

Valentine's Day: Sweet and romantic, or just an excuse to be sappy?

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Sweet 58%

take on Valentine's Day. Laura Fieselman said, "When with a significant other, Valentine's Day can be a nice time but too much money. For those without a significant other, it tends to be a bit depressing." She feels that there is less pressure when you are single because you do not have to be as dedicated to celebrating the holiday. Most girls seem to really care about this holiday, even if they are without a "valentine." It's just too much of a charming and fun holiday to pass up. In general, girls seem to think of it as a friendly, cute holiday, while more guys seem to see it as a pathetic excuse to be sappy.

We conducted a survey that asked the question, "Out

of the three words: sweet, stress, and sex, which one comes to your mind when Valentine's Day is mentioned?" One hundred males and one hundred females from the NCSSM gene pool were poled, but since our school feels that lie detectors are an invasion of personal rights, there is no way of assuring the validity of student responses.

Surprisingly, sweet is the most common answer for both genders. Equally surprising, sex was not off the charts for the males. Reminder: personal responses were not tested for validity.

The red rose, a sign of beauty and love, may not be seen excessively on campus this Valentine's Day. The

cause may be a monetary deficiency in many pockets. If you are deficient there are less expensive alternatives. Give your heart to someone special (not literally, yuck- hello, this is not Anat/Phys). The heart is historically known as the center of all emotions, and will always remain an eternal symbol of perpetual love.



In closing, here are a few words from innocent, not-so-love-stricken students.

"Valentine's Day is a constant reminder that I am constantly alone."
-- Michael Jerch

On getting a Valentine:

"There are plenty of fish in the sea."
-- Lilangi Ediriwickrema

"But your line just broke!"
-- Ashley Antony

"I just dive in and catch them with my bare hands, like they did in the old days."
-- Yoon-Mi Kim

"I use the fork!"
-- Zinaida Mahmutefendic



Andrew Yun

Flowers anyone? Pictured left to right: Yoon-Mi Kim ('02), Caroline Wong ('02), Laura Fieselman ('02).



Yoon-Mi Kim

"At first I was overwhelmed at the task of playing Cupid. I am proud that I was given the opportunity to represent the essence of love. I hope everyone is inspired by this picture - inspired to create, to hope, and to love." (Justin Lockamy, pictured above.)

V-Day Restaurant Ideas and Advice from *The Three Little Pigs*

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While sitting in a restaurant at Northgate one day during lunch in the middle of the blinding snow and ice storm (ok, not really, but you get the idea), we wondered how best to inform others and ourselves about local restaurants. The idea hit us in the head, and dumbfounded, we thought it would be worthwhile. We call ourselves "The Three Little Pigs," - we always end

up eating in groups of three. Go figure.

(Scale ranges from 1 to 5 with 5 being the best/highest.)

Ruby Tuesday's

In Northgate Mall near the entrance. Off the food court and past Baskin Robbins.

Price: \$\$ — Reasonably priced. Expect to pay between \$6 and \$16 per person.

Service: ☺☺☺ — The service was good, but not outstanding. It took a little while for the food to arrive, and don't expect to get everything without asking.

Quality: ✓✓✓½ — Good food, especially for the price. Everything was served hot and fresh.

Atmosphere: ★★ — Neat memorabilia and nice lighting. Casual dress is appropriate.

Choices: ▶▶▶▶ — Fresh salad bar, burgers, ribs, steak,

sandwiches, soup, pasta, and many more..

Overall: ★★★ — Enjoyable dining experience, but not great. Perfect for a quick lunch between free periods or for dinner.

T.K. Tripps

Beside CCB on Club Blvd. outside Northgate Mall near Belk's.

Price: \$\$ ½ — Reasonably priced. Expect to pay between \$8 and \$18 per person..

Service: ☺☺☺☺ — The service was great! Our food arrived quickly and the server

provided everything without being asked..

Quality: ✓✓✓✓ — Great food! Everything was served hot and fresh and the meal included bread, a nice complement to the meal.

Atmosphere: ★★½ — Wonderful aroma, elegant furnishings complete with a cloth napkin! Casual dress is appropriate.

Choices: ▶▶▶▶ ½ — Salads, soup, burgers, and specialty sandwiches. Emphasis on Italian food and unique pasta dishes..

Overall: ★★★ ½ — Great night out. A prime choice for a nice lunch or a dinner out with your sweetie or da boyz.



Brian Phelps

Left: Ruby Tuesday's, in Northgate Mall near the entrance; off the food court and past Baskin Robbins. Right: T.K. Tripps, beside CCB on Club Blvd. outside Northgate Mall and near Belk's.

Top 5 Things Not to Say to Your Valentine

5. Gone swimming in the bio-pond lately?
4. Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir?
3. You look like you need a long-term relationship.
2. I plan to be a virgin until I'm forty-five, how about you?
1. Did you get constipated last night after eating at the PFM, too?