New direction for student-led alcohol campaign

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Simple steps to tell if you’re dating a loser

Sometimes you date someone who you think is totally awesome, but you could be wrong. As someone who has dated a loser, I admit, in the excitement of texting, hooking-up and the general confusion of it all, it is easy to make a mistake. You may accidentally give someone an unworthy amount of attention. Or you may be disillusioned into thinking someone is cool, even though he or she is definitely not.

There are two types of losers in the dating world: ones who have zero personality and can’t bring anything to the relationship, and those that are incredibly demanding and overpowering. Both will try to monopolize your time, monitor your Facebook and weed out your friends.

Priceless nights can pass until the realization comes that you’ve been wasting away with a complete zero. So when you voluntarily put yourself in this vulnerable phase of stupidity known as love, take a minute to think. You may have missed the following cues:

1. If your friends don’t like the person you are dating, then you are dating a loser. Let your confidants be your walking stick when you are blinded by love. Two thumbs down from friends means you need to ditch the dinger. Sure, you may be getting laid and think things are great, but if your friends really have a problem with your new sweetheart, things are going to get uncomfortable really fast. Your significant other’s presence will torture your group at every fun event and will become that ‘friend nobody likes’.

Ultimately, your friends want what is best for you. So trust them when they say your ‘baby’ sucks.

2. If the person you are dating doesn’t like your friends, this is a problem. It is even more of a problem if he or she feels the need to tell you. Boyfriends and girlfriends are only see Loser, page 7
Empower Poly Coalition unites like-minded clubs

Omar Sanchez  

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Members of Empower Poly Coalition hope to inspire other clubs and students to become involved in sustainability practices such as The Green Initiative Fund. The coalition recently participated in the second Focus the Nation: building a sustainable economy at Cal Poly. The three-day event drew hundreds of students to a green job fair, a sustainable project showcase and student-led sustainable living workshops. Currently the coalition is working with campus administration to propose a $5 tuition increase to create the Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) that would finance student sustainability projects at Cal Poly. "Generally (the administration) has been really supportive. With any student organization, you just have to find the right channels of communication to get things done," business senior and president of Empower Poly Coalition Ben Eckold said. Improving the communication between sustainability-focused groups was the basis for which the coalition was created and a venue where opposing ideas can find common ground. By bringing in different perspectives, the coalition aspires to aid its member clubs revitalize their projects so they not only take into consideration the environmental impact of projects, but the social and economic impacts as well. Apart from educating its members, the coalition aims to improve the communication with the general population on campus because "The average Cal Poly student is probably not as aware as we would like them to be," Eckold said. Getting them to the meetings would be a great start, if their experience is anything like Montezuma's. "I get really motivated when I attend the meetings because of all the energy people bring and seeing all the different faces," he said.

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In April the coalition will host the spring convergence for the California Student Sustainability Coalition where 400 students from across the state convene at Cal Poly and "showcase our university and the sustainability measures that we will be pursuing," he said.

The efforts don’t stop at hosting events. Every Tuesday, members of the coalition write a column in the Mustang Daily dubbed “The Green Spot.” The column addresses a variety of environmental and sustainable issues and how students can get involved.

“I’ve probably learned more being involved with Empower Poly Coalition than I have being in the classroom and I feel like I have learned more about the industry I want to go in by being involved,” Eckold said.

With a nationwide economic recession, and with fears of climate change and escalating student fees, Eckold said now is the time to make a change.

“As students, we’re customers of Cal Poly and if you’re not happy with the product you’re getting here, stand up and do something about it,” he said.

The main focus of the coalition is to inspire people to do what they can to be involved in sustainability, he said.

To find out more about Empower Poly Coalition visit empowerpoly.calpoly.edu

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runner-up to friends, and it is not their place to trash your buddies. A negative comment about your pose is a character insult. Your friends are a reflection of you. There are similarities among you that your partner should recognize and adore.

Your partner’s opinion may lead you to ditch your crew in favor of theirs, big mistake. Your buddies are the only guarantee you won’t be alone in six months so don’t isolate yourself or else you may be eating ice cream and watching “The Notebook” alone after being dumped.

