

Editorials

Embarrassing Dating App Experiences

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Dating has evolved in tremendous ways over the years. In kindergarten, you shared your cookies or fruit snacks with your snotty nosed significant other of two days, whom you loved passionately. Fast forward to sixth grade, now you've upgraded to a more complicated system of note passing. "Do you like like me? Circle yes or no?" Now you're in college and social interactions are non-existent. When a person likes you they must confess their love for you with an emoji next to your contact name or like the 500 selfies on your Instagram. However,

the dating game has changed so much you can conveniently find a boo using a dating app!

The options are endless! You have Tinder, OkCupid, Plenty of Fish, eHarmony, Black People Meet, HER, Zoosk... I mean, the list is ENDLESS. So you've got options, but how do you know it will work? Right now, Tinder and OKC are really popular, but the success rate really depends on you and your standards. Both dating apps have managed to help millions of singles create their happily ever after. However, the not-so-good moments

are pretty terrible. Some girls wanted to share their embarrassing stories!

"I matched with my brother's best friend a while ago. I didn't know they were all that close, until my bro posted a pic of them on Instagram. It's weird because I said some colorful words to the guy, like REALLY COLORFUL! My brother hasn't mentioned anything yet!" - Anonymous, Class of 2018

"About a year ago, I went on a date with this guy. My stomach was hurting like all day and about 30 minutes

before he came to pick me up, I took some tums. Long story short, we ordered our food and I got a funny feeling in my stomach. I guess he noticed something was wrong and asked me about it. Then, I pooped on myself. We never spoke again." - Anonymous, Class of 2016

"This guy told me I have a beautiful smile one time.. I don't have a picture on my profile. So that was interesting." - Anonymous, Class of 2017

Don't Judge: In Defense of Makeup

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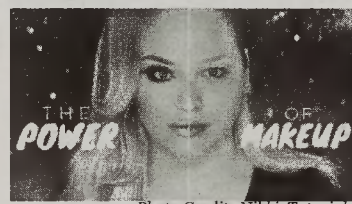


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We all know that girl. You know... the one that is seemingly always put together. Her hair is freshly washed and bouncy, and her makeup looks like it was done Kylie Jenner's own makeup artists. Some of us envy that girl, while others simply roll their eyes. After all, who has that much time on their hands? It seems that we have developed a status quo here at Meredith College, which consists of leggings, oversized t-shirts, and messy buns. Because of this standard, it's easy to pick out the student with a class presentation that day, or perhaps the girl on her way to an internship. Regardless, wearing makeup to class usually makes you stand out. Fellow students will comment, "You look so

good today!" or ask, "Where are you going later?" But why can't a girl look good for no reason at all?

For an entire week, not a single pair of leggings touched my body. Not one baggy t-shirt was thrown over my frame. In fact, I didn't look like I was waking up for an 8 a.m. at all. As I had predicted, students quickly began noticing the change, and I received plenty of comments. I, for one, love makeup. I'd eat, sleep, and breathe makeup if I could. Sephora is my drug of choice and Ulta Beauty is like my very best friend. Don't get me wrong, at the end of the day, I want to wipe that goop away just as much as the next person...but when it's on, I feel pretty empowered. With so many female empowerment movements lately, especially those about body image, it's becoming more and more encouraged to accept one's own "natural beauty." But I wonder, how far has this gone? It seems that some women are ashamed to put that extra effort into their appearance in the morning.

In fact, last year people took to YouTube to fight "makeup shamers" with a new online tag, #ThePowerOfMakeup. There are now over 900,000 results when you search this expression on the site's search engine. Started by YouTuber, NikkieTutorials, the online beauty blogger made a big impact with one 7 minute video. Nikkie filmed her extensive makeup routine with a twist. She made the bold move of keeping just one half of her face natural and untouched, while the other half was showcased in full makeup. Gaining over 28 million views since it was uploaded, Nikkie impacted viewers by encouraging them to embrace their love of makeup. She comments that people often think, "You do it for boys. You do it because you're insecure. Or you do it because you don't love yourself," but that's not always what it means. She equates it to an art form and says that anyone can love doing their makeup because "it's fun!" Thousands of beauty bloggers have since uploaded videos and pictures

to social media that show their own before and after faces to express their love of makeup.

I think, as woman especially, we should all feel comfortable in our own skin. The power of makeup is that you can do whatever you want with it; it can be bold or it can be subtle, there are no rules! There's a difference between using makeup as a mask or as a source of confidence. One should be able to say, "Because I wanted to" when asked why they appear so dressed up. At the end of the day, look however you're most comfortable. For me, some days that means I roll out of bed too lazy to even brush my hair. On other days, it means that I'm ready to be shot by the paparazzi. If only I could actually be that cool.

So yes, that made-up girl you see may have a presentation to give, but she may also just love makeup.

Ask Angel: Valentine's Day Edition

AskAngel is the Herald's new advice column. Need advice? Drop off your questions at the new AskAngel submission box located in Joyner, next to the downstairs copier.

Dear Ask Angel,

So there's this guy... I really like him and I want ask him out for Valentine's Day! The problem is I don't want to look desperate. What should I do?

Ask him girl! Unless, you're old-school! If you feel homeboy should be coming to you, then don't do it. However, if a spark of confidence persuades you to capture this delicate creature, then you should ask him out. I mean what do you have to lose? The worst he can say is no and if he does, #BYE.

If he says yes, then this is your time to shine! You show that huge ball of hot sexiness that you are the one he's been looking for! Also, don't worry about looking desperate. You know what you want and sometimes when the signals ain't working, it's time to get moving.

Dear Ask Angel,

What are some good restaurants to go on a date here in Raleigh?

Food is life! I got you girl! Well, if you were the great Future, you would go to Chipotle. For the fancier dates, The Cheesecake Factory has some amazing food! It's kind of pricey, but it's worth it. They have pretty much anything you want! Plus, there are hidden blessings in their Cheesecake.

I'm not kidding! 5 Star Chinese has amazing food!! Cowfish is dope! They have this food called Burgushi! It's like sushi and a burger combined! It's not too pricey! Wicked Taco is awesome too! On Tuesdays, you get free queso! Wendy's got that 4 for \$4! Shoot girl, you better hold on to your wallet! I'm just saying.

Dear Ask Angel,

I recently just got out of a bad breakup and I want to get out more. I really don't trust people and I think it's affecting all my future relationships. Do you have any advice?

It takes time to heal over a breakup. It's not easy. Sometimes, you can spend months or years, thinking about

what you did wrong or how you could have made it better. Truth is, it takes half the time the relationship lasted to completely get over it. Relationships involve two people, you can't love enough for the both of you. If you're constantly checking somebody's phone, freaking out about where they are every ten minutes, or if you're they're Best Friend on Snapchat, you're gonna drive yourself crazy. You have to forgive those who have done you wrong in the past. That's the only way, you can be happy. If trust is a big issue, you should inform them that Honesty is a must have! Try trusting someone until they give you a reason not to trust them.



Happy Valentine's (or Galentine's) Day from The Herald Staff!

