inappropriate attire. You should also know that I highly value punctuality and personal responsibility, so showing up twenty minutes late because of “work and stuff” made a very bad impression. Additionally, when the waitress asked for your order, you rudely interrupted her. This demonstrates a clear lack of interpersonal skills as well as human decency. Last, I simply did not find you very attractive, something I thought I was extremely clear about in my online posting.

Normally, I would recommend waiting at least six months before reapplying. In your case, however, I would not suggest applying again. Of course, I encourage you to please ask any attractive friends, roommates and siblings you may have to apply.

Best,

Pierce Madison

Operations Research and Financial Engineering ‘18

To: Pierce Madison

Re: Rejection Letter

From: Jane Padecki

Dear Pierce,

Are you fucking serious? Please never contact me again.

Sincerely,

Jane Padecki ‘19

GIL WALZER ‘16



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Date Ideas That Don't Involve High-Risk, Unnecessary Medical Procedures

Nothing spells romance like lying half-dead in the nearest hospital and undergoing some unnecessary medical procedure, so here are some fun alternative date ideas for when that's not feasible.

Walk in the park

A simple walk in the park can do wonders for any relationship: it's the classic that your grandfather used when he first met your grandmother. Obviously what you'd really like to be doing is rounding up a group of physicians to perform an unneeded, dangerous medical procedure, but sometimes it just isn't in the cards.

Pottery class

Don't have the funds to shell out \$25,000 for an appendectomy on your perfectly healthy appendix? Well, no need to worry! The average pottery class is only \$15 per person. Now *that's* affordable!

Ice cream

Satisfy your sweet tooth with the world's most romantic dessert. Sure, in a perfect world at least one of you would be hooked up to a heart-lung machine and fighting for life, but short of cardiopulmonary surgery,

nothing is cuter than a couple sharing a scoop.

Ice-skating

Sure you may not look as graceful on the ice rink as your doctor does after you've tricked her into opening your skull in a last ditch effort to save you from the brain tumor you made up, but why let that ruin your day? Take your beau or lady friend to the rink for some quality time on the ice.

Dinner and a movie

Given that you don't have the resources to exchange kidneys with your date just for kicks, you might as well grab a bite and catch the latest rom-com.

Have a picnic

Nothing beats eating a good meal outside



in the sun, except of course convincing an underpaid surgeon-in-residency to remove your heart and put it back in again.

CHARLIE SPIRA '18

Making My Dream Come True: An Open Letter from the Fan Who Married Harry Styles

Dear Fans Everywhere,

Ever since I first heard His glorious voice and saw his luscious locks, I knew that one day I would marry that godlike man, Harry Styles. Now I know many of you dream of marrying your celebrity crush, whether it is Harry (good choice) or a lesser



human, such as Justin Bieber. I can only assume you want to know how I managed to make my dream a reality. However I did not dream but knew that I would marry Harry Styles. Don't think of your future as fantasy if you want it to come true!

You too, humble reader, can follow these steps. All you need is a little basic research. Anyone can google Harry Styles to find pictures to drool over, but if you're determined enough you can also find his home address. From there, you just need to figure out when One Direction's current tour will be over and book a flight that will take you to Harry's hometown at just the right time. Then, after supplying yourself with a few necessary tools from the local hardware store, you can climb his iron fence, disable his security system, and walk right into his bedroom, where he is getting some much-needed beauty sleep. Finally, you can take your handy piece of rope, tie and gag him, and hold him at gunpoint until he agrees to marry you to spare his life.

I have to admit, I couldn't be happier. Harry has described me to the press as "a girl who will go to great lengths to do what she thinks is best for our relationship," and I, of course, would say the same thing about him. He is so committed to being the best husband he can be that he even convinced the other members of One Direction to cancel their upcoming world tour, saying "I fear what will happen to me if my wife feels that I'm not committed to this marriage."

As you see, instead of just dreaming and fantasizing about my celebrity crush, like most fans, I took action, doing whatever it took to introduce myself into Harry's life and convince him to marry me. Too many fans today are out there just fanatsizing instead of taking action. The only advice I can give to any fans out there desiring to marry the celebrity of their dreams is to forge your own trail and to never let anything, not even the law or the bounds of human decency, stand in your way.

