THE GUY’S ISSUE

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WOULD’VE BEEN A MAN IN OUR SETUP... WE HAD TO GO AND GET THE BEANS.

SUPERMAN AND WOMAN!

OH-Oh... HE’S COMING TO! LET’S GO!

ROAN!

WOW! I’VE BEEN OUT FOR ALMOST A FULL DAY. BAD NEWS.

--YOU'RE NEEDED... BY WONDER WOMAN...!

SIGH!

I’VE NEVER SEEN THE LADY IN THE LADY'S THERE'S ABO

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FOR STUDENTS... BY STUDENTS

74TH ISSUE
Welcome Back ladies and gents...

I hope you all had memorable summers and are ready to fall into the upcoming school year! As the days start to get colder and trees start to change, I can’t help but get excited about football, pumpkin spice lattes and scarf weather, but really all that’s on my mind is May...graduation, adulthood, what’s not to love?

When coming up with ideas for this issue I wanted to go a different route, get a different perspective, and what better perspective than a man’s? Every guy wants to be heard so why not dedicate a whole Talon issue to just them?

This Talon is dedicated to all the strong, thoughtful, courageous and humble men that Avila has the pleasure to know...

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Men and women communicate differently and understanding the way the opposite sex interacts can be helpful to any relationship. Men are logical thinkers. The reason the husband didn’t ask his wife how she was is because she was standing in front of him, perfectly fine—he saw his wife was okay so the next logical question was the car’s condition. Women are emotional thinkers. If the scenario were reversed, the wife would have asked the husband if he was okay.

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Less is more! Men prioritize productivity and efficiency in daily life, and conversation is no exception. When a man tells a story he has already sorted through the muck in his own head, and shares only the essential details of the story. A man often will interrupt a woman once he has heard enough to offer a solution.

On the contrary, women use communication to explore and organize their thoughts. They may not know what information is necessary or excessive until the words come spilling out. But a woman isn’t necessarily searching for a solution when she initiates a conversation. She’s looking for someone to listen and understand what she’s feeling.
Among the top favorite pastimes of guys and also the most essential, is eating. Now when considering food, guys do not always have the most distinguished palette, especially those of us in college and without the financial resources needed to accompany a fine dining experience. So we stick with what is simple and consistent and eat what we know will provide us with a solid meal.

Going to a college located in the barbeque capital of the world presents different options as well as better options to eat. This is representative of why a large percentage of the male students I talked to that are natives of the Kansas City area chose without question anything barbequed as there favorite food but with more specificity, ribs and brisket being the most popular choice.

Within Mexican cuisine there are two places that are both very popular among Avila guys, Chipotle and Fuzzy’s Taco Shop. Located very close to Avila, on State Line Road, Chipotle offers the perfect blend of a quick, convenient, and delicious option that gives you a choice of steak, chicken, and pork. This place is high on the list for most guys. Situated near I-435, Fuzzy’s has a valuable incentive for guys every week, and that is Taco Tuesdays. Each Tuesday they offer tacos for $1 each along with a vast amount of choices on their menu. As always guys enjoy an occasional visit to a fast food restaurant and with Sonic, McDonalds, Burger King, and of course Subway, which is located right on campus, there is no limit to the diversity of food in and around Kansas City that Avila guys enjoy.
THE GUYS TO KNOW

JOY BRANCH

AVILA UNIVERSITY IS LIKE ANY OTHER COLLEGE. PEOPLE COME FROM ALL OVER TO GET AN EDUCATION, COMPETE IN ATHLETICS AND COLLECT MEMORIES BEFORE STARTING THEIR LIVES. LOTS OF PEOPLE SPEND SO MUCH TIME WRAPPED UP IN THEMSELVES THAT THEY FORGET ABOUT WHAT MAKES AVILA DIFFERENT...THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO GO HERE. TAKING A FEW MOMENTS TO TALK TO AND LISTEN TO SOMEONE ELSE’S STORIES CAN HELP BETTER YOU AND EVEN HELP MAKE NEW FRIENDS. IF YOU FIND YOURSELF NEEDING A SHOVE INTO INTRODUCING YOURSELF, HERE ARE A FEW GUYS TO KNOW AROUND AVILA.

-CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS IS A NEW RECRUIT TO THE 2014 AVILA FOOTBALL TEAM. ORIGINALLY FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, WILLIAMS HAS TRAVELED A LOT THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. HE HAS LIVED IN VARIOUS PLACES SUCH AS OAKLAND, SAN ANTONIO AND DALY CITY. “IN CALIFORNIA WE JUST WALK EVERYWHERE. IN TEXAS WE WENT TO A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT HOUSES. HERE IN KC IT’S JUST WHATEVER. IT’S REALLY CHILL, EVERYONE WANTS TO RELAX,” WILLIAMS SAID.

-WYATT BEEBE

‘BEING ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM HERE FEELS LIKE BEING A PART OF A FAMILY,’ WYATT BEEBE SAYS. ‘ANYTHING THEY WOULD DO FOR ME, I WOULD DO FOR THEM.’ LIKE MANY PEOPLE AT AVILA, BEEBE IS A MISSOURI NATIVE, FROM THE SPRINGFIELD AREA. HIS FAMILY ARE LONG-TIME MIZZOU FANS AND HE ALSO ENJOYS SPORTING KC GAMES. BEEBE IS A DOWN TO EARTH GUY WHO JUST SIMPLY APPRECIATES LIVING IN THE CITY AND HAVING EVERYTHING HE NEEDS FIVE MINUTES AWAY FROM CAMPUS.

-JESUS REVILLA

BORN IN BALENCIA, SPAIN, JESUS REVILLA HAS MADE QUITE THE CULTURE CHANGE DURING HIS LIFETIME. BEFORE HE CAME TO AVILA TO PLAY SOCCER, HE ATTENDED A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN MINNESOTA. REVILLA CAN RECALL ONE OF THE FIRST MOMENTS IN THE US. HE DEFINES AS ‘AMERICAN’, ‘WHEN I FIRST GOT OFF THE PLANE IN NEW YORK, I WAS WALKING THROUGH PASSPORT CONTROL AND I REMEMBER SEEING THE NYPD. THEY WERE WHITE MEN WITH BLUE SUITS AND SHINY SILVER BADGES. IT WAS VERY DESTINCPLY AMERICAN.’

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15 Tips Every Guy Should Know...
1. Your first date should never be to the movies. You aren’t in high school anymore.

2. Ask more questions than you answer, because everyone loves to talk about themselves.

3. Figure out what you love, then figure out how to get paid for it.

4. Take risks. “Scared money don’t make no money.” – The Urban Philosopher Young Jeezy.

5. Luck is always in favor of the prepared.

6. If confidence isn’t your thing, fake until it comes. Girls love confidence.

7. Go everywhere dressed as if you are about to meet to your future wife.

8. Always shake hands standing up. It’s respect and everyone deserves it.

9. Throw away your clip on ties and never wear an other one.

10. Compliment her shoes.

11. Find a hobby that keeps you active. Exercise keeps you happy.

12. Call your parents every week.

13. You need a well tailored suit. Make it a priority.

14. The first one to get mad usually loses.

15. Do not make excuses.
FOR MANY GUYS, WHAT THEY LOOK FOR IN A GIRL CHANGES AS OFTEN AS THEY SHOWER. FOR JUST ABOUT EVERY GUY, SHOWERING SHOULD BE A DAILY ACTIVITY. THERE SEEMS TO BE A COMMON THREAD THAT SAYS THAT WHAT GUYS LOOK FOR IN GIRLS IS VERY SIMPLE. IN FACT, FOR MOST GUYS IT IS MUCH MORE COMPLEX THAN BLONDE, BRUNETTE, OR RED HEAD.

NOW MOST GUYS WILL CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE A "TYPE". THIS IS TRUE IN THE CASE OF SOME, BUT THERE ARE SOME SURE FIRE WAYS THAT A GIRL WILL CATCH A GUY’S EYE.

