

Brandy takes the leap and asks out 'that guy'

Join Brandy in the quest to face fears, reach the unattainable and date

The time to hesitate is through. We are witnessing the dawn of a new era. You can start a new life, a better life, a life free of regret, a life free of sexual frustration!

Do not let another day of moaning deprive you of the quality of romantic life that could be waiting! Carpe Datem!

The statement above is my inspirational plea for the entire university. I hope it reaches the ears of

every anxious new sorority pledge currently facing the paralyzing fear of having to ask a boy to her very first date function.

I pray that my words might seep into the consciences of

the small population of "nice guys" at this school. They need to know they're currently depriving all girls of their rare collection of gentlemanly traits.

Perhaps my cry will bolster the poor souls who have been ravaged by a failed relationship in their distant, or even recent, past that has left them nursing a sore ego and crippled by fear of rejection and pain.

Or at the very least, maybe it will at least inspire my roommate to stop being such a wussy, little girl! You can't use the phrase, "Do you know how awkward that would be?" as your excuse forever. Yeah, I'll bet a lot of you are familiar with that one too.

Don't even try to pretend you haven't been studying the outline of that guy in front of you in art history instead of slides for the past month. I know you have been, you know you have been, he probably knows you have been!

Why is it that our fear of looking/sounding/feeling awkward has become such a debilitating problem for all of us?

We are some of the most attractive, well-bred, highly-educated young adults in the country. We

should not be socially awkward. We should be able to overcome something as simple and petty as awkwardness. Shouldn't we?

I know what you are thinking, "Easier said than done, you weird, dating-Nazi freak." So I am going to put my money where my mouth is. Or rather, I will put my pride where my pontificating is.

I, Brandy Jones, am going to single handedly start a new dating revolution. Or, at the very least, I am going to ask someone out and prove that it can be done without spontaneously combusting due to excessive awkwardness.

I'm not just talking about a simple date-function invite. I am talking about asking out someone that I actually think is intimidating and slightly unattainable.

A certain someone that gives me the tummy-tingles ... and not the kind that make you want to vomit.

I am thoroughly convinced this is not an impossible task. All it

takes is the right mindset, a witty hook to transition to the asking portion of the conversation and a really good gag-reflex, for swallowing your pride.

What's the worst that could happen? He says no? She says maybe and then postpones indefinitely? He says yes and then cancels with a flimsy excuse? Oh no.

Then, the next time you see her, it will be so awkward? Between pledge-night mistakes, freshman-year convenience hook-ups and unrequited crushes that leave you with pit stains to rival a physics lab TA ... I don't think this campus can get any more awkward. What do you really have to lose? None of you are that cool that one rejection will ruin your life.

You stay here. I'll go first and report back. But if I make it through alive, I hope you will join me in this epic revolution. The time has come.

"Sex and the Campus" is a weekly column exploring the sexual climate at the university. It is written by a junior under a pseudonym to maintain her sexual anonymity. To contact Brandy email sex@ogb.wfu.edu.

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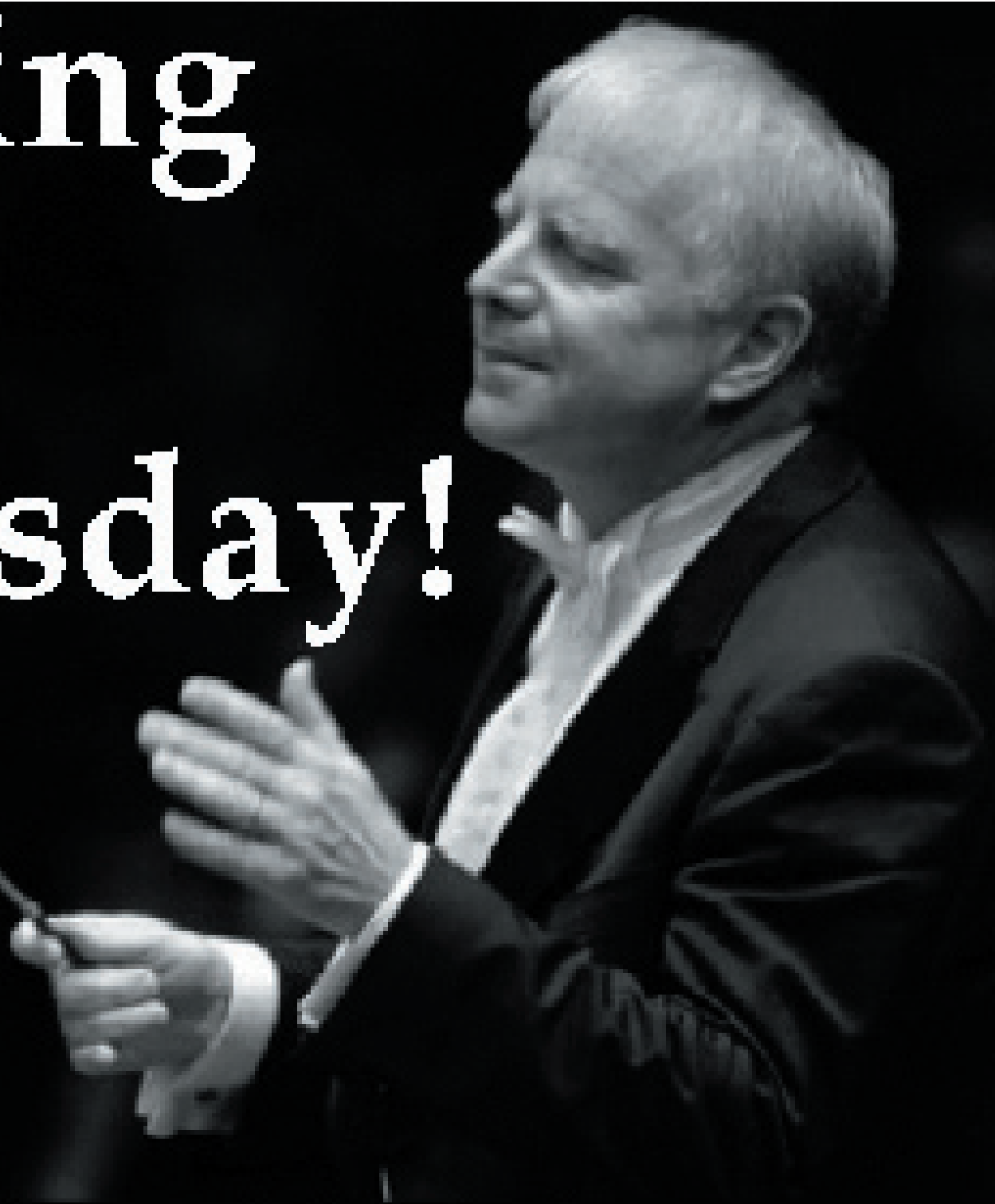
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