

A celebration of love is not a bunch of hoopla

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I would first like to say to my readers, happy Valentine's Day. Recently, I have had some very intense conversations with friends about the meaning of love and the idea of Valentine's Day. I know that many people have hardships about this day. Most of those people are the lonely people who do not have a significant other or they don't even have a date. I, unfortunately, am one of those lonely people who have neither, but there is a twist: I do not believe that this holiday is just a bunch of hoopla.

The quest for love is an adventure that keeps the spirit of life continuing. So what if the media and corporate America take this holiday and make millions off of heart-shaped candies and cute little slogans? That happens on every holiday, whether we like it or not.

Valentine's Day is to celebrate love. Sure, I get lonely

every once in a while. However, not any more than the next single person does. I just don't understand why people

have to ridicule something when if they did have someone in their lives, they would be happy and indulge in the mediocrity of the candies.

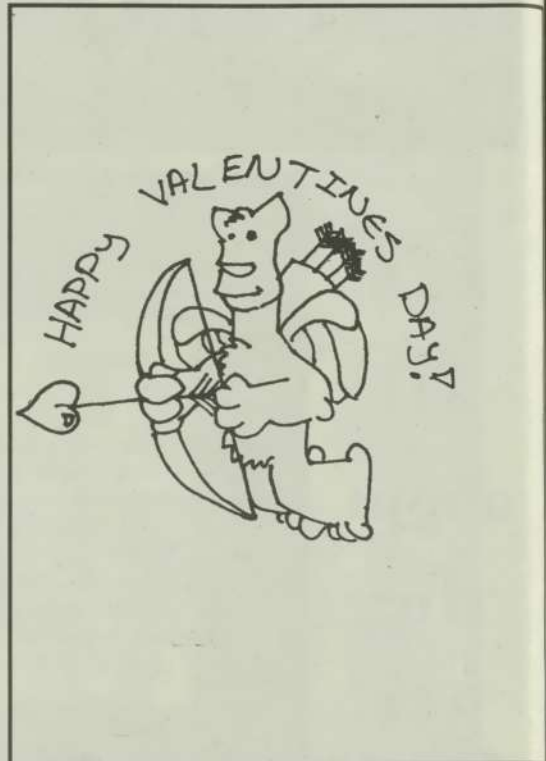
My favorite argument that has been presented to me recently is this: "If you are in a relationship and you don't really know if you are in love, why do you have the right to act that way for one day?" My answer is simple. It is only one day. If whatever you do for that one day makes your friend or yourself happy, why not? There is so much unhappiness in this world as it is. We should live life in the moment.

Now, if you are a lonely heart,

take some advice. Don't go rent a bunch of sad romantic movies, because it is not going to help your cause. Maybe you and some of your single friends can treat yourselves to some homemade pizza and a couple of comedy movies. You guys out there can gather in a pack and play a little PlayStation 2. I am sure you haven't done that in awhile! Ha, ha.

Or here is a novel idea: mix it up. Just because you are single does not mean you have to hide in a group of the same sex. Get a single friend from the opposite sex and treat **each other** to dinner or a movie. Try doing something active like bowling or playing a game of pool. The trick is to find others like yourself and keep busy. Just try not to make it a night of self-pity. Love will find you someday. And when it does you will have fun on this holiday just like all those people in love do.

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To all our favorite readers: Your loved ones have sent you a message.

Even though I think V-day sucks, I wouldn't want to spend it with anyone else. I love you Nick & Maggie. It's all us!



Bunny Girl, I am very proud of you and love you more than words can say. Happy Valentjne's Day, Bun Man.



A V-Day message to my friends (you know who you are ☺). Life is a stage and we are the players. We just need to find the right role. To a certain individual: I didn't mean to drag the garbage down the road under my car. Love Gogomushy.



To the greatest newspaper staff ever in the whole entire world. *Clackamas Print* staff, you rock! You're the best. All the love to all of you. Anonymous.



To the Community Relations and Publications Department: Thanks for all the love shown since my hiring! Mr. Knapp.



To Amy: You are the most important person in my life. Thank you for everything you do for me. Love, Social Science Department.



Ich liebe dich Maggie! Dein Fritz.

Will you be my Valentine, Daisy? You're such a sweetie! Luv, your not so secret admirer.



Jesus loves you! Have a blessed Valentine's Day. From Campus Crusade for Christ.



To: Kris D. Thank you for being there for me! I really have appreciated it! XOXO. Love, Sexy Angel.



To the newspaper editor-I wish you a happy Valentine's Day and you should hang out with me too!

Brian and Jason Chandler, Happy Valentines Day! I ♥ U. Love Mom.



I love emerald eyes. Thank you for your unconditional love and affection. You are my gift from God. Your Mexican Princess.



Valentine Haiku for the counselors: Thank you, Thank you! So grateful to be finding my way. I'm loving this! Bobbie.



Happy Valentine's Day to the PSY 240 class and the Locker Room Guys. We look forward to group therapy ☺☺☺ Love, your head therapists.

Viva Las De La Cruz's. To the most fun, fabulous family. I love you! Elizabeth, Jose, Jenita, Benito, Timateo, Mom and Dad. Oh yea, Bobby, Richard, Hailey, Maria, Kyndra, Nikki and my lovable nieces and nephews.



To my mom and dad: It may seem odd that a college kid would buy a Valentine's personal for his parents, but most kids my age have not been blessed w/ parents like mine. Just know that I feel your love & support, even from miles away. I love you guys. Love, Nick.

The Print wishes everyone a happy Valentines Day

