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Valentine's day makes those of us who don’t have anyone feel terrible and forces couples to agonize over whether the present they bought costs too much or not enough.

Every department store seems filled with stupid stuffed animals that only serve as a reminder, a few months down the road, of one’s crappy relationship.

If you don’t have anyone, just seeing the velvet flowers and boxes of lame heart-shaped boxes in the stores offers a reminder that you are ALL ALONE with absolutely NO ONE special in your life.

That’s exactly what I need to be reassured of. And the campaign seems relentless. Right after the Superbowl, you know that for the next month or so you’re going to hear about is this day on which Cupid, that fat, miniature angel wearing nothing but a loincloth, has pierced someone’s heart with his little Arrow O’ Luv. Spare me. I think I’d rather see the darling cherub with a shotgun wound to the head.

You’d think that if someone really cared about you they’d do more than pick up a heart-shaped cardboard box once a year that’s filled with cheap chocolates made with oils and lard and a card picked up for $2.95.

Those are my sentiments on Valentine’s day but I can really, honestly, truly understand that others feel differently. That’s why this issue of The Arbiter is dedicated to those who both love and loathe this holiday, but mostly the latter. To my ex-boyfriends, may your teeth rot and may you get tetanus from the thorns of the roses you’re buying your new love. Everyone else - enjoy!

The first occasion didn’t do St. Valentine any good so why do you think you’ve got any better luck?

Love, lust, loneliness and longing

Believe me, Romeo and Juliet had it good!

Hot, sweaty Bronco bodies . . . oh my!

Biter of the week goes to our new sales rep Chris Hinson who came, saw and conquered our advertising department. He’s quite the worker and we’re certainly lucky to have him around!
Traditional pagan celebration prompted current Valentine’s Day festivities

Erica Hill  
editor in chief

Valentine’s Day as we know it consists of Hallmark cards, extravagant flower bouquets and mass amounts of chocolate. But the original purpose of this holiday was a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop.

For eight hundred years the Romans practiced a pagan celebration in mid-February commemorating young men’s rite of passage. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl’s name and would then serve as partners for the duration of the festival with the girl whom he chose. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year and often they would fall in love and later marry.

But Pope Gelasius considered the practice immoral and thus ordered a slight change. Instead of the names of young women, the box contained those of saints. The game was to emulate the ways of the saint they drew during the rest of the year. The church also replaced the pagan god Lupercus with Valentine, a patron saint, beheaded in 270 A.D. by Emperor Claudius.

Claudius sought out Valentine after learning he secretly married young couples—a practice that had been banned after the emperor determined that married men made poor soldiers.

Ken Green says. Green, a former president of the Chordsmen, works at the Snake River Grill in the Student Union Building.

The group uses most of the proceeds from the valentines to fund their activities for the rest of the year. The rest of their earnings will go, this year, to the Idaho Cerebral Palsy Association.

Last year the Chordsmen delivered about 300 singing valentines, raising around $5,000.

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“We’re basically a bunch of guys who like to show off in front of people,” Green says. “We enjoy what we do.”

“I would highly recommend it to anyone who wanted something different,” Smith says. “It did what I was after.”

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Serenade your sweetie with help from the Boise Valley Chordsman

Newswriter

If roses and boxes of chocolates just aren’t going to satisfy your sweetheart this year, the Boise Valley Chordsmen might offer a good alternative.

For as little as $35 the Chordsmen will send a barber-shop quartet to sing two songs, including “Let Me Call You Sweetheart,” and deliver a rose as a Valentine’s Day greeting for your sweetheart, either over the weekend or on Feb. 14.

“It embarrasses the guys and it makes the women cry,” Darrell Smith heard about the singing valentines last year from John Labbe, one of the Chordsmen, and ordered a serenade for his wife. It worked well enough that he requested another one this year.

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The Chordsmen have plenty of slots available. To order a serenade, or for more information, contact Green at 831-7939.
Valentine's Day: not a box of chocolate for everyone

Kate Hoffman

In contemporary American culture, people set aside Valentine's Day for celebrating the most sugary aspects of romance and sentimentality. Cherubs and lacy hearts festoon every store and elementary school, millions plot what sort of gift they will present to their significant others, and merchants everywhere dream of pink-tinted dollar signs.

However, this holiday of love and chocolates isn't a bed of roses for everyone. According to Dr. Mary Rohlfing, associate professor of communication at Boise State, homosexual couples can find Valentine's Day a bittersweet occasion and a "reminder of [their] exclusion from society".

Merchandising and the media play a role in making Valentine's Day a predominantly heterosexual holiday. For example, the Idaho Statesman's annual classified love ads have no headlines for gay or lesbian couples but instead provide categories called "friend to friend" and "miscellaneous." This conservative approach creates consternation for homosexual couples. "My partner of nine and a half years is a bit more..." says Rohlfing. Although areas like downtown Boise feel relatively comfortable for gay couples, "the rest of the state isn't there yet."

Whereas most heterosexual couples wouldn't think twice before indulging in traditional activities such as dining at a nice restaurant, gay couples often hesitate before celebrating Valentine's Day in public. "Face it, if you take your partner out for a nice meal on Valentine's Day, you'd better be out all the way, because it'll be pretty obvious to those who see you that you're on a date, or with your life partner," says Rohlfing. "If you're not ready to deal with that, then you're likely to hide out. And in hiding out, not participating in the sorts of traditions that others in the culture take for granted, you're pretty well reminded that you've got a long way to go until you're seen as something [better] than a second-class citizen."

Valentine's Day in Idaho can prove particularly challenging for homosexual couples, at least in part because of the nature of the majority of the state. "The west side of Boise is extremely conservative, and every town outside of Boise save Moscow and the Sun Valley area are as well," says Rohlfing. Although areas like downtown Boise feel relatively comfortable for gay couples, "the rest of the state isn't there yet."

While most of the paper sentiments transcend sexuality, the actual meaning of Valentine's Day and the romance it symbolizes changes dramatically for gay and lesbian couples. In some cases, a day designated for showcasing affection can create a psychologically and physically threatening situation for homosexuals. It also serves to bring perceived discrimination into the spotlight. "When you live in a world where the rules are against you, where you are deemed as lesser because you have the audacity to love someone the rules don't permit, then you are different. It's folly to pretend otherwise. For nongays, Valentine's Day is about love and commerce," Rohlfing adds. "For us, it's political."
What do you love or hate about Valentine's Day?

Randi Duncan
freshman
"Not getting to spend it with my family or anybody important to me."

Brad Saito
Senior
"I dislike Valentine's Day because it's too much."

Maria Balderas
freshman
"Not having someone to spend it with."

Lupe Dalvin
freshman
"I don't like Valentine's Day because you feel obligated to buy something for someone and if you really love them it shouldn't have to be on V-Day, it should be anytime."

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Quick fixes for Valentine mindblock

Stephanie Matlock
news editor

Ten thousand roses.
Mostly red. That's what Boise Floral Company sells each year around Valentine's Day. For $60 per dozen, lovers can shower their sweeties with roses.

Diamonds are the thing at Simmon's Fine Jewelry. From $100 on up, earrings, necklaces and rings represent typical Valentine's fare. Simmon's sees an increase in engagement ring sales, but anything diamond appears fair game for Valentine's Day.

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Diamonds and roses seem romantic holiday gifts, but numerous other presents abound around the valley.

