

## Girl, are your legs tired?

Male and female students discuss the best and worst ways to attract potential mates

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All night he has been glancing nervously across the room, trying to decide what to do. He could make the first move or be patient, spontaneous or reserved, give out his number or wait to be asked. Not wanting to look like a fool, so the pressure is on him to make a good impression.

Like chemistry class, there are formulas many students follow

when trying to pick up guys and girls in social situations.

Sara Keil, a sophomore theater arts major, said most girls give signs to guys when they are interested in talking to them.

"You're checking them out to see if they're interested too," Keil said. "You'll kind of make yourself available. Girls are more subtle. They'll stand by them or sit by them and let the guys make the first move."

Keil said guys often misinterpret signals that girls send out to the opposite sex.

"Guys are pretty big flirts, but so are girls," Keil said. "But girls can just be nice, and guys will think you're flirting. So then you're afraid to just be nice to somebody because they might get the wrong idea."

Darris Johnson, a sophomore biology major, said he rarely approaches girls he finds attractive.

"When I see a beautiful woman, I just sit there and admire the view," Johnson said. "I've only ever walked up and started talking to them a few times, and that was when I had been drinking."

Johnson said most guys love it when girls make the first move.

"On the whole, I'm pretty shy," Johnson said, "so that would be pretty cool if the girl would come hit on me. I think that's every guy's fantasy."

Lauren Nowowiejski, a sophomore elementary education major, said personality influences the way people approach the opposite sex.

"Guys and girls are pretty much the same," Nowowiejski said. "It is personality that makes the difference. I'll just go up and talk to guys."

but some shy girls only look from a distance. I try to impress them with my personality."

Nowowiejski said one way to meet people is through activities and organizations they have in common, not in clubs or at a party.

"Clubs are the worst places to meet people," she said. "At a party, guys are trying to totally get their mack on. You're not being yourself. When you're really trying to meet someone is not usually when you do."

Nowowiejski said to avoid men who are aggressive in clubs, like the Butabi brothers on "Saturday Night Live."

"There are those guys that get all up on you when you're dancing," she said. "You're complete strangers, but they're rubbing all their stuff on you. Don't get with those guys."

Karis Bryant, a freshman business major, said bars are the worst places to meet nice guys. Instead, she said people should find a person that shares the same beliefs.

"It is important that people have the same belief system," Bryant said. "When you meet some random person, those aren't the things that come up. But at church, or in a club, or playing sports, at least you know you have one thing in common."

Johnson said more personal settings give you a better chance to meet people.

"Friendly gatherings are the best, not a party," he said. "It's the 'friend of a friend' kind of thing, and you can get introduced that way."

Regardless of the meeting place, Nowowiejski advises people not to miss a chance to meet someone who looks like their type.

"When you're physically attracted to someone, go for it," she

said. "If you're saying, 'That person's hot,' and you want to get with them, there is nothing wrong with approaching them."

Rather than relying on personality, many people resort to using pick-up lines to attract the opposite sex.

Keil said she often has guys use corny lines to attract her attention.

"I get stuff like, 'You're all that and a bag of Doritos,'" she said. "You ain't just chips, you're the best kind. Once I had these two guys stare at me, and I asked what they were doing. They said, 'Nothing, just admiring the view.'"

Johnson said he never uses lines on girls, but his sister is always getting one-liners thrown at her by old men.

"The funniest line I can think of was once when this guy followed my sister out of a lobby and told her, 'Excuse me ma'am, I normally don't curse but when I saw you I said damn!'"

Keil said pick-up lines sometimes work, but usually they are just funny.

"Some of them are kind of sweet," she said. "It just depends on the guy. If it is some drunk dude that says, 'Hey baby, you're so hot you make me melt,' then no!"

Nowowiejski said she once met a guy in a parking lot who screamed "Howdy" at her, and remembered him because of the line he used.

"He said, 'I lost my number, can I have yours?' I said no," she said. "We kept talking and he said, 'No I really want your number, Lauren.' So I said my number out loud, and a couple of days later I had a message from him on my answering machine. He told me then that he thought that was the corniest line ever. We went out for a year."



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