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How do I deal with my party bed buddy?

Dear Nat: How do I deal with facing someone I just had a one-night stand with? I slept with this guy at a party last weekend, and I know I'm going to run into him around campus. Should I ignore him, act friendly, flirty or what?

— *Confused Party Girl*

Dear Confused: Oh, the wonders of college! Blurred, drunken nights in smelly houses that lead you to the arms of some eager bachelor who can't remember your name. What fun!

From the tone of your letter, I'm sensing this one-night stand may not have been the right choice. Deep down, you want a real romance.

But in this stage of your life, it may be hard to find something real, so you settle for any sexual crumbs from the cake of love you deserve.

Unfortunately, you'll never be happy waking up the next morning realizing you probably won't hear from that person

ever again. You're craving a connection with this guy and hoping he might want to date you or at least have a friendship, but I'm afraid you shouldn't keep your hopes up.

When the guy crosses your path, be friendly but not by any means clingy or overeager. Pay attention to the tone he sets for the two of you. Who knows? He might want to begin dating. You might end up as friends and forget all about your night together. But if you find yourself getting hung up on him when he isn't reciprocating, you must try to learn from it and get on with your life.

Some people (although I'll never know how) can sleep around without getting emotionally attached. If you can truly say that one-night stands never scar you in the least, fine. But for most of us, it's best to build something solid before hopping in the sack.

Dear Nat: I'm a freshman girl living in the dorms, and I've become extremely attracted to the male resident assistant in my hall. We've been flirting with each other lately, and I know a relationship is against University Housing policy, but is it really that bad?

— *Forbidden Love*

Dear Forbidden Love: Yes dear, we all know that Felicity got in on a very personal note with her RA without any problems, but let me clue you in — "Felicity" is not real life!

I must admit that I see the appeal in your interest. Your RA is in a position to sort of protect you, he may be older, he tells guys your age what to do and carries a high status around campus. No matter how dreamy this "Noel" in your life may be, dating your own RA can put you in potential pickles.

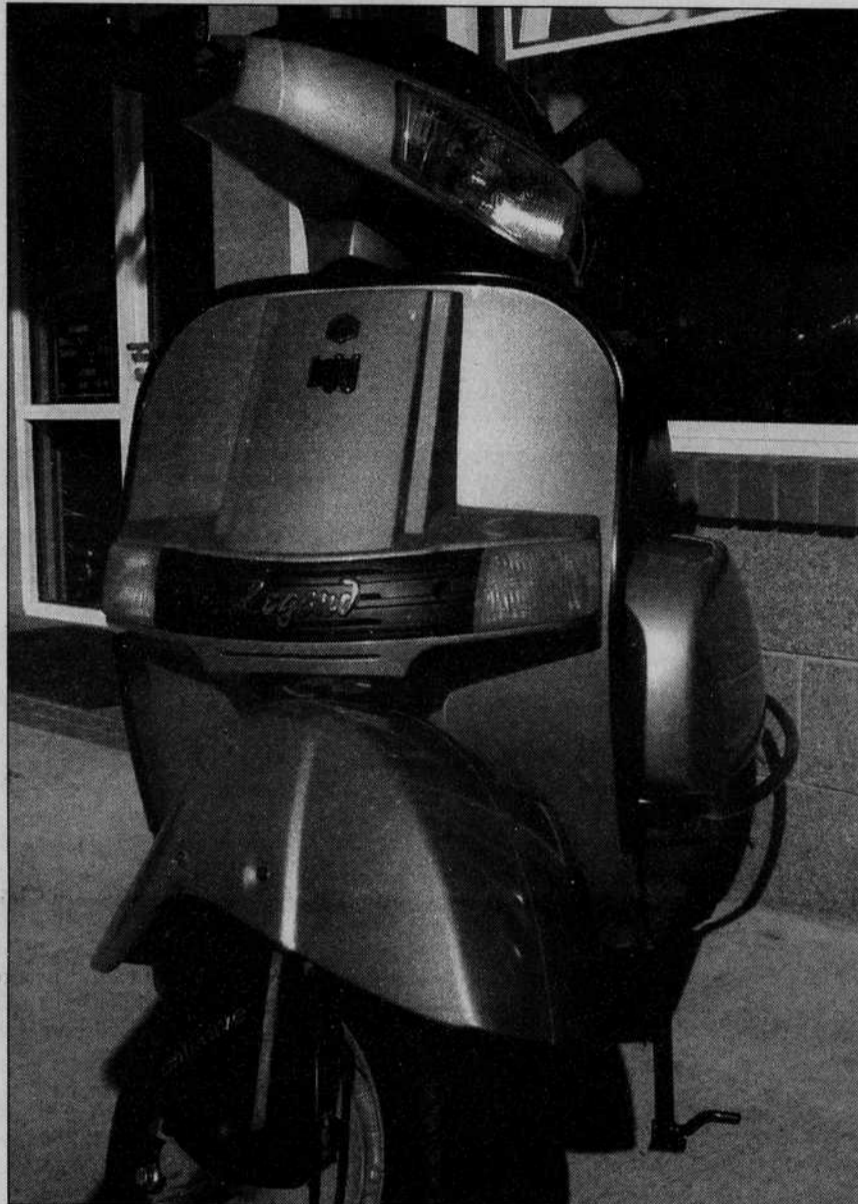
He is there to treat all of his residents equally, but if you become intimate with him, he may feel obliged to give you

