

## FEATURES

# Ask WilloMay

Need some advice but don't feel comfortable asking your man, your woman, your friends, your instructor or your parents? Well, just ask WilloMay! I feel your pain and confidentiality is my middle name.

Below you will find my answers to your first questions. If you have problems or need some advice, look for my Healing Boxes, at various locations on campus, submit your problems or concerns. Don't wait! Drop in your questions today!

Dear WilloMay:

I am a black female who lacks companionship in her life. I don't understand why I am having such a problem with finding someone special to share my time. I am a fairly attractive young lady with my head on my shoulders, and I know what direction I am going in life. But it seems as though many men are intimidated by a strong, educated black woman. I find that a lot of guys want to play games with me like they are scared to commit. Many of them assume I have thousands of men; so it becomes a competition to them. I get tired of being the prize. I have feelings also. So how do I go about finding a real relationship? And when do I know when to trust a man?

Lonely

Dear Lonely

If you want something more, eliminate those guys that are scared to commit. They are probably not ready to commit, or they need to figure out on their own what it is that frightens them about commitment. If they are playing games, and you don't want to play anymore, tell them they are out! Game is over!

If there is a man that you really like and you want a commitment, tell him that is what you want. By doing that you will eliminate the players right away, and the man who is ready and willing will stay. More important is that you continue your education and don't let that be a distraction for you. He will come when you are not looking.

Being alone gives you an opportunity to develop your wonderful self even more.

You said that men assume that you have several men in your life and that they are intimidated by your intellect. Make sure you are not sending out the wrong signals. For instance, are you constantly talking to a guy you are out on a date with about how much fun you had with another guy? That will certainly intimidate some guys. Are you over doing it talking about how smart you are? That can certainly make a guy run. All I am suggesting is for you to do some inventory of yourself. If you find something you want to change, fine, then change it. If you don't, kiss yourself my sister and keep doing what you are doing. If you have not dated interracially, you might consider it as an option. A lot of black women are seriously considering dating men of other races.

I say trust your self first and if you believe in a higher power, trust it. Only you can determine what is acceptable or not to you. Is he reliable? Is he honest? Does he treat you with respect? The signs are always there to let you know whether a person can be trusted or not. A lot of women close their eyes to those little signs because they don't want to be alone. Being alone is better than being disrespected or compromising your values just to have a man.

Don't give up. As my old gray-headed Aunt Clara used to say, "You can give

out, but never give up."

Dear WilloMay:

Recently, I have become re-acquainted with a young man that I was involved with last semester. I don't really know if it is wise to pursue a relationship with him because of the conflicts that it might cause with our "friends."

He often tells me that I listen too much to what my friends say and they have an influence over my feelings towards him, which isn't true. I really care about this young man and I really want to make him believe that it's him that I want to be with. Really, my friends don't have anything to do with my feelings for him. What should I do to make him understand?

Caught in the Middle

Dear Caught in the Middle:

Now, WilloMay wants you to think about what you are saying. First you say, you don't know if it's wise to pursue a relationship with this young man because it causes conflicts with your friends. Then you say your friends don't have anything to do with your feelings. Then where is the conflict? It sounds like the conflict is within you. Are you sure you are not projecting the 'my friends don't like him' syndrome on the situation to cover-up the real issue?

Do you really want to pursue a relationship with him? If you care about him and want to be with him then that's what you should do, as long as he treats you with respect and care.

I am not trying to get in your business, but I wondered what happened in the relationship last semester. Did you resolve the conflict? What is it about him that your friends and his friends are having a problem with?

There are two types of friends: One kind genuinely cares about your welfare and happiness. They are not threatened by someone else loving or caring about you as much as they love and care about you. The other kind is one who pretends to be a friend. They are jealous, always in your essence trying to see what you are doing, and if you are doing it better than them. They are always, always jealous of your boyfriend, and they always find something wrong with him. Most of the time they don't have anyone in their life, and usually follow you around for excitement because they don't know how to make their own. Now, I am just saying to you, take a look at your friends and make sure they have your best interest at heart.

If he became violent or is a drug user or something like that, then I agree with your friends, let it go. But if none of those elements are a factor, I think your friends should support your decision, giving credit to your good sense and judgment. You cannot live for your friends. If you relate to him on that level, I think he will understand much more than you could imagine.

### Answers To The Idiot Test

#### Scoring:

- 21 Correct - Genius
- 17 Correct - Above Normal
- 15 Correct - Normal
- 8 Correct - Nincompoop
- 6 Correct - Moron
- 3 Correct - Idiot

#### Answers:

1. Yes (they also have a 3rd of July, a 2nd of July, etc..)
2. One a year
3. All months have (at least) 28 days
4. The beggar is the woman's sister
5. Because he is living
6. 6 (3 per side)
7. No, the man would be dead

8. They are not playing each other
9. 70 (30 divided by .5 is 60)
10. White. (the bear would be a polar bear, because the house must be at the north pole)
11. 2 (You just took 2 apples)
12. a fifty cent piece, and a nickel (one is not a nickel, but the other one is)
13. light the match first
14. half way (then he would be running out)
15. one hour (the first one, a half hour later, and another one more half hour)
16. 9 (all but 9 die...)
17. none. Moses was not on the ark
18. he weighs meat
19. 12
20. Bill Clinton