

Nice guys always finish last

This isn't going to be one of those loser diatribes about how I'm not getting any because I'm too nice. Even though I think that's the case, there still has to be something more to it.

My philosophy on women has been pretty simple up to this point: Be yourself and try to be the nice guy. After all, isn't that what women say they want, "a nice guy?"

As many college men already know, what college women say and what they really mean are two totally different things. Like when they say they want to meet a nice guy, what they really mean is that they want the jerk.

Fortunately, I've been watching Ricki Lake to understand generation-X women better. They had some of the guy-bashing episodes on recently, where they find a guy who treats women like dirt and then the women hu-

miliate him. Everyone will boo the jerk on the show, but look at all the women he has at his side. How did he end up with all the babes in the first place? "Well Ricki, it's all good; I give the women what they want, if you know what I mean."

I just don't get it, how is this fool getting some? Maybe I should watch Richard Bey. Now that's television.

What is it about the young adult jerk that gets the women excited? Perhaps it's the challenge of trying to change the guy, or maybe it's some unknown mystery of the universe. I don't know, either way I'm not getting any.

Take, for example, my roommate, who never could be construed as the nice guy type with the female persuasion. (He never reads this paper, but nobody will tell him anyway). He doesn't go out of his way for a woman, in fact, he

can be downright obnoxious. Even worse are his corny lines.

Still, he hooks up on a constant basis, with some good looking ladies to boot. The worst part is the next day when he rubs it in my face while I play with my cat. Nice guys have cats, I don't know why, that's just the way it is.

It's hard being the nice guy. Especially when a girl tells you about how her boyfriend treats her badly. I hate that, because as a nice guy you have to be a good listener, then give some nurturing advice. It's kind of the unspoken rule. Then when you say, "Why are you with him?" The answer is almost always, "I don't know."

What does that mean? "I don't know?" It used to bug my dad when I said that as a kid and now I know why.

Ladies, if the guy is a jerk why do you stay with him? So he can keep treating you like a jerk? Accepting a bad relationship is a poor excuse for happiness. Get rid of him before

you get used to the situation and it becomes even harder to take some action. There are some nice guys on campus.

I can't help being the nice guy. It's from when I was a fat kid in high school. Back then being the nice guy was the only way I could get a woman to talk to me. I was the "safe friend."

Now in college I've lost a lot of weight only to discover that I am doomed to be the safe friend. I liked it better as the cool, funny, fat guy. At least I could eat what I want instead of those gosh darn super pretzels I eat everyday. (Forgive me, pretzel gods!)

I'm tired of being the nice guy, nice guys suck. I want to be the jerk. The guy who makes bad-taste remarks to your friends that make you squirm. The guy who takes out the cassette in your car's tape deck and plays one of his bad-taste tapes. The guy who never buys a round at TJ's and then snatches your lighter by "mis-

take." The guy that doesn't call back the day after.

You folks get the picture.

I don't mean that, I'm just playing. Being the nice guy has advantages. Like, ah, umm, well maybe not now. I like to think someday I'll reap the benefits.

So ladies, give some thought about what you really want in a relationship. If you want the jerk, that's fine, just tell us straight up.

Being a jerk is easy, some of us do it every day. But if it really is the nice guy you want, then appreciate him for what he is about; treating you like he would like to be treated. It really is that simple isn't it? Treating your special someone like you would want to be treated?

Because we may not always be there to be the shoulder to cry on.

-Vince Caliguire is an Opinion writer for The Rebel Yell.

Living Large

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Letters to the editor

Readers have another view on cable

To the editor:

We would like to address the column *The Rebel Yell* printed on Feb. 29, 1996 concerning the availability of cable in the residence halls.

The article by April Partridge, "Prime mistake by UNLV" states that cable is not available anywhere in the hall complexes. This is simply not true. The halls are divided into three separate entities, all of which have cable. We have channels ranging from

MTV to The Learning Channel.

