

# Love, Sex and your Father's Sock Drawer

## A COLUMN

by John McLovin

With classes now officially underway and all the confusion of Orientation Week behind us, it is now that time of the year where most college students start to focus on what really matters most to them: New Friends. Lets not try to deny it here, I know just as well as the rest of you that you were not paying attention in that last calculus lecture. Yeah, I saw you. You were checking out that blond sitting in front of you, stoned look on your face, staring at that little bit of thong poking out from the low rise jeans...pervert. But, really though, I'm not here to judge. Stare away.

The point is, I know what you're thinking, so lets get all of that out of the way right now. If you are going to keep reading this article, you must leave your inhibitions at the front page. At least for the next five minutes as you read... after that you have my permission to put your pants back on and apologize to those sitting in class next to you.

So, in this first edition of 'Love, Sex and Your Father's Sock Drawer', let

me not hesitate a moment longer and get on to the good stuff. The stuff you, the college student who sits alone in his residence room...in Neill House... 3rd floor... yeah you... are going to do what every college student, male or female, wants to do. Find true love.

Or failing that, make out with that cute guy and/or girl in your calculus class.

But really, all in all, hopefully with this article, I can impart some sort of sexual and romantic common sense to help get you through the ridiculously confusing world that is campus/college relationships. Whether you're looking for some tips on how to get a real live date or maybe just some pointers on how not to get slapped when you're out at Nicky Zee's (which is by the way, a very noble goal if I do say so myself). And really, I'm not going to discriminate, because I know that guys are just as impossible to figure out as girls. There will definitely be some content on how to bag a member of the hairier... more um... how do I say it... emotionally disinclined sex. (Yeah, that should do it).

So lets get right down to it. Seeing as how I've already eaten up 400 words introducing the article, this will have to be a fairly short lesson. Yet, it is a very important one and something I mentioned earlier. Here we go: This one is for the guys.

### Lesson 1

How not to get slapped, pushed, punched (enter verb here) by a drunk girl at Nicky Zee's when all you want to do is dance!

This may seem like a pretty simple

thing, yet I have, on countless occasions, seen too many guys make fatal errors while drunkenly trying to approach a girl on the dance floor. Follow these simple rules and I can guarantee you 100% success in not getting rejected in a violent manner.

Rule 1. Make eye contact. For God's sake, if she doesn't see you coming, I don't care who you are: she probably won't react too well. So make eye contact with the girl, hold it for a bit, and be damn sure she wants you to come over. If she reciprocates with a look of disgust ... or anything but a smile...you're probably too drunk and sweaty. It won't work.

Rule 2. Be yourself. Don't try and be cool and sexy. There's a good chance you are drunk, and with that disappears the whole 'cool and sexy' bit. That is unless, of course, you are just naturally cool and sexy. If that is the case, go for it. But for the rest of us, just try and be yourself. Smile a bit. Introduce yourself. Be casual. You are not, I repeat, you are not Patrick Swayze\*\*.

\*\*Important to note that I refer to young Patrick Swayze... Not old, creepy Patrick Swayze, because you very well may be him.

Rule 3. If she says 'no' to dancing with you... let it go. Nine times out of ten, she is not playing hard to get. Suck it up and move on. Don't get in her face about it, or you will get a drink in yours.

Above all else, it is important to remember that not every girl out at the club wants to dance with you. I know, I know, they would be crazy not to want that. Especially with that new AE striped button-up your wearing... very nice. Original.

Anyway, there it is: The key to you not getting those terrible, undesired reactions at the bar. Use this as a building block to perhaps work towards getting good (or even great) reactions in the future.

So that is it for me this week. Next week, we'll look at some more fun stuff. Some possible topics are:

'Chlamydia: Is it really that bad?'

'So you brought a girl home... Now what?'

Or maybe even 'How to ask out that cute guy/girl in your lab section without looking like a douchebag'.

See you then!