BASED ON SOME RESEARCH DONE AT AVILA UNIVERSITY, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED ABOUT GUYS BEFORE WE GET INTO WHAT GUYS LOOK FOR IN GIRLS. FIRST OFF, GUYS LOVE THEIR MOMS. SO ANYTHING THAT A GIRL CAN DO THAT REMINDS THEM OF THEIR MOMS IS GOING TO BE A GOOD THING. GUYS ALSO BRAG ABOUT ALMOST EVERYTHING THAT THEY DO. WITH THAT BEING SAID, DON’T BE SHOCKED WHEN THIS HAPPENS; BECAUSE IT WILL HAPPEN QUITE OFTEN. ANOTHER THING TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT GUYS LOVE GIRLS THAT CAN COOK OR BAKE. THIS SHOULDN’T BE TOO DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT HOWEVER, AS GUYS DO EAT QUITE A BIT.
Now to what guys look for in girls. Based on the guys at Avila University, there has been a top ten that has been compiled. This list is as follows:

10) Honesty
9) Independence
8) Being spontaneous
7) Being able to hang out with their friends
6) Not being concerned about material things
5) Being supportive
4) Listening to their problems, but not always offering advice
3) Not making them choose between the girl and the friends
2) Intelligence
1) Good looks

Number one should come as no surprise, but there being more than one thing would come as a shock to most girls. What guys look for in a girl is different for each and every guy, but the framework is similar. Good luck out there and remember to enjoy yourselves...
Every Monday on social media we see girls posting their #MCM or Man Crush Monday. However, have the ladies ever wondered who a man’s man crush would be? Well if you have, here is your answer. I have asked several guys on campus to tell me who their man crush Monday is.

Anthony Biondo...Junior

Alex Gordon

“Cause he’s a rich, good looking man. He’s been loyal to KC. He has an inspirational work ethic and is about to lead the Royals to the playoffs.”

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BLAKE CAMBRON...JUNIOR

CRISTIANO RONALDO

"He is so much fun to play with on FIFA. He plays for Real Madrid and wets from deep, (scores). Best player in Europe and reels in the ladies."

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ZACK SARGERT...JUNIOR

CHRIS HEMSWORTH

"Because of his luscious golden locks, I hope to one day have a flow as heroic as his. This requires patience, determination, and the approval of Coach Cronk. I also wouldn't mind developing his physique after my baseball days are over."

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TRAÆ HODGES...SOPHOMORE

JOSH DUHAMEL

"Why? Because he’s technically the main character of Transformers. He’s in one of my favorite TV shows, Las Vegas, which is no longer on TV unfortunately. He has a nice beard, loves football, and is also married to Fergie which is pretty cool."

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IT’S SO CLOSE TO US. PEOPLE CAN SPEND MORE TIME WITH TECHNOLOGY THAN ACTUALLY INTERACTING WITH OTHER HUMANS. WE ARE ABLE TO CUSTOMIZE OUR TECHNOLOGY MORE THAN EVER BEFORE TO FIT ANY LIFESTYLE. THIS TREMENDOUS FORCE HAS CAUSED THE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND ELECTRONIC INTERACTION TO SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE. IT’S UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO DECIDE HOW FAR THEY WILL ALLOW ELECTRONICS INTO THEIR LIFE. WE KNOW ONE THING IS FOR SURE, RUNNING AWAY FROM TECH ALTOGETHER IS SIMPLY NOT AN OPTION.

CRAIG HEMPHILL, A NEW PROFESSOR AT AVILA UNIVERSITY, SAT DOWN WITH ME TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN HIS LIFE AS WELL AS THE OTHERS AROUND HIM.

"I CARRY A BLACKBERRY, I CARRY AN ANDROID, AND I CARRY AN APPLE, SO I HAVE 3... ITS ANNOYING, BUT I HAVE THEM. THE BLACKBERRY IS BUSINESS-BASED. THE ANDROID IS MORE PERSONAL, AND THE APPLE IS JUST TO KEEP UP WITH TECHNOLOGY." HEMPHILL IS NOT ONLY A PROFESSOR, BUT A LAWYER AND PREACHER AS WELL. "THESE ARE FIELDS WHERE YOU HAVE TO USE TECHNOLOGY. YOU HAVE TO USE THE CURRENT TECHNOLOGY. IF YOU DON’T HAVE THE CURRENT TECHNOLOGY, YOU’RE GOING TO FALL BEHIND. YOU HAVE TO KNOW IT AND KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED."
WE LIVE IN A TIME WHERE A 2-YEAR-OLD CHILD IS ACCUSTOMED TO USING AN IPAD WHILE MANY OLDER GENERATIONS CANNOT GRASP THE NEWEST TECHNOLOGICAL CONCEPTS. THE RAPID CHANGES TECHNOLOGY GOES THROUGH MAKES LIFE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE GROWN UP IN A SLOWER EVOLVING TECH INDUSTRY. THE TREND OF KEEPING YOURSELF INFORMED ABOUT THE SNOWBALL OF TECHNOLOGY IS FAR FROM A TREND. IT’S BECOMING VITAL TO KEEP UP WITH FOR BOTH BUSINESS AND PERSONAL REASONS. THE QUESTION BECOMES WHETHER THE NON-STOP RISE OF TECH IS GOOD OR BAD FOR HUMANITY. "EVERYTHING CAN BE BAD. I MEAN, ALCOHOL CAN BE BAD IF IT’S USED IN AN INAPPROPRIATE WAY; IT BECOMES A VICE. TECHNOLOGY CAN BECOME A VICE."

