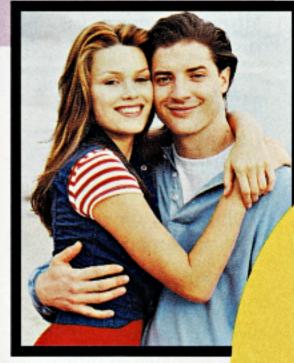


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An *Airheads* guitar autographed by Brendan Fraser

One lucky YM reader will win a Fender Stratocaster guitar, like the one Brendan plays in his new movie Airheads. To enter, send your name, address, phone number and age, by July 15, 1994, to: YM/Airheads Win It!, P.O. Box 5945, New York, NY 10163-5945. For contest rules, see page 103.



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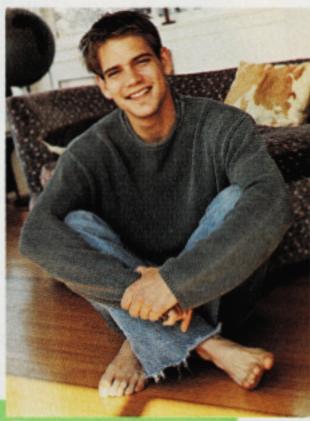
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A choker just like Janet Jackson's

Five lucky YM readers will each receive a choker (above), like the one Janet Jackson wore in her "If" video. To enter, send your name, address, telephone number and age, by July 15, 1994, to: YM/Choker Win It!, P.O. Box 5953, New York, NY 10163-5953. For complete contest rules, see page 103. (Or, to order one, call 800-542-4222.)

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Look who's in meltdown mode this summer



Brooke Shields and Andre Agassi: matched set



Kate Moss and Johnny Depp: love buzzed



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BY LORI BERGER

rendan Fraser is politely dodging my questions about whether or not he has a girlfriend. But the mega-talented 25-yearold can't change the subject as fast as he can steal a movie scene. "Maybe I have one," he says, smiling, trying to be a good sport, but basically telling me to buzz off. When I let him know that I happened to spy him hand in hand with a young woman at an Ikea furniture store in Los Angeles one recent weekend, he blushes. Then he rolls his eyes upward and reluctantly admits, "Okay, okay, I do have one." Conversation over.

That's about as intimate as Brendan wants to get. He's perfectly relaxed talking about his rapidly heating-up film career acting in Seattle, WA, earned a one-line

befriends a homeless man), Airheads (he's in a band, with Steve Buscemi and Saturday Night Live's Adam Sandler) and a baseball flick The Scout (he plays star pitcher Steve Nebraska)—Brendan is about to break into the ranks of hot new Hollywood stars. But he likes to downplay his meteoric rise. "I'm still sort of thinking I'm the new kid," says the guy who was hooking up Christmas-tree lights and busing tables to bring in the bucks just over two years ago. "I've had a combination of good fortune, high ambition and excellent representation [from his agent and his manager]. All I can say is that I'm grateful."

In his upcoming Airheads role as Chazz, the leader of a heavy-metal group called the Lone Rangers, Brendan really lets his hair down (almost to his waist). Radical rockers without a record deal, Chazz and his two and the road that got him there (he studied band mates, through a series of bizarre circumstances, "accidentally" take over a