## M. A. C. (Microsoft Anti-Computer)

Dear Editor:

For the record, I am a Mac user, with a Black Macbook to my name. I love my Mac and if I were on Survivor and had to take one luxury item, I'd take my Macbook (never mind that there's no power on the deserted island, etc.) however, I have a beef with Macs and Mac users as a stereotype.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not advocating usage of Windows, since I think that Windows machines are bug-riddled and ubiquitous, and they're almost the most common thing in this solar system, next to Hydrogen and stupidity. With that in mind, Macs have tons of great features. They can run videoconferencing really easily with iChat. They run faster than PCs, probably because they don't have any viruses on the to load them down. Hardware and software are more coordinated, without hundreds upon hundreds of drivers to sort through when some hardware incompatibility occurs. I've got to admit, software compatibility has become more and more convenient, ever since the switch to Intel chips. Stuff just seems to work\* for them.

That aside, what's the hype about Macs anyway? Let's take a timeline of recent history:

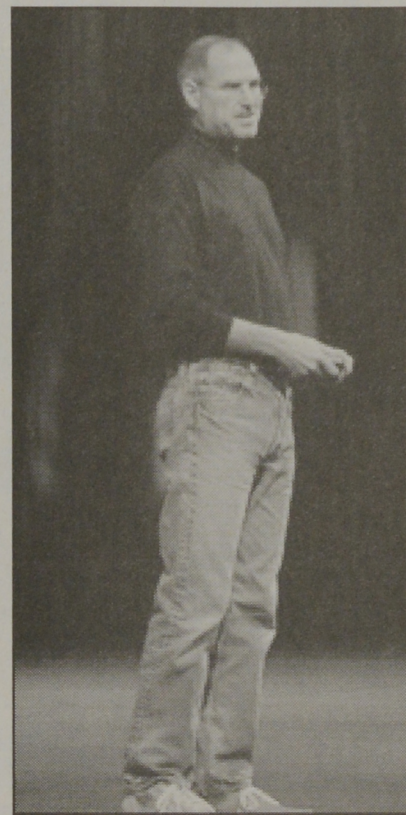
In 2005, when I started university, I'd noticed two things, a friend of mine using a 12 inch iBook and the commercials featuring the conversion of the G4/G5 processors to Intel processors, with the use of Intel Core Solo and Intel Core Duos placed in the machines of new. The Apple computers were still a rarity at this point.

In 2006 and 2007, with the public's realization of the true features of a Mac, came hand in hand with one of the more morally questionable advertisement campaigns (IMHO). What started as mild humor and jesting with the Mac and PC line came a running and annoying joke of how that Mac guy would point out the feebleness of the PC and Microsoft in general and have the PC guy do a poor job of attempting to defend PCs.

I still laugh at those commercials, well, because they're funny. Long story short, it's a blatant smear campaign orchestrated by Apple. I don't really know everyone's opinions on smear ads, but if they disturb you during election season, why does this not morally unseat yourself? I'm ok with them; they're just another part of life, like GM smearing Ford, the NDP smearing the "corrupt Liberals in power" and other such ads. So my beef with the Macs:

1) Style: Do all Macs look the same? What is up with the styling bottleneck? I like a bit of variety in life, and if variety comes monochromatic + silver, then either I'm colorblind or they're creatively disabled. I bought the black one because it was the only one that looked remotely different from the conformity and blandness of the other machines.

2) If they're so perfect, why are there tech help forums for Macs and Mac repair centers? I'm pretty sure that some of my Mac-using friends, myself included, have had to visit some of them to solve some technical problems... Also, why would I want to pay so much money to buy a 3-year extended warranty for a supposedly perfect machine?



Steve Jobs: CEO, Apple Inc.

3) Do Mac users realize that Macs CAN actually get viruses? Before you start calling me a heathen and a liar, stop to consider the following: these viruses are program-based viruses, not OS based viruses. They will not take over your OS and screw the crap out of them, much like many of the Windows based viruses. One example is of Microsoft Word for Macs... yes, a Microsoft Product, but I'm not defending them in the least. This virus will mess with Microsoft Word and mess it up, but since Microsoft Word doesn't have the permissions needed to take over the OS, it's not nearly as bad as could be.