ALYSSA FINFER '19

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LIFE HACK: Instead of Spending Money on a Tramp Stamp, Simply Tape a Yu-Gi-Oh Card to Your Lower Back

The tramp stamp is a proud American tradition. For decades, these decorative lower-back patterns have let the world know that those who wear them are ready for a walk on the wild side. Unfortunately, as cool as they look, tramp stamps tend to be pretty costly and the recovery process is lengthy and exhausting. At least, that's how things used to be. Now, thanks to an ingenious new life hack, you can save time and money on your tramp stamp: instead getting an actual tattoo, simply tape a Yu-Gi-Oh card to your lower back.

For those of you unfamiliar with the concept, Yu-Gi-Oh is a series of wildly popular late-90s trading cards based on the aesthetics of Japanese manga. No one knows for sure where the idea of using a trading card in lieu of a tattooed stamp originated, but what we do know is that this latest development in personal style is easy, intuitive, and, above all, sexy. In fact, some tattoo lovers actually find the Yu-Gi-Stamp (as they are referred to by those in the know) to be even more sexually appealing than the tramp stamps of old.

"Every woman I've ever been involved with has been encouraged (by me) to get a stamp," tattoo enthusiast Bob Buckley told reporters. "However, my days of begging women to go to the tattoo parlor are over. I'm a Yu-Gi-Stamp man now. It's hard to explain why exactly, but there's something about the sight of Exodia the Forbidden One taped to a woman's lower back that really gets me going. Especially if it's taped really hastily and shoddily. I like the card to just be kind of hanging there, as if it's probably going to need another piece of tape soon. At this point, your guess is as good as mine as to what the next step down the rabbit hole of my sexuality is going to be."

Wow! Strong praise from just one of the millions of stampers who have already forgone the traditional tramp stamp method in favor of this modern alternative. As this trend sweeps the nation, major voices from the tattoo subculture have started to weigh in. Prominent tramp stamp magazines like Stamp Weekly and Lower Back Today recently named the Yu-Gi-Stamp as one of the hottest trends in body decoration. The movement has also garnered acknowledgement from prominent players in other spheres of American life, including music, film, and even politics. Singer Beyonce and actor Gary Busey were seen sporting Yu-Gi-Stamps at a recent social gala, while former president Jim-

my Carter noted that the trend "heralds an end to the vice-like grip of the tramp stamp tattoo on the American zeitgeist."

So what are you waiting for? Join the fun! Here's a more specific step-by-step guide to getting a stamp that is inexpensive, sexy, and totally you.



Items required:

- 1 Yu-Gi-Oh card
- 1 or 2 pieces of scotch tape
- 1 lower back (preferably attached to a human body)

Step 1: Remove a piece of tape from the roll and attach it to edge of the Yu-Gi-Oh card.

Step 2: Gently press the tape-card unit onto your lower back.

NOTE: make sure the card is facing outward when you affix it to yourself—put your Blue Eyes White Dragon out there for all the world to see!

... Aaaaand that's it! You're done! Congratulations, you now have a Yu-Gi-Oh card taped to your ass.

Of course, like all significant movements in cultural expression, the Yu-Gi-Stamp has not been without its detractors. Some tattoo purists feel it lacks the sophistication of a traditional tattoo; others take issue with the use of a Yu-Gi-Oh card, arguing that better lower-back adornment aesthetics might be found with other common items, such as a crossword puzzle or a tomato. But while there may be some disagreement over the social significance and physical details of this new trend, one thing is not up for debate: the Yu-Gi-Stamp is here to stay.

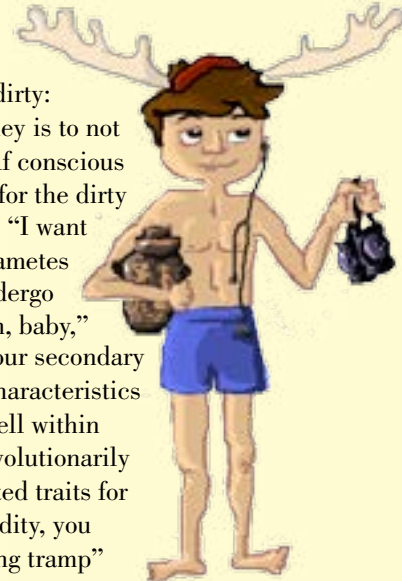
MAX FELDMAN '19

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11 Tips To Spice Up Your Sex Life

