With Valentines Day, the topic of love and romance comes to some people’s minds. Ordinarily, when you ask someone what romance is on Valentines Day, they say dinner, a movie, and cute gift. There are a variety of ways someone can be romantic and show love to others. Loving someone shouldn’t be only on one certain day, it should be everyday of the year.

So, what does romance mean to college students? Better yet, do men and women have different definitions of “romance”? Students at FM gave their opinion on the ideal romantic moment.

Female  
First Year  
In Relationship  
“A romantic moment for me is some- 
thing sweet and thoughtful. A dim light-
ing with rose petals and wine, oil and 
before all of that differently a good 
dinner. All about me night basically.”

Female  
First Year  
In relationship  
“For me romantic moments truly come 
from the heart like an “I love you” text at 
random. Just because you were thinking 
about me or bringing me a dozen roses 
just because.”

Male  
First Year  
In Relationship  
“A romantic moment for me is when 
I was in sophomore year in high school 
and had no money to take my girl to 
prom, so I dressed really nice, brought 
er her flowers and played a song. We 
danced for about an hour, holding each 
other never wanting to let go.”

Male  
First Year  
In Relationship  
“A date on the beach with just me and 
her.”

Female  
Second Year  
Single  
“A romantic moment for me is a woman 
coming to my doorstep with a trench 
coat and nothing on under it!!!”

Female  
First Year  
Single  
“Romance is candles and a full picnic 
basket underneath the stars. Or, a four-
wheeler ride under the sun in a field of 
flowers.”

Female  
First Year  
Single  
“Romance is when two people have 
unconditional love for each other and 
ever stop showing it”

Male  
First Year  
In Relationship  
“I was in sophomore year in high school 
and had no money to take my girl to 
the sunset.”

Male  
First Year  
In relationship  
“Laying down at the beach watching 
the sunset.”

Male  
First Year  
In Relationship  
“When my boyfriend took me out on a 
romantic night in the city. We had dinner 
ner at Clyde Fraizers Wine and Dine 
which he set with roses and a bottle of 
wine. Now that’s romantic.”

Female  
Second Year  
Single  
“The most romantic moment that ever 
 happened to me was when a guy I once 
dated game me a promise ring. As well 
as the promise ring, he gave me a love 
letter expressing his love for me. The 
most beautiful thing that he said in the 
letter is that he loves me more than life 
and the wants to marry me.”

Male  
First Year  
Single  
“Sex on the beach!!! At night.”

Female  
N/A  
Single  
“Playing a video game together with no 
interuptions.”

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and panting. Two people, animal noises, 
the whole shebang.”

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In Relationship  
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someone in a loving way, it’s like flirting 
but other things too.”

Male  
First Year  
In Relationship  
“You and your lady friend chilling, 
sipping on that juice on a nice night 
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and then you and your lady friend can 
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How I Met Your Mother’s Most Romantic Moments

By Jordan Lincourt
Associate Editor

With Valentine’s Day looming, romance is in the air and on the television screen. 2014 marks the ninth and final season of the critically acclaimed situation-comedy series, How I Met Your Mother.

To celebrate the holiday and final season, I’ve complied a top three list from the first season up to the most recent episode.

Number Three:
Starting off the countdown features Ted Mosby, the main character of the show and the father who’s telling his kids the story of how he met their mother. Throughout the series, Ted’s been known as a romantic at heart and in constant search of his soul mate. When Ted meets Stella in season three, a single mother and dermatologist, his smitten. Ted attempts everything in his power within 10 tattoo removal sessions to get Stella to agree to go on a date with him. When she ultimately turns him down because of having a daughter and not a lot of time. Ted, not being one to take no for an answer, organizes the perfect date for Stella on her lunch break with a catch, wait for it, Ted manages to make the date last only two minutes to fit in with Stella’s schedule.

The Connection In A Love Poem

By Perdita Saras Staff Writer

Roses are red and Violet are blue, Valentine’s Day is coming, so what should you do? Valentine’s Day is right around the corner, so for all you love-birds show your significant other that you still care. This is the time to show your actions through words. Love poems show the beauty of how words can be used to express feelings and thoughts.

Since Valentine’s Day is a very popular holiday, being spontaneous will be the best route to go. To write a poem, it’s best to be original and have fun with it, play around with words until it sounds just right about poems. Poems with rhythm always seem to be interesting and exciting to read and also it’s easier to remember the pattern. Poems are meant to be creative. If writing a poem for a significant other it should be easy, you just think of how special they are that’s definitely a start. You have to get inspirations from somewhere.