Ms. Partridge's article stated that when the halls were being built Prime Cable offered to install cable free of charge. We would like to remind you that nothing in life is free. There are always reasons to turn down an offer, but never a reason to turn down a gift. If Ms. Partridge would have interviewed someone in a position to explain the cable situation while doing her research, she would have discovered the true story about cable in our halls.

Ms. Partridge's statement that worrying about people wasting their time watching TV and not studying was pointless, is correct. We are a

community of people who are trying to live together in an environment as similar to the real world as possible.

One way we express this notion is by supporting our residents' right of free choice. Most people have their own TV's with antennas to watch broadcast programming anyway.

We find it a little disturbing that this kind of error could be printed in *The Rebel Yell*. All anyone has to do is ask any hall resident (over 1,000 of us) if cable is available. The answer is almost assuredly a 'yes.'

In the past month of *The Rebel Yell* issues the residence halls have gotten some bad press. While we cannot comment on the other issues presented in the newspaper, we are concerned about the perception of the residence halls by the rest of the university.

Opinions are one's own personal belief, and we do support expressing yourself. But when one's own belief hangs so heavily on general information, you should check your facts, because you may have a wrong opinion.

We both thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

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Senior, psychology
and
Eric Ortega
Senior, marketing

Response to Otis and Arthur

To the editor:

I would like to respond to the opinions expressed in the column entitled "Under the Influence with Otis & Arthur" in the February 29, 1996 edition of *The Rebel Yell*.

First I start with Otis: Each day I thank God that

our recruitment material never reached your hands. You stand for everything stereotypical that Lambda Chi Alpha has made an effort to abolish.

Your biggest compliment to the Greek system was for "being the hardest partiers on campus." Not once in your in depth search for the truth did you mention that Lambda Chi Alpha is the Philanthropic Chapter of the Year or sponsored the philanthropic event of the year.

Also, you forgot to mention the UNLV Preschool who receives all of our cash donations, and God forbid that you contact representatives from the Nevada Community Food Bank to see that we have donated over 10,000 pounds of food in 3 years. I don't even need to mention the other organizations that we have benefited, like the American Cancer Society or the Reach Out foundation.

As for the statement that all of these little rich boys in the Greek system need to focus their attention on "buying new cars or better yet buying you a car," I would rather that we host a fund raiser to buy you some journalism experience or some insight to the real world.

Instead, you sit in front of your little word processor and pretend that you and your buddy are the Siskel and Ebert defenders of justice.

Finally, my dearest Otis, I would like to tell you that no matter what penalty is imposed upon us that we will not roll over and die, as you suggested. Instead we will continue to stand against hazing and live up to the standards that we were founded upon.

And now for Arthur: First of all, I would like to know how you could even begin to express an opinion on material that you admit you never read. Come on Siskel, think about it, you can't form an opinion on a movie you've

never seen (Common Sense 101).

Also, your reporting is blatantly incorrect. As of this moment there is absolutely no fines or penalties levied toward Lambda Chi Alpha, and you, almighty preacher of justice, would not be inferring that we are guilty before we have the right to a fair trial?

The allegations of racism are a joke. Ask one of our Afro-American, Phillipino [sic], Hispanic, Chinese, Brazilian, Hungarian, Jewish, Arabic or other multi-cultural members for their opinion on those outlandish remarks that were in no way meant to offend anyone.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to anyone who may have been even remotely offended by our material. The remarks in question were intended for our brethren and were in no way, shape or form intended to offend or condone racism.

Sincerely,
Brian Oliver Stedford
President, Lambda Chi Alpha

Editor's note:

At the time Otis and Arthur was written, Lambda Chi Alpha had not yet appealed the fine or suspension levied against them.

Clarification

In Tuesday's editorial in *The Rebel Yell*, it was stated that students were not invited to Carol Harter's inauguration as president of UNLV.

An invitation to the inauguration appeared on the OSI page prior to the event.

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