

Creative Dating, or Why Not to Say "Oh, You Have Beautiful Eyes."

by Lynn Case
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Are you tired of doing the same thing every time you go out on a date? Are you tired of hearing the same old lines time after time? If you answered a yes to these questions, Creative Dating is for you.

Late last month in the lobby of Niagara Hall the topic of creative dating was discussed under the leadership of Deanna Goodenow, Eric Gustafson, Jennifer Hart, and Officer Todd Allen. A lively group of over 20 students were there as eager participants in the fun. The group was divided by sex and had three tasks to complete.

Each group had to come up with lists. The guys were asked to list their best pick-up lines, their ideal dates, and a girl's ideal date. At the same time the girls were asked to write the worst pick-up lines, their ideal date and a guy's ideal date.

After 15 minutes the lists were shared and compared. Not surprising to any of the female participants, many of the guy's "best lines" were the girls' worst. Come-ons such as "Oh, you have beautiful eyes" and "What's your major" and the ever famous "Do you want to go for a walk and get some fresh air."

Some of the men's ideal dates ranged from dinner and ballet, on her, to dinner at Dobbins and an SPC movie. The girls said the guys would rather meet the girl somewhere, go to a fast food drive through and just drive around.

The guys avenged themselves by saying that a girl's ideal date is a shopping spree in a large mall which must contain both a Bennetton and a Merry-Go-Round store. Yet the girls favorite dates range from cooking their date a meal at home to an elegant dinner followed by dancing.

Of course, the lists were all in fun. After the compare and share time, a group discussion was opened. Questions were raised on topics like: "What's a girls best

line" and "Why don't girls ask guys out more often."

The majority of the group agreed that the best way to meet someone of the opposite sex is the subtle way. Just act casual and calm and don't use the old and boring lines like, "Do you like Behrend" or "Is that seat taken?" The question still remains, what is a person to do if he really wants to find out if a seat is taken?

The laughter turned into quiet attention as Officer Todd Allen changed to a more serious topic by briefly talking about the problems of drinking and date rape. Officer Allen hit on some interesting facts and important ideas on the topic. He wanted women to be aware of sexual harassment and he warned against driving while under the influence of alcohol.

It would seem that creative dating is more than just coming up with new pick-up lines and ideal dates. We all know that there isn't much to do on a date at Behrend besides Blue Bus adventures to the mall jungle or SPC movies and dances. If you're lucky enough to have a car, you can drive to Erie and see a movie or go to one of the few clubs or night spots, but why do something as normal as that? And more importantly, why spend money? Why not go for a walk in the Gorge, attend a soccer game or IM flag football game, or enjoy some other fun event on campus. Sometimes the better dates are ones where you don't have to spend a lot of money.

Poet Returns

There is no right or wrong to it. Even your love, so darkly nuanced, is perfect.

Sandra DeLellis Barnard from "Full Moon"

by Rob Prindle
Feature Editor

Do you feel like some of the passion has run out of your life?

Well, a shot of passion is just what you will get if you attend the November 15th poetry reading by Sandra DeLellis Barnard. It will be held in the Studio theater and starts promptly at 7:30 pm. The reading is sponsored by the Mary Behrend Cultural Fund, Roundtable and Women Today.

Barnard's poems aim straight at the bone and often times penetrate and lodge. Some titles like "Eel Boys" and "Gestures for the New Year" portend the emotional strength the poems include. Others, like "The Swim" lets on much less. Either way, the poems are full of that densely compressed emotion which defines poetry.

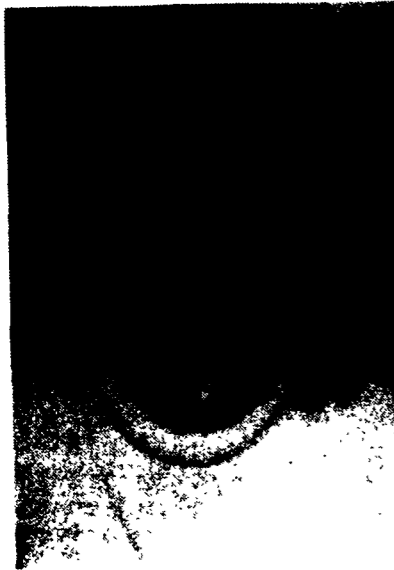
Barnard will have a homecoming of sorts when she returns to the Behrend Campus. She got her poetic start on this campus when she studied in Behrend's writing program. She also attended Temple University and is currently a candidate for the M.A. in Creative Writing at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Currently Barnard is a free-lance editor. In the last few years she has taught Communications and English at Temple and at the Metropolitan Collegiate Center in Philadelphia. She has been widely published, appearing in recent editions of *Prarie Schooner*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, *Asphodel*, *Pivot* and other small press publications.