THINK BACK TO THE FIRST TIME YOU STARTED TYPING ON A KEYBOARD. THINK BACK TO THE FIRST TIME YOU SENT A TEXT MESSAGE. THINK BACK TO THE FIRST TIME YOU UPLOADED A PICTURE TO THE INTERNET. DID YOU EVER THINK IT WOULD GET THIS BIG?

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Baseball season is almost over and so is ‘The Captain, Derek Jeter’s final season. He tours the U.S. like a rock star. There are Jeter fans all the way from L.A. to Boston, going to the games when the Yankees are in town, hoping to catch one of the last games that Jeter plays.

Jeter has been a huge influence in my life as far as baseball goes and there are many other baseball players who will say the same thing for themselves. If one was to take a survey of shortstops of all ages and ask them what number they wear or wore, I guarantee that Jeter’s number is the most worn number. I wore number 2 from little league up until my college career because it is his number. It was the same thing when Michael Jordan played; everyone on my basketball team wanted the number 23. Derek Jeter is very much the “Michael Jordan” of the MLB. Jeter even wears the Jordan Jumpman baseball cleats. Michael Jordan won 6 NBA championships and Jeter won 5 World Series.

Stephen Montisano
Jeter has also been one of the most featured athletes in the past two
decades. He has been on The Tonight Show, The Late Show, Saturday Night
Live, Seinfeld, (all several times), as well as the movie The Other Guys,
starring Will Ferrell and Mark Walberg. With all of this fame most
celebrities tend to taint their image with scandal, not Derek Jeter.
Jeter stays out of trouble with the law and doesn’t take steroids or
other drugs. He is every fan and coaches dream. Along with his many
heroics on the field, Derek has his own foundation known as the Turn 2
Foundation, which has many programs and activities to steer young people
away from drugs and alcohol and towards healthy lifestyles so they
are set up for success.

After an athlete’s career is over, the mark of a hero is what legacy he/
she leaves behind for the game. On June 7th of this year, I went to see
Jeter play against the Royals at Kauffman Stadium. It was the last
chance I had to see him play in person. Jeter came up to bat and every
time he did, a standing ovation would occur. All the fans both for the
Yankees and Royals were snapping pictures and cheering him on. Jeter
did not get a hit in the game but he hustled down the first base line with
max effort just like he has been doing for his entire 19-year career.
When he came up for his final at bat that night, my girlfriend who was at
the game with my family and I said, ‘Stephen, this is the last time you’ll
see Jeter bat. Take it all in.’ As I was watching and doing my best to
relish the moment for all it was worth, I noticed all of the voices from
young boys cheering, ‘Let’s go Jeter! You can do it Jeter! Let’s go Jeter,
get a hit like you always do.’ In the same row I saw a young boy in his
Jeter jersey and Yankees hat, with his hands folded and the most
hopeful look on his face. Jeter grounded out to short stop and made his
way back to the dugout and all of those same young voices were still
cheering for him. That is Derek Jeter’s legacy. When Jeter plays
baseball, he always gives his best and shows character. He exemplifies
how baseball and all sports should be played. He is consistent in his
play and in self-control on and off the baseball diamond. Derek Jeter is
more than a captain.
treat a man as if he were what he ought to be and you help him become what he is capable of being.
Let’s get away, travel the world or take a road trip! Everyone loves to hope in the car, get on a plane and go somewhere new, but what do guys look for in a getaway or a week long vacation?

Not every guy thinks being on the beach drinking a cold one is the perfect vacation. Let’s get to the heart of our Avila men and really figure out what their travel guide looks like.