- » Use flavored condoms: oral sex becomes that much more enjoyable when she's tasting babaganoush
- » Be a giving, attentive lover: don't split your attention between her and the concubine 50:50, show her how much she means to you by shifting to 75:25!
- » Watch something dirty together to get in the mood: a pornographic Grecian urn or an erotic Japanese wood etching work best
- » Remember: The best way to pay these days is venmo—be cute and put an eggplant and peach emoji—it will remind her not to take life too seriously
- » Try removing at least one earbud during sex

- » Talk dirty:
The key is to not be self conscious—go for the dirty stuff: "I want our gametes to undergo fusion, baby," or "your secondary sex characteristics are well within the evolutionarily selected traits for fecundity, you fucking tramp"



- » Reignite her spark: remind her of the time you head-butted a competing male to death to impress her
- » Practice safe sex: you're going to want to lend her your rollerblade kneepads
- » Remember to relax and enjoy the ride! It's just sex after all! If it doesn't go well, there's always the option of developing an addiction to free clips on www.sailormoon.xxx

ALEX GELLER 'GS

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The Kama Sutra of F

The “*Tripping While Removing Your Pants*”

The lover removes their leg garments, stumbling slightly in the process. If they fall flat on their face, performing the act of “eating shit”, they may feign to their partner that this was intentional and begin doing a ritual set of twenty pushups in order to mask the extraordinary clumsiness displayed before their lover.



The “*Oh God, Do I Leave My Socks on Or Do I Take Them Off?*”

Once the two partners have reached the stage of foreplay, one may notice that their cloth foot coverings are still very much on. At this point, the partner wearing the socks will either uncomfortably interrupt the sensual embrace to reach back and pull each one off individually, or try and fail to nudge a sock off of one foot with the other foot, resulting in a single sock hanging halfway off. Alternatively, the partner may continue through the foreplay stage and the act of making love with both socks on, distracted for the duration by excruciating uncertainty over whether they should have just removed them earlier.

The “*Fuck, Do You Have a Condom?*”

In the intense and highly erotic moments immediately before intercourse, it is critical for both lovers to remain stimulated. To make sure this is the case, one partner must arise from the bed and frantically search around the room for a box of latex penis coverings. The excitement of the search itself will leave both paramours breathless, ready to take the next step on their journey toward mediocre erotic bliss.

The “*Hold On, I’m Falling off the Bed*”

During the act of copulation, one partner may edge themselves further and further to the edge of their lovemaking surface. To enhance their physical stimulation, they may then begin to partially fall from the mattress, shouting and forcing their lover to scoot over. From there, they may either continue the act or decide that they are no longer in the mood and go to bed, leaving the other partner to explore their own sensual desires independently.

The “*Stop, Ow, Ow, Ow, I Have a Cramp*”

When nearing the end of a beautifully average session of coitus, two partners who wish to work more exotic positions into their intercourse may attempt a configuration other than missionary. These may include advanced contortions taken from the pages of WikiHow or Cosmopolitan Magazine, involving complex leg motions and sophisticated cushion placements. One lover will then extend their leg or hip vastly past their range of motion and feel agonizing muscle spasms, screaming out in ecstasy, “Stop, ow, ow, ow, cramp, cramp, cramp. Ow.” This is to be expected as a natural part of the love-making ritual.



Extremely Average Sex

The “*I...I Think It Broke*”

In the warm afterglow of an incredibly middling sexual encounter, the lover may remove their latex penis covering abruptly to inspect it, having sensed a rupture in the moment. In a panic, the lover then informs their partner “I--Sarah, I think it broke.” To this, the partner opposite them may reply “What?” or “I’m sure it’s fine” and then enter a deep, peaceful slumber.

The “*Brad...I’m Pregnant*”

Two months after the superbly run-of-the mill sexual encounter, the partner may call their counterpart over the phone to inform them that they missed their monthly cycle of the moon and took a test that revealed that they are in fact with child. This is met with silence, fear, and disbelief by the paramour.



