

STUDENT LIFE

Constantly stereotyping the sexes



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When women approach men, they immediately place a stereotype on them. Every man is labeled by these women as an animal on the prowl. There are the nice guys, the jocks, the nerds, the momma's boys, etc. Every cliché stereotype can be used to describe each man that is approached. What the majority of women fail to realize is that, while they are completing their thorough analysis of the opposite sex, men too have their way of conjuring a label for the women they approach.

Some of these stereotypes are beneficial for the dating and relationship process because it helps the male obtain insight as to the type of woman he is about to approach. On the contrary, some of these labels that are applied may be underestimations because entering the dating scene is like shopping for a new car. No matter how convincing the car salesman is, never be an impulse buyer. Furthermore, without taking the car for a test drive, any potential buyer may miss an opportunity for the car of their dreams.

In the world of dating, women can be divided into different species due to their common behaviors and virtues. The key to a successful car-buying experience, or relationship, is learning the many varieties of species into which women can be divided. These stereotypes may not be applicable to every woman, but these are the most accurate descriptions of the sort of woman of which the entire male gender should be cautious.

The first species of woman that all men should be aware of is the high-maintenance beauty queen. Don't get me wrong, it's always a plus to court a pretty lady, however, there are certain signs to be observant of to avoid being sold a clunker. First of all, if you arrive at her house and she is still in the process of preparing her make-up and whatnot, chances are, you will be frequently interrupted at the dinner table with

her numerous and random compact mirror checks. The type of woman that initiates conversation with a comment about their outfit or particular makeup ensemble should definitely be avoided.

Unless you are an avid arm-wrestler, the next type of woman comes with a truckload of caution. Although evening attire isn't the most essential aspect of the date, being somewhat vigilant of attire is expected. If the girl shows up to the date wearing Adidas sweats and an athletic T-shirt, be cautious of how you are greeted. If you are greeted with a welcoming hug and a bright smile, the date is not lost. However, if she shakes hands as if she is meeting a friend for a date at the batting cages, jump back into the car. Dinner conversations about WWE and the Ultimate Fighting Championship were probably on the itinerary.

Cautious not only of the amount of makeup, but of the color of the makeup. The next species of woman can be spotted by observing her fingernails. Take a look to see if she is wearing black nail polish. Unless she is an avid Ashlee Simpson fan, chances are, if she leaves to use the restroom, you can't be too sure whether she dumped you or is in the bathroom writing dark poetry at razor point. Be aware of the mood she is in. Sometimes, with this species, it can be deceiving.

While on the subject of deceiving appearances, the next species can be quite deceptive. Somewhere in between Jewel and Alanis Morissette lies the type of intellectual, Starbucks fiend that will challenge your intellect more than any professor can. Surefire signs of this type are detected easily. First, notice her messenger bag. If it has pins and buttons with The Shins' insignia on it, she is definitely this species. A few other accessories are coffee cups and cigarettes. Unless the dinner consists of Tic Tacs and Listerine, chances are you're not going to want to hear a secret from her. Also, if she immediately asks what your political affiliation is, chances are you'll be more inclined to

vote than calling her back.

Unless you plan on frequent visits to the Emergency Room and nights of holding a girl's head over the porcelain throne, avoid the next species of female. If the only way you received the woman's number was because she was too intoxicated to know better, this girl may be an alcoholic. If her ideal date is a game of Quarters or Beer Pong, I wouldn't expect much dialog other than, "Can you pass me another brew?" There is nothing wrong with enjoying a few drinks with a prospective date (within the legal age limit, of course), however, binge drinking and 10 to 15 shots a night doesn't register as a successful relationship.

One type of woman that should be avoided like The Plague can be referred to as "The Clinger." After the first date, you may be hooked. Chances are, she's not only hooked you, but reeling you in like a mad fisherman. Evidence of this type can be spotted if she calls your phone 13 minutes after you walk her to the door. More evidence can be found from a thorough examination of the dinner conversation. Avoid the stories about ex-boyfriends that lost interest. With her details about how many times she called him and how she stood outside his door for three hours, we can all tell why they lost interest. It's always positive to have someone that looks after you. But if she becomes a shadow, chances are you may want a new zip code.

Just like the insects of the world, the amount of stereotypes for women is infinite. However, like the mosquito and the Africanized bee, there are many species that should be avoided due to potential danger. Even though tastes for women may vary from male to male, it is always necessary to have some guidelines for what to expect from different types of women. The satisfaction from driving a classy used car may be exceptional, but the agony of breaking down right outside the used-car lot is devastating.

Sunglasses no longer just protection

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Despite the lies brought forth in the form of Tuesday night's freak snow flurries, we are in fact functioning in the month of April. That means that spring, Erie's illusive season, is upon us. The teasingly warm days that place young men running around outside of their dorms tossing around footballs and in shorts will be seen more often. Young ladies twirling in light flowing skirts will soon become more frequent, as will the appearance of the sun. Obviously, with the coming of the warm weather and the wearing of these skirts comes a barrage of accessories that are used to accentuate these skirts. One of this season's most popular accessories is a pair of super huge sunglasses.



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Now, like many college students, an income will provide for some sort of livability and thus have a part time job. In working at a local department store, I have the pleasure of watching this

particular trend up close and personally. These glasses appear to be borrowed directly from the sixties mod style- most commonly solid colored and overly symmetrical. Their bulky and blocky build causes them to fit halfway down their wearer's face.

However, these glasses don't just play the practical role of keeping harmful UV rays out of the wearer's eyes. For the price of one accessory, wearers are able to take part in two different trends. They are not only able to wear these glasses, but also the lovely tan lines they leave behind upon taking them off. Because the rims fall more than halfway down one's cheeks, the glasses not only shield the eyes but also the entire face. Thus, one is left with a face tan that would make even raccoons jealous.

In addition to not so elegant tan lines, the girls who wear these also present a nice insect like appearance. Because of the size of the rims, one can easily confuse these girls with flying bugs. Who knows- the next swarm of bees that flies past you may just be the trendy girls who sit in the back of your history class.



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