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"Let's be creative with ourselves," David emphasized. "Let's make relationships that are supportive to our humanness and which satisfy our needs. Let's not get strung up with all the old rules."

But apparently that is what most male couples have done, still expecting their relationships to work like Antony and Cleopatra's when they should more closely resemble Antony and Caesar's.

And with this new study, maybe they'll have a few contemporary "romans" to at least mirror some of their activities and feelings.

Close to the core of their book is the "heart" of the study which blows to hell any preconceived notion of capturing a lumberjack and running off to Montana to live happily ever after. Lumberjacks can be captured, but he's most likely to live across town from you as with you and have sex with just about anyone he pleases, though there are exceptions to the rule. And, also, most gay couple relationships average about five years.

Dreary thoughts for romantics raised on Prince Charming/Cinderella stories.

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"Most of them did grow up with the Ozzie and Harriet model. I think the farthest away that Ozzie and Harriet ever got in that whole 10 years of television was Harriet in the kitchen and Ozzie in the study. Thank, God, they produced Ricky."

Yet most male couples still expect a happily-ever-after concept of their relationships, and the authors are quick to point out that as soon as a big chunk of reality sets in after about one year, disappointments surface and the relationships fall on their faces. The "child" two men were trying to make gets quickly aborted when wine and roses are not delivered every night.

David stated that the concept of a great romance was a definite factor in their study, a period he refers to as "high limerence."

"There was a very high romance," he said of his findings. "A total feeling of being swept away with the other person for some period of time."

"The difficulty is that those feelings go down hill real rapidly," he said. "For most of us, they don't last."

Drew added that it is at this point that most male couples stop the relationship and start a new one.

"One of the things that commonly happens with male couples because of the high merging and limerence of stage one (the first year), they get real close, real fast, real intensely and it's wonderful and it's scary as hell," Drew said, "because the emotional vulnerability that is a consequence (of the relationship) goes part and

parcel with the intimacy."

"It's sort of a paradox," he said. "We sort of want the intimacy. We get frightened and are not trained and don't do well frequently with being vulnerable emotionally. And we might really get hurt."

"And our response then," Drew continued, "unwillingly or otherwise, is to emotionally distant one's self from the partner."

"It's almost like a reaction against the intimacy and the blending and the limerence. It's scary. It's like falling into a hole."

And then there's the other factor, which sometimes emerges early in male couples. "We don't like being tied up with somebody else. Or it's happened to me before, and I've gotten kicked in the nuts, so to speak, and I don't want that terrible pain of loss and separation again," he said.

Another problem with male couples lies in their belief that male relationships don't last for long periods of time.

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'Male Couple' Authors Show Problems of Gay Guys in Love

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three months and say that's how it works. Last month when we were vacationing in Acapulco, we met couples who were bi-continental."

David added, "We really have the opportunity to create relationships and make them anything we want. Don't get tied down to the heterosexual model. Don't get tied down to the mom and dad model. Don't get tied down to what we're writing about right now."

"Let's be creative with ourselves," David emphasized. "Let's make relationships that are supportive to our humanness and which satisfy our needs. Let's not get strung up with all the old rules."

But apparently that is what most male couples have done, still expecting their relationships to work like Antony and Cleopatra's when they should more closely resemble Antony and Caesar's.

And with this new study, maybe they'll have a few contemporary "romans" to at least mirror some of their activities and feelings.

Close to the core of their book is the "heart" of the study which blows to hell any preconceived notion of capturing a lumberjack and running off to Montana to live happily ever after. Lumberjacks can be captured, but he's most likely to live across town from you as with you and have sex with just about anyone he pleases, though there are exceptions to the rule. And, also, most gay couple relationships average about five years.

Dreary thoughts for romantics raised on Prince Charming/Cinderella stories.

"It's tough to talk to those romantics," Drew said. "They're either in high limerence or don't want to believe you no matter what you say."

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"Most of them did grow up with the Ozzie and Harriet model. I think the farthest away that Ozzie and Harriet ever got in that whole 10 years of television was Harriet in the kitchen and Ozzie in the study. Thank, God, they produced Ricky."

