

Word on the Hill

What makes a T-shirt your favorite?

By Erica Dunigan & Katie Vorderstrasse



"The color."

Ariel Prevett
psychology
senior



"The way it is cut. If it makes me look buff, I'll love it."

T.J. Harris
assistant track and field coach



"I like whenever they are free. They are the best."

Kayley Rodriguez
elementary education
junior



"Automotive T-shirts are my favorite."

Hank Futhey
business administration
junior



"It's the way they make me look."

Kevin Rodgers
physical performance
senior



"I guess I would say the design of the shirt."

Louiz Reyes
business administration
freshman



"The witty sayings on them."

Jake Heronemus
video game design
freshman



"What makes me look skinny?"

Julian Plimpton
assistant athletic trainer



"Compliments I get from my T-shirt."

Shane Gilbert
business management
freshman

'One for the Money' not worth the change

Put in perspective: How much does Valentine's Day cost for a couple?



RACHEL WONG

Last Wednesday night, Student Foundation organized movie night, a well celebrated event that many of us look forward to for the much needed break during the school week. I was no different. Together with a group of girlfriends, we headed down to Cowley Cinema 8.

After slight deliberation, I settled on watching "One for the Money" together with the rest of the girls. It was pretty evident from the moment we walked into the theatre that this movie

was not the popular show of the night; the seats were probably less than fifty percent filled and there were more females than males.

To simply put it, "One for the Money" tells the story of an unemployed and newly divorced Stephanie Plum who is desperate for cash and turns to her cousin's bail-bond business. Her first assignment, also the highlight of the movie, was to bring in a wanted cop, who missed his court appearance with whom she had history with. The main focus of the movie was on Stephanie Plum and her multiple failed attempts in bringing in the mysterious yet charming Joe Morelli; all this while protecting herself from other dangers with a pepper spray and a gun which she only managed to use successfully in the last ten minutes of the show.

Although this movie falls under the action, comedy and crime genres, it failed to keep its audience laughing for long stretches and at the edge of their seats. To a certain extent, it was although there was a reverse in gender roles in the movie where the audience saw Plum take on confrontations that were usually left for men.

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I had chosen the movie with high hopes, expecting a lot out of it, yet all it took was a few minutes into the movie for me to be dismayed. The movie was terribly slow moving for the first hour or so. The action scenes were short and anti climatic, and the end of the movie was highly predictable. It was almost the sort of movie where everyone lived happily ever after except for the bad guys.

This sort of cliché ending did not appeal to me and I am most

certain that it did not appeal to the small turn out that night as well. We were expecting much more from the movie especially since it was based on the first book of the Stephanie Plum novel series written by New York Times bestselling author, Janet Evanovich.

Although I was disappointed with the plot of the movie, a great consolation was that the cast was a rather handsome group. Plum was played by the voluptuous Katherine Heigl and Morelli was played by a dashing Irish actor, Jason O'Mara- both whose good looks probably kept me focused on the movie. This movie is probably worth watching if you are looking for a show with actors to drool over.

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JOE SCHWARTZ

The cost of Valentine's Day for me varies from year to year. I always try and get her flowers, a card, and candy, but I also try and find something else that she would like that is a little more special. Some of these special items I have purchased for her in the past have been jewelry,

gift cards for stores and massages, and a night out for dinner and a movie.

I feel that Valentine's Day is more for women than men, so I can't say that I get overly excited about Valentine's Day. However, I think it is a good opportunity for men or women to show their significant other how much we care about them. That doesn't necessarily mean spending a lot of money. Some of the best Valentine's Days I've had is just watching a movie, or spending the day together.

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JOSEPH YEISLEY

Valentine's Day is a special day to spend with that special someone. It usually involves the exchange of small gifts and a romantic dinner and/or activity. The cost of the day, usually burdened upon the male, can vary based on the festivities planned and type of gifts exchanged. The most common gifts given are flowers, chocolate, jewelry and stuffed animals.

My opinion on Valentine's Day is that it was never meant

to become such a commercialized holiday. It has become more of a Second Christmas for women, which I am sure the ladies have no problem with. However, I believe the day was meant to express your love and gratitude toward that special someone in your life. Now this may be through the form of a gift, but can also be through a romantic gesture. If you truly love someone the gift should mean less to you than the actual time and thought put into it by the person you love.

