

# Q day without a Valentine

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Flying solo this year on Valentine's Day?

No need to become a bitter hag. Rather, feel empowered by being independent from having a significant other.

Do not misunderstand — being an outrageous feminist is not the goal, either, but there is a thin line to tread on Valentine's Day to keep the self-pity at bay.

Raiding the stores for chocolate is also probably not the best idea, unless becoming sick and getting a thicker waistline sounds appealing.

Preferably, the focus should be spending time having as much fun as possible with one's most treasured comrades instead of engaging in wishful thoughts of a different kind of love.

#### What to do

If being single is not the desired place to be, pinpoint areas of your life that may be in the way of the search for a date. Think of it as the perfect time to make a resolution.

Find a work-out buddy and start going to the gym. Start therapy sessions. Take a trip to the grocery store to stock up on healthy foods.

Make an effort to reach out to people who may not be having a good day by simply smiling at them or giving them a card or something entirely different altogether.

Perhaps one of the best Valentine's Day pastimes of all time is watching romantic videos with a group of friends.

"I think I am probably going to get together with my other single girlfriends and watch 'The Notebook,'" said freshman Danielle Roberts.

Emily Miller, also a freshman, said, "I will be hanging out with my best friend. I have no guy to spend time with, but that's fine with me; I'll still be going out to dinner and seeing a movie."

#### What not to do

Above all, do not let your relationship status affect your happiness on Valentine's Day, no matter what it may be.

Also, do not stalk people; it's just creepy. It is a good way to get hit by thrown objects or worse.

In addition, do not sit at home alone moping, because that is possibly one of the most depressing things a person could do. Not trying something new on Valentine's Day is selling yourself short — after all, spontaneity is sexy.

## Top 10 picks of movies to watch on Valentine's Day

### 1. "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991)

This is the classic story of Robin Hood at its best, along with perhaps the most amazing love song ever sung, "Everything I Do" by Bryan Adams.

### 2. "A Walk to Remember" (2002)

Based on a 1950s book set by the great Nicholas Sparks, the movie captures a more modern version of the same captivating love story.

### 3. "10 Things I Hate About You" (1999)

Recently-deceased heartthrob Heath Ledger at his finest won over teen America opposite Julia Stiles in a present-day "Taming of the Shrew" redo.

### 4. "Dirty Dancing" (1987)

One line: "Nobody puts Baby in a corner." The dashing dancing Patrick Swayze melted hearts with it.

### 5. "Sense and Sensibility" (1995)

The classic book made into a movie starring Kate Winslet, Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant (to name just a few)? Yes, please, with Alan Rickman on top!

### 6. "Titanic" (1997)

When this movie came out, were there many pre-teen girls in America who did not fall in love with Leonardo DiCaprio? It seems unlikely.

### 7. "Down with Love" (2003)

Ewan McGregor and Renee Zellweger matching wits as 1960s "players" in New York City? It is intriguing, to say the least.

### 8. "Braveheart" (1995)

How many men can pull off very long hair and a kilt at the same time? Gibson might rank top on the list.

### 9. "Juno" (2007)

Off-beat and delightfully funny, it may be the ultimate romantic comedy, especially because pregnancy actually makes the relationship stronger.

### 10. "Gone with the Wind" (1939)

While a "happily ever after" ending is missing, the timelessness and riveting longing from many different characters makes it terribly romantic.



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## Events

**TODAY:** Health Fair in the Community Center, sponsored by Associated Student Government. Contact Michelle Baker at ext. 2245 or stop by the student government office for more information.

**TOMORROW:** Happy Valentine's Day!

2/15: The Ski Bus will be going up to Mt. Hood; \$25 total for a lift ticket and the ride. For more information, contact Michael Vu at ext. 2245.

## Coming This Week To Theaters...

2/14 — "Definitely, Maybe," rated PG-13, starring Ryan Reynolds and Abigail Breslin. A mid-aged Manhattanite man in the midst of a divorce tells his daughter about his three romances with different women, making her guess which one ended up being her mother.

2/14 — "Jumper," rated PG-13, starring Hayden Christensen and Rachel Bilson. A smart, young man with a rough family life discovers that he has the ability to teleport. Leaving home for New York City, he uses his power to track the man he blames for his mother's death years earlier.

