

## PERSPECTIVES

## Lovestruck or Idiotic?

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"Love 'tis as fair a kiss, as to compare  
thee voice to thine of an angel."  
-Shakespeare

Good relationships are hard to come by because it is almost a guarantee that one person will not be cared for as much as the other. As a guy who isn't a psychology major, I know little about how the brain of a girl works. However, I don't understand this ridiculous love for the typical "bad guy." Now, you're probably not all that way, but as the years - and relationships - pass, I'm not being disproven.

Being what most girls would call a "nice guy," I tend to be very traditional in relationships. I enjoy listening to everything you have to say, rather than interrupting you. I open doors for you, rather than getting in the driver's side and suggesting you hurry. I'd rather pay for the date than for you to pay. And, lastly, I would graciously wait for you to get ready rather than rant and rave at the bottom of the stairs. I've had an older sister my whole life. I know how long it takes to look how you want to look.

The funny thing about this is that I've been dumped time and time again for the "bad guy." Not to throw in a touch of drama or anything, but I was dumped the day before prom for this guy who ended up not wanting to be seen with her at all during the dance. He didn't dance with her at all, yet she still kept dating him. Long story short, she's now living with him back in my hometown, pursuing an anti-abuse order. So, I

missed my senior prom, lying in my backyard on a log, drinking J.D. under the stars.

Why? Is there anything I can ask other than why? Granted, I suppose I should've just gotten over it and went to prom anyways, but I knew I couldn't see her. Now we move a few months into the future and with new friends and a new environment, and I'm debating whether or not I should start a mildly long distance relationship with someone I've known for years.

There's a predicament here too because I'm having trouble realizing if she likes me as much as I like her. She just had an awful breakup with someone she'd been with for awhile now. Suddenly, the guy just decides to break it off for no apparent reason and then he gives her this BS about how she was supposedly too controlling. So after helping her through that breakup for about two weeks now, I'm at a certain crossroad. We've been friends forever with so much in common, and I'm recently beginning to see her as someone I could go steady with - regardless of how '90s that phrase is. If it turns out to be a longer relationship, then great; if it doesn't, then it may mess up our friendship forever.

So, lovestruck and confused, should I wait for her to be ready? I'd have no problem doing that, of course. Or, should we stay as friends and maybe, in time, a relationship will develop for me on campus? If you have any advice on the subject, or constructive criticism about anything I've said, you can write a letter to the editor.

## Commentary: End of the casino economy— and the resolution—forecasted long ago

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The worsening collapse of the global financial system should not be a surprise to people. Nor should the solution to get out of the crisis. Though the media has used choice phrases for the ongoing meltdown of the economy, starting with "subprime mortgage crisis," proceeding to "credit crunch," and now culminating with the carry-all "financial crisis," the American economy shifted paradigmatically long before last summer. I am aware of one statesman and economist who has warned of the oncoming disaster for decades: Lyndon LaRouche.

LaRouche is a poorly known, and even more poorly understood, politician whose ongoing efforts include instilling in the U.S. Congress and the next American president the legacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The problem with the economy is much more systemic than many people think, and certainly much more than most people will acknowledge. But LaRouche has, since the 1980s, ran in the Democratic presidential primaries with a fairly constant message of returning the U.S. economy to a high-tech, increasingly productive and consumptive industrial base, while warning of the doom that is in store for the country and potentially the world, if that call is not heeded.

Clearly, that doom is upon the United States and the world. The solution is NOT a bailout. In no way will the delivery of taxpayers' money to the U.S. Treasury for rotten mortgage-back securities of Wall Street sharks improve the economy. While it has been said before, I will repeat it: "don't give the foxes the key to the hen house." It is possible that stocks might jump back up with a bailout, but rising stock prices do not correspond with improvements in basic economic infrastructure.

