

Now that cupid's gone, college couples need to evaluate relationships

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CHICAGO (CPX) - There's no time like right now to evaluate your current relationship, but before you do, two Ohio psychologists who have written a new book identifying problem male behavior insist first thing's first.

"This goes for men and women," said Joseph Rock, a clinical psychologist for more than 18 years and co-author of *Let's Face It, Men Are @\$\$#%& What Women Can Do About It*, sold for \$12.95 by Health Communications Inc. (That's "Assholes" if you look closely.) "Pluck out the stars he or she planted in your eyes on Valentine's Day because that's the only way you're going to judge your arrangement objectively."

With graduation rolling around in just a few months, many young couples are desperately trying to determine their next steps. Chances are increasingly slim they'll end up married right out of school. In 1980,

the median age for men and women tying the knot for the first time was 23.6 and 21.8 respectively. In 1994, those ages jumped to 26.7 for men and 24.5 for women.

Those statistics suggest what many soon-to-be-graduates have lamented for years: painful spring break-ups on campuses everywhere. "It's coming," said Mark, a senior at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington who spoke under the condition of anonymity. "I love my girlfriend, but I'm not ready to marry her. I think we're going to have to go our separate ways, and that really sucks."

Though breaking up is hard to do, parents, friends and healthcare professionals alike recommend that students focus more on leaving school to learn about themselves and the world and less on settling down. "For most people just coming out of college, marriage is an unrealistic expectation," Rock said. "People are trying to get their careers started, and they're being exposed to a lot of new and exciting things."

So, where does all of that leave someone who thinks they're in a committed relationship right now? Possibly nowhere, students and counselors say.

"A lot of people think they're building something when they really aren't," said Anjali Williams, a graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of California at Davis. "They might think they're close just because they're sleeping together. And I don't want to knock the Greek scene, but if going to parties and hanging out in bars is all two people are doing together, that's really not much of a relationship. That's just having fun."

Evaluating relationships is tricky business, particularly for young women, who often dismiss men's callous and crude behavior too easily, Rock said. "The hard truth for many women in college is that they don't want to admit that they are trading sex to get acceptance and a relationship," he said. "I'm not saying 'Don't have sex until you're married,' but I am

saying that it changes a relationship dramatically. By nature, sex is a finished product for guys, and an indication that they need to be moving on. For women, it's the start of something new."

Rock and his writing partner, another clinical psychologist named Barry Duncan, say they aren't about to label all guys jerks. They simply want to expose the truth about "a hell of a lot of them," Rock said. Wondering who these men are?

"Oh, you know the ones," Rock said. "They go out with their friends, stay out late and then call at 2 a.m. because they want to have sex. A lot of women believe they're stopping by because they actually want to see them, and that couldn't be further from the truth."

"Or they're the guys who put up emotional walls and never allow anyone to get close, or they're the ones who lie to get what they want, or they're the ones who play cat-and-mouse games, or." The bottom line, Rock said, is that these men are just

not marriage material, at least not yet. "Then again," he quickly added, "You may not be either, and it's important to be honest about that."

Rather than painting pictures of perfect men, Rock and Duncan pinpoint guys to avoid and put them under five main categories: "Controlling Assholes," "Lying, Cheating Assholes," "Immature Assholes," "Emotionally Retarded Assholes," and "Mixed Breeds and Other Special Cases", which include heavy drinkers and physical abusers. The duo also gives hints on how to recognize problem behavior quickly and how to know when it's time to call it quits.

While Duncan and Rock's suggestions for breaking off a relationship are targeted at helping women, men may find some of them just as useful: Pick the way that's easiest for you. A face-to-face meeting isn't mandatory. Make a phone call. Leave a message. Write a letter. It doesn't matter how you do it. What matters is that you pick a way

that you can realistically follow through with.

After you break it off, have absolutely no contact. Don't have lunch. Don't make or take phone calls. Any contact puts you at risk for getting pulled back into the relationship.

Don't try to stay friends. Even if you were slightly romantically involved, it's hard to take a step backward to friendship and make it stick.

Breaking up is better when done sooner than later. Don't leave a relationship if you're not ready, but if you are, do it right away. The longer you date someone who obviously isn't mate-material, the more of your life you've unnecessarily exposed to him or her, including personal secrets. And the longer you stick around, the more you'll have connecting yourself to the wrong person, such as friends and shared activities.

Police investigate discovery of remains in Nebraska classroom

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LINCOLN, Neb. — University Police have launched an investigation to determine why American Indian remains were under a podium in a classroom at the University of Nebraska. Last April, the room was supposed to have been cleared of American Indian remains.

Sgt. Bill Manning said the room was to be cleared of all human remains on Dec. 21 to prepare the room to once again be used as a classroom. Bone fragments and a tooth were discovered Feb. 5 when anthropology department members, an American Indian activist and

University Police were clearing the room in preparation for a blessing by an American Indian spiritual leader. They also found two original logbooks that had been missing prior to the clearing. The books detailed American Indian finds at two Nebraska excavation sites.

