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Chivalry isn't dead but it has a

black eye and a broken arm Classic chivalrous behavior seems to be less expected from men this

day and age, and instead group dates have become a popular way to meet people in college, Cheryl Dellasega, a Penn State professor, humanities and women's stud-

Accord. Chivally can never truly die because

our control, Dellasega said. "I don't think all chivalry is dead, but I think through media we're seeing less and less chivalry," Lexy Morgan (freshman-public relations) said. "Those males who do treat women right were taught well by their moms and are worth marry-

However, there has definitely been a shift in the way people are dating, Dellasega said. Social norms have changed and women are becoming

less interested in relationships, she said

What I see and hear from young women is that there is more a sense of getting their career in order before they seek out a romantic interest, she said.

Dellasega said she sees the change in dating and relationships as a positive for women.

Women are no longer "expected" to find a husband in college, she said, and careers have become more important.

It is now acceptable to wait until after graduation to find a spouse, she added.

"It shows women they can do what men can do and have done for generations," she said.

Stephen Browne, a Penn State professor of communication arts and sciences, disagrees, and said though students aren't "being trapped in unhealthy relationships," they are exposed to more hookups and one night stands, he said.

Hookups are what students are looking for, Mergan said.

In college the main goal is to get laid, not be in a relationship," she

If students do not learn how to manage a relationship now they may have serious problems later, Browne

Dellasega said she has also seen a drastic shift in dating trends. Even in the middle school setting she has noticed a tendency toward "group dating" as opposed to a one-on-one

"One person having control can hurt feelings, I think the idea of just being friends and [hanging out] in a group is great," she said.

Morgan said she prefers one-onone dates opposed to group dates. "If I'm interested in somebody I'm

not going to ask my friends to go," she said. Both men and women should be expected to ask each other out, Browne said, men asking women out

is not expected anymore. That is so 1950s and it is not a healthy situation," he said.

Christy Ferri (freshman-market-ing) said guys shouldn't always have to do the asking.

"If a girl likes a guy she shouldn't wait around," she said. "She should be able to ask him out and take control. Some guys are shy.

Group dates are a better option because "it takes away the sexual pressure that you have to find someone to have sex with or a romantic partner," Browne said.

Dellasega said she believes students would be better off not having to stress about dating.

Venues offer cheap alternatives for dates

Different places around campus and downtown provide inexpensive opportunities for unusual dates.

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With about 40,000 students at Penn State. dating opportunities can seem endless. For the typical college student, though, money is not. When your resources are limited, but your Friday nights are booked, don't give up hope. With a little creativity, you can find a wide variety of fun and easy dating options for less than \$5.

Spice up your steps.

On Wednesday nights, Tony's Big Easy, 129 S. Pugh St., hosts 18 and older salsa nights for a \$5 cover charge, with complimentary admis-

sion for those 21 and older. Tony Sapia, owner of Tony's Big Easy, said salsa night has always had featured disc jockeys from Puerto Rico, Brazil, Spain and New York City. Sapia said DJs set up at about 9:45 p.m. and are available for free lessons starting at 10 p.m., with a focus on

beginners earlier in the evening. "It's a fun time and really it's one of those evenings that you have to experience," Sapia

Get starry-eyed.

Every Friday night from 8:30 to 10:30, Week-

nice, it is a great opportunity to make use of the available telescopes and check out the night sky. The Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics and The Astronomy Club sponsors the event. For a stargazing report, call (814) 863-1234 ext. 7 before you go.

See a local band.

This Thursday, Sept. 11, Cloverleaf is performing an all-ages show at Lulu's Nightspot, 129 1/2 Pugh St. for \$5. The show starts at 7 p.m. and will feature special guests The Apathy Eulogy and Mattie Leon.

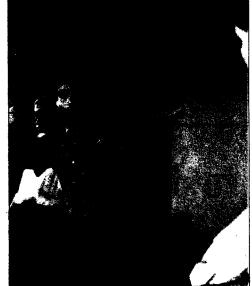
'We wanted to have a quality show featuring some local bands that you might not really get to hear about too much," Cloverleaf drum-

mer Garrett Bogden said. "It's just something cool and different to do on a Thursday night," he said. "Lulu's is the best place in town to see live music."

Dinner and a movie.