I believe it is important that when we are in a relationship that we try to make every day Valentine's Day. We should always make sure that our special someone knows how much they mean to us and that is what Valentine's Day is truly about.

Joseph Yeisley the head men's soccer coach at Southwestern College.

T-shirts provide personal forum for expression



COREY HOLBERT

T-shirts to me represents your personality or the specific type of group you identify with in society. Many people dress in a way that makes them feel comfortable or acceptable to a particular type of person you are seeking attention from. T-shirts can have a large impact on what someone may think.

Your appearance carries an enormous amount of weight. The quote, "First impression is everything", pertains to the fact that your attire places a photographic memory of you and also gives the person a remembrance of your character.

Personally, my favorite types of T-shirts are workout tees, graphic tees and white tees. I like to keep it plain and simple because I don't like too much attention. Brand names are different though because they bring a different element into T-shirts. My favorite brand is Ralph Lauren. Ralph Lauren is considered to be a prestigious brand of clothing because of its nice material, history of the

company and design. People with "style" generally are attracted to Ralph Lauren brand clothing.

I also like Express which is a more sleek type of attire. It's generally for men and women who are cosmopolitan and professional. Express T-shirts give you a sophisticated and sexy look which is quiet popular. The T-shirts fit tight and are tailored. Express T-shirts are also more expensive than other brands such as Aeropostale, Gap, and Old Navy. Expensive T-shirts are clothing you want to respect and make sure you wash and dry properly. You wouldn't want to get gum on your new Express T-shirt with

the matching tie or a fresh new Ralph Lauren.

When buying a T-shirt you always want to make sure you try it out because if it's not the right size you will be screwed. Wearing the correct size of clothing comes back to appearance. No one wants to remember talking to an attractive man or woman but their shirt was four sizes too big. Men there is nothing wrong with going to a fitting room and making sure the T-shirt you're spending your hard earned money on is the right size.

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St. Valentine's: Priest proves love with sacrifice

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In a country where cohabitation is seen as an acceptable temporary alternative to marriage, divorce rates are high and abusive relationships fill celebrity news shows, it seems almost ironic to celebrate a holiday dedicated to "love." I am of course alluding to that most romantic of days, Valentine's Day.

It is defined in the dictionary as "a day for the exchange of valentines and other tokens of affection." And if there's one thing Americans are good at, it's spending money, especially on valentines and tokens of affection. Our exuberance can be seen in the fact that we spend over one billion dollars on candy, send over one billion cards, and purchase around 200 million roses in celebration of Feb. 14. It might also interest you to know that condom sales are 25% higher in February and March sees a rise in the purchasing of

home pregnancy kits. Interesting? Maybe, maybe not.

What I do find interesting is that the holiday meant to celebrate the lives of those we love, the time we've had with them, and the time we hope to have with them in the future, is actually named after a martyr. Like a Shakespearean tragedy, love and death are resolutely tied together in the history of Valentine's Day.

Enter St. Valentine, our day's glorious hero. It is believed that Valentine was a Roman priest who served in the third century during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. The Emperor, for one

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came to the decision that single men made better soldiers and therefore outlawed marriage in the hopes of building a grand army. Valentine, who we could assume was a stout believer in the power of love, continued to perform secret marriages despite the Emperor's decree. It is not known how long the rebel

priest continued his practice, but around 270 A.D. Claudius II discovered his actions and ordered him put to death.

It is said that while awaiting his demise, the incarcerated saint-to-be sent the first Valentine's Day card to a young girl signing it "From your Valentine," an expression we still use in our modern day greeting cards.

Later on, Valentine got a day named after him because he understood and represented the ideal of love. I would like you to pause a moment in your reading and think about the person you will be giving a valentine to. Does the word love even apply? Or maybe a better question would be, how far are you willing to go for another person?

Shakespeare isn't the only place that death and love are irrevocably intertwined. Storybooks have told us that the greatest length you can go to prove your love is to face death

for the beloved. The Bible itself states that "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Perhaps the point of Valentine's Day is to remind us what love really is.

Despite society's best efforts to convince us otherwise, love is not about how much money we spend, how much sex we have, or how many sweet phrases we rehearse in the mirror. Love is about deeply caring about another person and being willing to sacrifice and compromise during every day of a relationship. Valentine's Day merely serves as a reminder of how we are to love one another. And especially during these days of "hook-up" culture, divorce, and abuse, we could stand to be reminded of what we are seemingly losing sight of, the meaning of true love.

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