At J. Michaels roses have become a common purchase, but the business offers other unique floral arrangements as well. The "red-hot lover" features roses arranged in a chili-pepper accented vase for $25.50. They'll even include a bottle of Tabasco sauce.

"This Bud's for you" supplies your valentine a six-pack of beer with a mixed floral arrangement in one of the cans for $35.

Flowers a little too sentimental? Try lingerie! "Valentine's Day is our Christmas!" exclaims Kris Van Dam, owner of Discreet Secrets and Romance Unlimited. Garter belts and stockings are the most popular gift items purchased by men. But women can find special gift items for their valentines too. Furry handcuffs cost $15.00 and massage oils run from $9-16.

Both genders purchase games, says Van Dam.

Limosines scream romance but Morgan Moore, owner of Adventure Limo, says that Valentine's Day is not, actually, an exceptional occasion for the limousine business. He does note, however, that he always becomes especially busy the weekend around Valentine's Day due to an abundance of weddings. A limousine at Adventure Limo rents for $75 per hour, including soft drinks. While Adventure only has one car available right now, many other limousine companies operate around the area.

Moore recalls a few times when his limousines have used their studded tires to reach the Nordic center at Bogus Basin, where clients reserved a spot on a horse-drawn sleigh with Bogus Creek Outfitters. Mary Beth LaVelle, owner with her husband Bob, offers a special trip for Valentine's Day. In addition to the traditional sleigh ride, gourmet three-course dinner, bluegrass music and cowboy poetry, couples can enjoy champagne, roses, cookies and desert. The special couples-only Valentine's trip costs $150.

"Valentine's Day is our Christmas!" exclaims Kris Van Dam, owner of Discreet Secrets and Romance Unlimited.

"This Bud's for you" delivers all the goods in life for your Valentine.
Valentine's days is traditionally a time for love, romance and spending the entire day under the covers with your loved one. But wait...take a look at the Idaho Code. Not all those enjoyable activities stand the test of legal scrutiny.

While laws regulating private sexual behavior seem rarely enforced, they appear as statutes in many states. BSU criminal justice professor Craig Hemmens explains that any law still on the books, and not declared unconstitutional, can be enforced.

Four years ago, Idaho received notorious international recognition for enforcing a law originally passed in 1921. It states that, "Any unmarried person who shall have sexual intercourse with an unmarried person of the opposite sex shall be deemed guilty of fornication." At the time Gem County prosecutor, Doug Varie, charged eight pregnant girls with the misdemeanor offense. This fornication law and others similar to it remain enforceable in Idaho.

Two main sections of Idaho Code place restrictions on private consensual sexual behavior. Title 18, chapter 66, section 3 makes it unlawful for two unmarried persons of the opposite gender to have sexual intercourse. This law, used in the Gem County instances, carries a fine of not more than $300 and/or imprisonment for not more than six months.

Title 18, chapter 66, section 5 says, "Every person who is guilty of the infamous crime against nature, committed with mankind or with any animal, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not less than five (5) years." Any person convicted of such an act will end up with a criminal record for what Idaho considers a felony sex crime. According to John Hummel, a Boise attorney, "a crime against nature" generally refers to oral or anal sex. He says such laws remain on the books in only 18 states, many of them in the "Bible belt" of the south.

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Hummel holds strong feelings about these laws. "I think they're ridiculous, anachronistic and a violation of privacy. Consenting adults have the right to have private sexual relations as they choose."

But these laws still hold merit for legislators, because they remain in force.

A court case in 1986, Bowers vs. Hardwick, challenged Mississippi's sodomy laws as a violation of privacy. But the Supreme Court ruled that federal rights to privacy do not extend to sodomy.

In Idaho a 1995 Idaho Supreme Court decision ruled that the 'crime against nature' law can not extend to private, consensual, marital relationships.

Jack Van Valkenburg, executive director of the Idaho chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, finds fault with both fornication and crime against nature laws. "Criminalizing consensual behavior is generally a very bad idea, especially in a country based on liberty, freedom, live and let live. Those [laws] permit the criminalization of behavior that does not hurt anyone else...It is not the government's business."

Hummel criticizes the crimes against nature law for unfairly targeting gay men. According to Hummel, the sodomy law is generally enforced if couples are found having sex in areas such as cars or bathrooms. But where heterosexual couples get sent home with a slap on the wrist, homosexual couples appear more likely to face charges, he claims.

He says that what happens is "then we can point the finger at homosexuals and say 'Look, they're breaking sex laws'...It's a resolution to condemn the morality of gay people."

In fact, in some states, sodomy laws apply only to persons of the same sex. These include Arkansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Texas. Additionally, 20 states have laws which disallow fornication or cohabitation before marriage.

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Campus offers counseling classes to help couples cope

Sara Mitton  
news writer

On Valentine's Day couples try to show their affection for each other with gifts and acts of kindness. They give flowers and go to romantic restaurants trying to make everything absolutely ideal. However, anyone who has ever dated knows relationships don't always achieve perfection.

Boise State offers resources that allow couples to strengthen their ties or help with problems. Aaron Boyack, a BSU student married for 16 years, says he and his wife felt they were lacking skills that could benefit their marriage. Consequently they attended a workshop last fall called "Fighting for Your Relationship." The BSU Counseling Center holds these sessions once a semester and students can even receive one academic credit for participating.

"My expectations were met," says Boyack. "We gained skills that opened our eyes and gave us a better understanding of each other." Boyack and wife Michelle also took advantage of the private sessions available at the Counseling Center. Carol Pangburn, a certified counselor, explains that three professionals train in marital therapy offer sessions at the center. Anyone registered for at least one credit at BSU can schedule sessions at no cost.

Another married couple at Boise State, Bruce and Patti Bowman, also found the "Fighting for Your Relationship" helpful. "We didn't attend because we have problems in our marriage," Bruce explains. Bruce and Patti are both social work majors and wanted background on relationships. "We also thought things can never be too good; marriages can always improve," says Bruce. He felt the in-home exercises given at the workshop were especially helpful. Now when the couple disagrees, they stop and try to look at issues the way the course taught them to.

The workshops and counseling offered are not just for married couples. Pangburn says she understands people date for a long time or even live together before marriage. Any student can sign up, but it is for couples only.

"I can't think of anyone who couldn't benefit from the workshop," claims Aaron Boyack. The class teaches participants to understand emotional and psychological differences between genders in order to become more tolerant of their partner. He also feels this understanding will enrich relationships with parents, siblings and co-workers. "I would definitely recommend it for anyone and everyone."

In addition to the workshop worth one credit, this spring the Counseling Center will offer a free class called "Relationships 101." The topics include how to fall in love without going crazy, how to break up without falling apart, and how to develop a long lasting friendship. The class will consist of two sessions of four hours each.

This semester "Fighting for Your Relationship" will be held Feb. 12 and 13. Pangburn says the workshop stresses strengthening friendship and communication and also learning conflict management. For more information about the workshop, classes or counseling call Carol Pangburn at 426-3089.
Jim "the Real Deal" Steele

Do marriage license requests go up in February?
Actually, February is one of the slowest months for marriage licenses. Last year in Ada County, fewer marriage licenses were sold in February than in any other month except January.

However, of 169 marriage licenses bought in Ada County in February 1999, 103 were gone by Valentine's Day.