If you are around most males you would notice that this time of year there is only one thing on their minds…football. If you were to ask 18 guys like I did, where they would go on a roadtrip, eight of the ten men would say to drive to their favorite universities to tailgate and watch their team win.
Other than sports, guys also love to travel, but traveling for men most times means backpacking through Europe or spending a week partying in Panama City. Guys tend to be more energetic and adventurous when it comes to travel. When asked to choose between sitting poolside or hiking up a mountain, 12 out of 20 guys chose to hike, while the others said that a cold drink by the pool isn’t so bad.

All guys are different, some see travel as a way of adventure and others see it as a getaway from reality. When I asked five seniors if they had the chance to go anywhere in the world for a graduation gift, they all said somewhere that involves a passport.

It seems like any destination is good enough for a male as long as it is away from school, away from real life and can fulfill their on the go personalities.
LIKE CLOCKWORK, WITH THE END OF SUMMER COMES BACK TO SCHOOL. EVERY YEAR AROUND LABOR DAY, NEW AND RETURNING AVILA STUDENTS START PACKING CLOTHES INTO LUGGAGE FOR THEIR RETURN BACK TO CAMPUS. ON MOVE-IN DAY, THEY PACK FURNITURE INTO DORM ROOMS AND SHORTLY BEFORE CLASS, THEY PACK THEIR BAGS WITH BOOKS. AND AT THE END OF THE FIRST DAY, ALONG WITH SYLLABI AND SPIRALS, LIFE’S LITTLE BOOK BAG IS JAMMED FULL OF NEW PROJECTS, PRESENTATIONS, MID-TERMS, AND FINALS. NEW EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. NEW STRESSORS.

AS COLLEGE STUDENTS, FROM ALGEBRA I TO ADVANCED PHYSICS, WE LITERALLY CARRY OUR STRESS ON OUR SHOULDERS. TYPICALLY, STRESSBOOKS ARE GENDER NEUTRAL, BUT THE BAGS THEY ARE CARRIED IN ARE ANYTHING BUT. FOR GUYS, MOST BOOK BAGS ARE NEUTRAL IN COLOR WITH SEEMINGLY ENDLESS POCKETS AND ZIPPERS. SOME HAVE NAME BRAND LOGOS WHILE OTHERS ARE PLAIN-FACED. SOME GUYS PREFER THE DOUBLE SHOULDER STRAPS WHILE OTHERS PREFER THE LAPTOP BAG LOOK.

Regardless of the style, all of the book bags share an important feature: weight. Lots of weight! Blake, an Avila soccer player, estimates his book bag to weigh 20lbs on average. That’s the size of a Beagle! Josh, a veteran Admissions Rep, reports his bag to weigh 15lbs against his 165lb frame. Jeff, a graduate Psychology student, and handfuls of other guys admit to routinely transporting similar loads.
What more! Much like the recently renovated Learning Commons, finding books in book bags is a rare occasion. The more contemporary term, back pack, may have been way ahead of its time. Books, notebooks, binders, and bradded folders have been replaced by laptops, iPads, Kindles, and convertible tablets. Undoubtedly, Avila’s guys are electronically equipped to return to school.

Unfortunately stress does not disappear with the click of a button. There is not an app for that...at least not yet. So what do the guys do to unload their stress? Well, like their book bags, they keep it simple. Aaron goes to the gym and throws around a few weights, Tim takes a run around the block, and Robert hits a few balls around in the Eagle’s Nest.

Eric Smith, an Avila pitcher, is one exception. During a brief interview he explains how he keeps life light, “I only carry a two-book backpack”. Between classes he drops off unnecessary stressbooks and refills his book bag with only what he needs. In this way, Eric slows wear and tear on his backpack and his back muscles. Similarly, when the mass of student life feels like too much to hold, ladies and gents remember Eric and remember this:

3 books, four books...too? Whatever you decide to carry through life...never let it outweigh you.

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All Set comes to... he’s been a mini-surgeon.

Even a setup... go and... ans... and on!

OH-OH... he’s coming to! Let’s go!

Ooohh... achin’ he?

Sheesh! Like I mustn’t about ten pulls from bottom.

Wow! I’ve been out for almost a full day. Bad news, Mr. Parks... especially if --

"You’re needed... by Wonder Woman...!"

Sigh!

I’ve lost all track since being chained in the cargo hold. Lady Steel’s shit! There’s nothing I about it either.

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