

She only wants lunch and a handshake from her former flame

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Dear Steven: Here's another of those 'flame still burning' letters. He decided to call me after almost five years—all that time and not one word. I'm not married and am about as single as they come. He is, however, and that, of course, is the major problem. I'd be back in his arms in a minute if he wasn't. I'm just not the kind of woman who has the urge to break up a marriage, but if I say no to his lunch invitation I know he'll just pester me until I give in. I'm sure he won't be bringing his wife and kids along, so if I go for it (which I probably will do), what's the best way to tell him I'm not interested in anything more than a bite to eat and

straight up

a handshake?

-Nervous in Greensboro

Dear Nervous: It sounds like you have it all under control. Sure, many people reading this are saying to themselves, "Well, she can't be so positive she isn't going to fall for the guy all over again," and that's always a possibility. However, the tone of your letter didn't reveal those vibes. My best advice is to be friendly but firm. Some say breaking a heart with a smile is a lot easier. Good luck.

Dear Steven: I'm getting married in three months and am about to send out the first batch of invitations. Of course, all of my sorority sisters are planning to attend, and many of them will be part of the ceremony. I love them all, and would hate to think anyone would have to make a major financial sacrifice just to get me a gift. Would it be tacky for me to write something like 'gifts not necessary' at the bottom of each invitation? The woman my mom chose to arrange these things is a real idiot. After reading your column I know you have more sense, and I like the idea of getting a man's opinion for a change.

—Bride-to-Be in N.C.

Dear Bride: Thanks for the kind

words. No matter what you write you know they'll be getting you something. There's really no way to prevent the well-meaning gesture. Sure, you can make a notation on the invitation but I doubt you'll get much compliance. Hinting around the house is another option, but don't get your hopes up and be sure to have plenty of thank you notes on hand. Congratulations.

Dear Steven: My roommate's friend has the appetite of a horse. As soon as she walks into the apartment she raids the refrigerator. Remember the scene in the movie ET where ET checks out the frig and samples everything in it? Well, that's what it's like when Ms.

Munchie pays a visit. She'll even grab something 'to go.' I'm really not upset about the food because there's enough to go around. It's just that she's so sloppy sometimes. Plus, I don't know how someone can shovel down so much yet stay so perfectly slim and trim. Am I being picky? Should I put my foot down?

—Save Me a Slice at UNC—G

over your roommate's head directly to the source of your aggravation probably will make matters worse. Ask your roomie to give her friend a few lessons in neatness, reminding her—in a civil manner—that the mess is for her to clean up, too. Also, why not consider breaking bread with your high-calorie visitor. Maybe she'll fill you in on some of her keep trim secrets. Good luck.

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Student Movement; Todd Hart, an executive assistant for Student Government's executive branch; Bryan Hassel, a member of the Campus Awareness Network; Eric Walker, a BSM member; Walt Boyle, president of the Carolina Union; Mary Evans, student attorney general; David Brady, chairman of the Campus Governing Council Finance Committee; Liz Frankenberg of the now-defunct Sorority Women Against Discrimination; and Kim Reynolds and Roger Orstad, co-presidents of the Campus Y.

Dorothy Bernholz, director of Student Legal Services will open the rally, speaking about the University's policy on protesting.

Admissions

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a spot in the freshmen class from a North Carolina resident.

"It's not that someone is getting denied because we have an admission exception," Evans said. "Admission exceptions are considered separately from the regular admissions. They're part of the large process, but one admission exception does not hold back a regular admission."

The majority of admission exceptions are minority students because of the need to enhance minority presence at UNC, Evans said.

The athletic department is limited to 38 exceptions in an academic year, Evans said. There is no limit to the number of minorities admitted as exceptions. Typically, there are 250 to 300 minority exceptions and 80 to 100 exceptions in the athletic, drama and music departments, Strickland said.

About half of the admission exceptions graduate, Cashwell said.

Student athletes have gotten an unwarranted bad reputation for poor academic ability because some are exceptions to the regular admission policy, Cashwell said.

"My dealings with athletes is that they have good reputations, do a good job in the classroom and form a positive element in the University," Cashwell said. "Our process here and our coaches are the best I know of," he said. "As a group, they are concerned with the student athlete's academic performance."

"There are a heck of a lot of athletes running around other schools that we wouldn't admit," Cashwell said.

Evans said, "The faculty is in control of this process."

Cashwell said athletes could not be exploited at UNC because of the general college curriculum. There is no room inside the curriculum to allow athletes to take easier courses, he said.

Cashwell said he had never been pressured by the athletic department to admit a student who he did not believe could do the work.

UNC Men's Basketball coach Dean Smith said the ideal situation would be to recruit students to the basketball team from those who were already admitted. But he said that was impossible because of the competition among schools to get top student athletes.

Smith said his basketball teams were in the upper one percent academically of teams around the nation.

Smith said if one of his admission-exception players did not graduate it would mean he was exploited.

"Winning is not the goal," Smith said. Evans said the issue of exploitation was complicated.

"There might be a variety of reasons why someone did not graduate," Evans said. "Just because the individual did not graduate does not mean he did not learn anything and did not benefit from being on campus."

The University makes a serious effort to provide athletes an academic support program, including tutors and set study hours, Evans said.

"I would feel uncomfortable about bringing a student without support," he said.



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