Viruses for Macs... ho ho ho \*cough\* \*cough\* ho ho... I think I'm catching a viral infection.

4) For all the Macbook users out there, have you ever noticed how sharp the edges of the computer are? They're rounded on the outside, yes, but the inside edges are quite sharp. I speak from experience. Design flaw? Maybe.

On top of these "issues" that I'm having, I find that Mac users think that their Macs are the following:

1) They are invincible. They can stand up to anything since they're so "stable" and their engineering is the best there is. RE: sharp edges and funny-looking Desktops. Their styling seems like the controversy surrounding the BMW 7-series. The designer, Chris Bangle had reworked the entire front end of the 7-series and some people hated it and some liked it. There were few impartial people. Perhaps Apple has since hired Mr. Bangle.

2) They work magically. It just works, almost dogmatically. Has anyone cared to find the bare bones of the system? Alas, the core of the OS is so steeply boxed in, for security purposes, clearly, making access to key information nearly impossible. Doesn't this sound like everyone's favorite White House Administration?

3) They are superior in every way to PCs. PCs suck. PCs can't do anything without freezing, crashing, getting infected, dying or otherwise scamming your money and leaving you to rot. PCs are the epitome of badness, like Joey the cat.

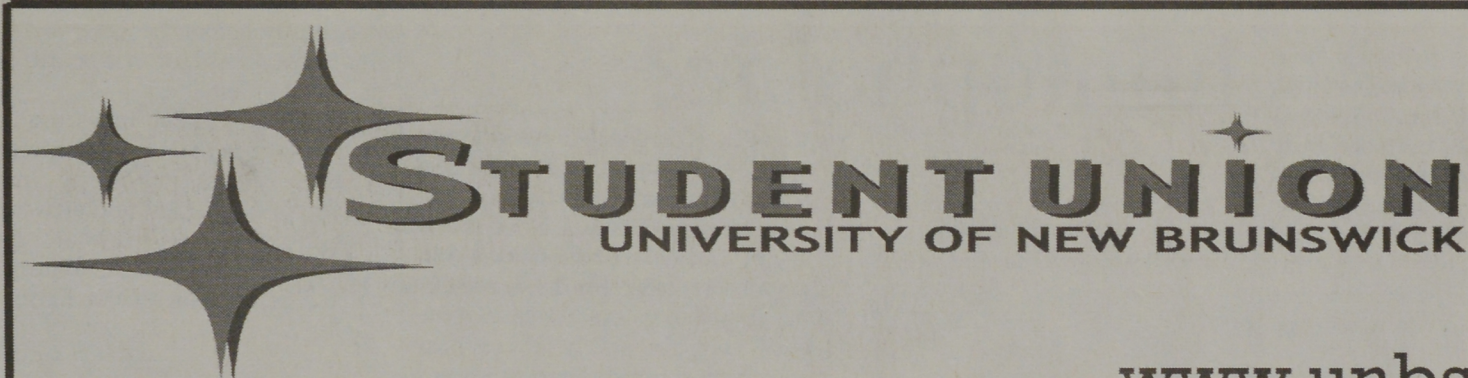
4) They get great educational discounts, only available to University Students, Faculty and Staff, and a few select other educational classes (In truth, anyone can get an educational discount... The apple website thinks that 123 is a valid Student ID for a UNB student).

Why do we Mac users feel the need to use computers marketed as being for morons and the incompetent? So Mac users do this fellow Mac user a favor and bite your tongue. I'm sick of listening to people blindly talk up Macs and regurgitate the get-a-Mac commercials. I was once there and have been appropriately lambasted for my arrogance and large yak. An Apple a day doesn't keep the doctor away.

William Kant



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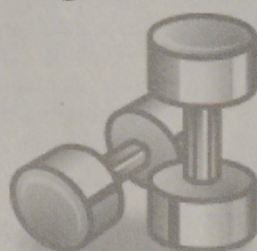
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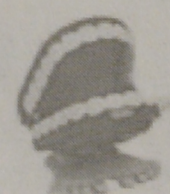
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