Ada County sold 503 marriage licenses last year, but only 34 percent in the first two weeks of February.
The biggest month for marriage licenses in three of the last four years has been July, with June selling the most in 1997.

What paraphernalia do people buy for Valentine's Day?
Jewelry, stuffed animals, candy and flowers, according to spokespeople for Target, Albertson's and Shopko.

"For Valentine's Day floral is much bigger than candy, although candy also does very well," Albertson's spokesperson Anne Alenskis says.

Broadway ShopKo assistant manager Nancy McLain says that jewelry also does well on Valentine's Day.
"It's usually the day of Valentine's Day or the day before," that most of it is sold, she says.

Compared to holidays like Christmas, Valentine's is usually a pretty slow event for the stores.

Target didn't start pro-

Have a question?
If there's something you want to know, whether related to Valentine's Day or not, ask the Real Deal. E-mail your question to Jim-Steele@juno.com, bring it to The Arbiter offices across from the Student Union Building, mail it to 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID 83725; or fax it to 426-3198.

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BSU women's tennis team bangs away opening weekend with a split

Pete Erlendson

The Boise State women's tennis team started the seasonjust as they finished last season— with a loss. The Broncos (1-1) fell 6-3 to the Cougars of Washington State Saturday in a very dismal performance, but pulled out a win over Weber State on Sunday.

Only two singles matches were won by BSU and Washington State got the advantage in the doubles winning two out of three.

Washington State's Ana Moura defeated sophomore Catherine Rinaldi 6-1, 6-1. Sarah Burrows beat BSU's sophomore Viktoria Gimberg 6-0, 6-1. Sophomore Laurie Cheung was swept by Tamara Filipovic 6-0, 6-0. Jemima Attarz, also a sophomore for the Broncos, lost in two sets 6-0, 6-2.

Junior Pia-Lena Ander came back from a 4-3 deficit in the first set to trample Washington State's Patrycja Gajdzik 6-4, 6-0. Ander is BSU's number one rated player on this years Bronco squad.

"I played well," describes Ander. "She wasn't very consistent. I just had to play the ball on the court when I had a chance."

After Ander won up 3-0 in the second set, Gajdzik appeared to have given up, but with some gained confidence, she made BSU's Ander work for everything.

"I broke her once I think," speculated Ander. "I served better in the second set and I was more consistent on the shots... and so she really couldn't keep up."

In the middle of the second set Ander called a medical timeout with a bloody nose. Cougar's senior Gajdzik protested, but the referee allowed for the timeout to proceed.

When Ander returned, she continued scraping away, point by point, until the match was won.

"I had to keep on being tough and keep on hitting the shots and not start to back off, then she could hang with me," says Ander. "But, since I was a step ahead of her I knew I had to just keep on playing."

The other bright spot for the Broncos was freshman Renate Stoop's come from behind rally to edge out WSU's Melissa Pine in three sets 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

BSU freshman Renate Stoop rallies from one down to win her match in three sets versus Washington State. Stoop finished the weekend 2-0.

"I was down with one set," describes Stoop. "I missed too many balls and in the second set I tried to change that. I just hit some more balls in and I went up in control."

The comeback was from BSU's only freshman, but the freshman is rated number two on the BSU women's tennis unit.

"I think I won because I just pushed so hard and I tried to move more and hit more balls in, get the race a bit longer, instead of just making the big shots," says Stoop.

Stoop never trailed following the first set.

"I never give up." proclaims Stoop.

"It is good to win the first match always."

The Ander/Stoop duo defeated Washington States Gajdzik/Pine 8-2. But BSU lost its other two doubles matches 8-3 and 8-2.

Sunday proved a better day for the Broncos as Boise State beat Weber State 5-4.

Pia-Lena Ander was iced by Wildcat's junior Lenka Zacharva 2-6, 1-6.

Stoop performed another come from behind act with a 6-7, 7-6, 6-1 victory over Therina Streunelump.

BSU won four out of six singles matches and the Ander/Stoop doubles team was the only victor in doubles for the Broncos.

Boise State's next matches are against Long Beach State on Feb. 11, at 2 P.M. and on Feb. 13, at 11 A.M. versus the University of Portland.

Photo by Jan Allen The Advertiser
Bronco men hold on to down Cal Poly

Down to the wire games have become a staple for the Boise State men’s basketball team, and Saturday night at Cal Poly provided no exception. After blowing a 13 point halftime advantage, the Broncos rallied from down one with under two minutes to play for a 71-68 Big West Conference victory.

In what offered the reverse situation from BSU’s game at Idaho on Thursday night, the Broncos shot 50 percent from the field in the first half to build a 38-25 halftime advantage. On Thursday, it was Poly who trailed by nine of Cal Poly’s 11 points; propelling the Broncos who trailed by one point with nine seconds to go in the first half of the season. Justin Lyons added 11 and Woods another eight, as the Broncos shot 50 percent from the field in the first half.

Just when the Broncos appeared to pull away again, King got hot from the outside, nailing three consecutive three-pointers. Cal Poly took its first and only lead of the game with 1:53 to play, as Wozniak hit two free throws. This 76 percent free throw shooter actually subsed for 50 percent free throw shooter Wazende Favors, who was injured after getting fouled by Clint Hordemann.

But, unlike BSU’s four losses by one or two points in the last eight games, the Broncos made the final run. Jackson and Woods each hit free throws, as Boise State regained the lead to 67-66. Woods then grabbed a big defensive rebound with 26 seconds to play, and was fouled. He nailed both free throws to build the lead to three points.

Cal Poly cut that margin to one point with nine seconds to play on two free throws by Wozniak. Boise State was able to inbound the ball to Jackson, the third best free throw shooter in the Big West, and he calmly knocked down both shots with eight seconds remaining.

The Mustangs’ last second attempt at a tie skipped off the back of the backboard, marking the only missed three in the second half by King. Cal Poly failed to make a field goal in the final 2:33 of the game.

“When we lost the lead late, we could have really hung our heads,” said Boise State head coach Rod Jensen. “Our guys didn’t do that. We hung together, and made some big defensive plays, hit some free throws, and finally got on the end we needed to be.”

As much of a struggle as the second half appeared, the first half appeared extremely easy for the Broncos. Jackson scored 15 points including three-of-four three-point shooting, by far his best opening half of the season. Justin Lyons added 11 and Woods another eight, as the Broncos shot 50 percent from the field in the first half of the season. Justin Lyons added 11 and Woods another eight, as the Broncos shot 50 percent from the field in the first half of the season.

Defensively, BSU took the up-tempo Mustangs out of their game in the first half, holding them to 25 points on 36 percent shooting from the field. The Broncos forced 14 Cal Poly turnovers, and restrained the Mustangs to one-of-nine shooting from three-point range.

“I thought defensively we were as good as we’ve been in the long time in the first half,” added Jensen. “They really knocked some tough shots down in the second half. You’re never going to win a game going away after being what we’ve been through.”

Jackson scored a career high 27 points, and combined with Woods’ 20 points they gave the Broncos two 20-point scorers for just the second time this season. The duo combined for 24 of BSU’s 33 second half points, including the final six.

Boise State snapped a three-game conference losing streak, improving to 8-11 overall and 2-6 in Big West play.

