

by Tobi Bailey

"... you say he's just a friend," and how not to go to Hell

ASK MUSEY

Too many of my guy friends (some that I've seen as more than a friend - in the past or even now) ask me for girl advice. I guess they see me as someone they could trust and such but I don't want to give them advice about other girls, I want them to ask other girls advice on how to get me. It's all great and dandy that they see me as someone they could trust and confide in but how about someone they could be interested in, too? I don't act like "one of the guys" or dress like it, either. I'm feminine and such but still, I don't want to be the one they always turn to for help. What can I do?

•The Friend Who Wants More

Oh girl, you should know from hanging out with guys that they're pretty much clueless when it comes to the opposite sex. That's why they keep asking you questions. A guy won't notice a female friend unless she practically klonks him over the head with an anvil. So quit being so furtive and say something. Pick one of your guy friends who are available and ask him out.

So, I have a friend. When I met this friend, we got along really well. As time has gone by my friend - who was

an "open" Christian when I met her - has become more of what I'd term a "radical" Christian. Previously, we had our differences. She was pro life, I was pro choice and so on. We discussed these things without coming to blows (too often). Now it's impossible to talk to her about these things. She announces I'm going to hell for my beliefs and non-religion. I feel like we're losing our friendship. We have to stay on trivial topics whenever we talk. I still have fun with her, but it's hard when I have to consciously avoid certain topics. I'm also struggling because I've recently realized that I am bisexual. Several things she's said have made me extremely uncomfortable. She is now entirely anti-homosexuality. So, is this friendship even salvageable? I don't want to lose my friend over these issues. Should I let her know about my bisexuality, or tell her why I don't like her saying things in more broad terms? This might sound trivial, but she is important to me. She has often been there for me when I have needed a good friend. But now I feel like she is lost. Also, I don't want to lose a friend over religion, anyway. What's your take on this? Am I being intolerant or making a big deal out of nothing? I just feel like I'm at a dead end.

•Heading for Hell

If you're heading for hell, at least

you'll be in good company. I admit I'm not Christian, but I'm not anti-Christian either. I have a good friend who's Catholic and as you can imagine, we disagree on a lot of things. But we do agree on music and that's what we base our friendship on. Johnny Cash once sang, "if you have political convictions, keep them to yourself," and I couldn't agree more. There are people you can have open political/religious discussions with and this girl obviously isn't one of those people. I wouldn't tell her you're bisexual because she doesn't want to hear it and why would you tell people who aren't going to support you in your decision? You keep saying she's a good friend but you haven't really told me why. What did you two have in common in the first place? You two must have had something in common for you to hook up. I'd go back to those original reasons, but if she was someone you just liked to debate with, I'd say you're out of luck with her. I would have a hard time hanging out with someone so close minded. Good luck, hon.

Remember, Musey's not a professional anything. She's just a girl who's been around. Got questions? Write to askmusey@gmail.com.

Roommate politics

What happens when politics clash in the dorm room

by Kaitlyn Edsall

WASHINGTON (CUP) -- Passing by my room you may hear some screaming, some cries of triumph and anguish, some banging and sudden explosions. Now get your mind out of the gutter - I'm talking politics here.

These are the sounds of a Democrat and a Republican living under one roof, behind one propped door. This is what happens when politics clash in the dorm room.

To be honest, you probably won't hear any screaming or yelling coming from my room if you happen to pass on by, but as November nears, the anxious tension could probably kill you.

At first, our contrasting political ideals weren't a problem -- we simply didn't discuss politics in the room. We talked instead about our classes and how we spent our summers.

For the first couple of weeks, our biggest debate concerned how we should handle replacing the milk each week. When the Republican convention aired, I conveniently made myself scarce. All seemed to be going along well.

And then she joined Georgetown Students for Bush.

Suddenly the campaign became a main topic of discussion. I cringed over every phone conversation she had with her parents when she spoke of campaign issues. I nodded my head in mock approval when her picture appeared on the Bush website.

