



On ya bike

La Trobe's Bundoora campus has a new walking and cycling path from Macleod Station. The launch coincided with the university's April 23 Ride to Uni Day, a day when students and staff are encouraged to travel to university by bicycle rather than by car.

The \$490,000 Walking and Cycling Path has been jointly funded by the Victorian Government, La Trobe University, City of Darebin and City of Banyule and is part of the Victorian Government's Local Area Access Program. The path links Macleod Station and La Trobe.

In Victoria, bicycles can be carried free of charge on all trains, however on metropolitan services, it is requested that the rear carriage is used.

La Trobe's director of sustainability, Professor Carol Adams said: "Commuting by bike is a time efficient way to build exercise into a daily routine."

Sex, love and more



Contact Miss Cherie with questions about sex, love, relationship and anything in between via editor@utimes.com.au

Weeding the dope

Dear Miss Cherie,

My boyfriend of one and a half years is really into smoking pot. I didn't know this when I first went out with him. If I had known, I would have not gone there. I've asked him to quit, to no avail. Is there any way to make him quit

Not Into Weed, South Yarra.

Hi there anti weed gal.

Like you I am also not into the ill pursuit of stuffing a cigarette with smelly green stuff and then enjoying the "effects" that come with

it, like a chalky white pallor, squinty eyes and a tendency to laugh hysterically at a pizza box. (Am I not getting the joke?).

But, oh how love can blind thee! A clever man named Shakespeare was talking about this exact issue in one of his sonnets, "O cunning love! With tears that keep'st me blind/Lest eyes well seeing thy foul faults should find."

400 years later and we're still having the same problem, the one where we put on these lovey rose tinted glasses and don't know if we're Arthur or Martha.

When you're first with a guy like this, it's just too cute for words. His unwashed, unkempt greasy blobs of hair? The eyes of love see that as rakish ruffish locks. Red rimmed, junkie eyes? Oh, he's just so refreshingly unpretentious.

They say that the romantic period of a relationship – the period when you legally swoon, develop hot flushes even when watching him play a computer game and have the rapid heartbeat of a guinea pig – lasts around nine months. After that you enter a new period in your relationship called reality.

This is when you first become aware that these happy chappy rose tinted glasses you've been viewing him with can actually come off. You blink, clear the sleep from your nine month-ish dormant eyes and when you finally see clearly you are stunned to realise that you've somehow landed a stoner for a boyfriend. Now, you can:

a) Ask him again to quit smoking weed, get angry when he doesn't and then be temporarily distracted from the issue by shiny things, his rakish smile and the way he gets on with your mother.

b) Dump him. Remember, you can never change another person, you can only change yourself. So you can change your involvement with him but you can't change him.

Is this stalking?

Hey Miss C,

There's this really hot chick at uni. I often see her in the library and I've seen her full name when she checks Facebook. Should I

add her as a friend and then if she accepts, tell her who I am and that I'm into her. Or is that stalking?

Admirer Man, Berwick.

Dear Admirer,

Let us distinguish between two important words. One is 'admirer', the other is 'stalker'. There are many differences between the two.

An admirer: is often open yet unassuming in his admiration. He might send flowers, a note, give a compliment and a smile and if he's feeling confident, suggest a date. He is never assuming of a reciprocate feeling back yet still wants to communicate his fondness for his subject of admiration.

A stalker, on the other hand, will bypass all these steps and go straight to an email account: "I love you. ALWAYS. Will you give me some of your hair? Love GUESS WHO!?!?"

Or they may just choose to spend their recreational time obsessing over secret photographs of their beloved taken either on a shutter speed, archaic camera or more probably with a sneaky camera phone.

Or they might follow an unsuspecting subject to her house and just hang out there for a while, behind a garbage bin, eating pre-prepared snacks slowly and watching their subject through Xray glasses as she watches *Home and Away*.

To answer your question, yes you should definitely approach this mysterious and beautiful creature and possibly strike up a friendship with her. Or if you're a little shy you could take the easy way out and just request her friendship on Facebook but make sure you send her a message describing exactly who you are and why you are adding her. A simple "I am that guy who wears a baseball hat who is always smiling at you in the library. I think you're cute – wanna catch up for a coffee at uni soon?" would be appropriate, honest and low key.

But become her stalker and trust me, she will enter you in her phone as "Weird Uni Stalker- don't answer!" ☹

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