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# Folks don't chat about love but true beer never fails

**"T** rue love is just a fairy tale."  
—Bruce Springsteen

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Nobody is singing about a happy ending anymore. It just doesn't sell.

Getting people to talk about true love and marriage is even tougher — unless you catch them just at the right moment.

Unfortunately, the moment rarely lasts for more than 15 minutes and can only be detected by a team consisting of a psychologist, economist, chef and three sensitive talk show hosts with excessive emotional baggage.

There is one exception: folks don't mind talking about marriage, life, babies, coffee in the morning before church and general responsible living when they have a mouthful of beer.

Somewhere between birth, marriage and that truth serum is O'Rourke's.

Smiling Kathleen Neary, president of Nebraska Young Democrats usually dates Republicans.

On a Friday afternoon, responsible living was far from Neary's mind, but when the question of what makes a good marriage partner was posed, she was an eager participant.

"Integrity, diligence, honesty and money of course," Neary deemed necessary for a hardcore commitment. She said that there aren't many men her type, and she won't sacrifice her career for marriage. She also said she wants to marry someone within her party affiliation.

Ken Libby, president of the Nebraska Association of Residence Halls knows what he wants.

"Dependability, faithful, very attractive and intellectual," Libby said with a stern look and a firm grip on his glass. He said he is ready to marry when he finds the right woman, but won't commit until he is financially set. Libby is a junior business administration major.

Janette Vondruska, a junior French and German major, wants a man of the "coffee generation."

"Intelligent, and a good sense of humor are important," Vondruska said.

"He must be active and very aware of his surroundings."

He must be a doer."

While Vondruska said she is looking forward to marriage somewhere around the age of 25, Frank Smutniak, a senior electrical engineering major, balked when the question of age was posed.

As he thought, he pulled hard on his cigarette and stared into a thick cloud.

"30..." he said slowly, then, "...32 ... 34." By then his cherry was a straining fire hazard.

Smutniak, while not in a hurry, said he was looking for an intelligent, outspoken girl with a sense of humor.

Chris Scudder, president of the ASUN senate and a senior English major, doesn't care.

"He can beat me, he can whip me — as long as he's rich."

Two people questioned had thought they made the right decisions prior to their previous marriages.

Lisa Shields, a senior speech pathology major, said she just wants "somebody opposite of my ex-husband."

The other second timer, a graduate student who asked to remain anonymous, has readjusted his priorities.

"She should have lots of money, a good set of values, nice brains — actually, not very smart and all her real teeth," he said.

Notoriously, the bartender knows all. It may be true that Bob Brodie, behind the bar at O'Rourke's, is experienced in psychology, economics and cooking. And by rumor, Phil Donahue is his god.

Brodie listed his priorities in a hierarchy of four. "First, she must be a good second baseman so we can make a good double play combination," he said. "Second, likes to read Raymond Chandler. Third, her father should own a trout stream or a brewery. And fourth, she must weigh less than I."

## Receptions reflect lifestyle

Today's newlyweds have the option of creating a reception that can reflect their future lifestyle. It can be elegant or casual and low key. Whatever the plans, keep in mind that all the guests should be made to feel comfortable.

Bridal Originals of New York suggests that before choosing a site, it is best to draw up a budget. Traditionally, the bride's parents have paid for the

reception, but that rule is frequently altered depending upon financial circumstances. Sometimes the bride and groom share expenses.

When discussing reservations, be certain to have all pertinent information such as specific dates, times, expected number of guests and pre-

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