3. If the person you are dating wants to be with you all the time, then they are a loser. Does this person have friends of his or her own? When are they bragging about how awesome you are if they are always with you? The answer is they’re not. Meanwhile your significant other’s neglected pals are building up animosity for you because you are responsible for hogging their friend. Then the cycle starts all over and you can revert back to reason No. 1 you are dating a loser.

Now this all may seem like common sense, but never underestimate the stupidity of a person in love. Love often overrides common sense. This ignorance can threaten your friendships, independence and sanity. So don’t be an idiot, never choose a fling over a friend. And if you do, then maybe you’re the real loser.

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An Important Note to Students

From
Dean Linda Halisky, College of Liberal Arts &
Dean Phil Bailey, College of Science and Mathematics

Regarding the

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Lesson learned at the grand old age of 21

Twenty-one. It's the age that almost everyone looks forward to from high school on. In fact, it is the last age that is looked forward to period (unless you are among the people who can't wait until you turn 25 so you can rent a car). This is a milestone that is celebrated in the United States by parading the birthday from half to bar and buying them way too much alcohol to compensate their right to legally get intoxicated in public as opposed to in a dorm room, fraternity party and the like. It is the age of ultimate freedom, so why are we so bashful with the immaturity?

On Wednesday night, I celebrated my 21st birthday. I went out in the rain at midnight to celebrate as soon as the date moved from March 3 to March 4th. In the hour that I was downtown that night, I had six drinks, an example of binge drinking at its finest. I got enough sleep to Rally for class the next day and then went out again Wednesday night. Sadly, I do not know how many drinks I had in the couple of hours I was at the bars that night. Alcohol got the best of me and I was home in bed by midnight. Yes, it was fun, but I found myself contemplating whether or not I needed to down every drink that was put in front of me. The pan of the following day rendered me useless until late afternoon, well after my 9 a.m. class and the beginning of my shift at work. I had survived my 21st birthday and lived to tell about it, but should I really be content with that? After all, birthdays are happy days, not days to simply hope you get through.

As much as I hate to admit it, my birthday celebration became a statistic. According to a 2008 article in the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology entitled "21st Birthday Drinking: Exceedingly Extreme," four out of five students surveyed admitted to drinking large amounts of alcohol to celebrate their 21st birthdays. To further analyze the survey results, researchers calculated that 68 percent of females and 73 percent of males had a blood alcohol content of over .08, the point at which drinking is defined as binge drinking.

As college students, we know the negative consequences of binge drinking and yet so many of us participate in it willfully, continuing this detrimental tradition. I wish I hadn't chosen to sign my right over to an unknown quantity of alcohol, but it was what my peers had done and joining their ranks seemed like the only respectable thing to do. My view of turning 21 has changed in the few days after my birthday. I have learned that while parts of society frown on the practice of over-drinking, other parts have encouraged it as a normal way to end the 20th year of life. I have accepted my right to buy and consume alcohol, but haven't exercised it since that night because simply, the mystique and excitement are gone.

I am an adult in all respects now and as such, I do not intend to pass on the binge-drinking initiation tradition that so many of us went through. My birthday experience was what I thought it would be, it was fun until the final drink that knocked me out. Know your limit. You'll be thankful in the morning.

Alcohol will be there tomorrow and the next day. Pace yourselves, please.

-Cassandra Keppe is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily reporter.
Economists finally agree: Mother Nature doesn’t do bailouts

Ask a random sample of journalists whether our top scientists agree on the basics of climate science, and they’ll surely say yes: Greenhouse gases are warming the Earth, man is the cause and we have to reduce emissions, or else. But ask the same journalists whether our top economists agree on the basics of climate economics — the costs and benefits of addressing the problem — and they’ll almost certainly say no: There’s no comparable consensus among economists.

But that simply isn’t true, and it’s time for the press and public to recognize it. There is an emerging economic consensus about the cost of climate action, but most journalists have failed to notice it, so the public doesn’t know it exists. That’s a problem, since the opponents of climate action use the cost issue — based on skewed assumptions — to block cap-and-trade legislation. Gallblide press reports treat these junk forecasts as if they are credible and give them equal weight alongside respected academic studies.