Every weekend, Late Night Penn State offers a

variety of cheap food and popular films to check out. Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS) Cinemas Chairman Will Gerhardt said the films chosen are fresh out of theaters but not yet available on DVD. Just some of the movies that ARHS Cinemas plan to show this semester include The Incredible ly Stargazing is available to the public on the Hulk, Wall-E, The Dark Knight and Tropic roof of Davey Lab at no cost. If the weather is Thunder. If your date doesn't go to Penn



Kelly Fitzpatrick (junior-theatre) and Jeffrey Kornberg (senior-English) of No Refund

Theatre rehearse a sketch for PhrothFest 08. Plays are an inexpensive option for a date.

State, don't worry; students are allowed to bring one non-PSU friend, Gerhardt said.

Late Night food specials include \$1 slices of pizza and \$1 hot dogs on Friday nights, while Saturday's options include 59-cent mini-hamburgers, 99-cent nachos, \$1 hot dogs and \$1.99 fruit smoothies. Soft pretzels, cookies and popcorn are also available both nights.

Heat up the ice.

Public ice skating sessions are available on the weekends at the Greenberg Ice Pavilion, located on McKean Road by Nittany Apartments. Friday night sessions run from 7 to 9, and Saturday night sessions run from 8 to 10. The student admission fee is \$4 and skate rentals, if needed, are \$2.

If students want to go on a group date, Ben Wentz, shift supervisor at the Ice Pavilion, said there is a discount for groups of 15 or more people. "If you call 24 hours in advance, it's 50 cents off the normal admission rate and 25 cents off each skate rental," he said.

Go to the theater — in the Forum.

At 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays in 111 Forum, No Refund Theatre (NRT) performs free plays every weekend, except the weekend

of the Penn State-Michigan football game.
"It's probably one of the cheapest date options," Matthew Davidson, president of NRT, said. "It's on campus so you don't have to drive to it. All you're really spending are calories I suppose in walking there.'

Davidson said there are concessions available if students want to spend the money and said if students want to arrange an extra special date, they could always contact the director ahead of time and ask them to rope off two seats so the couple will have reserved seating.

"It's the theater, you know?" Davidson said. "If a guy takes a girl up there she'll think he's cultured."

Swing, swing

The Swing Dancing Club sponsors free monthly dances in Alumni Hall, with a DJ and beginners' lessons during the first hour. Sarah Erdlen, president of the Swing Dancing Club, said the next dance will be from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Oct. 25 with future dates set for Nov. 11 and Dec. 6.

Students use new dating techniques

By Brittany Wilson

COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER | bmw5048@psu.edu Ken Brown didn't expect to be handed a ques-

Saloon. "I asked if I could buy her a drink and she just whipped this piece of paper out of her purse and asked me to fill it out," Brown (senior-sociology and English) said.

Marshall (junior-sociology) said she has come up with an unusual way of dealing with potential suitors. She said that she administers surveys to men who ask her on dates as a way of pre-

"The college dating scene is completely saturated with men who are just looking for a hookup and that's not what I want," she said. "So if a guy approaches me I just hand him a quick question-

naire in order to determine his motives. Marshall said she has received varied responses to her survey, which has questions ranging from where the person was raised to the length

of his longest relationship. The questionnaire is not meant to scare men away, but rather for Marshall to gain some insight about her prospective date.

"I just want to learn minimal information about the boy so that if we go out the awkward questions are already out in the open," she said. "Also I won't be wasting time with a man who is totally wrong for me."

She also said she is not averse to filling out her own survey if the man wants to know more about

Brown, now Marshall's boyfriend, said he was taken aback when Marshall first handed him her questionnaire

"I was surprised because her actions definitely do not mirror the norm, but I had a sense of humor about it, filled it out and now we have

been together for about three months," he said. Marshall said she was immediately smitten with Brown, especially because he "giggled" while completing the survey rather than balling up the paper and walking away.

She said several State College men have done that before

Marshall is not alone in her quest to gain information from men before an awkward first date. Rachael Miller (sophomore-health and human development) said she got the idea from Mar-

She has been handing out questionnaires for a little less than a year and she said they are work-

'Kath was getting really good results from the surveys," she said. "She wasn't going out with men who were immature and I decided that I

would try it out too." Miller said she has experienced some success with the surveys, but they do have their limita-

"There is no way that you are going to learn everything about a person by 10 questions on a piece of paper. You still have to go on that awkward first date, and often you find out that the man is not exactly who he said he was." she said. "But for now the questionnaires are working so I'll continue to hand them out."



A couple swing dances in the HUB Alumni Hall as part of Late Night Penn State last spring.

Lessons are offered for free.