Boise State gymnasts score season high in victory over Washington

The Broncos began their meet with a season team high on vault, scoring a 48.925. The team looked a little shaky on bars, counting two falls for a 47.85. After those first two events, Washington narrowly led 97.2 to 96.775. The Broncos rallied on beam, however, setting a school team record with a 49.25 in which the lowest score of all six competitors was a 9.725. Boise State then started slowly on floor, but finished with the final three gymnasts scoring 9.875 or higher.

Individually, sophomore Tiffany Weston took third in the all-around with a 39.125, a personal best. Junior Jessica Berry won the beam competition with 9.925 (just .025 off the school record) and tied for first with teammate and junior Debbie Thompson with 9.925.

The Broncos began the meet on a serious note as senior Louise Cashmere had to make
an emergency trip to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center as a precautionary measure after back pain, when landing a dismount off bars in warm-ups. The good news by the end of the evening, however, was that she was released by the time the meet ended.

"That was our best vaulting of the year, not to mention the obvious in the best beam competition we've ever had," Boise State head coach Sam Sandmire says. "We had to make some last minute changes to the line-up and everyone stepped up to the plate."

Broncos place at Mountain States games

The throwers on the Boise State University track and field team traveled to Pocatello, Idaho this weekend and came away with top five finishes in three different events at the annual Mountain States Games. Matt Ingerbritsen was the only Bronco to capture a first place medal. The sophomore from Fruitland, Idaho won the open 35-pound weight throw with a season-best mark 54-9.50.

In the men's invitational shot put competition, two-time NCAA All-American Jared Rome finished second with a throw of 61-4.50. The senior from Marysville, Washington came a foot short from his school record throw of 62-6 set on January 28 of this year. Rome's 62-6 toss is the fourth best in the country this year and an automatic qualifying mark for this year's NCAA Indoor Championships.

Also competing in the men's shot put for Boise State was Mark Hoosier. A 1999 qualifier at last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships, Hoosier placed fifth in the invitational competition with a season best mark of 58-11.25.

On the women's side, Gloria Butler placed third in the open shot put with a mark of 44-7.50. For Butler, it was the second straight week she has thrown the shot put 44-7.50.

The rest of the Bronco men's and women's track and field team competes this Sunday (Feb. 6) at an invitational meet in Portland, Oregon.

Long Beach State defeats Boise State in women's basketball

The Long Beach State 49ers frustrated the Broncos 70-61 in women's basketball last Friday, using hot shooting and tough defense on Boise State. Long Beach State improves to 11-7 overall and 5-1 in conference action. The Broncos drop to 11-8 overall, 4-2 in Big West play, and remain tied for first in the Eastern Division with Idaho, who lost to Pacific Friday night.

The 49ers and Broncos went back and forth during the first 32 minutes of play and BSU led 51-50 with 7:55 left. But Long Beach State's defense was too much for the Broncos in the final eight minutes. In that time, Long Beach State out-scored the Broncos 20 to 11 for the win.
Wrestlers quack down on Ducks

Dave Stewart
sports writer

The Boise State wrestlers remain undefeated in the Pac-10 conference after scoring a victory over the Oregon Ducks, in front of an excited Pavilion crowd on Friday. The win marked the sixth straight for the Broncos bringing their overall record to 7-3 with a 3-0 conference record.

Oregon found their lead early against BSU, but the Broncos rallied back. The match began at 149 pounds with Oregon's Tony Ovrestake topping BSU's Jay McGuffin for a 3-0 Oregon margin.

Larry Quisel, the Broncos' seventh ranked 157-pounder got past Eugene Harris by being patient and taking advantage late in the match with a near fall. Quisel scored five points in the final period to win 9-6. Kirk White, the defending national champion, followed by wrestling aggressively and picked up a major decision for the Broncos in his match against Leif Williams by a score of 16-6. Quisel and White's wins helped BSU take a 7-3 lead, but the Ducks were not finished yet.

Oregon's Matt and Doug Lee put Oregon in front with back-to-back wins totaling eight points for the team. Doug Lee, ranked sixth nationally at 184 pounds, scored a major decision over BSU's Cash Edwards to give the Ducks an 11-7 lead in the match.

Then the Broncos took over, claiming the final five matches of the night beginning with sixth ranked 197-pound junior Rusty Cook taking home his 20th win of the season. Heavyweight Bart John- son scored the win to keep the Broncos ahead by squeaking out a close one against Oregon's Eric Webb, by a score of 2-1. K.C. Rock, Charlie Griggs, and Gabe Vigil all added wins in their matches, with Grigs a winner by major decision. With the victory the Broncos completed their 24-11 triumph.

Boise State will see their next home action against Oregon State on Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Bronco Gym. Last year, Oregon State was one of only three Pac-10 opponents to defeat BSU in a dual match.

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Love, Lust, Longing and Loneliness:
A guide to Valentine's Day

Love

Apparently it's what we all want:

And Valentine's Day is here to remind us all whether we've found that special someone or not. But discovering eternal commitment can prove a challenge and often yields major sacrifices such as giving up priorities and standards, all for the quest to find The One.

One anonymous Boise State couple claims their love will last a lifetime. The two were married last June at a private ceremony in Homedale. They were high school sweethearts and have been inseparable ever since. "It's like he's my best friend and lover all at once. I have everything I want when I'm with him."

But the two admit they've had their share of troubles. She's given up her dreams of becoming a nurse so they can work for a few years to pay off a house. Why risk everything? That's a question researchers continue to wrestle with.

A Harvard study defines several theories of love based on expectations developed from childhood experiences with caregivers: Secure; Anxious/ambivalent; and Avoidant. The study also identifies some primary love styles:

- Eros - Love at first sight, based on physical attributes and arousal;
- Storge - loving affection that develops over time, primarily affection and commitment;
- Ludos - a rover and collector of loves, extremely pluralistic.

Secondary love styles include:

- Mania - intense preoccupation with the loved one, intensely jealous and possessive, in need of constant reassurance of partner's love. Projects desired qualities on partner;
- Pragma looking for a compatible partner;
- Agape - Selfless, caring without self interest.

Lust

"I want what's hot," exclaims one Boise State male.

"He has to be sexy," quips a female student.

When searching for a partner, we generally choose to continue interacting with someone whom we find attractive. A recent Stanford study on college dating practices shows that 75 percent of students indicated they were in love with their current partner on the fifth date.

But "Is this love?" as the old Whitesnake song asks. Researchers suspect that the respondents' definitions of love include mainly physiological responses such as arousal, euphoria and infatuation.

To get away from relationships based purely on lust, senior Jill Wilder says she's turned to technology—specifically on-line dating.

Wilder recalls that she joined Match-dot-com last May and immediately got connected to Jim. The two had never met nor seen each other.

"It was refreshing," comments Wilder. "We chose to continue interacting with each other because we enjoyed what was happening intellectually between us. After a few months of being friends, we finally let our romantic 'net relationship blossom."

Wilder says it gave her a chance to examine compatibility issues such as desires regarding sexuality, value, and views on commitment. But despite this new approach, not much else has changed for Boise State students.

Many still participate most actively in the traditional student-meets-student, student-and-student-are-attracted-to-one-another, student-and-student-enjoy-one-night-hookup-only-to-see-each-other-the-next-day-and-never-speak-to-each-other-again.
Longing

A majority of those who seem to engage in exhausting on-again-off-again relationships here at BSU say they don't want to stop.

"It's fun," reports senior Bryan Dole.