Most people today admit that the U.S. also suffers an "infrastructure crisis." The American Society of Civil Engineers reported a letter grade of D- on its 2005 report card for the sum of ALL infrastructure (aviation, bridges, dams, drinking water, energy, waste, waterways, parks, rail, roads, schools, transit, wastewater). In 2005, the estimated cost just to bring the infrastructure network to breakeven was \$1.6 trillion. Much of the country's infrastructure network was built during the several terms of FDR, as means of lifting the country from the Great Depression, or shortly after World War II. Again, LaRouche has forecasted the need not only for repairing existing

infrastructure, but also expanding our infrastructure with the application of cutting-edge technologies, such as nationwide and high-speed magnetic levitation rail.

If the government is going to do anything about the crisis, it must address reality. The lack of productive capacity (think, for example of just how much production space was scrapped in the past five years with the shrinking of the automobile industry), is directly related to the lack of adequate infrastructure and vice versa. Unemployed and underemployed people could work on projects of regional and national scope under programs modelled off FDR's Works Progress Administration, Public Works Administration, and Tennessee Valley Authority (how about a Gulf Coast Authority to address the reality of Hurricane Katrina).

While these programs and construction would cost taxpayers' money, the return would be real. A more productive, technically advanced country empowers all citizens, while the delivery of portions of their incomes to Wall Street clowns is insulting and degrading.

One might wonder, "if the solution is as obvious as building stuff, why has it not been done yet?" This is a fair question and I can only hypothesize that too many people in high positions have lost too much money (that's what they think anyway) and cannot stare reality in the face—that their wealth was built upon fictitious credit, supported by no physically significant assets. In all actuality, this has happened to people in not so high positions as well, which means that the problem of greed, typical of Wall Street, has permeated mainstream culture over the past decades. Imagine an alcoholic who knows what he is, stares at his drink, and cries about his worsening problem as he gulps it down.

Does this mean we are all screwed? Well, I like to think that there are a handful of minds capable of taking on a challenge, or achieving their potential as human beings. LaRouche's proposals, viewable at [www.larouche.org](http://www.larouche.org) and [www.larouche.org](http://www.larouche.org), may sound grandiose, but in time of an ongoing economic collapse, are common sense.

## Letters to the editor:

As anyone involved with a student organization knows, regardless of how well it's performing, there's always a hiccup somewhere along the way. That's what happened with the Lion Entertainment Board's showing of Kung Fu Panda last Thursday, and I want to apologize for that.

Many don't realize that the LEB is a relatively new organization. We've only been operating as a club for about six years now, and while I think it's safe to say that we've become good at what we do there is always room for improvements and adjustments.

The change of movie time from 10 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weeknights has worked exceptionally well, doubling what we normally see. Our last three

acts in Bruno's have each had over 100 students in attendance. We're celebrating Behrend's 60th anniversary with our Flashback Fridays schedule, which includes a lot of great tribute acts of your favorite bands, and, if you thought getting Third Eye Blind to campus last year was exciting, wait until you hear what we have in store for you this coming year.

We have an exceptional group of students this year and I know that our organization will only continue to grow. If you'd like to be part of that growth, our meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. If the LEB just isn't your bag and you have a question, concern, or need a comment, give me a call. My cell number is 724-859-3851.

With that said, we still are a student run organization. Our members have tests, homework, and class projects. Everyone knows from experience that living the college life can be a bit overwhelming, and that from time to time some things just slip your mind.

We're very sorry we missed you, and to make up for it, we want a second chance. Anyone who comes to see Wall-E on Thursday, October 9, will get in for free. So come enjoy a night at the movies on the LEB. We appreciate the student support we get for all of our events and programs, and can't wait to see you there.

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## Can't Touch This

While attending Penn State's All University Game against Illinois, I had one of the most memorable game experiences of my life.

First, there was the man to my right who apparently didn't get the memo that alcohol is not to be brought into the stadium. Perhaps this older gentleman just didn't think the rules applied to him. Whatever the case, he pulled out his airplane sized bottle of whisky, and proceeded to gulp it down with a bitter smile.

Next to him was another man who was very intoxicated by the time he reached his stadium seat. He reeked of cheap liquor and cigars and continued to mumble inaudible words until his son finally had to guide him out of the stands.