The “*Actually, I’m Keeping It*”

The partner informs their better half that they have decided to give birth to the product of their average night of sensuous experimentation. Despite protest, the partner then tells them that they are raising the child on their own and they do not need a deadbeat loser like Brad hanging around anyway, goddammit.

The “*Congratulations, Ms. O’Connor, It’s a Boy*”

The lover receives the creation of their night of intensely normal intercourse from the hands of the doctor and looks upon it with eyes filled with warm maternal love.

The “*First Day of School*”

The partner, now one with themselves, sees the invention of their sexual desire walk up the pathway to Harding Elementary and waits thirty minutes before driving away, fear, joy, and pride all running into one another like streams into the mighty flow of a river.

The “*Immense Satisfaction of Seeing Your Only Son Graduate High School on a Clear Summer Day, a Single Tear Dripping Down Your Cheek as You Reflect On How You Never Thought You’d Both Make it This Far*”

The lover takes their son into a warm embrace, looking up at the sunlight radiating from the periwinkle sky. They remember the moments of doubt they had along the way—the moments where they realized what it meant to be alone, truly alone—and feel thankful. They do not know to whom or what, but they feel a profound sense of gratitude. A single drop of saltwater cascades down the now-weathered profile of their face, carrying with it all the anxiety, the pain, the ambiguity that plagued them until this point. Brad is nothing but a distant memory now, an illegible smudge on the rich tapestry of their life. They feel, more than ever before, that they are ready to let go.



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Recipe: Make Your Own Boyfriend!

Can't find the right guy? Tired of being alone? Take matters into your own hands and whip up a man that'll never leave you with this easy recipe. **KATIE DUGGAN '19**

Ingredients

1 corpse (a recently deceased male is best, but any corpse will do in a pinch)
3 cups of rose petals
½ cup melted chocolate
1 cup of your tears
2 strands of the corpse's hair
¼ cup of your own blood
2 cups of protein powder
4 prayers to Satan

1. Preheat flames to 5,000°.
2. Cover a stone slab with wax paper and lay out the corpse.
3. Once the flames are going, combine rose petals, chocolate, tears, and strands of hair in a medium cauldron. Stir the mixture and bring to a boil.
4. Use a kitchen knife to make a small slit on your wrist; allow approximately ¼ cup of your blood to pour into the cauldron. Be careful to avoid the arteries!
5. Add about 2 tablespoons of protein powder to the cauldron. Sprinkle the remainder around the cauldron in the shape of a pentagram.
6. The mixture should begin bubbling profusely and turning a bright shade of green. At this point, say your prayers to Satan. A good way to start is "Prince of Darkness, I pledge my soul to you for all eternity..."
7. As you are finishing your final prayer, the corpse should begin to rise and regain life. When it stands and the rotting flesh starts to fall away, you know it is done.
8. Embrace your new reanimated corpse-boyfriend. You sold your soul for this, so enjoy!

This simple recipe is a great way to ensure that you and your boyfriend will be together forever; Satan always keeps his promises. You may face eternal damnation for this deal with the devil, but at least you will have a devoted boyfriend to keep you company in the fiery depths of hell. The rest of eternity together awaits!

Prefrosh Saving Self for College Hookup Scene

Zach McCarthy, a recently admitted member of the Class of 2020, revealed his decision Wednesday to abstain from sexual intercourse until the fall when he can fully take advantage of the university's hookup scene.

"Call me old-fashioned, but I think the moment for that has to be right," said McCarthy, whose idea of the right moment involves a series of spontaneous sexual encounters played out over his four years as a Princeton undergrad.

"Sex is a sacred thing," he continued, "a solemn act that should be practiced between myself and anywhere from three to ten different individuals on a weekly basis."

Though saving himself for the promiscuous lifestyle, which will likely become his main time commitment at Princeton and could result in months of foregone intimacy, McCarthy seemed confident that it would be



worth the wait.

"I just wouldn't be comfortable starting down that road before I'd found the right environment. If I'm not in a place where I can expect to see my grades and general attentiveness suffer from a constant hookup-induced exhaustion, then I'm better off waiting."

When asked for comment, McCarthy's parents seemed supportive of their son's choice.