Doesn't it seem more humane to end these tempestuous relationships once and for all? "No way," explains senior Amalia Anderson. "The dragging on keeps things exciting and dramatic. You just can't find that kind of passion in committed relationships."

That's exactly what Kristi (not her real name) identifies as the reason why she engaged in an erratic relationship with Steven (not his real name) for the last seven years.

"It's like we just can't help ourselves. We know it's not going to work out but we get together anyway. It seems to happen every three months for about a week."

The two should just stay together, right? Well, that would just be too easy.

Apparently, even when Steven and Kristi dated other people they still met on the sly. "It was mainly her doing, the breaking up and getting back together. A relationship with someone else would last a few months and then she'd come back to me."

Now both claim the connection is off but Steven admits that if she showed up on his doorstep now, he'd definitely take her back.

"Easily a day doesn't go by that I don't think about her. But it's really about what was," Kristi agrees. "I'm sure we'll rekindle the flame. I mean, looking at our history, it's bound to happen."
How to sweep a girl off her feet

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, the rush begins to buy the perfect gift, plan the perfect date or plot the perfect proposal. Each of these options all have one element in common: they require cold, hard cash. As college students, money usually ranks way up there on the endangered species list. So, to help impress those significant others on a tight budget, Cupid has decided to help out. Listed below are three date options. The different categories sort out according to the seriousness of your relationship. These dates will hopefully prove affordable for all.

One - "I like the girl/guy, but our relationship is going nowhere."

To start a date off right, food must come first on the list of priorities. A quick run through a fast food drive-thru will meet that requirement. Second, an element of romance needs to get introduced to the date. Keeping in mind the limited budget, racing to the rental movie shop comes next. Now, and, this is probably the most difficult part for the guy, he should let the girl pick out whatever movie she wants, even if the choice is a "chick flick" he has no desire to see. After all, it's Valentine's Day. Meeting the candy requirement is easy. Grab a couple of candy bars at the cashier's stand when paying for the movie.

Determining whose apartment to watch the movie at seems a little easier. With both parties being honest, decide whose place looks the cleanest and go there. It's safe to say that dirty dishes and spots on the carpet do not encourage a romantic atmosphere.

To counteract the sugar in the candy bars, throw in a bag of microwave popcorn. Dim the lights to help the mood and sit side-by-side on the couch. Try, or at least pretend to enjoy the movie. Following the film's conclusion, the guy should gallantly throw away the popcorn bag to show his appreciation. A quick kiss at the door signals an end to this romantic Valentine's date.

Two - "This girl/guy and I have been together for awhile."

The only problem with being together for awhile is the reduced number of date options. By this time, it probably seems as though every date feels the same. One possibility is to take some element from three separate dates and combine those activities. Another is to do things that kids do and which most adults forget they used to. This will require some supplies.

- Hot chocolate
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Bread
- Peanut butter
- Grape jelly
- Graham crackers
- Marshmallows
- Candy bars

Now, this may seem like an odd assortment, but each item plays an important role. To begin the date, go to the park and play on the swings, slides and monkey bars. Make a game...
out of who can swing the highest. Make sure to kiss better any scraps or cuts that come from this activity.

When playing gets old, head to the guy's (clean) apartment. Have the supplies waiting there. Upon reaching his pad, prepare two cups of hot chocolate to help the warming-up process. While drinking the warm cocoa use the construction paper, scissors and glue to make each other a valentine. After exchanging valentines, the guy can make his- and her-peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

As a finale to the evening, roast marshmallows over a stove burner, or under the oven broiler. Be careful not to let the 'mallows catch on fire. A fire-truck can douse that flame of romance. Like any good kids, clean up the mess and take the girl home before she misses her bedtime.

Three - "She's/He's the one."

This is the one that gets sticky. At this point in time, one does not want to look cheap. However, college students sometimes do not have a choice. So, to impress THE special someone, make it a day-long event. Given hectic schedules and late nights, sunrises usually go unnoticed. Arrange to arrive just before daybreak and make sure to bundle up. Do not forget to bring a thermos of hot chocolate or coffee. A blanket to cuddle in not only wards off the cold, but encourages physical closeness as well.

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Following a spectacular sunrise, the guy should take the girl back to his (clean) apartment, cook her favorite breakfast and then take her home to get some more sleep. The afternoon can include a variety of activities. Walk through an exhibition at one of the museums. Take a short hike on one of the many trails in the area or go window-shopping together.

At some point in the afternoon, make a trip to the grocery store. Wandering up and down the aisles, decide what both would like to eat that night. Head to the girl's apartment, stopping to pick up clean clothes for the guy. Prepare dinner together and set the table. Go to separate corners and get cleaned up for the incredible repast that has been prepared. Don't forget to light the candles and dim the lights. Make sure to throw a romantic c.d. in the player to help set the mood. Spend the rest evening feeling grateful for the special person sitting across the table.

Hopefully, these ideas have helped with the Valentine's Day dilemma of what to do. Various activities abound and it just takes a little creativity to put it all together. Don't be afraid to try something new, or for that matter, something old. The best part of Valentine's Day is being together.
Chocolate takes center stage on Valentine's Day, but which tastes best? Our special report

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Valentine's Day wouldn't feel complete without candy. The day just demands the presence of straight sugar pressed into the shape of a heart. Riots might take place if these treats weren't available for public consumption.

With that thought in mind The Arbiter decided to find out what candy tastes best. A special taste-tester was brought in to conduct our research. Given the limited funds of college students, all the candy taste-tested is easily affordable.

First on the list were the time-honored Necco Sweethearts. This year the tart variety is available. Upon sampling those scrumptious little darlings, our tester was surprisingly impressed. "Nice and tart with just a hint of sweet, a nice change from the regular kind."

Staying with the heart theme, Brach's Jub Jel Cherry Hearts were surveyed next. Although they tend to stick to the teeth, the results seem favorable. "That cherry flavor really comes out in the second bite. They are soft enough without being chewy like gummy bears."

To add another dimension to the testing, M&Ms came next on the list. It seems that for every season, M&Ms offer a color scheme. First, it was Christmas with green and red shells. Then, Halloween provided a nice orange and black combination. However, Valentine's beats both these contenders for the position of top M&M, with the pink, red and white trio. These three colors represent Valentine's Day with a flair not often seen among holiday candy. That smooth, chocolate-y "melt in your mouth, not in your hand" candy is a favorite every year. The reliability of the M&M to produce a consistently great candy scored major points with the taste-tester. "There is just something about those pink and white shells that makes the chocolate taste better than normal."

With that sensation still weighing heavily on the mind of our tester, she moved on to another item, a milk chocolate apple. Now this fruit features a special surprise inside. Contained within its walls lies a gummy worm. This gift would be perfect for those still seeking that certain something for their professors. After all, one mustn't forget the teachers on Valentine's Day.

Our resident expert issued a final ranking for all the candy tasted. The highest on the list were M&Ms. Next came the Necco Sweethearts, followed by Brach's Cherry Hearts. The "I heart you" beat the apple with the gummy worm because of packaging.

The final test involved those handy little heart boxes filled with assorted chocolates. With the catchy phrase of "Wise up. Be my Valentine" on the cover, a guy couldn't go wrong. The twitter-pated owl with hearts in his eyes completes the picture.

However, the product on the inside failed to impress our tester. "The assorted chocolates were by far the worst candy tasted. The creme filling had the consistency of rubber cement. Even though I'm going to have to say two thumbs down. Guys, if you want to keep your girlfriends, don't attempt to give them this. They'll dump you on the spot!"