Yet most male couples still expect a happily-ever-after concept of their relationships, and the authors are quick to point out that as soon as a big chunk of reality sets in after about one year, disappointments surface and the relationships fall on their faces. The "child" two men were trying to make gets quickly aborted when wine and roses are not delivered every night.

David stated that the concept of a great romance was a definite factor in their study, a period he refers to as "high limerence."

"There was a very high romance," he said of his findings. "A total feeling of being swept away with the other person for some period of time."

"The difficulty is that those feelings go down hill real rapidly," he said. "For most of us, they don't last."

Drew added that it is at this point that most male couples stop the relationship and start a new one.

"One of the things that commonly happens with male couples because of the high merging and limerence of stage one (the first year), they get real close, real fast, real intensely and it's wonderful and it's scary as hell," Drew said, "because the emotional vulnerability that is a consequence (of the relationship) goes part and

parcel with the intimacy."

"It's sort of a paradox," he said. "We sort of want the intimacy. We get frightened and are not trained and don't do well frequently with being vulnerable emotionally. And we might really get hurt."

"And our response then," Drew continued, "unwillingly or otherwise, is to emotionally distant one's self from the partner."

"It's almost like a reaction against the intimacy and the blending and the limerence. It's scary. It's like falling into a hole."

And then there's the other factor, which sometimes emerges early in male couples. "We don't like being tied up with somebody else. Or it's happened to me before, and I've gotten kicked in the nuts, so to speak, and I don't want that terrible pain of loss and separation again," he said.

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William Dougherty, Edenfield's Orange County attorney, told the jury, "We know what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. That wasn't pretty either."

The lawyer further claimed Edenfield had the right to defend himself from "an attempt to commit a forcible and atrocious crime. The table was the only weapon to keep this man off of him."

Martinson disagreed in passing sentence. The judge said the murder was "a very brutal and senseless killing" which indicated "a high degree of cruelty and viciousness." He further found, "This matter could have ended easily by simply having the defendant withdraw."

Martinson could have sentenced Edenfield to six years in prison.

Martinson received a letter from the sheriff in Edenfield's hometown. Sheriff Jim Poindexter wrote, "If there is any way possible, I would like to help this young man... If by any chance that it could be worked out, and he (Edenfield) is sentenced to serve jail time, I would take the responsibility of keeping him in my jail to serve his time... We have facilities that I'm right proud of for a small town."

The judge received the backwoods sheriff's request. He also rejected probation for the convicted manslayer which was requested by his San Diego attorney Dan Mogin. Mogin claimed if released on probation, his client could seek treatment for alcoholism, a bleeding ulcer and suicidal tendencies which developed after the murder.

Martinson received 56 letters from friends and family of Edenfield in Georgia. The Atlanta Gay Task Force (AGTF) also sent a letter asking for the maximum sentence, and San Diego gay organizations were present in court.

Citizens of Jesup rallied to the defense of their hometown high school baseball hero. A car was raffled to pay legal fees and bail. Jesup churches passed the offering plate for the young Marine and his family. "Blatant homophobic hatred ran rampant in Jesup for over a year. If an open gay man would have gone to that town, he would have been clubbed to death," said a gay former resident now living in Atlanta.

Freshman Democratic U.S. Rep. Lindsey Thomas wrote Martinson, "Dennis' hometown is Jesup, a small south Georgia community, rural and stable in its population and one in which there is no known homosexuality which is considered abhorrent and offensive... 'The entire community has felt a shockwave of anger and concern over the legal troubles of Dennis... There is a sense of disappointment at the verdict in this case,' said Thomas.

Thomas, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, wrote a constituent, "I have been working with the Marines to see that Dennis and his family are receiving any support that the Marines can offer." It has been charged by a person close to the case that Thomas has "leaned on Marine officials" to assure Edenfield "of preferential treatment."

It is "extremely rare" for the Marine Corps to become involved in a civil criminal case, said the prosecutor's office, but they helped seek bail reduction for the indicted recruit.

Biery said after the Marine was released on bail, he was arrested for shoplifting from a PX, drunk driving and assaulting a superior officer at Camp Pendleton, but the Marine Corps has not brought charges

against him.