"It took a lot of bravery for Zach to do what he did," said Linda,

his mother. "Most people see their friends pairing off into stable relationships and feel pressured to do the same. But Zach wants to save himself for something truly special: the near constant barrage of functionally anonymous intercourse that will meet him within his first few days, or even hours, at college."

McCarthy added that, though he is confident in his decision, he realizes that he cannot expect all of his peers to share his views.

"I hope that my roommates will be respectful of the way I've chosen to live my life, especially because I could use some help paying for the various futons, sofas, divans, pull-out couches, and professional massage tables that will have to be ready to go in our dorm come September."

McCarthy went on to insist that he does not think of himself as a saint for choosing this lifestyle, though he hopes fellow students will at least recognize him as a "veritable hookup God."

MARK ABATE '19

How to Get the "Unattainable Standard of Beauty" Look

Unattainable just became attainable! With the help of this handy tutorial, you can finally get the look so hard to achieve some have gone as far as to call it impossible.

First, make sure that your hair is dyed the perfect shade of blonde, all traces of body hair have been shaved, waxed, tweezed, and lasered away, your skin is white but tanned to sun kissed perfection, your cellulite nonexistent, your nails are freshly manicured and sharpened to a trendy point, and most importantly, that your body is as close to the underweight side of the BMI scale as possible while still maintaining male gaze worthy breasts, hips, and butt. This tutorial is all about the face!

Start off with a freshly cleansed face, although if your face needs cleansing maybe this look isn't for you. Then take your foundation, in a light to medium shade, of course, and apply it all over your face. Next, use concealer to cover any blemishes or imperfections, although the look works best if you don't have any.

Now that your skin looks good enough to be plas-

tered on a billboard, it's time to move on to the eyes! Strategically place eyeshadow on your eyelids to draw attention to your eyes. In order to achieve the full effect, they should already be roughly the size of a Pixar character's. Think Mike Wazowski from Monsters Inc. but with two eyes. Apply mascara to make your eyelashes thick and full, although they should have looked that way before this step.

Just a few more finishing touches! Get carved-from-marble cheekbones with the help of a little bronzer although if you need powder to achieve amazing bone structure maybe this look isn't for you. Your cheeks should have been rosy from birth but swirl on some blush for fun anyway. Add some red lipstick to your naturally full, pouty, plump lips and you're good to go!

Congratulations! Get ready to have enough the most average of basic personality characteristics seem like great accomplishments as everyone's expectations lower upon sight. Just remember to keep it up for as long you can. Beauty fades!

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First Date Tips

- ♥ Mark your forehead with a large "X" so your date can tell you from your evil twin
- ♥ Offer her your business card several times throughout your meal
- ♥ As soon as your date asks you for any details about your personal life, begin sobbing uncontrollably to show your sensitive side
- ♥ Girls go crazy for "Yu-Gi-Oh! The Movie: Pyramid of Light"
- ♥ Get drunk and offer her your father's hand in marriage
- ♥ Say "Blubber up, babe" then order him an entire hog roast
- ♥ Bring along a couple crustaceans in case things get awkward
- ♥ Find a way to relate every conversation topic to COS126
- ♥ Present her with your severed ear to prove your affection
- ♥ Sign off all your texts with the alluring pseudonym "Long Dong Silver"
- ♥ If you think you're hitting it off, suggest he put his wiener in your no-no spot
- ♥ If your date mentions the three fraternity brothers you brought with you, put your finger on her lips and whisper "Shh, you're ruining the moment"
- ♥ Spice things up by shifting all of your makeup one inch to the left
- ♥ Bring protection. A crossbow is suggested.
- ♥ Talk shit about your date with the maître'd while she's in the bathroom
- ♥ Take risks! Just close your eyes and make a kissy face.
- ♥ Immediately start berating your date as soon as they arrive- this is called "negging" and fools your love interest into thinking they are as much of a garbage person as you are
- ♥ When your date isn't looking, try to caress his face with a cold hot dog.
- ♥ Tell him/her to meet you in New York City, then say you meant "the other New York City" when you don't show up

Worst Sex Soundtracks

- I. Tiny dancer - Elton John
- II. Sorry - Justin Bieber
- III. All The Small Things - Blink-182
- IV. With a Little Help From My Friends - The Beatles
- V. Let Me Try Again - Frank Sinatra