Our resident expert overruled. Our tester didn't even want to try the next two taste-tests to interest those already in relationships. Usually, that perfect box of candy doesn't fall from heaven. Taking that into consideration, the taste-tester tried two boxed varieties. The first was a milk chocolate collection. That classic "I heart you" is an eye-catcher. With the middle heart wrapped in red foil, this box set seems sure to impress many a girl. "The chocolate was passable, but the presentation is what really sells this collection," remarked our dedicated researcher.

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Finally, the owl candy box came in dead last. In fact, the taste-tester didn't even want to try it. She felt it wasn't fair to the other candy included on the same list. However, in the interests of fair reporting she got overruled.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and don't forget the candy!
An exhibit of student art will be on display in the Student Union on the second floor. Created from all media, the exhibit is designed to show the diversity and individual work of each Bushnell student. The exhibit is sponsored by the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Campus Crusade for Christ, Chi Alpha and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Feb. 10

The Western Issues Lecture Series continues with speaker Vicki Ruiz-Jimenez, who will explore the themes from her latest book, "Freeing the Asian American Woman in 20th Century America." The lecture series forms part of a two-part symposium organized by the San Valley Center for the Arts. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Center. For more information contact Heather Crocker at 208-726-9491.

Feb. 11

Modern and contemporary art historian Grant Kester will present a lecture from 6-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11, in the Student Union Lookout Room. "Rethinking Aesthetics: Towards a Biological Model of Art Practice," is open to the public. For more information contact Karen Kouns at 426-1087.

Feb. 17

A world premiere work of art will be performed in the Morrison Center Recital Hall. The world premiere will be of "Farmers' March" by J. C. Donaghy. The mini-concert and lecture on baroque performance practice will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, in the University Center. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for non-students. For more information or tickets contact Jeanne Belfy at 426-1216.

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any ideas yet for that special day? Any surprises in store? For anyone who doesn't make a big deal out of Valentine's day, here consider an alternative to lobster dinner: Stay at home, snuggle on the couch and enjoy a movie. No romances from the past years that deserve another viewing.

Pretty Woman (1990)

Julia Roberts in her first big role, and the title proved an understatement once she took off the wig. In a sense, this was the classical remake of the Cinderella story, all the way down to the storybook-ending. When businessman Richard Gere falls in love with prostitute Roberts, both become elevated by finding some quality in their partner they desperately missed in themselves. Roberts charms not only through her looks, but mainly through her sense of humor. Maybe the story seems widely unrealistic, but the heartwarming joy in following the two makes us forget about this.

Sleepless in Seattle (1993)

This love story from 1993 is already completely out of date. Today, thousands claim to find their match on the Internet, so getting infatuated with a voice on the radio seems ancient. Meg Ryan (also starring in City of Angels, You've Got Mail) seems to be the Queen of 90's romances and not surprisingly: Who can blame a guy for falling in love with her blonde curls? However, Tom Hanks, the depressed and lonely widower on the West Coast, needs some heavy support from his eight-year old son to realize that Meg Ryan must be the most charming actress on the silver screen. Suggestion for all those cyber-lovers: Meet each other on the roof of the Empire State Build-

As Good As It Gets (1997)

Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson seem the most unlikely and usual pair of lovers on the screen in many years. Their affair travels a long and rocky road, but the ride turns out as good, and as much fun, as it gets in a romance. Honestly, anyone who knows a person like Melvin Udall would cheer the loudest when he finally gets kicked out of the restaurant--after offending everybody who comes across him. That Carol as Helen-Hunt would fall in love with him may seem as unlikely as it gets. So how does Jack pull it off? Easy: with an Oscar-winning perfor-


This doesn't seem the most cheerful love story for an evening on the couch, but proves certainly one of the most moving. Step by step, in flashbacks, the viewer finds out about the past of the English (Hungarian) patient, and the fateful love affair between Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas. Told against the background of World War II, an intricate story unfolds that doesn't go full circle until the very last minute of the movie. Such an artistic film deserves every one of the nine Academy Awards it won. And its tagline (sid summary) offers a nice Valentine's Day slogan: In memory; love lives forever.
Seduce your Valentine with song

Brittney Raybould  a&e editor

Imagine an intimate candlelight dinner for two. The finest linen covers the table and most delicate china graces the meal. Fragrant flowers overflow in a cut-crystal bowl. An utter stillness fills the air. This picture seems perfect right? Wrong. Somebody forgot the tunes.

One of the best ways to set the mood is through sound. Melodies spark a variety of emotions. What better way to get pumped up than turning on Korn or Limp Bizkit? Music creates a powerful impact on emotions and mood. After a bad day, what girl hasn't felt better after listening to Alanis Morissette?

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it might be a good idea to start planning what perfect song to use. Some possible ideas are listed below.

“Unchained Melody” - The Righteous Brothers

Usually connected with the movie Ghost, this classic love song has staying power. One of the most played songs on the radio, “Unchained Melody” would suit just about any romantic situation.

“Everything I Do, I Do It For You” - Bryan Adams

Since its starring role in Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, this song has made many a fair lady smile. “Everything I Do” just might provide the song that puts that finishing touch on a romantic evening.

“Truly, Madly, Deeply” - Savage Garden

Their third single sent Savage Garden straight up the charts. This song could also supply the vibes that makes significant others fall "madly" and "deeply" in love.

“My Heart Will Go On” - Celine Dion

Naturally, the movie Titanic required an unforgettable song to go along with it. “My Heart” has proven an unsinkable hit with listeners worldwide.

“Because You Love Me” - Celine Dion

Celine again makes the list of great ones with this song from Up Close and Personal. The perfect song if a guy/girl wants to show his/her appreciation.

“Iris” - Goo Goo Dolls

With a name like the Goo Goo Dolls, it seems improbable that they sing a love song. But looks, or more accurately, names, can be deceiving. “Iris” serves as a reminder about how hard it is to love someone who seems unreachable.

“I Don’t Want To Miss A Thing” - Aerosmith

Aerosmith delivers with this hit song from the movie Armageddon. This song provides just a bit of edge for those who want to avoid the mellow stuff. "I Will Always Love You" - Dolly Parton/Whitney Houston

Either rendition of this song is a great one for couples going through tough times. It reminds listeners about the power of love.

“With or Without You” - U2

This song may seem a bit contradictory. However, leadman Bono’s smooth voice could push almost any girl over the edge.


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A t a recent BSU event bright latex condoms lay strewn across a table in a humorous attempt to promote SPB. “For a good time,” they read, “call SPB.” The catch—they were coated in a flavored lubricant. The shiny yellow bore the flavor of banana. The red held the taste of cherry. The blue—vanilla. A white pack gave a provocative mix. People who would ordinarily pass by such free offers for plastic prophylactics stopped, in mid-turn, when they read, “Enjoy!” Or, “Gesundheit!”

Food and sex—a provocative mix. People who would ordinarily pass by such free offers for plastic prophylactics stopped, in mid-turn, when told, “And they taste good too.” Then, like children at the neighborhood 7-11 with a pocketful of quarters and a craving for candy, hands dug into the condom pile. They left with a sheath of every color, as if they would later tear off the perforated plastic covers and suck them like Altoids.