A spokesperson for Marine Commandant P.X. Kelley would not discuss or comment on the case. Edenfield's future with the Corps is unknown.

U.S. Reps. Sala Burton (D-Ga.), Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) and several other congresspersons are investigating the possibility Edenfield received special treatment and to encourage the Marine Corps to courtmartial the convicted gay murderer for violations of military justice after release from state prison.

AGTF wrote Martinson, "Edenfield was raised in Jesup, Ga., a town known for its homophobic and bigoted attitudes. The residents there provided the funds for Edenfield's defense, not because of his standing in the community, but, according to a deputy sheriff, to tell 'them California fruits it's okay to kill them damn

queers.' The people of Jesup might consider it alright to kill gay people, but that is perverted justice. Do not let San Diego County's justice become morally polluted like red-neck Jesup's. Racism, bigotry and homophobia is bred into Jesup children. A majority of Georgians condemn the act of Dennis Edenfield."

AGTF wrote, "Some persons are raised to believe 'fag-bashing' is permitted. It simply is not, and as a judge you must deliver that message. We have the right to expect our violators to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

The Atlanta group encourages people to write the Commanding General, Camp Pendleton, Ca., 92055, to insist the gay slayer be prosecuted on violations of military justice after being released from state prison and/or give him a dishonorable discharge.

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Detective Richard Trotter testified he had never seen a body that badly beaten.

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In defending Edenfield, his two attorneys claimed "self-defense" and "justifiable and excusable homicide." Their claims partly succeeded with the jury. Originally, jurors found the defendant guilty of second degree murder, but their foreman, a retired Marine major, emerged to tell Superior Court Judge Donald Martinson they had reached a verdict, but one or two of the jurors wanted to change their finding. Martinson said a verdict was not final

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Before jury deliberations began, Biery said, "You are not here to take a vote on how many of you like Marines and how many like homosexuals. If you tell this man it was okay to kill Dave Smith because Dave Smith was a homosexual, you might as well sign a death warrant for all other minorities."

William Dougherty, Edenfield's Orange County attorney, told the jury, "We know what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. That wasn't pretty either."

The lawyer further claimed Edenfield had the right to defend himself from "an attempt to commit a forcible and atrocious crime. The table was the only weapon to keep this man off of him."

Martinson disagreed in passing sentence. The judge said the murder was "a very brutal and senseless killing" which indicated "a high degree of cruelty and viciousness." He further found, "This matter could have ended easily by simply having the defendant withdraw."

Martinson could have sentenced Edenfield to six years in prison.

Martinson received a letter from the sheriff in Edenfield's hometown. Sheriff Jim Poindexter wrote, "If there is any way possible, I would like to help this young man... If by any chance that it could be worked out, and he (Edenfield) is sentenced to serve jail time, I would take the responsibility of keeping him in my jail to serve his time... We have facilities that I'm right proud of for a small town."

The judge received the backwoods sheriff's request. He also rejected probation for the convicted manslayer which was requested by his San Diego attorney Dan Mogin. Mogin claimed if released on probation, his client could seek treatment for alcoholism, a bleeding ulcer and suicidal tendencies which developed after the murder.

Martinson received 56 letters from friends and family of Edenfield in Georgia. The Atlanta Gay Task Force (AGTF) also sent a letter asking for the maximum sentence, and San Diego gay organizations were present in court.

Citizens of Jesup rallied to the defense of their hometown high school baseball hero. A car was raffled to pay legal fees and bail. Jesup churches passed the offering plate for the young Marine and his family. "Blatant homophobic hatred ran rampant in Jesup for over a year. If an open gay man would have gone to that town, he would have been clubbed to death," said a gay former resident now living in Atlanta.

Freshman Democratic U.S. Rep. Lindsey Thomas wrote Martinson, "Dennis' hometown is Jesup, a small south Georgia community, rural and stable in its population and one in which there is no known homosexuality which is considered abhorrent and offensive... 'The entire community has felt a shockwave of anger and concern over the legal troubles of Dennis... There is a sense of disappointment at the verdict in this case,' said Thomas.