Ryan Gizzie '19

7 Creative Ways to Use Those Babies that Have Been Lying Around Your House

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and that means it's almost time for romantic candlelit dinners, candy hearts, and, of course, the time-honored tradition of cleverly hiding babies in the homes of your potential mates. While opening your kitchen drawers and seeing the unmistakable amoeba-like shape of a baby is always exciting, when you're a particularly desirable human specimen, these swaddles of chubby joy can start piling up pretty quickly. And if you're anything like me, you probably still have some lying around from last year. Receiving a baby is flattering and sexy, but it is a Valentine's faux-pas to re-gift them. They're living, breathing, squishy pieces of flesh, and we must treat those inept little lumps as such. So although infants may seem utterly useless at first, these 7 innovative ways to use babies will have your baby-boom cleaned up in an instant!

LAUREN HOWARD '19

1

Getting rid of acne We've all had moments where we gazed into the mirror and wished we had skin as smooth as a baby's backside. Now, you can! Find the softest baby in your storage, approach slowly and cautiously without breaking eye contact, and begin slowly rubbing your cheeks over its mushy baby head. Remember to stay calm, as babies are notoriously good at sensing fear. Use this one weird trick every morning and evening and your acne will clear right up in a matter of weeks!

2

Covering up blemishes and messes around the house Have a dinner party without anyone noticing your hoarder-level mess! Throw some of your old babies over the embarrassing parts of your home, and your guests will be none the wiser. They might comment on the wonderful pile of babies you've added to your décor, but will never know those chic infants hide a dirty secret.

3

Phone Case Babies love to hold things in their plump little fingers, and they make great DIY phone cases. Hand your phone to the nearest baby, wrap them together with some duct tape for extra security, and you have a cheap and durable new phone case. Don't be afraid to try dropping your phone—the baby's fat reserves will keep it from shattering on the hard ground. They're easily customizable, too: just grab some Sharpies or cute stickers and get artsy!

4

Pets Lonely? Always wanted a furry companion but never wanted the commitment or the responsibility? Put little collars on a few of your extra babies, give 'em some silly names, and pretend they need to be fed, walked, and extensively cared for. Although babies are totally fine when left to their own devices, it's fun to imagine they're needy little kittens or helpless tarantulas.

5

Replacing the gross, dried out clay in your family's set of Cranium Babies are extremely malleable, and their Play-Doh-like consistency is especially conducive to making fun shapes, especially

during a heated battle of Sculpturades. Creative Cat cards are always challenging, but using babies adds and even more exciting twist. Spice up your next family game night!



6

More realistic garden gnomes If anyone has recently muttered snide comments about the quality of your garden gnomes, it's a snap to dress a few babies in classy red caps, glue on cotton ball beards, and place them in your yard. No one will ever again doubt that you have the most life-like garden gnomes in the neighborhood.

7

Manual labor Though they aren't quite strong enough to move heavy boxes or rearrange your extensive collection of 15-foot marble statues of Joe Biden, babies are great at mowing lawns, cooking simple meals, and even chopping piles of wood for the winter. They may not have fully fused skulls, but they sure do have stamina. You may need to buy smaller versions of your kitchen utensils and landscaping tools, but it is well-worth the extra expense.

Why Don't Any Girls Want to Date a Nice Guy Who Krazy Glued Both of His Hands to His Face?

I just don't get women. They love to talk about how much they want to meet a nice guy who'll treat them right, but when it comes to who they actually date, they go for the jocks and the douches. As a kind, down-to-earth guy who can't seem to catch a break in today's dating scene, I can't help but feel frustrated as I watch girl after girl turn me down to go out with Johnny Football. It's just baffling to me--why won't any girl go out with a nice, decent, respectful guy who happens to have crazy glued both of his hands to his face?

Recently, I've been doing a lot of self-examination to try and figure out why I never get lucky. Could it be that I'm too nice? Are girls intimidated by my refined, respectful manner? Or could it have something to do with the fact that I accidentally affixed both of my hands to my face with industrial-strength Krazy Glue and have yet to remedy this situation? I suppose it could be any of these.

