

A Letter from the Editor

by Elizabeth Williams
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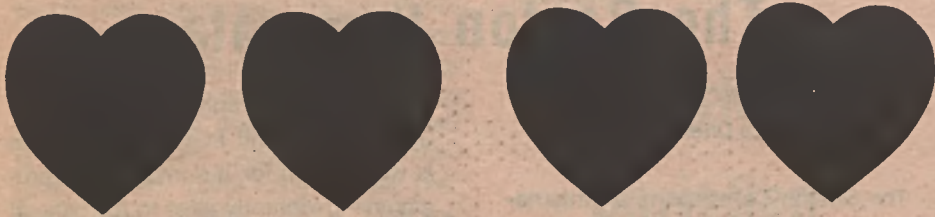
Being college students away from home we all have had our share of exposure to alcohol . . . it is a part of the college way of life. Most social functions involve alcohol and I will be the first to admit — I enjoy socializing. However, I have seen too many friends get behind the wheel after having had too much to drink. Most of these friends will continue to do so until they are arrested for DWI or have an alcohol related accident. I feel this *should not* be a part of the college life and (or) the "St. Mary's Experience."

I am confident that an organization such as Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) would be an asset to our college as well as our community. I am very interested in getting representatives from various clubs on campus in-

involved in this organization. Basically we would be involved in organizing a way to get students back to campus SAFELY after having been drinking. Hopefully the group will be able to develop a way to get students back to St. Mary's without any embarrassment or penalization from the Administration.

With North Carolina drinking laws as tough as they are (and with 75,000 other college students drinking and driving in the Research Triangle area) I think that S.A.D.D. is a promising idea. It does not involve the condemnation of drinking. Everyone is going to drink sometime, but we would like to help those who do drink stay off the road. S.A.D.D. involves saving lives of those we care about.

If you or your campus are interested in helping with SADD please contact me or Chaplain Watterous. Thank You.



The Queen of Hearts

by Shannon Taylor
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It is almost here. In a couple of weeks we will once again be faced with the most awaited or dreaded day of the year. Valentines Day. I can remember sitting in my room in Smedes and watching the Fallon's Flowers truck pull up and unload enormous amounts of roses, carnations, heart shaped balloons. There was always that anticipation of the call from the switchboard telling you to come get the flowers that had been delivered to you. I sat and waited, and waited and waited until the crimson sunset descended into the clouds. Another Valentine's Day had ended.

Every year we, girls, go through this semitorture when we do not eat, talk or move until that phone rings. We run down stairs to help the flower boy unload hoping that maybe, possibly, there are some gorgeous flowers calling our name. I admit that everyone around SMC (and all girls in general) get nervous about the big day but have we as girls ever stopped to think if the guys get a little nervous also? I do not mean they would love to receive red roses, but perhaps they may find it very flattering if they were to have some sort of Valentines Day surprise. Here are a few heart-y suggestions for that special guy in your life or even someone you have your eye on:

1. Send him on a scavenger hunt where he had to follow a series of things before reaching "the treasure" which could be a fancy dinner or ending up at your special place.

2. Make a one of a kind Valentine with photos, tickets stubs, etc. Anything that is reminiscent of a good time you had and tuck it under his pillow

with a tiny box of chocolates.

3. Make a list of all the little things he does for you that are really appreciated but never said.

4. Give him a book of coupons for hugs, kisses, etc.

5. Write him a poem.

6. Give him a ticket to go with you to a play, concert, etc.

7. Plan a romantic picnic.

8. Fix a red dinner: beef, red potatoes, wine. . . .

9. Send a bunch of red and silver balloons with a cute note on it; you have my heart on a string.

10. Give him something red or red and white such as a bathrobe or boxers or a sweater.

11. Decorate a pair of white boxers with red satin hearts.

12. Give him a thick red towel with a message such as: "you've got me all wrapped up."

13. Rent a romantic movie and watch it together.

14. Leave him a rose on his pillow with a note on it as simple as "I love you."

15. Go back to where you first met and reminisce.

16. Wear something red, if it is sensual and creates a flirty mood.

17. Leave him a note written in red lipstick on his mirror.

18. Picture the two of you in a frame.

19. Bake him some heart shaped cookies: every girl knows the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

20. Send him a bunch of hershey's kisses wrapped in red tissue paper with a silver bow and a note: "This is only a taste; there are more where these came from; this is only the beginning; hugs and kisses.

The Winter Time Blues..... How to Beat 'em

by Elizabeth Williams
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February is a confusing time of the year for many. We tend to suffer from the Winter Time Blues. The weather is usually cold (and damp) and the semester more often than not is very long and depressing. However, there are only about four or five more weeks to endure until Spring Break. Here are some sure fire ways to make those dull drums disappear:

1. Steal some food trays from the cafe and go sledding with the first signs of snow.

2. Go to a tanning salon and laugh when Spring rolls around and everyone is panicking for a tan.

3. Have a Hawaiian party and fill your hall up with sand from the sand box at the local elementary school.

4. Take a roundtrip to any of the nearby beaches. Keep the windows rolled down the whole way and play "The

Jackson's Greatest Hits."

5. Join a health spa and have that killer bikini bod for your Spring Break Cruise.

6. Turn the heat up to 85 in your room, play a beach music tape, wear your jams and put on your raybans and invite your friends over for a cocktail party in your site (virgin mary's, of course).

7. Skip your classes and go skiing one last time.

8. Steel your boyfriends car, call him and tell him that you need him to come over right away. Go hide and laugh as you watch him frantically search for his missing automobile.

9. Call your friends and leave unthinkable messages on their answering machines.

10. Call someone who is more miserable than you are and let her do all the talking . . . your problems will seem mild in comparison.

Spring Break

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majority of cruise packages includes a place to sleep, five meals a day (unlimited snacks), bars, shopping mall(s), three to five swimming pools, night clubs with dancing, aerobics classes, scuba diving, sailing, skeet shooting, parasailing, and so much more. Most three to four day cruises run about \$437.00-\$600.00 leaving from Raleigh-Durham Airport (air fare included). The seven day cruises run anywhere from \$800.00 to \$1,000.00. If you are interested in arranging a cruise it is not too late. The most popular lines are: Eastern Cruise Lines, Western Cruise Lines, Norwegian Cruise Lines, and Dolphin Cruise Lines. Most of these

companies offer very reasonable package rates. For more information contact any of the Raleigh travel agents.



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