Finally, to my left was a man who tried, to no avail, to inconspicuously slip his flask out of his pocket. Needless to say, he eventually fled the stadium before the start of the second quarter. While all of these fans were quite enter-

taining, they were nothing compared to the young man donning Illinois attire.

Yes, I had the pleasure of being seated next to one of Illinois' most obnoxious and smashed fans. Prior to kickoff, this clown was clapping his hands like "Slappy the Seal" and making incoherent remarks about Penn State's defensive line. At first, the sea of white surrounding him just ignored his ramblings, but Mr. Illinois didn't seem to know when to just shut up.

Eventually the crowd grew weary of Mr. Illinois and chants of "sit down ya little moron" and "asshole" were being shouted throughout the stands. Well, Mr. Illinois was not going to stand for this kind of treatment, and he started to put more incoherent phrases together.

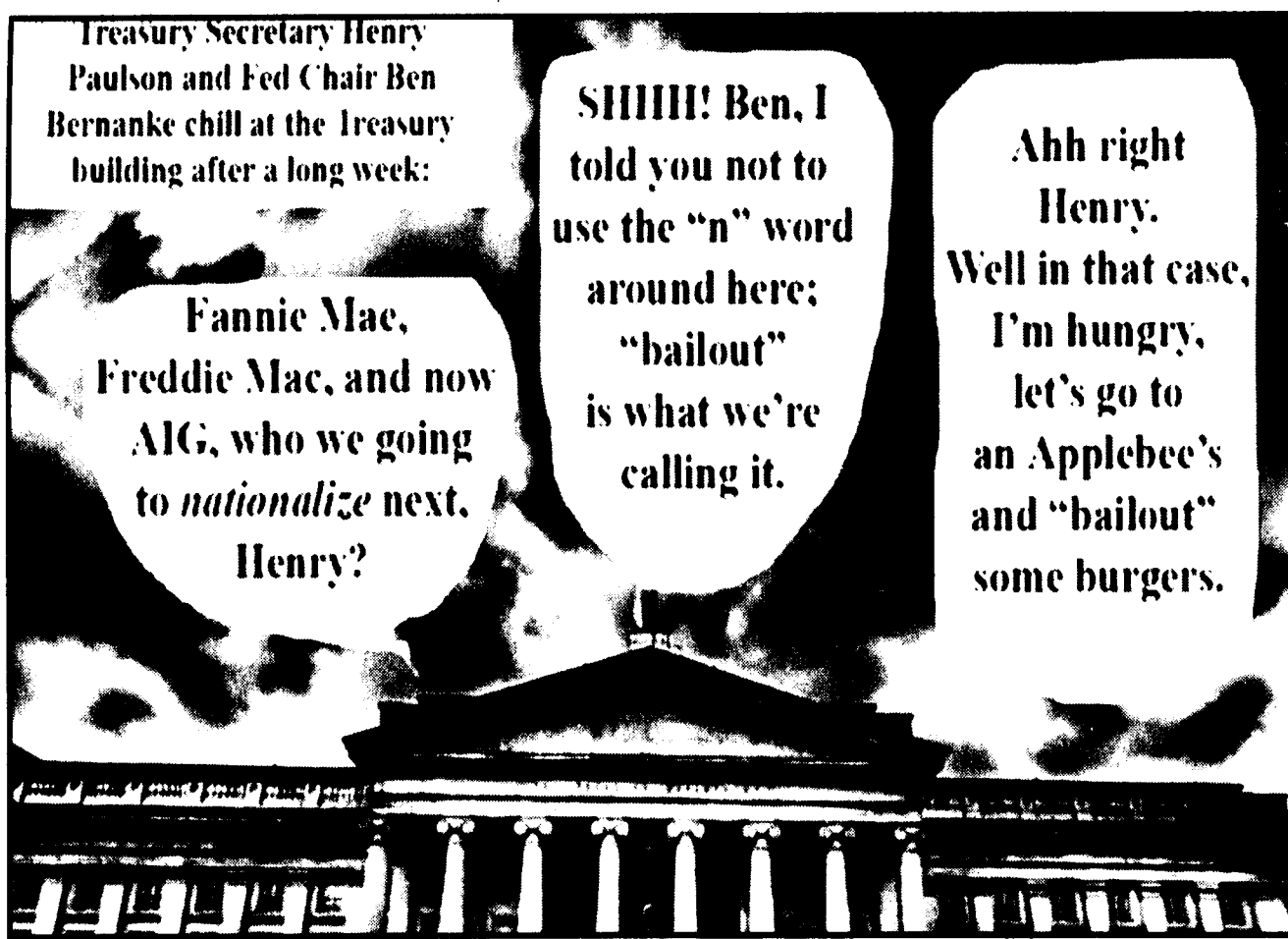
This was not a smart move at all, but hey, this is coming from a kid who has his name tattooed on his forearm. Apparently, one of his remarks struck a chord in a nearby Penn Stater, because the next thing I knew someone was walking towards him with a grimace and clenched fists. This did not deter Mr. Illinois from continuing to run his