Allow me to provide a bit of context. A few weeks ago, I was pursuing my passion for model airplanes by constructing a small model of a Falcon 900EA jet aircraft, using Krazy Glue to attach the pieces of the model together. Unfortunately, just as I was about to glue the rudder to the vertical yaw stabilizer, my roommate entered my workspace and told me about the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky affair scandal, of which I had previously been unaware. I was so shocked to learn of former President Clinton's sexual deviancy that I dropped my jaw and slapped my hands against the sides of my face à la the poster for the popular film *Home Alone*. By the time I remembered that my hands had Krazy Glue on them, it was too late.

Of course, I understand why some girls might be hesitant to go out with a guy like me. Dinner and a movie with me might not always be "normal" for 21st century dating. For instance, when the check comes, I will always insist on paying for the meal. Sorry for believing in chivalry. Also, my date will have to feed me from her knife and fork, for, to reiterate, I have rendered both of my hands completely useless by attaching them to the sides of my face with extra-strength Krazy-brand industrial adhesive.

To tell you the truth, when I first glued my hands to my face, I thought it would be an asset for me in the dating world. It actually makes for a pretty good story, something I think any girl would enjoy hearing over dinner--that is, if she'd actually accept my invitation to dinner in the first place. I figured girls might be curious about how tough it's been for me since the glue incident. For instance, last Sunday I made a disastrous attempt to bake a three cheese souffle using only my elbows. Also, I can no longer play table tennis particularly well. I figured either of these experiences would make excellent fodder for romantic dinner conversations--but no. I guess most girls would rather hear about last night's college basketball game than the real, human struggles of an honest man just trying to get by.

So, for me, dating hasn't been easy. But at the end of the day, I'm confident that someday I'll find a girl who will accept me for who I am. Although the fact that, since I started writing this piece, I somehow managed to glue both of my feet to an HP Wireless Pro Inkjet Printer might make the search take a little longer.

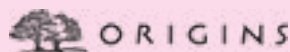
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Opinion Piece: Why Can't I Get With Any Hot Gay Dudes?

Enough is enough! I'm just about fed up with dating in the gay community! I seem to get led on and then shut down by one guy after the next. It's always the same story. I show up at the gay bar with a couple of my friends, order a drink, and start chatting with the cute guy next to me. I know I'm pulling all the right moves. I laugh at all his jokes, look in his eyes, and then lightly finger his collar. I'll lean in just a little too close so he knows I'm into him. We'll be hitting it off beautifully. But then, as if on cue, it goes wrong right around the time I mention that I'm a completely heterosexual, not-gay man.

Is there something wrong with me that I don't realize? My friends on the swim team tell me that I'm funny, nice, and, honestly, pretty darn attractive. So why can't I hook up with any gay men? It doesn't make any sense.

Last week was a perfect example. I went to this awesome gay club with a few of my college friends (it's called Manhole, definitely check it out) and met this smoking hot Colombian dude. Pretty soon one



thing led to another and we were in a cab heading back to his place. I thought we were going to hook up for sure. But something seemed to happen right around the time I said something like, "I don't want you to get the wrong idea. I'm totally not gay. In fact, I'm completely straight."

Can you believe what he did next? The guy had had the nerve to stop the cab and get out! I couldn't believe it! It's things like this that have made me start to feel like the gay community has something against straight men. Heterosexual dudes can be attractive too, guys! All I'm trying to do is pound some gay man-butt.

Am I really that unusual? I am a completely heterosexual, not-even-a-little-bit-queer man. I really don't understand what people seem to find so confusing about this. This is the twenty-first century! It's time for society to stop deciding who people can have sex with based only on their sexual orientation. The heart wants what it wants! In my case, my one-hundred percent straight, not-at-all-gay heart just wants fit, naked men.

The whole thing seems discriminatory and completely unfair! Why should gay dudes be the only ones to get all the man-on-man action? Straight guys are like a veritable undiscovered oil field. Come on gay dudes, you know how to drill!

The whole thing has gotten me terribly frustrated and upset. Is there really something so wrong with not being gay? Honestly, I'm so fed up that I might have to give up dating in the gay community altogether. I guess I'll just stick to fucking the other straight guys on my swim team.

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