“Holly” -- Female Sophomore

L: What kind of phone do you have? H: I have an I phone 4. L: Apps? Fav? H: I have like twitter, facebook...stuff that makes it easier to access stuff that I would on my computer on my phone, um I probably use my facebook app the most but something I use a lot is the weather channel app...I love that.

L: Like every morning you check it? H: Every morning I wake up and I check facebook, twitter, mail, and weather all on my phone. L: Fav? H: I mean I think it’s the most convenient and also I’m addicted to facebook, just like everyone else. L: you’re not weird or anything! L: Ultimate fav thing about phone? H: It’s very user friendly, it’s not complicated like blackberries...I dunno I just think blackberries are very complicated and um it’s user friendly just like macs, I have a mac and I love it, it’s just simple you know? I love it. L: How important on a scale of 1 to 5? H: I think it’s a 4 because the other day I didn’t have my phone for 2 days L: Oh yeah, what happened? H: I missed like 30 text messages L: Oh sooo popular! H: Which I never ended up seeing and I was ok with it and loved not having a phone. Like I need it obviously to talk to my mom and like people and do this kind of stuff but I just loved it, I felt free and I could like do my homework without being distracted and everything. It was so much less stressful because people aren’t texting like oh my god guess what just happened blah blah blah...I didn’t have to talk to them, L: But it’s a 4? H: Yeah it’s pretty important to me and my social life. L: What do you do the most on your phone? H: Probably text and check my mail. L: Why? H: Because I get so many emails a day so I’m just like checking through...I don’t like reading through a bunch of emails at once. And then texting, you know duh everyone texts all the time. L: How would a male use his cell in a hook up? H: Like corresponding with the person he’s hooking up with? L: Yeah like what role would the cell phone play? H: You’re out at
windfall and at eleven o clock he texts you and is like where are you? Oh you wanna hang out drunk and not sober? You know that kind of thing just like checking in to see what your status is so he can come and hook up with you. L: What about for a female? Any different?

H: No I don’t think so. If it’s strictly just hook up you’re just going to text each other and say where are you? I have a friend whose hooking up with someone right now and that’s pretty much all they do... L: Do they talk, like once they’re together...

H: Now she’s with someone else but it was like, they’re on windfall, where are you? Oh I’m out of town. Oh okay bye L: Ok but once they’re together, I guess we were curious about this, once people get together, if they have weirdness of texting just to hook up, once they’re together they talk and everything’s normal and fine right?

H: Yeah L: Male college student in a dating relationship? H: I think it’s probably...I mean couples text all the time about anything but once they keep dating more it becomes a longer relationship and they don’t text as much I feel like phone becomes less important. L: Would it be calls? H: Yeah probably calls but still texting because it’s handy if you don’t want to talk on the phone because I personally hate talking on the phone, I hate it L: why? H: I think it’s awkward just like yup okay yup...you know you’re talking at the same time...oh wait yeah okay bye bye...and it’s awkward when I always say goodbye before the other person does...you know it’s just awkward, I just like to text, then again it’s easier to call L: It’s faster but often people won’t pick up because it’s like oh my god you’re calling me?! What about a female in a dating relationship? H: I think she would probably use it a lot L: How? H: She would texting, I think people these days, young kids like us these days, don’t really call that much, it’s all about the texting...but I think
that makes relationships more distant because you're not really talking to the person you're texting them.

L: How might a male student use his cell phone to restart something that's over? H: I don’t know if I would do that...he would probably try and talk to the girl in person before...cus like that's a little awkward, you know if they said it's over you're not going to want to text them, you'll want to talk to them face to face and see what they're thinking, does that make sense? I don’t know...I don’t know about guys... L: What if alcohol was involved? H: A drunk text, be like I miss youuu, like you know, that's if they like them. If they just want to hook up they'd probably still be like where are you? L: What about for females? Reverse it. H: Well the girls going to have to be really desperate because typically it's the guy whose more aggressive in the relationship or hook up or whatever...girls are pretty good about knowing when it's over, guys aren’t... L: The girl probably would not? H: I think she would find another guy to hook up with. L: So she wouldn’t use her phone to restart it? H: No. L: Is it okay to send racy messages?

H: Like sexting? L: Suggestive...innuendos... H: Are they in a relationship? I think it depends if they are in a relationship... L: Well I dunno, just in any situation, so you think it’s okay in a relationship? H: I mean like yeah why not it’s just like talking dirty to each other it’s like whatever, I mean I’ve never done that you know it’s like I dunno if you’re in a relationship you’re probably... L: What if you’re not in a relationship? H: I just think they probably want to hook up but I don't know if to judge if it’s ok or not... I mean it’s against the law isn’t it? L: Nooo H: Sexting is L: Is it? Not it’s not. H: Yeah that’s what I heard. L: Who told you that? H: My mama, she heard it from this police man. L: No...no there's no way. H: Are you sure? L: It's not illegal. H: Like picture messages. L: Well that's what I was going to ask next—what about pictures? I’m pretty sure it’s not
illegal...well with the whole weinergate thing with like Anthony weiner like that was a little weird via twitter or whatever, he was sending you know like suggestive photos... H: Weiner photos L: I’m not sure if any of them were actuall of weiner’s weiner but like...I don’t think it’s illegal but you don’t think it’s ok? What do you think? H: Like morally okay? L: Yeah is it alright? If you’re in a relationship or they’re together? Bad idea, good idea? H: When you put it that way, bad idea or good idea, I mean it’s probably a risky thing to do because your boyfriend could show it to other people...I know a girl who sent a nasty picture of her to a guy and it got all over the internet and now she’s like not in a sorority, she didn’t even rush... L: At this school? H: No not here, at ole miss L: Oh my god H: she didn’t even rush because it just got out L: Oh my god it got out? He showed it to everyone? H: I think it was email...I think she emailed it...it somehow got on the internet but now every guy at ole miss has it on their phone L: Oh my god... H: And it’s a nasty picture L: Can you tell it’s her? I mean is her face in the photo? H: I dunno I’ve never actually seen it...it’s her, everyone knows it’s her, she knows it’s her