If you look closely at what climate economists are saying, you can discern two areas of basic agreement. First, there is a broad consensus that the cost of climate inaction would greatly exceed the cost of climate action; it’s cheaper to act than not to act. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by moving to alternative energy sources will cost less in the long run than dealing with the effects of rising sea levels, drought, famine, wildfire, pestilence and millions of climate refugees.

Second, transitioning to a cleaner energy system isn’t free, and there are some respected economists, like William Nordhaus, who argue that future, richer generations will be able to more easily shoulder the cost burden than we can. But influential mainstream economists from Paul Volcker to Robert Stavins to Lord Nicholas Stern to Larry Summers all agree that action is cheaper than inaction, even if they disagree on much else (Stavins can’t stand Stern’s methodology, and Summers prefers a carbon tax to cap-and-trade).

Stavins, director of Harvard University’s Environmental Economics Program, phrased it this way in a recent paper: “There is general consensus among economists and policy analysts that a market-based policy instrument targeting CO2 emissions ... should be a central element of any domestic climate policy.”

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— Glenn Prickett
Senior vice president of Conservation International

The second area of consensus concerns the short-term cost of climate action — the question of how expensive it will be to preserve a climate that is hospitable to humans. The Environmental Defense Fund pointed to this consensus last year when it published a study of five nonpartisan academic and governmental economic forecasts and concluded that “the medium projected impact of climate policy on U.S. GDP is less than one-half of one percent for the period 2010-2030, and under three-quarters of one percent through the middle of the century.” That’s a lot of money — U.S. GDP in 2007 was $13.8 trillion — but Stavins has estimated the cumulative cost of all U.S. environmental regulation to date at 1 percent of GDP and it has not been an insupportable burden.

Stavins’ climate-cost calculations come in a bit higher than those in the EDF study, ranging from less than 0.5 percent to 1 percent of U.S. GDP; he describes these as “significant but affordable impacts” that are “consistent with findings from other studies.”

The Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change, an influential but controversial 2006 report for the British government, concluded that climate action would cost 1 percent of global GDP (though Stern now warns that our failure to act is raising the price tag) and that inaction could reduce global GDP by up to 20 percent.

You can’t take any of these forecasts for their exact numbers, but by aggregating them, as EDF did, you can get a general idea of the impact of climate action. It won’t be free. And it won’t be anywhere near as bad as the economic contraction we’re living through right now, in which U.S. GDP fell by 3.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2008 alone. If a cap-and-trade program were enacted by Congress this year or next, by the way, it wouldn’t start phasing in until 2012, by which time either the economy will be on the mend or a second Great Depression will have reduced our emissions by the hard way.

Many economists conclude that slacking off is the expensive choice. If economists are agreeing on so much, why aren’t more journalists reporting the good news? Many reporters have missed it because they can’t tell the difference between good and bad economic forecasts. Lane “he said, she said” reporting gives hired-gun naysayers equal weight alongside the academics, and that’s a big problem.

Here’s another problem. Journalists have missed the economic consensus partly because economists are such a querulous bunch: they argue bitterly among themselves even when they agree. When Stavins was asked about the Stern Review, for example, he criticized Stern’s methodology and didn’t mention that he concurs with most of Stern’s broad conclusions.

That sort of quarrelling masks the underlying consensus and communicates a greater degree of discord and uncertainty than actually exists.

One of the strangest things about the Stern Review was that some of the most vociferous comments came from those who drew the most similar conclusions to us,” says economist Dimitri Zenghelis. “In fact, most economists are surprisingly consistent in arguing for early and coordinated action, including cap-and-trade mechanisms.”

Top economists are gradually converging on a parallel consensus that over the long term, it’s much, much cheaper to fight climate change than it is to let global warming continue unchecked.

“Just as a few lonely economists warned us we were living beyond our financial means and overdrawing our financial assets, scientists are warning us that we’re living beyond our ecological means and overdrawing our natural assets,” argues Glenn Prickett, senior vice president at Conservation International. But, he cautioned, “Mother Nature doesn’t do bailouts.”