When the room was cleared in December, no remains were found in the places they were found Friday morning, Manning said. From April until Friday, Karl Reinhard, anthropology associate professor, has had one of two keys to the room. The other key was in the hands of Robert Hitchcock, anthropology department chairman, who said that his key didn't work. Now the Arts and Sciences dean's office has the two keys.

Manning said the police want to find out if the remains were actually in Room 109 in December during the second clearing, whether the remains were planted there or if the remains were brought there to study after the December search. The University Police will be staying in contact with the State Patrol throughout the investigation, he said.

Reinhard, who has been accused by tribal representatives and activists of studying and storing the remains illegally in Room 109, would not comment Tuesday on those accusations. "I can confirm bones were found in the room overlooked in previous clearances," Reinhard said.

Under the Native American Graves

Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, remains must be inventoried and returned to affiliated tribes upon request. Some say under NAGPRA, the remains cannot be studied without tribal permission. The Society for American Archaeology has disputed that claim.

American Indians who have worked with the university before this discovery in the preparation for the repatriation of about 1,700 remains were surprised and perplexed by the discovery. James Riding In, a NAGPRA consultant for the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, said he thought the remains might have been planted by someone at the university.

Riding In said that though Reinhard has been accused of committing

illegal acts and acting unprofessionally, the university or activists should not jump to conclusions that he's responsible for the remains found in Room 109. "Would Reinhard be that stupid? Would Reinhard be that sloppy?" asked Riding In, who is also an associate professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University in Tempe. "... Maybe. But I doubt it."

Hitchcock did not return calls to the Daily Nebraskan on Tuesday. Pemina Yellowbird, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes: Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara said she was confused by the recent find. Yellowbird was the chairwoman of a repatriation group that worked with

the university during the fall 1998 semester. She said the remains were found Friday in the same drawer remains were originally found in October 1997.

"I'm really shocked," she said. "I wonder who had them. I wonder what their motivations were for putting them in that drawer."

UNL Chancellor James Moeser was not available for comment Tuesday afternoon but said in a statement that the university would make "every effort" to repatriate the bones. "Regardless of how and why these remains came to be in 109 Bessey, we are as committed now to the NAGPRA policies as we have been in the past."

No parties for 30 days, fraternities and sororities declare at Mich. State

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
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Michigan State University's fraternities and sororities will be missing something for 30 days, parties. Responding to criticism, greeks at MSU called this week for a 30-day moratorium on social activities, while they ponder their core values and the reputation they carry for heavy drinking.

"I think it's an excellent decision that the greek community all meet together and discuss what needs to be done," Rebecca Gillespie, president of Alpha Omicron Pi, said Friday. "I think that we realize that substance abuse is a serious issue facing education in the United States today, so I believe the greek system is trying to be leaders addressing this for the whole university," said Gillespie, 20, a junior from Garden City.

The students plan to use the 30 days to focus on the brotherhood and sisterhood that's supposed to be at the core of greek life on campus, instead of drinking. Campus greek organizations have been taking the brunt of the criticism about the college drinking problem, and with good reason, according to virtually every college drinking study released in the last decade.

The percentage of greeks who binge drink is about twice that of nongreeks, most studies say. A 1997 Harvard University study found 73 percent of fraternity members and 68 percent of sorority members are frequent binge drinkers. Binge drinking is defined as five or more drinks in a sitting.

"We need to take a break, take a breather and focus our organizations on our founding values," said Billy Molasso, MSU's coordinator of greek life. Those values are community service, scholarship, leadership and developing lifelong

friendships, he said. Molasso said greek systems on other campuses have called moratoriums on social activities, but usually at the university's suggestion. "This is probably unusual in that the students chose to do this for themselves," Molasso said.

University officials applauded the fraternities and sororities. "I think a lot of students are fed up with the image of a drinking society and I think they want to do something about it," said Terry Denbow, MSU vice president of university relations. "I think there has been a lot of greek life that is focusing on drinking as the focal point and I think it's time to get back to what it is."

The MSU moratorium covers social activities from date parties to mixers to chapter events. Giving up parties won't be a hardship, Gillespie said. Solving the problem is more important. Molasso said the decision has been coming for a while. In November, MSU student Bradley McCue died after drinking 24 shots to celebrate his 21st birthday. McCue was one of four young adults to die near Michigan campuses after drinking since October.

"I think Bradley McCue passing away was part of this," Molasso said. In December, the Free Press sent student reporters into parties at MSU and the University of Michigan and reported on underage drinking and heavy drinking. The final straw was a Detroit television station's footage Wednesday showing drinking at an MSU fraternity party.

