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## Valentine's Day

By Lisa Morris

Valentine's Day is a special day observed on February 14. On this day, people send flowers, candy and other gifts to their friends and loved ones. These are known as Valentines. Many valentines have humorous pictures and sayings, some have romantic verses — but they all say "Be my Valentine!"

Different authorities believe Valentine's Day started in various ways. Some experts trace Valentine's Day to an ancient Roman festival known as Lupercalia. Other experts connect Valentine's Day with the old English belief that birds chose their mates on February 14. Still others link it with one or more saints of the early Christian church. Saint Valentine was a name given to two legendary Christian martyrs whose feasts

were formerly observed on February 14. According to one story, the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the A.D. 200's forbade young men to marry. He felt that the single men made better soldiers. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the emperor and secretly married young couples. Another story says Valentine was a saint who made friends with children. The Romans imprisoned him because he refused to worship their Gods. The children missed Saint Valentine and tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell window. This story may explain why we send messages on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day probably came from a combination of all three sources — plus the belief that spring is a time for lovers!



Saint Mary's welcomes two new teachers this semester. Julia Mack (left) has joined the foreign language department, while Margaret Grissom (right) is teaching English classes.

## Sweetheart Suggestions

By Heather Moore

Here are a few suggestions that students at Saint Mary's have to offer as Valentine's Day gifts for loved ones.

Your best friend would really be surprised to find her car filled with heart-shaped balloons — just to let her know how much she means to you.

Brette Clark

I would give my boyfriend a red Polo shirt and a hug and a kiss.

Kris Adams

I would give Ellen a butterfly, Jason my heart filled with understanding and compassion for another year full of warm memories. I'd send my brothers and sister chocolates and my mother and Nana would get roses. I'd give my daddy a big kiss.

Alisa Evans

I would give my boyfriend a rose, but not a red one, a lavender one.

Pat Gillam

I would give my best friend a heart charm with "best friend" inscribed.

Ashley Langley

I would give my boyfriend all my love.

Stella Keller

I would send Hans all my hugs and kisses and a much needed slap on his cute little

face.

Ellen Gilbert

I would give my roommate all my love and thanks and to the Bugies a big one.

Anna Brooks

I would give my two roommates (Charlotte and Mary Virginia) money for rent, since I am a live-in!

Natalie Southworth

I'm giving my new honey two tickets to the Fantasticks, an off-broadway musical, assuming I'll be using one of them!

Meade Horton

Last year I gave my boyfriend a gold pinky ring and had I Love You inscribed inside the ring.

Cherie Johnson

We would give Anna Liese driving lessons, to Tina we would give Wendell, to Gina a one way ticket to see Carson, and to our parents our love.

Fred Becker and Lizzie Bull

On Valentine's Day, I probably won't give flowers or send assorted candies to the ones I love. I will simply express my love to them because in my opinion that's what Valentine's Day is all about.

Amy Neisler

## Fall Dean's List

Joverne Jean Allred  
Cornelia Vincent Barnwell  
Meredith Kaye Beaver  
Sheila Elaine Britt  
Janet Crawford Brown  
Stephanie Lynn Burkhardt  
Luann Marie Curry  
Virginia Smith Dickens  
Katherine Midyette Eason  
Virginia Blalock Eldridge  
Courtney Susanne Hanks  
Joanne Michelle Leger

Jennifer Kimiko Lindsay  
Ashland Robinson Mackie  
Miriam Leavitt Mason  
Marcia Renee Mooring  
Courtney Liles O'Kelley  
Susan Dimock Remling  
Betsy Elaine Smith  
Kelly Elizabeth Tannery  
Laura Catherine Taylor  
Virginia Bishop Wilkins  
Sharon Michele Wilson  
Wendy Katherine Wortham

## Honor Roll

Krista Elaine Adams  
Alyse Davant Armfield  
Suzanne Judith Baltés  
Frederika Becker  
Sarah Yancey Bond  
Lisa Marie Brown  
Trudy Brett Clark  
Stacey Ann Coble  
Juliet Flair Coward  
Mary Elizabeth Cranford  
Angela Renee Dalla Pozza  
Elizabeth Anne Daniels  
Joelle Rae Doane  
Jennifer Leigh Downey  
Hope Taylor Edmondson  
Melissa Voncile Elliotte  
Melissa Paige Holland  
Anna Plair Humphrey

Christine Elizabeth Hundley  
Cynthia Anne Jones  
Ashley Elizabeth Langley  
Monica McClain  
Dana Elizabeth Marcinak  
Jennifer Leigh Martin  
Jennifer Louise Mason  
Barbara Elizabeth Miller  
Heather Lee Moore  
Melissa Kathryn Morrisette  
Atussa Raoufian  
Ann Barclay Ratcliffe  
Mary Ashley Scarborough  
Catherine Elizabeth Scott  
Su-Pei Siew  
Lisa Irene Svendsgaard  
Anna Norfleet Tilghman  
Anna Liese Workman  
Laura Henderson Wyrick