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Snoopy also successfully landed his plane into the Hudson River, but to much less fanfare.
That mentality has paid off in recruiting, as it did with senior Lisa McBride, a 6-foot-2 out guard from Arizona who led the Big West conference in 3-point accuracy, at 43.4 percent.

"I knew right away she really cared about her players," says McBride, who visited the campus with forward Megan Harrison, the team's only other senior and a reigning All-Big West first team selection. "Coaches elsewhere turned me over to assistants and let them do everything. She came with us everywhere on campus."

Mimnaugh can be so nice, McBride says, that players have sometimes reassured her that it's OK to yell at them.

During a two-hour practice starting at 7 a.m., she opts for a deliberate calm instead of dictatorial screaming. But she's still in control.

"I would rather you throw a hard pass," Mimnaugh, dressed in a gold warm-up suit, tells her 16 players at one of the moments she intermittently, compulsively takes the whistle out of her mouth. "That pass has to come from the guard!"

Sometimes, she seems to disregard the competitor's cliché of never being satisfied.

Santiago, who averages a team-leading 15.6 points per game while shooting 54.2 percent — 23rd-best in the country entering last week — catches a soft entrant pass, spins to her right and effortlessly sinks a turnaround jumper. Simply watching, Mimnaugh says nothing, because nothing needed to be. That was perfect.

Later, after sternly monitoring fast-break and three-player shooting drills, the player in Mimnaugh comes out:

The white uniforms cling to a 5-3 lead with seconds remaining, while the green shirts desperately rotate the ball, looking for an equalizer. Suddenly at the buzzer, Tratter finds one, knocking down a 15-footer from the left baseline. But it was too late.

"Nope," Mimnaugh says, walking to the scorer's table as the greens plead for the basket to count. She grins because she's been there herself, but there were more important things to do. "It wasn't on time."

— Editor's note: Part two of the series will be published tomorrow's Mustang Daily.
Cal Poly's women's basketball coach enjoys first winning season

Donovan Aird

SPORTS

ONE THAN A DECADE LATER, she still relives in her seat at the mention of gender-equity ball.

"Ah! You're getting me fired up," says Cal Poly women's basketball head coach Faith Mimnaugh. "It was horrible. It was absolutely horrible."

"It was the University of Evanston, from 1993 to 1996," Mimnaugh was earning about $35,000 as the head coach of the Purple Aces women's squad, about a fourth of what the men's coach made.

She had held practice at 5 a.m., she recalls, because the men's coach wanted to practice in the afternoon simply so he could be home in time for dinner. "There was no sharing or flipping-flopping."

"The athletic director said, "Well, we live off of our men's program, so suck it up — you're up at 5 o'clock," says Mimnaugh, now 46. "We practiced in a gym where they had the little pull-out bleachers would maybe have at a rec softball game."

A supposed marketing campaign devised by the athletic department even called for fans to bring their own seats to games at the Caruso Center, which seats only 300 even today.

Drake coach Lisa Blonder saw the facility first-hand, telling the Evanston Courier in 1996 that it was a "disgrace to Division I women's basketball."

"It's the philosophy there that women's basketball is a "second thought,"" Blonder added. "They should never play Division I games in that type of facility. I'm sure the men never play in that facility."

It was a far cry from North Carolina State, where Mimnaugh served as an assistant from 1989 to 1993 under Kay Yow, the 1988 U.S. Olympic team's coach. During that span, the Wolfpack reached as high as No. 2 in national polls, won the Atlantic Coast Conference title in 1990 and the tournament championship the next year.

With the Purple Aces, Mimnaugh inherited only three scholarship players who stepped on a college court, and dealt with a recruiting budget of merely $6,000.

At a time when the school was being evaluated for its gender-equity compliance, Mimnaugh refused to go with the flow.

"I had some things to say and I was ushered out the door," she remembers. "Sometimes you've got to be a squeaky wheel to get things done."

And if you don't get the fire fed so that other girls could have a more equal opportunity..."

She resigned midway through the 1995-96 season — which she began with just one full-time assistant — having won just seven of her 69 games at the school.

