

Oh bay-bee, do you wanna dance? check out Lincoln's opening lines

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With college in session and Lincoln bars thriving, one liners in the air are as thick as Big Red flies.

The traditional "meat-market" bars are packed every night and a market for new bars is opening. The people occupying these bars pay hard earned student loan dollars for fun and, with luck, romance.

Times have changed, males no longer dominate. Finding romance is not as easy as the "Love Boat" manual makes it seem. The traditional witty openers are obsolete and there is no big fad that everybody adheres to.

"Hey, what's your sign?" just doesn't cut it anymore.

An unscientific DN poll revealed some startling things about the dating game. For one thing, almost every female complained that today's male is too shy or lacks motivation to confront women one on one.

"Women have to make the moves, men don't have enough

motivation," said Tracy Snow, a junior elementary education major at UNL. At the same time, most males would prefer to have a woman confront them. Ray Frey, a junior geology major said, it didn't matter if a woman talks to him. The game would be easier to play if they did, he said.

More people are staying away from pick-up bars and concentrating on just having fun.

"I don't go to pick up girls, I go to get wasted," said Rick Weatherly, a sophomore physics major.

Likewise, a female student at UNL who wished to remain anonymous said she goes to bars for fun.

"I think it's gross how everyone just is looking for a quick release of their glands," she said.

All but one person polled agreed that both men and women can initiate conversation.

The Top 10 one liners:

1. "Do you wanna dance?"
2. "Hi, how are you?"

3. "Haven't I seen you in here before?" or "Do you come here alot?"

4. "What's your name?"

5. "Do you go to school in Lincoln?"

6. "What kind of drink is that?" with a following response of "I'm a big fan of that drink" or "I've never had one, can I have a taste?"

7. Choosing a feature on the victim's person and complimenting them for it. i.e., "You've got great toes."

8. "Are you having a fun time?"

9. "Have you heard of any parties after the bar closes?"

10. "Do you have a match? Do you have a cigarette?"

The rarer liners that I heard? "You like me, don't you? Don't you?"

"Have you seen a Congressional Medal of Honor around here? I lost mine."

"I've noticed that you really shouldn't drive home. Can I be your taxi? I wouldn't want to see you hurt."

Lines not to try

Nope, No class. None at all.

The Daily Nebraskan Research Team, dissatisfied with the unimaginative quality of Lincoln's most popular pick-up lines, decided to experiment. Long nights of hard work yielded fruitful results: slapped faces and bruised egos.

Here are the DN lines *not* to try:

1. You, know, you look a lot like Cyndi Lauper/Ricky Schroeder.
2. So, do you wanna meet my mother?
3. Can I drink your bath water?
4. I'm an Aquarius. You look like a Yield.
5. You American? I'm American too.
6. This bar is a meat market. Let's go back to my place.
7. The way you dance, it reminds me of sumo wrestling.
8. I'm a great cook. My best meal is breakfast...
9. I really dig those sweat patterns on your shirt.
10. Have you ever considered the Peace Corps?

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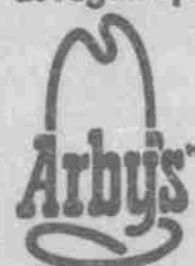
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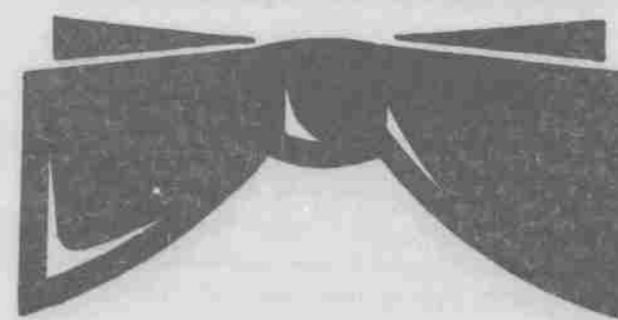
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