But I continued to grin and bear it. I couldn't say I was happy that she was choosing to help the man I'd like to see stripped of office, but I believe that she has a right to pursue what she finds important.

So, I simply learned to turn off my ears when I heard the words "for Bush." I come from a very conservative family in a small town in New York. Let's just say I've mastered the mute button by now. I could handle this.

Unfortunately, I haven't gone blind. My vision is 20/20. So you can imagine the shock I felt when I opened my unadorned door one day and was

stuck staring straight at a wall plastered with Bush/Cheney '04, Viva Bush and W Stands for Women. I felt nauseous.

The next day, I subtly tried to hint at my displeasure. Lines like "nice posters" were delivered, soaking in sarcasm. The occasional eyebrow raise may have been added for effect. Still, the posters remained, scorching my vision.

Then, after one long, sleepless night staring at those posters, trying desperately to fend off the nightmares they were sure to bring on, I fought back.

I hung a huge John Kerry poster on the wall over my bed -- guerrilla tactics always work the best. Now it's the first thing one sees after coming through our door. My roommate has yet to be reached for comment.

Now, I'm going to pause here for a second to make sure you're not getting the wrong idea. I love my roommate.

She's a great friend, and we get along very well. We cook, shop and go to church together. We watch the same TV shows. We both love to dance and think Andy Roddick is the best thing that ever happened to tennis. We've also co-ordinated all of our linens into shades of green and lavender. In many ways, we're the quintessential roommates.

And perhaps this is what makes our conflicting political stances so hard to accept. Like her fondness for Jessica Simpson music, her Republican, conservative views are something I will never understand. But it's difficult to accept that when we think so similarly in so many other areas.

But she won't budge and neither will I. I guess we have that in common too. I suppose we'll just have to continue with our silent, passive-aggressive, undercover manoeuvres for now. I wonder, who will conquer the door first? It is still unclaimed territory. But don't worry, we've got until November.

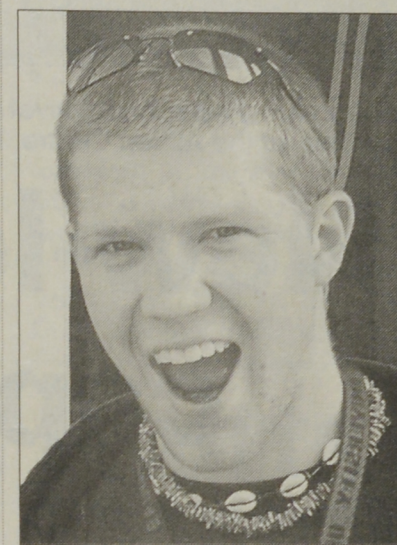
Recently, my roommate's dad made a great comment about our fragile living situation. He said that whatever happens, there'll be a party in our room. I guess he's right. So, in the end, maybe we're living in the best situation. Come November, our room can't lose. (Of course, it can't win either.)

VIEWPOINT

What's the least tempting way you've been hit on?



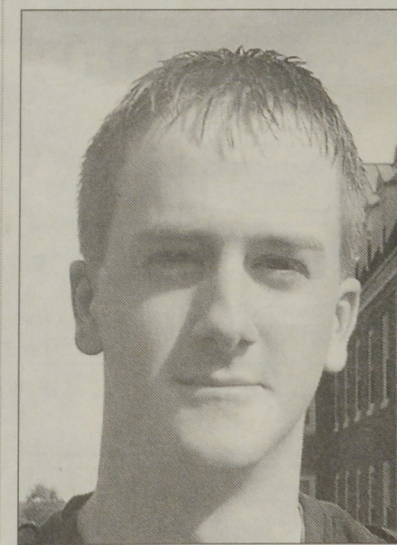
"I've never been hit on badly" -Karen Bisson



