



strategies to date," she says. Hence the entire surrogate courtship industry of personal ads, dating services and cyberdating.

Postmortem

This is part of the future of dating, say Rodney M. Cate and Sally A. Lloyd, authors of the book *Courtship*.

"The initial events of courtship may be changing from informal introductions by one's friends to formal services that may maximize the chances of compatibility," they say.

Cate and Lloyd make several other predictions, among them a rise in the age at first marriage, another wave of sexual liberalism (once AIDS is cured or more reliably prevented) and still more equality between the sexes.

Sounds like

we're on track. And, it seems, shallow waters run deep. Or something like that. Casual dating now is paving the way for more solid and equitable relationships later, says Ball State's Adams.

"People want more emotional relationships," she says. "They want more caring on both parts but haven't been conditioned for it." Again, Adams sees prescribed gender roles as a barrier.

But we're the ones crumbling those barriers and coming at relationships on more equal terms.

"That makes for a deeper, more in-depth, more interesting relationship," Adams says.

And that, conveniently, concurs with Cate and Lloyd's ultimate conclusion:



Guest Expert: Carrot Top

"Will you have sex with me? That's usually my opening line."

Bonnie Datt, associate editor of U. Magazine admits that the only flowers she ever gets are from her dad.

"We believe that 'the couple' will remain a primary unit, and that love, togetherness, quality time, good communication and mutually satisfying sexuality will remain important themes in our culture through the next century."

I'll have what she's having

Who cares if flannel and Chucks have replaced Chanel and tuxes? College is like an all-you-can-eat cafeteria. Sure you could go to a fancy restaurant and order the specialty. But at the cafeteria, you can wear your boxers and a ripped T-shirt, and the choices are endless. You can mix and experiment — philosophizing and philandering one semester; studying and buddying the next; a term of learning and loving, and so on. You might decide to move on to the filet mignon. But hey, there's nothing wrong with shepherd's pie, either.

Bon appétit!



"When someone goes on an actual date, it is a campus event."

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