

'I HATE VALENTINE'S DAY!'

Not all students like candy hearts

By Lauren Varga

Chocolates galore, roses and carnations that give off the smell of love, little candy hearts that have sweet messages and jewelry that makes the eyes sparkle in delight. Yes, these are nice gestures to share with loved ones on Valentine's Day. However, some students are only feeling pain from Cupid's arrow.

According to many, Valentine's Day is a made-up holiday that only brings Hallmark more profits. Unfortunately, junior Danielle Rossano's boyfriend is an avid believer that gifts are not necessary.

"My current boyfriend actually broke up with me right before Valentine's Day and we got back together after Valentine's Day was over," she said. "I'm convinced that he broke up with me so he didn't have to get me a present."

When one student tried to be upbeat and turn Valentine's Day into a fun game she got more than she bargained for.

"Senior year of high school I was single so I wore a shirt to school that day and pinned a sign on my chest that said, 'free hugs,'" said sophomore Amanda Latz. "I had the strangest people come up to me and hug me, it was so weird."

Women aren't the only ones who have bad experiences. Men also have horrible memories that they'd like to forget.

"A couple years ago I took an old

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- Mike Taylor, sophomore

girlfriend of mine to dinner and when I went to pay I realized I only had a couple of dollars on me," said sophomore Mike Taylor. "I felt bad because I had to make her pay for dinner, but I provided the tip."

For all the hurtful memories that women have to live with, a few of them took a stand and decided that it was their turn to get back at men for treating this like an insignificant holiday.

"When I was in sixth grade I broke up with my boyfriend on Valentine's Day and went out with his best friend," said sophomore Lynn Brown. "Six years later, I realized that on every Valentine's Day he is in a bad mood, when I asked him why, he said it was because of me."

According to sophomore Joy Salasin the trick to getting revenge on Valentine's Day is to pretend that all the romantic gifts and lovey dovey attention is overrated.

"Two years ago [my boyfriend] brought roses and candy to my school," said Salasin. "I played it off as an embarrassment."

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	FRIDAY	TUESDAY
FEB. 11	Spring Ahead 5:30 p.m., Daly's Board Room SEC Film: Alfie 7:30 p.m., BLC Theater CCM Valentine Pub Party 9 p.m., BLC Pub	FEB. 15 PCM Faith Matters: The Love and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. 7 p.m., Gill Chapel
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FEB. 12	MLK Day of Service 9:30 a.m., Fireside Lounge Trenton Youth Conference 9 a.m., Gill Chapel CCM Mass 4 p.m., Gill Chapel SEC Double Feature: Alfie & Pulp Fiction 7:30 p.m., BLC Theater	FEB. 16 PCM Lenten Series and Brown Bag Lunch 12 p.m., Gill Chapel "Floetry Café" 7 p.m., BLC Pub Midnight Run to NYC 7 p.m., Meet at Gill Chapel
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Q & A: 'What is the best or worst Valentine's gift you have ever received?'



Richard Ransom
Junior

"The best was a teddy bear that said, 'I love you this much,' and its arms were stretched out. Then she broke up with me a month later."



Kristin DeStefano
Sophomore

"The best Valentine's day gift would be a home-cooked meal by your boyfriend or girlfriend and the worst would be a rubber chicken."



Amy Legvari
Freshman

"I came back from a school trip and my boyfriend had decorated my room with red and white streamers, teddy bears, chocolate and flowers."



Marinda Erskine
Freshman

"I got my boyfriend a gift and he said he'd give me mine later. He got me a dollar store box of chocolate and gave me back the balloons I gave him."



Chris Manning
Junior

"The best gift was when my girlfriend said 'yes' when I asked her out."



Mark Wilson
Sophomore

"The worst gift I got was a rusty, raggedy old shoe. The best thing I ever got was one of those sixth grade Valentine's that you get in the generic box."

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