A couple of poets that made love connections through their work were Maya Angelou with “Remembrance”, “A Concel”, and “Passing Time”. Emily Dickinson also had several touching poems that had to do with love like “Wild Nights! Wild Nights!” “That I did always love.” “Love is anterior to life.” Other poems include, Elizabeth Barrett Browning’s “How do I Love Thee?” and lastly, George Gordon Byron with “She walks in the Beauty.” All of these poets set an example with their influential love poems, giving an idea as to how a poem should be written. Valentine’s Day is about being romantic and enjoying yourself, so don’t be afraid to get creative.

Valentine’s Day History

By Marissa Russo
Chief Editor

Valentine’s Day is often considered a “greeting card” holiday. People all over the world send their love to the people they care about most with valentine’s cards, roses and candy. But where did Valentine’s Day originate? And how did it become the holiday it is today?

Valentine’s Day was not always about the love and candy. Records show that the holiday had a few different origins in European history. First, the holiday was named after the Patron Saint Valentine.

Although this is routed in both Christian an Roman tradition, the church actually recognizes three different saints with names similar, such as Valentine or Valentinus.

Valentine was known for helping Roman soldiers marry. In ancient times, they were not allowed to marry, because the government thought that being in love would distract the soldiers in times of war. Valentine ignored the decree and performed marriages in secret.

Eventually, he was found out, and put to death in 270 A.D. The first origin says that Valentine’s Day is celebrated to mark the death of Saint Valentine, who was most known for his love for, well, love itself.

In the Middle Ages, Valentine’s Day was celebrated and centered around the same time as the start of birds’ mating seasons, adding to the idea of romance.

A poem written in 1382 by Jack B. Oruch reads “For this was saynt Valentine’s Day, when every byrd co-myth there to chese his make”, which translates now to “For this was on Saint Valentine’s Day when every bird cometh there to chose his mate.”

Origins also trace back to the Lupercal Feast of Europe. The feast was in honor of Lupercus and Faunus. Aside from food and drinks, men and women were paired as “valentines” for an entire year, until the next festival.

Where did the greeting card industry first plant its feet in the Valentine’s Day tradition? In the 1700s, handmade Valentine’s were sent to loved ones using scraps of paper, lace, and other fabrics.

Now, the holiday is the second largest greeting card holiday in the world, the first being Christmas, with over one billion cards being sent every February.

The heart shape used in valentines originated in middle age geometry, and was not always associated with love or romance. Again, like most aspects of the holiday, there are many different origins and myths surrounding the holiday we know today.

Some will say that the heart shape was first used in northern Africa in the seventh century. Silphium is an extinct plant that had seeds with a similar shape. The seeds, and the plant, were both used as a natural contraceptive, linking the idea of love with sex.

However, the Catholic Church claims the heart was in a dream of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. She saw the hearts tangled in vines. This was believed to be the sacred heart of Jesus.

Lastly, some people believe that the heart shape we see today represents two human hearts put together, suggesting that every person has another half to complete them.

Today, people celebrate Valentine’s Day with cards, candy and flowers. However it came to be, the holiday is now linked with love and romance. It is also one of the most profitable holidays for several industries, such as The Greeting Card Association (yes, that actually exists), and various florist markets. Valentine’s Day can be a fun way to celebrate and show friends, family, and significant others how much they are loved.
**Entertainment: Valentine’s Day Edition**

By Erica Redwood  
Staff Writer

For some, Valentine’s Day consists of getting all dressed up and going to an expensive restaurant. Maybe for others, it might be showering your partner with lots of heart-shaped chocolate boxes and dozens of roses. But then there are those couples who just enjoy snuggling up on the couch in front of a TV enjoying movies all day. Here is a list of the Top 10 Valentine’s Day movies:

**Top 10 Valentine’s Day Movies:**

1. The Titanic (1997)
3. 30 First Dates (1998)
5. Crazy Stupid Love (2011)
7. He’s Just Not that Into You (2009)
8. The Vow (2012)

She loved the boxes of chocolate. The roses you sent her were beautiful. What better way to top off you Valentine’s Day with a little bit of music? Here is a list of the top listened to Valentine’s Day songs:

**Top 10 Valentine’s Day Love Songs:**

1. LL Cool J - I Need Love
2. Yellow – Coldplay
3. La Vie En Rose – Edith Piaf
4. At Last – Etta James
5. Lovin’ You – Minnie Riperton
6. Baby I Love Your Way – Peter Frampton
7. Sweetest Taboo - Sade
8. God Only Knows – The Beach Boys
9. More Than Words – Extreme
10. Is this Love – Bob Marley

**Source:** Whatculture.com

Though Valentine’s Day is celebrated once a year, we should show the ones we love how much we do love and care for them every day. No matter how you choose to spend your Valentine’s Day, be sure to spend it with the ones you love and try to spread the love to others as well.

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**Dinner And A Movie?**

By Shaunice Harris  
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is considered to be the most romantic holiday of the year. Flowers, cards and candy are often given on Valentine’s Day, and usually followed by the usual dinner and a movie.

