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ADVICE AND ISSUES

Dear Mama Q: Can you give me some sweet, romantical ideas to woo my girlfriend?

- Idiot Boyfriend

Dear Idiot Boyfriend:

OK I am going to give the best way to be romantic with your girlfriend. Get some paper and a pen and write this down. You're gonna love it. First, be more attentive. Nine times out of 10 if you listen to your woman she will always drop hints about what she thinks are romantic ideas.

Second, talk to her best friends or sisters; ask them what her fantasies are. They are closest to her and will definitely be able to clue you in on her wildest romantic notions.

Third, taking her out on real dates works well, too. A real date is when you both get dressed up, you pick her up, and then you go out for a night on the town. Make her feel like she's worth all the fuss!

Lastly, remember to always rely on the simple stuff: hugs, kisses, holding hands and flowers. We girls love that stuff. And never take advantage of her. Thinking that she

will always be around will definitely get you in trouble. Every time you're with her, treat her as if it's the last time you'll ever see her. Trust me she will always be head over heels for you!

Dear Mama Q: My boyfriend has had many partners before me. would feel better if he got tested. How do I approach this tricky subject?

- Safe Sex Dude

Dear Safe Sex Dude:

Let me first applaud you for being responsible for your body as well as his. The best way to approach the subject of getting tested is to say no

until both of you are tested. It might seem drastic but so are STDs. Sexually transmitted diseases are no joke. So just ask him. Trust me, it is worth knowing. You are not violating him or making him feel bad for asking. I suggest that you go together. This way you will both be

there to support each other. With sex comes responsibility. So be responsible and go get tested!

Dear Mama Q: I find myself in a situation where I might have to drop out of school. I am pregnant!

My boyfriend is away at college and I don't want him to lose his scholarship and ask him to come home. And my parents are not even speaking to me. They have always been my greatest support but why not now? I don't know what to do. I don't believe in abortions and I really want this baby, but what are my options? I am so scared!

— Baby On Board!

Dear Baby On Board:

Let me be the first to say congratulations. Babies are always gifts from above. Second, you never get an abortion unless that's what you really want. An abortion is not reversible. You can always go to

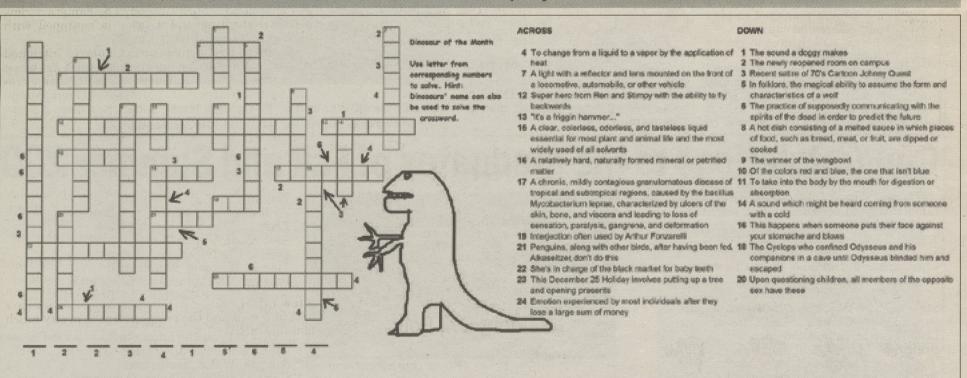
Planned Parenthood to get more information. They are unbiased and will give all the information you want without judging you. They can also give you information about all your other options like adoption. money for housing, daycare and anything else you might have questions on.

Your boyfriend does not have to lose his scholarship and you don't have to drop out of school. Life might become a little harder but trust me, in the end things can work out.

As for your parents, they will get over it one day. Right now they are just hurt. If they have always been there, then they will always be there. Give them sometime, then express to them that now is the time where you need them most. They will turn around.

And stop focusing on all the negatives. If having this baby is what you really want then just like millions of successful single moms have done it in the past you can, too. And if you need a babysitter from time to time, Mama Q has got yah back.

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BAND VS. BAND

The second Spring '05 edition of the Lion's Eye will be on campus racks Feb. 8, and along with all the other features you've come to expect, you'll be able to vote for your favorite bands. From the Sweet 16, to the Elite 8, to the Final 4 to the Semifinal and Final rounds, you can decide which band you like, head-to-head. Who'll be the winner? You decide.

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