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CLICHE DATES

By RACHEL HOSTETLER Photography KAIT MCKINNEY

First dates. Aren’t they awesome? There’s the diner, the movie, the diner and a movie, the long walks on the beach and the ones you just, like, hang out or something. First dates can be so overwhelmingly cliche, that they make every movie Katherine Heigl has ever been in seem like a new and exciting concept. So guys, if you’re going to go cliché, go all out.

So he asks you to dinner. If he asks you where you want to go, there’s a good chance he’s indecisive and definitely won’t be wearing the pants in the relationship. As cheesy and romantic as the scene in *Lady and the Tramp* is with the spaghetti and candlelight, Italian is probably not a good choice. It’s too messy.

Then there’s the guy who asks you if you want “to just, like, hang out at my place or something.” He’s probably a keeper, as long as it’s completely delish and he brings a ton of candles and roses.

And if a guy takes you for a long walk on the beach? First of all, kudos to him for finding a beach? First of all, kudos to him for finding a beach in Iowa. Good luck not freezing your ass off, and that’s about all I need to say about that.

The only way to do a cliché date right is to go all out. Candles, roses, champagne, strawberries and all of the other absurd necessities to make a romantic statement. I’d also suggest keeping the romantic clichés to the date. The big, romantic ask should be saved for a proposal. Trust me, I’ve been there. It’s not a fun place to be.

Just because a guy is totally lame on the first date doesn’t mean he’s not worth dating or hanging out with again. He might just need a little coaching. If he doesn’t always say the perfect thing, do the perfect thing, or have the perfect answer, he’s probably not a player (no promises on that though). So to all those guys out there, if you really want to impress a girl, find something unique. And remember, chivalry is never cliche. If all else fails, watch *The Notebook* and imitate Noah’s every move. Girls eat that shit up.

Let’s face it, no one wants to get tangled in the sheets of a chronic liar or fall for the master of indifferent, but we don’t want just anybody either. While we all want to pretend like we can compare our relationships to Jay-Z and Beyoncé, unfortunately for us, Photoshop isn’t readily available for free, on the go-use. Sometimes you get lucky, but for others, not so much. It makes love messy, and like Darwinism, only the strongest survives. We’re young, and we can be as judgmental as our twenty-something-year-old hearts desire. So, we hit the streets to see what deal-breakers caused students to throw in the towel on young love. From the repetitive fashion faux pas, to hanging out in a fart cloud with a girl who oddly resembles a crouton, here are some tantalizing no-no’s from our peers.

**RELATIONSHIP DEAL BREAKERS**

By KAITLYN MCKINNEY and ANDREW LOPEZ

Well stated, Anderson. Women who display a lack of bathroom manners are always grounds for dismissal, but it isn’t the most common deal-breaker.

“I once broke it off with a girl because she wore the same pair of gray sweatpants when she came over,” says Mike Goodsell, senior in criminal justice. Attire is where the most common no-no’s exist. Cameron Knight, senior in mechanical engineering, believes firmly that you can judge a book by its cover, if the cover is UGGs. However, like most dudes, Cameron thinks bad breath and UGG boots are justifications for throwing in the towel, but he also looks past the physical stuff and considers “bad morals and no life goals” a relationship deal-breaker.

Sure, men may not wear their favorite pair of sweatpants with their ridiculous boots, but they do violate the acceptable boyfriend standards.

Nicole Wiegand, senior in journalism and mass communication, finds the difference between “your, " and “you’re” on occasion, but it’s time to wrap up the AIM lingo – SmarterChild isn’t around anymore to put up with your shit.

You could be the most intelligent and attractive dude on the ISU market, just don’t be a little bitch. Becky Boughman, senior in marketing, will pass on a guy if “he’s more emotional than I am,” she says. Women rarely like to put up with their own shit, let alone yours.