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SATIRE: NAVIGATING DATES AND SINGLENESS AT EVENING

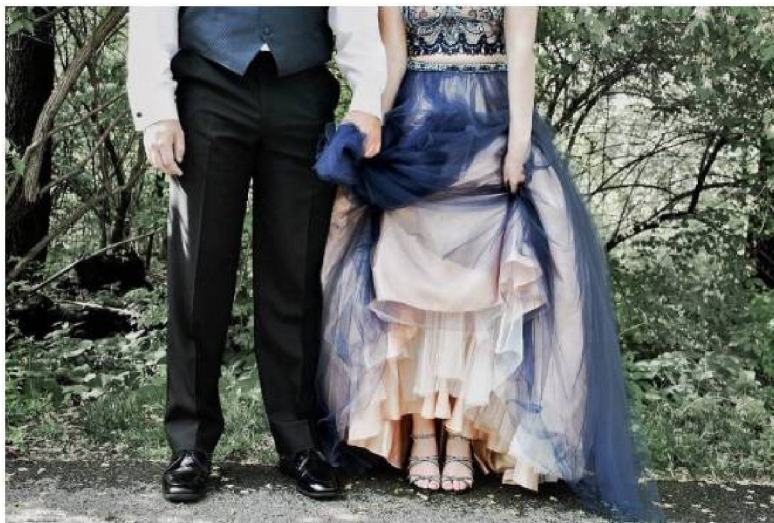


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As Eagles, NU students know that sometimes they just need to fly solo.

This year, Evening will be held on Saturday, April 27, at The Museum of Flight in Seattle. Every year the students of NU enjoy a fun night of socialization, fun sights and good food at this event.

Any NU student who has been on campus longer than 30 minutes will know about the NU fad "ring by spring." We have all heard it, and we all roll our eyes. For some couples it's true; there are many rings given and received by spring.

But what if that's not your style? Maybe you didn't find bae yet. If you need more help on this topic click [here](#) for expert advice.

Evening is a social experience if nothing else. Students converge to partake in numerous exciting experiences; except dancing. It is the perfect time to debut your bae. If not for the first time, then just to show off how cute they look in their fancy NU appropriate attire.

But what if you don't want to go with a date?

Here are 5 ways to ensure your singleness at Evening.

Maybe you just want to be friends.

If this is someone that you like as a person, but don't have any romantic interest in, suggest you can go as friends. This way you both get to have a fun experience together, but there isn't the pressure to debut as a dating couple.

Politely decline.

Saying "no" is an acceptable response to this invitation. If this person respects you as a human being, then you can say no and it won't be an issue. Feel free to explain to them why you don't want to go with them. Maybe you think they are too tall, or their hair is embarrassing. Anything said with grace is acceptable.

They are like a brother/sister to you.

Tell them the truth. They are like family to you. If you have no romantic interest in them but you are closer than *just friends*

then this is your best bet. After all it would be weird to go to a formal event with a sibling. Proverbs puts it best: "*A man with many friends can still be ruined, but a true friend sticks closer than a brother.*" (Proverbs 18:24) After all, they don't want to ruin their possible chances with you. They better wear their hiking shoes to Evening to prepare for the climb out of the friend zone.

You already have a date: Jesus.

This is the best and most recommended strategy. Tell them that you are already taken. Jesus is your date, and He is the only one you need.

Run away.

The quickest way to solve this problem is to high tail it out of there!

These 5 tactics will also help you not get your ring by spring!