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Natasha Chilingierian
Ask Nat

Scootin' along



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Scooters, such as this 2003 Bajaj Legend at Wheel Works in Eugene, are gaining a devoted following up and down the West Coast of the United States.

Eugene's Top Dead Center Scooter Club offers motor scooter enthusiasts the opportunity to learn about scooter maintenance and have a good time

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Pulse Reporter

"I took the entire thing apart," Walters said. "Right now, I'm getting the body cleaned. Then I'm going to be rebuilding the engine." She hopes to have her vintage Vespa restored by February.

Walters is one of the approximately 20 members of Eugene's Top Dead Center Scooter Club. The scooter club meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at a local bar.

"I owe the fact that I found this (scooter) to the club," Walters said. She said Top Dead Center, along with other scooter clubs in Portland and Seattle, have been a great resource for finding and repairing her scooter.

"There is a common support group," club member Geoff Paunderas said. "We do a majority of our own work, both mechanical and cosmetic. Everyone is good at different things, and old scooters are rather unique in their engineering." Paunderas owns two Vespas.

Another club member, Matt Milletto agrees.

"By being in a club, you're constantly getting maintenance tips and using your scooter," he said. Milletto first became interested in Vespas while living in Italy, where the scooters were created.

The Italian company Piaggio first began manufacturing the Vespa brand in 1946. Vespas were made to be an alternative to gas-guzzling cars, which were too expensive for many Italians to drive after World War II.

The unique scooters were made even more popular in the 1960s by the fashion-conscious British youth known as Mods. Since then, the classic motor scooter has attracted a cult-like following, with clubs up and down the West Coast.

The clubs not only serve as a resource for finding out how to fix the old scooters, but are also a way for enthusiasts to meet others interested in two-wheeled transportation.

"The club serves as a central meeting point," Paunderas said. "I would probably not have met but a few of the other scooterists, but the club has introduced me to some really great people, and we get together and ride and hang out all the time. It's fun."

Riding is the highlight of owning a scooter for Top Dead Center members.

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Oregon in autumn offers adventure

From the Oregon coast to the University's Outdoor Program, students can find a way to get out of town this fall season

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Summer has always been the season of the traveler. Fall, on the other hand, brings heavy doses of schedules and routine — a sobering reality check that leaves students shell-shocked and longing for the stress-free days of cross-country road trips and European backpacking. New students adjusting to life at college and goal-oriented University veterans may forget there's a world beyond campus.

But autumn offers more travel opportunities than you can imagine. So grab a pen. There are about to be some changes to your schedule. And you won't need add/drop for these.

Lane Community College Computer Network Operator major Dale Dzierzek thinks he's stating the obvious when talking about his favorite Oregon getaway.

"The coast. It's an hour away and you don't even have to go with a specific destination in mind," said Dzierzek. "Once you hit those coastal roads, the drive itself is worth it — especially in the fall." He also mentioned his favorite



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Unusually nice weather has given many students, including sophomore music student Spencer Finnan, the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

stop along the way — the Rogue Brewery, located in the coastal town of Newport.

Once you get to the coast, check out Marine Discovery Tours. The self-dubbed Official Cruise Company of the Oregon Coast offers two-hour aquarium-style cruise programs lead by a team of naturalists on a 65-foot flagship aptly named Discovery. For more information, visit

www.marinediscovery.com.

Anthropology major Joe Dimick prefers Ashland for his vacation stop.

"It's just a really festive little town. There's always shit going on," Dimick said. "And Mt. Ashland is a great place to ski."

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