mouth. In fact, this caused him to yell out even louder! To my disappointment, the man with the clenched fists was held back by several other people. Those that held the angry man back decided that they had had enough of Mr. Illinois and all of the trouble he was causing, so they found one of the stadium officials who glared angrily at Mr. Illinois. The official continued to keep an eye on him for the remainder of the game.

However, the stadium official didn't really have to worry about another outburst from him, because as usual Penn State dominated, forcing Mr. Illinois to sit down and fall into an inebriated stupor.

Moral of the story? Don't mess with the best. That's right: Penn State doesn't just have the greatest fan section in the entire country for no reason! We Penn Staters go to bat for our team. Just ask Mr. Illinois, he'll tell you. Penn State fans know how to put the smackdown on their rivals!

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## Are you in love or is it just lust?

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Love. The word is thrown around a lot. It is a huge part of our culture. It pops up on television, in songs, in magazines, and unfortunately it has been popping up sooner and sooner in relationships. Those reasons could possibly be why now over fifty percent of marriages end in divorce.

You go out with someone for a week. That means you love each other right? Wrong. Love is something that a lot of college aged people haven't experienced. I am never going to say that people our age don't know what love is because that isn't true. I have been in love. Many people have. But I can honestly say that that love didn't come about until well into the first year of my relationship.

Love is hard. It isn't all about flowers and candy and diamonds. Love is about knowing your significant other inside and out. You trust them, you confide in them, and you are comfortable around

them—and all of those things take time. You cannot know everything about a person after one week. They could be an awesome person on paper, but trust me, that means absolutely nothing.

Knowing someone's habits can change how you look at them completely. Knowing their past, their present, their family, and how they act in different situations will affect how you view them, and honestly, without knowing all of these things about a person, how can you know that you love them?

Just because your boyfriend looks good when he wears his Abercrombie jeans or when your girlfriend wears her tight, black tank top doesn't mean you feel love. It means you feel lust (which isn't a bad thing, unless you think it is true love).

You probably are not in love if you fight a lot. Love is about compromise—breaking up and making up isn't what it is all about. So, really, if you fight more than anything else...it is time to move on.

There is a commonly perceived myth

that I would like to call out right now. When you love someone, you have sex with them. No. A lot of people have sex with others that they are not in love with. A lot of people have sex with people they barely know. And a lot of people who are in love wait. Waiting until marriage seems, surprisingly, to be more prominent among young adults today.

Is your boyfriend or girlfriend more to you than just a trophy? Can you tell them everything? Do you like spending time with them? Do you have a lot in common? And thinking about it honestly, do you see a future with them?

Ponder: are you really in love? Or are you just throwing the word around because you think it's the right thing to do. Relationships are about getting to know each other, not about being in love right away. When you are dating someone, it doesn't mean you have to marry them. So don't rush love. It is an awesome feeling and everyone should know what it really feels like. Don't fool yourself into feeling something that you don't.