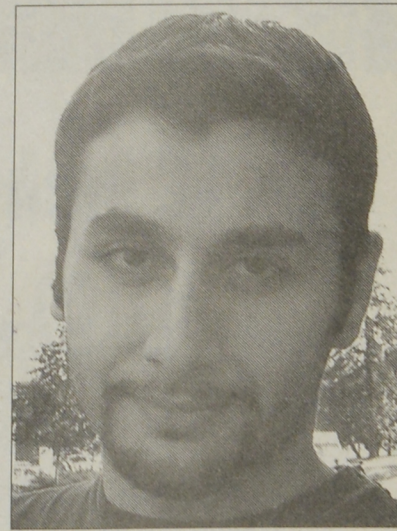
"Having a girl make fun of you." -Derek Northup



"Walking down the street and being yelled at." -Melissa Pretty



"I don't know if that's possible." -Derin Amos



"There isn't a worst way." -Bilal Altememi

Tennessee judge rules against choose life licence plate

Judge right in decision to block usage of license plate

by Sandi Van Orden

(U-WIRE) MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- The New York Times reported Sept. 26 that United States district Judge Todd Campbell ruled that a license plate saying "Choose Life" was unconstitutional.

At first glance it seems strange. Why would a judge decide that it is unconstitutional for someone to purchase a license plate stating his/her view on the abortion issue?

The reason is quite simple, once all the facts on the case are found. The Tennessee state legislature cannot give a forum to one side of political debate while excluding the opposing view from expressing its opinion.

"Those who wanted a license plate in favor of abortion rights had not tried hard enough to get a specialty plate passed by the General Assembly," those defending the Pro Life plates said, according to the article.

The problem with that argument is that in the 102nd and 103rd General Assemblies the legislature opted not to pass a plate with a pro-choice message. So, Judge Campbell's ruling is saying that the state government cannot limit expression in an open forum, which in this case is on someone's license plate.

Tennessee Right to Life was expecting this ruling, according to the organization's Web site. An article on the group's Web site claimed that the ruling was for the political agenda of the judge. It also reports that the group intends to appeal the verdict. Why should Tennesseans worry about who

has a specialty plate and who doesn't?

If residents of this state sit back while the government only allows one argument to be expressed in one area, it may only take time before the legislature decides to limit expression in other areas as well. While individuals in the legislature have every right to their opinion, those legislators should not be able to prevent people with different opinions from expressing their views.

Tennesseans should be glad that there is a judge willing to tell the legislature when it crosses the line, and residents should also use their votes to put people in the legislature that will not try to allow expression of issues to only those who hold the same ideals.

If the legislature wants to allow a Choose Life license plate that is fine, but also allow one for the right to choose side of the debate.

LETTERS

It's hard to think of a life any better than the one I am living right now. Sure, I'm going to have some hefty debt hanging on my coattails when I graduate, but I feel confident my years at UNB will help me find a great career after school that satisfies me.

I have been thinking more and more about my life, more specifically what I did to deserve this experience. I have chosen not to think about why it is as it is, but rather in terms of how I can take my advantages and use them in a positive way.

I am not alluding to saving the world, but I firmly believe if everyone collectively wanted to do something selfless things could get a lot better. There are lots of things a student can do, especially with a tight budget. One important contribution to start with is recycling. It is a huge environmental help, it's not hard to start and very easy to continue. At City Hall, there is a room dedicated to giving out the blue and grey bins at no cost, so money isn't an issue. If you already do this, or want to take it a step further, try composting and/or return your bottles to the redemption centre on York Street for some extra coin. If you happen to have some free-time on your hands, volunteering in the community is a great way to spend it. There are a variety of places in need of a helping hand, and aid comes in various forms. Many places need just a few hours per week or per month. Check out <http://www.unb.ca/volunteer> for more info.

Let's say that recycling or volunteering isn't for you for whatever reason; there is still one small but substantially important thing we can do as students and as people. It is having the power and the ability to acquire new knowledge everyday. For instance, try and look outside of popular media to get some information on an international issue because you may be surprised what you find.

I feel like I am sounding like Yoda, and please forgive me for it. I guess I feel that if everyone did a little something outside of ourselves we could become informed in such a way that it could possibly lead to making better choices. When it all comes down to it, we are helping to help ourselves. An "Instant Karma" of sorts.

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