Perhaps the corn-on line of “Hey baby, I’ve got a vanilla flavored condom of love in my back pocket,” wouldn’t prove quite effective in many social situations, but Trojan has the right idea.

The banana has served as a sexual symbol for centuries, not for flavor, but for its odd phallic appearance. Some films, aiming for an illusive PG rating, use bananas as sexual metaphors. Vanilla is said to exert an euphoric effect that combats sexual fatigue. Even the scent alone may act upon the central nervous system to excite sexual stimulation. Trojan simply understood the lure of food as aphrodisiacs.

And what shines under the fluorescent lights at a local supermarket in early February? Sweet candy, red-boxed chocolates, plastic-wrapped hothouse flowers, all patented consumer aphrodisiacs.

When a lover receives a gift box of chocolates the mere anticipation of rich melting sensation on their tongue may stimulate both physical hunger and sexual appetite. The scent of flowers, as perfume producers know, has the ability to cloud the head.

Our sanitary, store-bought, cellophane-wrapped aphrodisiacs seem flaccid in comparison to sex tactics used in parts of Eastern Asia and Arabia.

In modern Saigon certain restaurants serve a snake blood cocktail, hard liquor mixed with fresh cobra blood, to boost flagging male libido. An ancient Arabian book, The Perfumed Garden, details the benefits of fresh pepper in lovemaking. Just chew it up, it advises, apply to the male genitals and, oh hem, “Enjoy!” Or, Gesundheit!

“Many ancient peoples believed in the so-called ‘law of similarity,’” writes Tamar Nordenberg in an article titled Looking for a Libido Lift, the Facts about Aphrodisiacs. “[They reason that] an object resembling genitalia may possess sexual powers. Ginseng, rhinoceros horn and oyster are three classic examples.”

Ginseng in modern America is rarely seen growing in its original phallic form but the myth remains strong. Arizona ginseng iced tea could be called “the blue bottle of love.”

Herbs are commonly used for spicing up sex. A housewife’s lazy susan may contain spices to make even the meek scream. A natural food store holds the manna of the gods. Herbs boast a cure for any sexual malady or wish. The remedies read like a psychic dishing out instructions. Impotent? Drink milk spiked with five grams of cloves. Unaroused? Pull out some of that hallucinogenic nutmeg. G-sports not sensitive enough? Saffron offers the key to unlocking awareness. “According to the Food and Drug Administration,” remarks Nordenberg, “the reputed-sexual effects of so-called aphrodisiacs are based in folklore, not fact. In 1989, the agency declared that there is no scientific proof that any over-the-counter aphrodisiacs work to treat sexual dysfunction.”

Ask the American FDA to tell that to 5,000 years of hard core procreationists. The aphrodisiac alcohol makes underwear itch. White teeth and red lips on a sweet strawberry can cause blood to boil.

The potency of food as conducive to sex may lie in its presentation. Dim lights, a silk tablecloth and the smile of an interested paramour cause any food on the table to ignite a certain tingle.

A local band, the Mosquitoes, identify perhaps, the quintessential maxim for the sex appeal of food when they sing, “Soda all over, sticky, like butter. Super, slutty, sexy. Son of a bitch, she’s fine.”
Happy Valentine's Day

Damon Hunzeker
Columnist

I don't know what to do. Usually, when Valentine's Day approaches I adopt a cynical view about the affair. During my first year of college, my roommate began going out with someone. He allowed her into our apartment way too frequently. And somehow her plants followed them into our living room. It's one thing to endure the onerous burden of an unwelcome house guest, but it's quite another to watch a bunch of symbolic shrubbery blossoming along with their relationship. At first I thought I was jealous. Then I realized something—why should I be jealous? Plants aren't that difficult to acquire. So I contaminated her soil with Liquid Plumber and bought my own damn plants.

Shocking, though, the ill feelings didn't subside. I spoke to my dad about it, and in characteristically impartial fashion, he informed me, "Well, son, there's nothing more sickening than two people in love—if you're not one of them." I held his offering of wisdom close to my heart, and as Cupid reared his head each subsequent year I managed to find something horrible to write about those effusively cute couples who have pet names for each other and look forward to the next Sandra Bullock movie. But what am I to do now? I'm entirely bereft of romantic angst. I'm happy. I have nothing offensive to declare.

Oh, wait—I forgot. Other people are still sickening. Why should my happiness mitigate their putrid behavior? It shouldn't, and it won't. Consequently, I'd like to examine the Valentine predicaments of some other people.

A friend of mine is having an affair with a married woman. I'll refer to him as Jason—because that's his name. Despite my ethical exhortations, and despite the news that he is the mother of several children, he persists. I think she's a more vile creature than him, because she's neglecting her offspring and depriving them of a solid family. Jason even babysits her kids while their father travels out of town, sometimes going so far as to read stories to them. ("So Cinderella and Prince Charming lived happily ever after—mainly because the stupid Prince and their unlived children never discovered Cinderella's nightly liaisons with her man-whore. Goodnight.") I wonder how my friend and his amoral slut are going to celebrate Valentine's Day. It will probably sound something like this:

"Hello."
"Hi. Is he there?"
"No. Hurry up. Bring some porn."
"Click."
"Did you hang up or just say 'click'?"
"I just said 'click.'"
"Why?"
"I don't know. I just thought it would be funny. I'll be right there."
"Oh, you're so cute. Don't forget the porn. Oh, and would you pick up some baby Chow? The kids are scratching at the door. I think they're hungry."

I would also like to acknowledge Melissa Etheridge and her girlfriend this Valentine's Day—another couple who have chosen to supplant decent parenting with selfish sex. They're going to have a baby. You may wonder how a couple of lesbians can produce a child. And you would be stupid, because it's easy. They did what every loving couple would—they bought a tube full of David Crosby's sperm. I think it's bad enough for gay couples to pretend it's normal to raise children, but come on—Dave Crosby? Graham Nash probably needs the money just as much as Mr. Crosby. Hell, even Steven Stills would be better than a giant smack addict with a fake liver.

Melissa Etheridge and her buddy aren't having sex, because sex requires a penis and a vagina. You don't necessarily have to use both at the same time, but male and female parts should at least be located in the same room. Nonetheless, their methods of gratification are none of my business. It doesn't affect anyone but themselves. However, once you bring a kid into the picture, another life is affected—and I'm not talking about David Crosby. Blind people aren't allowed to drive, because they can't see. I think you can figure out the homosexual analogy on your own. Don't misunderstand me. I have no problem with homosexuals loving and pleasing each other. I simply think the following scenario inflicts cruel and embarrassing punishment upon the kid:

"The other boys are making fun of me, because I throw like a girl."
"I'm sure your father would be happy to teach you how to throw."
"Though you were the father."
"No, silly. Your other mother is playing the father right now. I'm the man next week."

Yuck. Anyway, I'd like to wish everyone—straight, gay, conscienceless adulterers—a pleasant Valentine's Day.
Valentine’s? Bah, humbug!

Lesleigh Owen
Columnist

Whose crazy idea was it to cram Christmas, New Year’s and Valentine’s Day all into one mealy, six-week period? As if the monsoon of Yuletide cheer and drunken New Year’s fests didn’t drain our pocketbooks enough, some idiot had to plop V-day right in the middle of February. I can just imagine some businessman, drunk from his sense of financial invincibility, not to mention his vodka martini lunch, staggering into a board meeting and announcing, “Hey, I know what to do with all that silly red crepe paper, streamers, red lights, shiny red cards and leftover Christmas chocolate. Let’s invent some kind of lovey-dovey holiday that lures people into judging the strength of their relationships by the amount of crap their partners buy for ‘em!”