Thomas, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, wrote a constituent, "I have been working with the Marines to see that Dennis and his family are receiving any support that the Marines can offer." It has been charged by a person close to the case that Thomas has "leaned on Marine officials" to assure Edenfield "of preferential treatment."

It is "extremely rare" for the Marine Corps to become involved in a civil criminal case, said the prosecutor's office, but they helped seek bail reduction for the indicted recruit.

Biery said after the Marine was released on bail, he was arrested for shoplifting from a PX, drunk driving and assaulting a superior officer at Camp Pendleton, but the Marine Corps has not brought charges

against him.

A spokesperson for Marine Commandant P.X. Kelley would not discuss or comment on the case. Edenfield's future with the Corps is unknown.

U.S. Reps. Sala Burton (D-Ga.), Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) and several other congresspersons are investigating the possibility Edenfield received special treatment and to encourage the Marine Corps to courtmartial the convicted gay murderer for violations of military justice after release from state prison.

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AGTF wrote, "Some persons are raised to believe 'fag-bashing' is permitted. It simply is not, and as a judge you must deliver that message. We have the right to expect our violators to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

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It is doubtful Smith was alive. Police photographs depict the personnel manager's head to be almost unrecognizable as that of a human being. Edenfield's death weapon caved-in the middle-aged gay man's skull and pulverized his nose. His face was twisted off center and disfigured. His eyes exploded. Blood covered three walls, the ceiling, bedding and carpet.

Detective Richard Trotter testified he had never seen a body that badly beaten.

Edenfield returned to Camp Pendleton where he told his mess hall supervisor Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Fredrickson "he was going to get in trouble for beating up a queer." Fredrickson said, "I told him that in the State of California, they're pretty strict on beating up queers."

Edenfield told his boss he went to the motel room because Smith was drunk and he "was afraid he (Smith) might get hurt." The handsome corporal admitted assaulting the gay executive after returning from the bathroom to find the balding homosexual standing naked near a bed, said Fredrickson.

In defending Edenfield, his two attorneys claimed "self-defense" and "justifiable and excusable homicide." Their claims partly succeeded with the jury. Originally, jurors found the defendant guilty of second degree murder, but their foreman, a retired Marine major, emerged to tell Superior Court Judge Donald Martinson they had reached a verdict, but one or two of the jurors wanted to change their finding. Martinson said a verdict was not final

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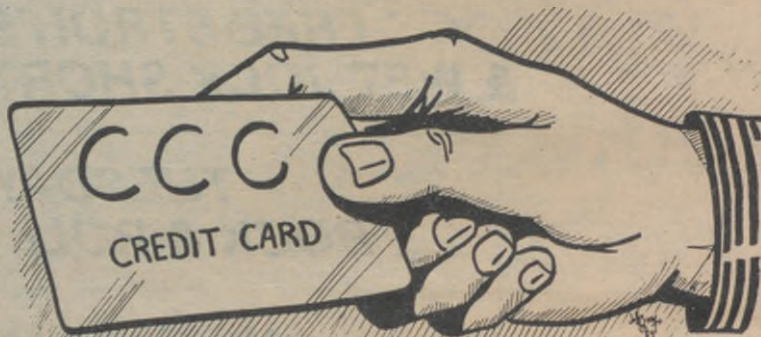
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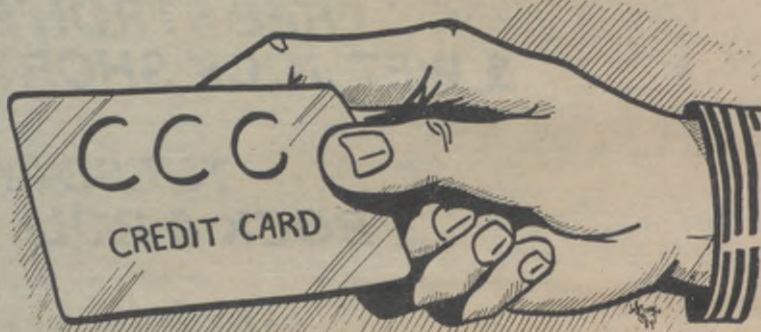
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