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# Happiness is found in 'Orange County'

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his life as if in "Dazed and Confused." I would have to say that I was a little disappointed that Mr. Black didn't have much more of a role, although his total of thirty minutes in the movie were worth the almost eight dollars I paid to see this movie.

One bad thing after another seems to keep Shaun from his road to a Harvard education and he is convinced the world is against him. But just like any other teen movie, in the end, all is well.

Great cameos include Chevy Chase, playing the high school principal who pushes for Britney Spears as a speaker at graduation; John Lithgow, who plays

"Orange County" was released around the country on Jan. 11, 2002, and proved to be as hilarious as the previews indicated on television.

The story is based on Shaun Brumder (Colin Hanks), a lost teenage senior looking to find a way out of his surfing "like totally" town in Orange County, Calif. Shaun takes the viewers on a wacky tour of his outrageous family life as he makes his attempt at getting into Harvard University.

The movie starts with him being a shoe-in, providing his



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correct SAT scores are sent in. Unfortunately, his guidance counselor (Lily Tomlin) does the exact opposite and sends the poor boy down a path as misguided as the people in his life. As the story escalates we meet one zany character after another.

Shaun's loser brother, Lance, is played by the infamous Jack Black, who has no job, lives at home with their crazy alcoholic mother (Catherine O'Hara) and lives

Shaun's whiny but very rich father; and Ben Stiller as a fireman who interrogates Black's character about starting a fire.

If you are in for a really good laugh and a great time watching a lunatic family come to life, you could really appreciate this movie. If you are looking for a spectacular ending, I wouldn't recommend spending the time. One thing to remember, this is a teen flick. Translation: no room for originality, but I left with a smile on my face.

Okay, since some of us weren't paying attention during Body Language 101, here's a recap: When she smiles without showing any teeth while any handy object is tightly clutched to her breast, she's probably not digging you. If her responses are monosyllabic, it's time for you and the Aqua-Velva to exit stage left. A clueless Norbert getting shot down is one of the saddest things you can witness, and it's almost always a really attractive girl politely fending off some reactor accident refugee. I got news for you guys: Adrienne Barbeau and Heather Locklear were paid big money to hang out with Swamp Thing. What I'm trying to say is this — we all have a particular dating stratum to operate within, and we all need to practice picking up on cues.

First off, the shotgun approach doesn't work. I'm not talking about an Arkansas date involving abduction; I mean the idea that if you ask enough girls you'll eventually get a yes. Women have an uncanny ability to discern if another woman has recently rejected you. (This is the reason you can go months without so much as a smile from anything even remotely attractive and then two days after you propose to your girlfriend, they're showing up at your door with a bottle of wine and two tubs of Cool Whip.) It won't matter how much help you're getting from Tommy Hilfinger if her loser alert goes off. Trying to be cute or clever in your approach doesn't increase your odds. This is specifically for the guys who walk up to the ladies with a sheet-metal screw going "You wanna...?" I think we should have gene pool defense

laws to take these guys out on the spot.

Next, your friends are probably not the best source of info on dealing with the opposite sex. If

think your buddies have any actual harm in mind, but it's their job as your friends to point out when you're a few fries short of a Happy Meal.

Since they have to support you no matter what, convincing you to enter a gunfight with a knife may seem cruel up front, but it's far more humane in the long run. As men we can prevent a lot of



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your buddies have nothing better to do than sit around talking chicks, chances are the only help they're going to be is in passing the fire extinguisher after you crash and burn. This is also the point at which you discover who your true friends really are. Evil intent usually rears its ugly head in the form of the phrase, "Get back on the horse, man..."

The guy who says this and shoves another shot at you is not your friend. He's a struggling comedian looking for material.

As a sidebar, I'd like to also mention that confessing the girl of your dreams to a friend is perfectly natural. I call this the I-don't-have-the-guts-so-I-want-you-to-talk-me-into-it ploy. It's also one of the stupidest things men do. I don't

this needless suffering by drilling each other on body language. To show that I practice what I preach, I'll start us out: If she tosses her hair, that's good. If she tosses her cookies, that's bad. To salvage the situation try holding her hair back. It's a long shot, but persistence has paid off where hygiene has failed.



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