For those of us trying to rebuild our checkbooks in the wake of the holiday financial disaster, we consider ourselves lucky to scrape together enough for one of those boxes of Sweethearts.

In honor of those holidays that have rendered us all economically impotent, I offer a few little Christmas and Valentine’s ditties to counteract their hypocritical, cavity-inducing sweetness. For those of you who still think these holidays have anything to do with peace, love and joy, I’d advise putting this article down in favor of one of those Chicken Soup for the Soul books. These satirical, satirical, songs portray cupid and Santa in their truest and purest forms: as overstuffed patrons of mass consumerism.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

(To the tune of “O Come, All Ye Faithful”)
O Come, ye consumers
O bring ye your checkbooks
Mastercards accepted
O drain ye, O drain ye your savings accounts
Hei looms you’ll soon pawn
To buy games with Pokemon
Get our rounders in the mail
O come to our twelve-hour sale
O come ye, sleet or snow or hail Parking is free

(To the tune of “Joy to the World” and based on Irelandic Christmas lore)
Beware the Cat
Beware the cat, his teeth are fierce
His tase runs not toward mice
So comfort those in pain
Give shelter in the rain
At Christmas pay the price
He sees all crime and vice
He knows, he knows, if you’ve been nice
(To the pattern of “Jack and Jill”)

Mac and Bill
Mac and Bill, both dressed to kill
Met and knew for certain
Cupid’s darts had pierced their hearts
Twas time to pick out curtains
Mac and Bill, love’s first thrill
They bought two rings and donned ‘em
The rings — no joke — left Billy broke
So Mac moved out and pawned ‘em

(To the tune of “Silent Night”)
Traffic Fright
Silent night, holy night
Honking horns, traffic lights
Honor ye the joy of the year
Crawl down Franklin in second gear
Thills regardless of age
Accidents, horns and road rage

(To the tune of “What Child is This?”)
Whose lap is this
In which she rests?
Red velvet, soft and curvy
She whispers words I’ve never heard
And asks him if she’s worthy

This, this is Christmas time
This, this is Christmas time

What gift is this
That prompts a kiss
And earns a loving smile for me?
It is so rare to see you care
I don’t mind monthly late fees

This, this is Christmas time
This, this is Christmas time

What day is this
That brings such bliss?
I’m such a loving mother
This plastic card, our Christmas star,
Binds us to each other

This, this is Christmas time
This, this is Christmas time

(To the tune of “Deck the Halls”)

Deck the Turkey

Twelve-pound turkey, stuff it, bast it
Fa la la la la la la la la
After presents, we will taste it
Fa la la la la la la la la
Hope it gets your juices flowing
Fa la la la la la la la la
This won’t be its final showing
Fa la la la la la la la

Maxed my VISA, spent my bonus
Fa la la la la la la la

Mom and Dad would loan us
Fa la la la la la la la

Now we’re short on funds for living
Fa la la la la la la la

Stretch this bird till next Thanksgiving
Fa la la la la la la la

Turkey chutney, turkeysicles
Fa la la la la la la la

Turkey salad with sweet pickles
Fa la la la la la la la

Christmas gifts I can’t remember
Fa la la la la la la la

Just our turkey from December
Fa la la la la la la la

He doesn’t talk much; I think he’s foreign
What a blue-ribbon prize I have won!

(To the tune of “Deck the Halls”)
Arantza, I agree

Editor:
I’m writing in response to Arantza Ugalde’s letter to the editor in the February 2 issue of The Arbiter. Despite several flights of incoherent invective, I agree with everything she wrote. She suggested I would “rather a homeless person sleep in a clothes dryer than offer to help the person, the human being, in any way.” Well, that’s true. Wouldn’t you? Let’s be honest.

If you saw someone sleeping in a dryer, you would be greatly amused and stare for awhile. What would you do to help—set the dryer on the warmest cycle? Take him out, fold him neatly, and leave him for the next person to find?

Also, she said I’m not human and “lack anything that may be defined as humanity.” I’ll forgive Ms. Ugalde’s ignorance, because we’ve never met. But everyone who knows me had a good laugh about this. How could I possess human traits? I’m a robot created by Rupert Murdoch. I thought everyone knew about my solid-steel body and 10.6 terabytes of random access memory.

Finally, she reminded me to “find the grammatical difference between the words ‘half’ and ‘have.’” I’m indebted to Arantza’s thoughtful letter, because I certainly wouldn’t want to write a have-assed response.

Damon Hunzeker
Candidate for President of the United States

The Arbiter is running the letter to the editor from last week for reference.

Editor:
I would like to respond to Damon Hunzeker’s column in the January 19 edition of The Arbiter. I find it disheartening, saddening, and quite disgusting that Hunzeker views at the terribly unfortunate homeless as nothing more than burdening objects, completely denying the fact that they, too, are humans.

It’s also saddening that Hunzeker can only find happiness materialistically and that the biggest burdens in his life are “leaky roofs and squeaky faucets” when there are those suffering in this same city without floors, having to sleep on such harshness as concrete and around such harshness as be projects.

I also find it disgusting that he would rather a homeless person sleep in a clothes dryer than offer to help the person, the human being, in any way.

The ultimate irony is that Hunzeker treats homeless people as mere objects rather than as humans when be himself could not, in any way, be described as “human” for he lacks anything that may be defined as humanity.

My suggestion would be that Hunzeker open his mind and, should be possess one, his heart as well.

Also, I might suggest that he find the grammatical difference between the words “half” and “have”.

Arantza Ugalde
Student

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Club Board

Aikido club meets Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Vanary Center Wrestling room.

Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity (BGLAD) meets Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Trueblood room of the Student Union.

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Theatre Majors Association meets Fridays at 12:30 p.m. at Stage II of the Morrison Center.

Vedic Philosophical and Cultural Society meets Sundays at 5 p.m. at the Bhakti-Yoga Center at 1615 Martha.

YFFN is sponsoring the Women’s Valentine’s Day dance and party Saturday Feb 8 starting at 9 p.m. at the I.O.A hall.
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**Pheromones**
- (Jan. 19-Feb. 18) A Valentine's Day spa date could be the answer to your dreams! However, your significant other would probably get really pissed off. Pay it safe.
- (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Tradition suggests giving your loved one a heart for Valentine's Day. Make sure the_contributor is an organ donor first.
- (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) Everyone knows you suck. Use this character strength to your advantage when courting the opposite sex.
- (Apr. 20-May 20) Cupid will favor you with his arrows of love this Valentines Day. The stars say to get your tetanus shot now.
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Job Title: Student Intern (for nationwide discount stock brokerage) Start Date: ASAP Job Number: 3699 Wage: $7.00/hr Hours/Week: 20 morning hr/wk negotiable between 8am-5pm M-F Primary Duties: See title. Minimum Qualifications: Strong interest in finance/the stock market. Excellent customer service background. Computer literate/internet knowledge. Excellent verbal/written communications skills. Desire to learn about the brokerage industry. Employees will be required to be fingerprinted and be able to bonded. Note: employer indicates that close working environment with brokers will allow for growth in the knowledge of the brokerage field.

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