L: Does she still go there? Is is really sad? H: A huh. She’s like really gorgeous and she knows it, she like models...I mean so it’s not a good idea but I don’t think it’s morally bad. L: Are males or females most hurt? H: Females can be hurt more because there’s a double standard, the whole sex double standard, like it’s okay if a guy has sex with a bunch of girls, it’s seen as normal, but when a girl does that, she’s seen as a whore...so I feel like if a girl sends a message...um actually confession...a guy once sent me a picture of himself L: Oh my god that my next question! How would you respond if you received a sext from a fellow student that you weren’t necessarily involved with? H: I wasn’t at all. L: And he sent you...? H: Well he was like drunk texting me and I was like
hmmmm... L: Was it a friend? H: Yeah it was someone I liked last year. L: Oh my god, so he’s texting you and then what? H: And he was like I’ve never done this before but like and I was like mmm what? L: And he just sent the photo? H: I was like “what is that?” and then I was like OH MY GOD...WHAT?! L: What did you do?! H: I was like (hyperventilating noises)...then I text him back, I don’t even know what I said I was in shock... L: So you text him back? H: Yeah...he was like one of my friends and I was like okay...he was like sorry you probably think I’m such an idiot I’m really sorry I did that, he really regretted it L: Did you show friends? H: Yeah. L: Were you all laughing? H: We were like what the fuck? L: It didn’t get out or anything? H: I made sure it didn’t get out. I just showed all my friends, I had to share that. L: And what did you do when you saw him next? Are you still friends? H: Mmhmm, yeah we’re good friends. L: Really? H: It’s like it never happened. L: Oh my god. H: He actually sent me two. L: On different occasions? H: Same night. L: After your first reaction or 2 and then you were like whoa? H: I mean it was like BAM, I said something back like “uhh” L: like not interested, not going to respond encouraging you... H: I was trying to play it off cool, not like I was scared...I was like that was gutsy L: And he was probably like “she likes this!” L: That is NOT real. I haven’t talked to anyone whose actually got a sext...that’s hysterical...did anything ever happen between you two?

H: Nope. He was actually kind of talking to my roommate so that was awkward...she doesn’t know... L: So awkward... H: this was over the summer when he sent me this...it was so weird. And he was like...it was really weird...he was like let’s just forget about it...the next morning he goes you probably hate me or think I’m such an idiot

L: what did you say? H: I was like no I don’t think you are....I tried to play it off but I was like (OMG expression) L: Classic.
Thanks for sharing. L: Do you think males and females have different texting styles? H: I think there is an art of texting. It’s an art. L: Well illuminate me on this. How is it different for males and females? H: Well first of all ... (long side conversation) L: Okay so the art of texting... H: Okay um don’t want to seem too enthusiastic, too L: This is from a girls perspective or guys too? H: For guys I think, I at least, I don’t have a ton of guy friends but I feel like they just say whatever and it’s actually kind of good...they don’t think about it, they just text something but girls are like omg is this okay I’m just going through some drafts, “drafting” is what it’s always about...you got to draft or else you’ll think you sound stupid and when they don’t respond you’ll be like “oh my god like why didn’t they respond” L: So this is mostly in texts with guys? Girls get specific with guys, but are there other situations where girls might be thinking about how their drafting, drafting a text, is it with other girls too? H: if you’re in a fight with a girl and she’s apologizing to you and you want to say something back that’s you know how you want to say it...texts can be misconstrued...they can be completely misunderstood...when it’s important that the person understand it...but I think guys can sometimes be like that L: Really? Ok well have you ever consulted with others on the content of a texts...you gave an example of when girls might but like... H: Alll the time. L: Do guys? Have you seen them do this? H: No...maybe once or twice but I can’t remember any specific...depends on the guy. If they’re like I really like this girl should I say this to her? But I think it’s more girls... L: Do males and females favor content? H: emoticons are more girls, cuss words are both sides, I mean I cuss all the time in texts, guys do too...lets see...I think guys are more straight to point in messages and girls tend to beat around the bush L: What about with punctuation? H: Girls use more exclamation marks, question marks, they’re more precise and guys are just like
whatever. L: how do you feel without your phone? The other
day you said you felt free, is that always the case?

H: Certain times it’s like damn I wish I could text this person
but then sometimes it’s like meh...I loved it but now that I have
it back I’m like oh yeah. L: How long could you go without it
here? H: I think I could go forever without it...people learn how
to talk to you through facebook, email...you’d just find other
ways, I would just be on facebook all the time on my
computer...you find ways, they learn you don’t have a phone...
it’d more inconvenient but you could do it but you might not
have a hook up life

L: Poor thing...you’d have to be like I don’t have a phone so you
actually have to come look for me ok? L: Do you ever turn the
phone off? H: Never. I put it on silent when I sleep. I don’t care
if anyone is having a fucking emergency, I’m sleeping.

L: Why wouldn’t you turn it off? H: Because...why would I? L: I
dunno, it’s just a question. H: Then I’d have to turn it back
on...just put it on silent face it down. Then I get all my messages
and notifications in the morning.