In Airheads, he's a metal-head wannabe. In real

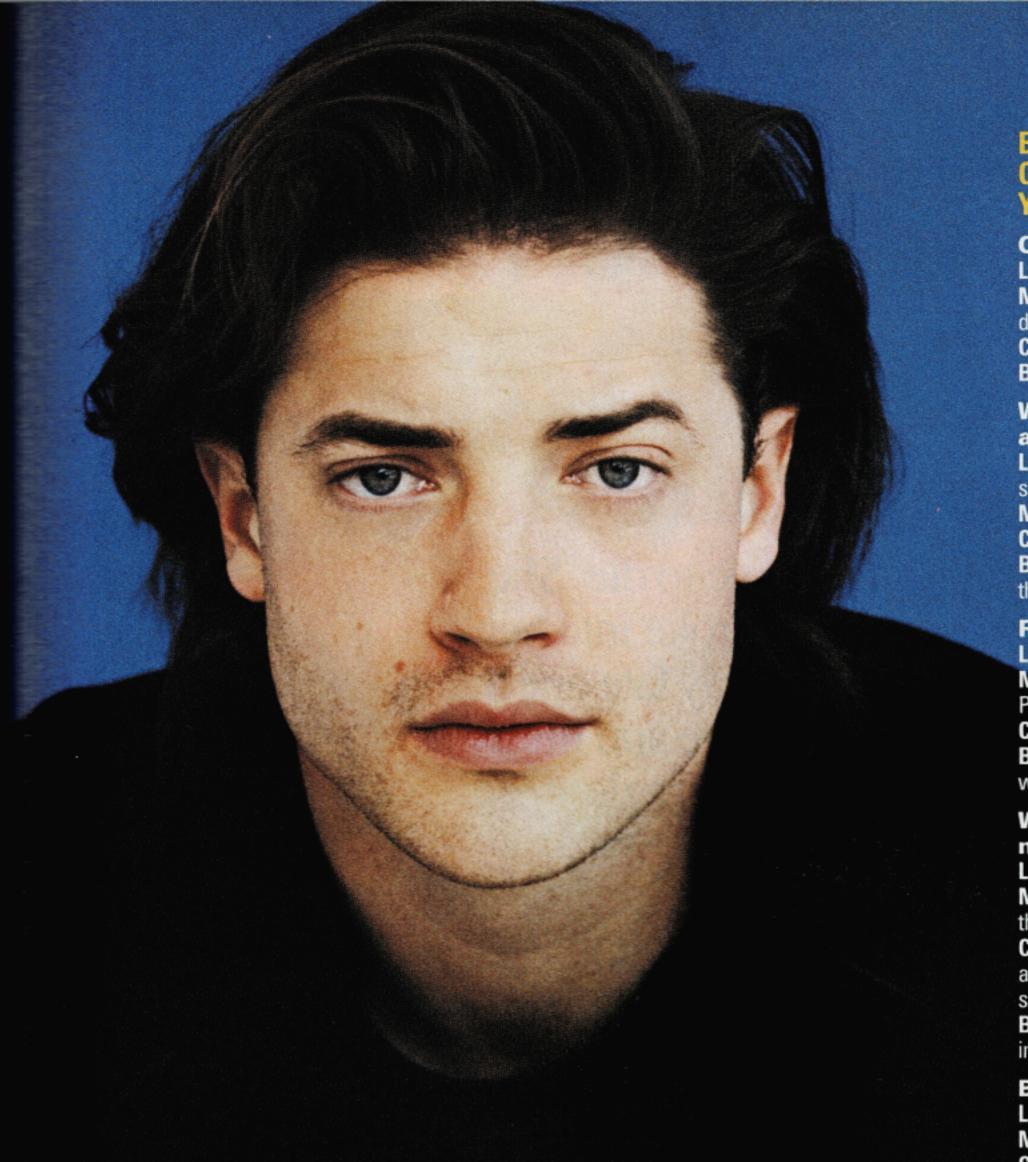
role in 1991's *Dogfight*, then tried his luck in Hollywood), but the personal stuff makes him sweat. It's not that he's shy, it's just that he's ultraserious about what he does. The six-foot-two-inch blue-eyed actor who's about to create an even bigger buzz is wary of falling into the Hollywood Hunk of the Month Club—and maybe he should be. Brendan's puppy-dog portrayal of Link, the cuddly caveman in *Encino* Man, made more than a few female fans want to give him a bear hug; his more serious role as brilliant and brawny David Greene, the Jewish football star trying hard to fit in in School Ties, made them want to give him their telephone number.

With three potential box-office blockbusters out this summer—With Honors (Brendan portrays a Harvard student who

radio station while trying to get their demo tape played. "The most fun I've had doing films so far was Airheads," says Brendan. "It was the people and the laughs we had. I'm not saying it's good art or bad art—I'm just saying it's the most fun I've had."

But what Brendan does for fun when he's not working is what I really want to know. "I like to lie on my back and read," he says. "And sometimes I'll go grocery shopping-now that's a lark.'

As for the Ikea shopping trip, he was scouting for a "great bookcase that can be latched onto the wall." This feature is important, since his last apartment was trashed in the L.A. earthquake. He may be able to quakeproof his new West Hollywood digs, but there's no doubt that Brendan will be setting off big-screen tremors all summer.



BRENDAN BREAKS INTO CHARACTER TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

Character key:

Link: Encino Man's cavedude Monty: The idealistic Harvard student in With Honors

Chazz: Airheads' aspiring rock star

Brendan: Himself

Where he'd take a girl on a first date:

Link: "Wherever he went, he'd spill something on her."

Monty: "The library."

Chazz: "A fast-food restaurant."
Brendan: "I'd chicken out and then conveniently run into her."

Favorite music:

Link: "Infectious Grooves."

Monty: "Any band that plays John Philip Sousa marches."

Chazz: "The Lone Rangers, of course." Brendan: "Beck's pretty cool this week, but it changes all the time."

What he'd do with a million bucks:

Link: "He'd divide it into stacks."

Monty: "First he'd buy junk bonds, then open a homeless shelter."

Chazz: "He'd buy every guitar with a dragon inlay he could find, then set up his own recording studio."

Brendan: "I'd have to pay so much in taxes that it would kill me."

Biggest goal:

Link: "To stuff his mouth."

Monty: "To do good."

Chazz: "To be a rock star."

Brendan: "Haven't we just talked about this for the last two hours?"

life, Brendan Fraser's career is about to go gold

Favorite television show:

Link: "The Flintstones."

Monty: "Documentaries."

Chazz: "Beavis and Butt-head and Ren & Stimpy."

Brendan: "The Simpsons. It's the only thing I can watch."

