

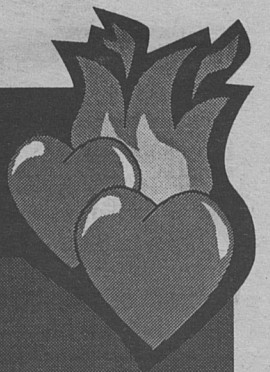
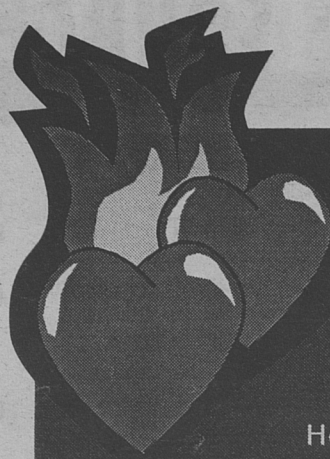
Sweethearts with Real Class

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Lesbian couple Nicole Salisbury and Ashley Lagasse, each 17, will make history in the 2002 Dover New Hampshire High School Yearbook, as winners of the "senior superlatives" survey garnering 77% of the class votes as the Class Sweethearts.

Principal Robert Pederson had declared the vote invalid claiming the ballot had been misunderstood. That ballot asked for a vote for one man and one woman. Superintendent Armand LaSelva stepped in and declared the couple the winners based on the number of votes.



Mr. Les B. Frank

Your Guidance Counselor for Life

Hey, Mr. Frank!

My boyfriend and I have been together for a year and the problem is that he has let his body get out of shape. When we first started going out, he was a total hottie. Big arms and pecs, washboard abs. The total package. Then, he stopped going to the gym as much and, now, he doesn't go at all.

I have stayed in great shape and I want a boyfriend who looks as good, after a year, as he did on the night we met. Is that asking too much?

Signed,
Bryan,
Manchester, NH

Dear Bryan,

Get a clue, shallow boy!

What's happened to your boyfriend happens to a lot of people when they get into a relationship. While it's not ideal for his health or your attraction, being with you may have made him feel good enough about the man he is to worry less about the body he has. Though, the way you talk about his total package, I guess he misjudged the value you place on the wrapping.

Lots of people get into great shape, when they're trying to get laid or get into a relationship. But that's not who they really are. Many of them would rather stay home and have two helpings of dessert than stick with a diet and exercise routine that goes against their nature. That's reality.

Should your boyfriend stay in shape because you want him to? No. If he does work at keeping his body in flesh-on-display style, it should be for himself.

If all you can think about is how his waistline has grown and not how your love for each other has grown, then, you need to ponder some eventualities.

Your ass will sag. Your pecs will soften. You will lose some hair. But, long before all that, you will have lost a man who valued you for more than just your external appearance.



Hey, Mr. Frank!

I don't see why so many lesbians shave their legs and armpits just because that's what society tells us we're supposed to do. In Europe, women who don't shave are still considered sexy and I prefer my women that way.

A few weeks ago, I started dating a woman who refuses to let her legs and pits go back to the natural way. She is grossed out by it and says that I should shave and stop being such a "brown rice and granola" dyke. What do you think?

Signed,
Yvonne
Bennington, VT

Dear Yvonne,

I know it's not politically correct to acknowledge this but I find a man's relatively hairy armpits and legs to be sexy but think the same on a woman makes her look as if she'd been raised by wolves.

The woman you're dating may have been impacted by society's ideals, as I believe I have been, or she may just not like hair in certain places. What I wonder, though, is how you two got involved with each other, if you have these basic differences in personal aesthetics?

Having this problem, so early in a relationship, leads me to think that you'll have many more issues on which you'll disagree. Have a candid discussion with her about your various views and see where there's synergy and where there's discord. I have a feeling you'll be raising your arm and airing out your hairy pit as you wave goodbye to her.

Mr. Les B. Frank offers guidance counseling to people of all ages. He's also chief ball polisher for a men's bowling league. Some letters are edited for length, spelling or grammar. Send your questions and requests for guidance to HeyMrFrank@aol.com.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Subscribe to "Out In The Mountains"
- Advertise in "Out In The Mountains".
- Place a Personals Ad in Classifieds.
- Join VTPridenet
- Attend a "stuffing"
- Volunteer for a community org.
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