

After breakup, woman dazed and confused

Dear Harlan,

My ex-boyfriend and I broke up about a month ago — all my idea. I didn't think it was fair to continue dating him when I just didn't feel the same way about him. I simply fell out of love with him. This happened nine months into our relationship, and it was picture perfect until it seemed like overnight I felt differently.

He's really taking it hard and I feel just awful. I don't understand what went wrong. He was respectful of my beliefs and incredibly sweet and supportive. He still wants to be friends, but I don't know if I can because I feel incredibly uncomfortable. I'm still battling with myself why this happened, and he keeps calling, looking for answers that I can't give him. He tells me he's not ready to move on, but I am, and if I do how can I remain friends with him?

— Ahhh

Dear Ahhh,

He's thinking things are going great. He's psyched about his new bathing suit for the summer. He's thinking possible marriage, kids, a life of endless happiness and ... BOOM.

Love sucks.

All he could ask from you is that you be honest with him, and you honestly seem confused. So, let him know that in order for you to figure out what you want and need, you first need some more space.

As horribly hard as it might seem, he needs to respect you. No matter how you approach things, he's going to hurt. If you frame it as you having to help yourself, he'll at least know it's not him, but you.

And whatever you do, don't play games. If you say you can't talk to him, don't call him up two weeks later to say "hi" unless you're ready to be his friend. Playing games with someone's emotions is far from loving.

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Ask Harlan

Dear Harlan,

One day back in November my friends and I were headed back to campus at 1:30 in the morning after a night out. We were pulled over and were immediately taken out of the car and searched. Unfortunately, I had a joint in my pocket and was whisked away to the police department.

I'm now two months into my one-year probation, but my parole officer informed me that my arrest may not clear my record by the time I wish to apply for a job. It is sad that my future may be affected by such a meaningless and harmless crime, but it can happen to anyone.

Word to the wise, if you are in car and you have drugs, you are in danger. You do not have any rights because a determined cop will always find what you have in your pocket. The courts aren't fair either. Good luck stoners and beware.

— F. Justice

Dear Justice,

And who is supposed to feel sorry for you? This isn't so shocking — when you transport drugs you're going to get in trouble. It's not a big secret. And this isn't about a determined cop. It's about a dumb guy (you) packing a joint in his pocket and taking a risk and getting busted. You might be a smart guy every other moment, but your momentary lapse of judgment might haunt you for a lifetime. It might be a good idea to think about your drug habit while hanging out in court.

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Collier House bestows fine dining experience

■ The historic house on campus serves delicious food but is little known to students

By Joe Walsh

Oregon Daily Emerald

It seems that people are just plain scared of the Collier House.

It took this reporter three years to finally step foot in there, and I don't personally know anyone else who has. I imagine there are many who walk by the beautiful and historic yet ominous

old house in the middle of campus and wonder what it even is. I bet they wonder whether it is open to the public and whether people can actually eat there.

Well yes, people can eat there, and, in fact, they do it every day. And although the Collier House doesn't attract a lot of students

— I was the only person under age 30 when I had lunch there Tuesday afternoon — it is open to them every day for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Once you get past your fear of the Collier House, you'll be glad you did. It may feel at first as if you're walking into someone's house (University presidents from 1900-1941 resided there), but the friendly staff will quickly put you at ease.

Just reopened after a nine-month hiatus, the Collier House offers a variety of beautifully prepared gourmet-style continental dishes, including pastas, salads, sandwiches and various entrees, vegetarian included. The prices are higher than most places on campus (ranging from \$4.50-\$10.50), but the food, the elegant, fine-dining at-



Ryan Starkweather Emerald

Diners enjoy a tasty meal in the renovated Collier House restaurant after its reopening last week.

mosphere and the change of pace make it worth the extra couple of dollars.

For \$7.50, I had a delicious five-cheese ravioli, served with a choice of basil pesto and pine nuts or garlic burgundy marinara. I chose the spicy marinara. Also included with the meal were a choice of soup or salad, bread and a fresh vegetable. With no limit to the soup, salad or bread, any lunchtime hunger can be satisfied.

For a lighter meal that is easier on the wallet, the buffet lunch is a good choice. For \$4.50 you can help yourself to two soups, a green salad, a salad du jour (it was a creamy pasta salad on Tuesday), a fruit salad and bread. Tuesday's soups were a thick chicken noodle and a spicy, vegetable-laden minestrone.

The Collier House offers an alternative to the everyday campus eateries (Hammy's, Sam's on Campus, etc.)

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