But to the administration, her "greatest failing was refusing to act like the good little women's coach, happy to play in the closet that is the Caruso Center," Evanston Courier columnist Don Made wrote. "Athletic director Jim Byers says the school will devote more attention and money to the women's basketball program. Wow, what a great idea! What timing, too... G-e-n-e-r-a-t-i-o-n-a-l-i-t-y..."

Mimnaugh hadn't just heard of it in high school. She was an example of it.

Beating the boys

Nearly 10 years after the Elk Grove High girls basketball team of Elk Grove Village, Ill. won the 1981 Class AA Illinois championship, the Chicago Tribune commemorated the Grenadiers. Mimnaugh, just 5-foot-1, started them all four years.

"We didn't come up with sneaky things," remembers Mimnaugh, a native of a small Illinois town called Hoopeston (which locals jokingly refer to as "Hoopeston"). "We just kept things simple."

The article, entitled "Elk Grove's champs had it all", may have been about the boys if they kept Mimnaugh, the point guard whose career began at the school.

"I was playing pickup on the playground, and I sort of moved up from being the last selection to the first selection," she says. "Then there were some guys who would have probably preferred to knock me to the ground. And once somebody did. But to continue to choose me for open gym — that provided opportunities to develop great confidence."

She tried out for her middle school boys basketball team and made it.

One opponent, she recalls, even refused to take the court because she was playing.

"If I had been a squeaky wheel I could compete with the guys," she says.

At the college level, her career also toted competes with nearly anyone's — man or woman.

From 1981 to 1985, Mimnaugh dished out 1,000 assists at Loyola-Chicago to become the all-time leader in that category at the Division I level, amongst men and women.

The mark has since been surpassed on the women's side by Penn State's Suzy McConnell (1,234, 1988) and Pacific's Tine Freil (1,196, 1993), and on the men's side by Drake's Bobby Harley (1,076, 1993), North Carolina State's Chris Corchiani (1,038, 1991) and North Carolina's Ed Cota (1,030, 2000).

She was an assistant at North Carolina State when Corchiani eclipsed the 1,000 milestone.

"That was their big thing they were on the watch for his assists. I was always like, 'Eh, I've already done that,' " she jokes.

In all seriousness, Mimnaugh says, she has "an understanding of what that means when someone breaks 1,000 assists. There's a respect level — that, 'Yeah, this person can really pass the basketball and make great decisions.' It may just be a number for other people, but for someone who's felt it, you have an appreciation of what those numbers actually mean."

From player-coach to players' coach

As if still a player on the court, Mimnaugh furiously slides along the sideline, kinetically mirroring her players, trying to will them to win. After a call she doesn't like, she flinches back in her seat, arms crossed above her head, disgustedly turned away from the floor in self-restraint.

"That was what? Wow!" she later shouts at a referee.

While many major-level basketball instructors opt for a calming-the-storm, let-them-learn-on-the-floor approach, a la the Zen coolness of the Los Angeles Lakers' proverbially seated Phil Jackson, Mimnaugh has no problem putting her passion on display.

She beams while high-fiving players re-gathering for the national anthem after layup lines, shouts single-letter nicknames ("T!" for sophomore forward Kristina Santiago) at players 90 feet away and gives an occasional tell-you-so elbow nudge to assistant Julie Shaw on the bench when poorer forward Becky Trotter hits a shot almost from 3-point range.

Mimnaugh was only a couple years removed from college herself when, from 1987 to 1989, she served as a player-coach for Australia's Newcastle Scorpions after their coach left basketball to focus on rugby.

"He couldn't make practice, so they asked me to run practice," she remembers. "It was kind of last-minute. I didn't have any plans or anything, but all of a sudden, I was like, 'Boom, boom, boom' on the baseline, and it was like, 'OK, we're ready to go.'"

Many of her players were several years older than she.

"I would never recommend it," she laughs. "Sometimes, I needed to be on the court, but I'd pull myself off to address some other things or to not appear selfish."

"Other coaches are probably my-way-or-the-highway," says the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame member. "I haven't felt like, generationally, that's a place that players gravitate to anymore. The Bobby Knights — I think you're seeing less and less of them."

"I think I'm a players' coach."