Magazine stole 'Monica Lisa' idea from Penn State student, professor says

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (CPX) - A professor at Penn State is accusing The New Yorker of ripping off its Feb. 8 cover from a portrait painted by one of his students.

Richard Alden, assistant professor of architecture, doubts it's a coincidence that a cover idea he presented to New Yorker editors in October was submitted by another artist for this month's magazine. Alden insists the magazine got the idea from the "Monica Lisa" painting he showed off that was done by Alysia J. DeAntonio, a sophomore who was in his visual-communications class last fall. DeAntonio's painting features a version of the "Mona Lisa" with Lewinsky's face.

After his visit, Alden said he never heard back from editors and was sickened when he saw the receipt cover. "I felt like I had been mugged or robbed," he said.

A spokeswoman for The New Yorker said the magazine believes that the cover illustration, which was done by a freelance artist, is original work that was in no way inspired by DeAntonio's painting.

"The only artist with any claim here is Marcel Duchamp, who started the whole joke of messing around with the 'Mona Lisa' a long time ago," New Yorker editor David Remnick said in a prepared statement.

Alden, who along with DeAntonio and another business partner has been selling T-shirts emblazoned with the image, isn't convinced. He has hired an attorney to determine whether he can file

HBO claims award-winning documentary on hazing was staged

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ALLENTOWN, Pa. (CPX) - Determining whether a documentary about the secret dealings of one fraternity should be heralded or harangued depends on whose story you believe.

The way Alpha Tau Omega brothers at Muhlenberg College tell it, two students from New York University claiming to be shooting a fictional comedy, call it an "Animal House for the '90s," if you will, paid them to act out graphic and violent acts of hazing.

They went along with the gig, encouraging ATO brothers past and present to pose as pledges in the film. It was all great fun until their "acting" turned up at the Sundance Film Festival as something other than comedy: a documentary.

The HBO-financed work, titled "Frat House," won rave reviews and an award for its graphic and violent scenes, but will sit in the can, representatives of the cable network say.

"There is no way this will air on

HBO," Shelia Nevins, vice president of original programming for HBO told the Associated Press. "It's not a documentary. When we do children at war, we don't create a war. When we do poverty in Appalachia, we don't create the want for food. We find the story where it is."

"The documentary about what goes on behind a fraternity's doors is still to be done." Comments like that have left filmmakers Tony Phillips, 28, and Andrew Gurland, 27, pretty steamed. Both men, who agreed to become pledges before ATO would let them film in the house, say they never staged any scenes. They were interns at HBO when the shooting began.

"Absolutely, unequivocally not. We asked people to show us what happens," Phillips told A.P. "If you scrutinize any documentary, how any documentary films are made, you'll find similar problems. What's being questioned is the credibility of the movie, but this is what happens at fraternities."

In the film, one of the directors sits in a dog cage while fraternity

members shower him with beer, tobacco spit and obscenities. In another scene, members pour supposedly scalding water onto pledges' bare backs. The film also depicted hazing violations similar to offenses that put the ATO house on probation for a year before the filming began.

Nevertheless, fraternity members, backed by members of the national headquarters, say the scenes weren't real. They're quick to point out that upperclassmen, chapter officers and even some former members who had been kicked out of the house for policy violations were acting as pledges. They're also quick to note that the film was shot during the spring, when pledging isn't allowed.

After hearing from the fraternity's attorneys, HBO conducted its own interviews, discussed ways to salvage the film, but eventually decided to shelve it. "It's artistic freedom vs. frat-boy loyalty," Phillips said. "Frat-boy loyalty, which is found in corporate America, which is found ... everywhere."

Quarterback sues McDonald's, says he found worm in his burger

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (CPX) - McDonald's deserves no break after serving a hamburger that contained a wiggling worm, a quarterback at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire says. Sean Hoolihan has filed suit against the Eau Claire fast-food restaurant and its parent company, seeking more than \$5,000 and an apology, according to records filed in the Eau Claire County Circuit Court.

Hoolihan, quarterback on the university's team that reached the semifinals of the NCAA Division III playoffs last fall, said he bought the bad burger June 13, 1997. While

driving down an Interstate, Hoolihan said he had just taken a bite out of the burger when he first noticed a worm crawling inside of it.

"He got sick to his stomach," his attorney, Charles Harris, told the Associated Press. "It still makes him queasy, the idea of eating a fast-food burger." Hoolihan said he re-wrapped the burger and put in a freezer at home. He also reported the incident to local McDonald's management the next day. Company representatives said the matter was brought to their attention 18 months ago. Hoolihan took the burger to be analyzed by a biology professor

who determined the worm was a beetle larva.

McDonald's representatives said they never got a chance to examine the burger because it was taken off the premises and not returned for inspection. The company has sound operations when it comes to food preparation and serving, Jim Hoelt, director of operations for Courtesy Corp., which owns several franchises in western Wisconsin, said.