Campus Voice

Advice for Bush and Quayle

by Rob Prindle
and Brett Taylor



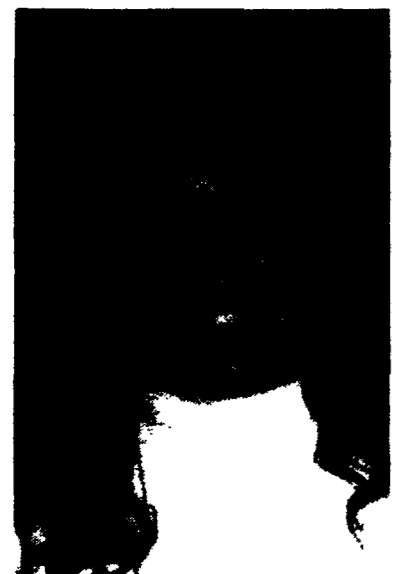
Cara Juliante
Secretary for Career and Placement / DUS

Cara advises the next administration to "Do the best job they can in seeing that American people are looked after. Watch taxes, add more social programs, keep inflation down and stay out of war."



Dr. John Gamble
Prof. of Political Science

"For the sake of the country, focus on (the year) 2020 and not 1922. The next four years will be damn difficult and will require tough decisions by the president." Gamble said. His advice to Bush is "Don't be afraid to make hard decisions and realize that they will be good for the country and not for your reelection chances."



Cindy Kurt
1st semester
Aerospace Engineering

Cindy is happy about the election outcome and advises Bush and Quayle to "Go ahead with defense spending, but don't raise taxes."

Pierre Stanton
5th semester
Engineering Science

Pierre has some simple advice for the new President: "Don't die. I wouldn't want to see Quayle take over." Pierre continued by advising Bush to "choose less conservative Supreme Court Justices. He (Bush) could screw the country for generations if his selections are too conservative."



Darrell Freund
5th semester
Political Science

Darrell said of the President-elect "I wish him the best of luck. I would advise Bush and Quayle to get rid of their conservative facade. They should step out of the closet and admit they are liberals." Darrell also suggests that they deviate from "Reaganomics."



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FEATURES

Advice for Freshmen: Start Thinking Seriously About Having Fun

by Brett Taylor
Collegian Staff Writer

One of the great advantages of starting college is that one can assume an entirely new identity. I know. In high school I was known as Mary Sue Goldstein.

Think of college as reincarnation. Suddenly you are born into an unassuming world composed almost exclusively of people your own age and IQ. The beauty of this situation is, none of these people know what a geek you were in high school.

Ah, high school! The loving principal, the locker bays decked with signs and streamers, the gum stuck under the desk just where you left it, and the shimmering corridors where you proudly strode like a god last year -- these are the memories which will live forever.

Well, forget all that. Your high school doesn't exist anymore. It burned down minutes after you left for your first graduation party. Now everything you ever learned or did in high school is meaningless, just like you thought it was all along. All of the activities and offices and awards have served their purpose by getting you into this, the college of your choice. Now it's time to start over. Nobody remembers nor cares about those things now but you and your parents.

Oh yes, parents. Forget them too, as well as everything they taught you while your brain was still soft in its shell. It's time you realized that eating three meals a day is an archaic concept, as is going to sleep every night. The human body can go for months without food, after all, and sleep is just a concentrated method of wasting time. Why, if you studied 24 hours each day, you could probably graduate in less than three

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Didn't I tell you? Your dearest roommate, bosom buddy and most sacred confidant, is probably going to be your biggest competition for a job when you graduate. So are all of those shining faces around you in class, who are going to send

resumes just like yours to all of the same employers. What did you say your GPA was?

It's not my job, though, to create a race of paranoid Freshmen pulling Macbeths on each other when the lights go out. I am simply here to advise.

My advice, straight from where my heart should be, is this: start thinking seriously about having fun. I don't mean set aside time for enjoying yourself. I mean make it a priority. Get desperate about it if you must. Panic. Because when your kids start asking you about college, it's your duty to tell them it was the best time of your sorry, pathetic life.

So get to it! You've been given approximately four years to realize all of those stupid dreams you've been clinging to since childhood. And, as I see it, the clock has been ticking for almost a full semester already...

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