A recent Q and A I conducted showed that male FM students have the same definition of a great Valentine’s Day date. A small survey of males said that their ideal date would be taking a female out to dinner or a movie followed by the usual dinner and a movie.

As long as your Valentine’s Day is properly thought out and effort was made, then that should be considered a good date.

**Opinion: Valentine’s Day**

Students share their take on the holiday, good and bad

By Carlos Rivera  
Staff Writer

What makes a good Valentine’s Day? A good date on Valentine’s Day is something that you get a good gift, something that she has been talking about, or maybe hinting at for a while. After that, there are several different ways to keep the date going well.

If the man can cook, he could make the whole dinner himself and decorate the kitchen for the mood with dim light, candle lit tables and rose petals trailing to the dinner table with some music. If the guy does not know how to cook, then you could take her to her favorite restaurant or introduce her to a new restaurant that she will always remember after a wonderful dinner.

A bad date on Valentine’s Day would lack effort or thought. Just getting her a card and taking her to eat might not show a lot of thought. Taking her to your place and watching a movie at home is not romantic because that could be any other night of the year.

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**WHAT’S GOING DOWN ON CAMPUS**

Monday, February 17th:
College closed: President’s Day

Wednesday, February 19th:
11:30AM - Union Hall Building  
Last day for Late Payment Period for Spring 2014

**Thursday, February 20th:**
12:30PM-2:00PM International Student Transfer Fair - Raider’s Cove
12:30PM-2:00PM FACE Meeting - C-110
7:00PM Rivalry (Black History Month) Game Show - Raiders Cove

**Monday, March 3rd:**
Registration for Summer 2014 Begins

**Tuesday, March 4th:**
9:00AM - 2:00PM Fag Bug Booth and Documentary - Theater

**Wednesday, March 5th:**
12:00PM-1:00PM Think Peace Club Meeting - Room C217
Lady Raiders need to win six more games for a national basketball title

The team also places second among all regional teams with a record of 15-3. The team is six wins away from a national championship title. The conference game was the Lady Raider’s last home game of the season. The Lady Raiders stole the win, with a final score of 63-49. According to the FM Athletics homepage, the senior teammates were honored during the halftime of the Men’s basketball game.

NBA All-Star Weekend

All-Star Saturday night coverage starts at 8:30PM on TNT, which will cover all the events. The first event will be the Sears Shooting Stars followed by the Taco Bell Skills challenge, starring rookie phenom and Philadelphia 76er, Michael Carter-Williams who will look to take the crown from Portland Trailblazer and first time all-star, Damian Lillard. The third and fourth events are undoubtedly the most iconic, featuring the games best shooters and most athletic and acrobatic players. The Footlocker Three-Point Contest will start before the main event, the Sprite Slam Dunk Contest. This years dunk contest current entrants include Toronto’s Terrence Ross, Indiana’s Paul George, Washington’s John Wall, Golden-State’s Harrison Barnes, Portland’s Damian Lillard and Sacramento’s Ben McLemore. The weekend will end on Sunday with the NBA’s 63rd All-Star game in a battle for conference supremacy. The starters for the East are Kyrie Irving, Dwyane Wade, Paul George, Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James. The West starters are Stephen Curry, Kobe Bryant (injured, to be replaced on roster by Anthony Davis), Kevin Durant, Blake Griffin and Kevin Love. Pre-game coverage starts at 6:30PM on TNT before tip-off at 8:00PM. Post-game coverage will be available on NBA TV’s Inside the NBA at 11:30PM.

Sex, Love, Relationship answers

If you have questions about sex, love and relationships, the Kinsey Institute of Indiana University provides a student resource:

The mission of Kinsey Confidential is to disseminate accurate, research-based information geared towards students, the website states.

We aim to provide accessible, topical information based on current scientific knowledge, and to share news and trends related to sex, gender and sexual health.

We strive to provide accurate information, interesting current news and research about sex, and provide non-judgmental answers to questions and requests.

Though we do not espouse singular views on sexual choices, our contributors strongly adhere to principles of responsible and consensual sexual behavior (protection of physical and emotional health), while acknowledging diversity of sexuality and sexual expression.

http://kinseyconfidential.org/

Sports Calendar

Wednesday, February 12th:
Women’s Basketball vs. North Country CC-5:00PM-Away
Men’s Basketball vs. North Country CC-7:00PM-Away

Saturday, February 15th:
Men’s Basketball vs. Clinton CC-3:00PM-Home

Wednesday, February 19th:
Women’s Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC-5:00PM-Away
Men’s Basketball vs. Hudson Valley CC-7:00PM-Home

Saturday, February 22nd:
Men’s Basketball vs. Columbia-Greene CC-1:00PM-Away

Friday, February 28th:
Women’s Basketball-Regional Championship-TBA-Onondaga CC
Men’s Basketball- Regional Championship -TBA-Delhi

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