

Word on the Hill

Classes were canceled due to snow Thursday. What did you do?

By Nate Jones



"I watched movies and had a snow-ball fight."

Bryce Johnson
history junior



"I registered people to vote."

Brett Smith
religion and philosophy sophomore



"I watched movies all day."

Lindsey Knak
athletic training sophomore



"I watched movies in my pj's."

Kristal Baumgartner
business senior



"I went sledding and studied all day."

Katie Baltzer
biology senior



"I read a book by David Sedans."

Abram Rankin
undeclared sophomore



"I sat at home, watched TV, surfed the internet and cleaned."

Dorothy Pleas
international student adviser



"I made cookies and watched 'The Jungle Book.'"

Tommy Castor
communication senior



"I studied my butt off and tried not to fall down."

Dan Haneke
biology senior



"I laid around and played call of duty."

Mike Coppock
nursing sophomore

Sex and the single girl Write me a love song

By Ashley Holloway
Staff reporter

Relationships always begin positively.

With cards, flowers, and teddy bears we express feelings. Rarely do our words match the way we feel, often because we're hiding something. Afraid of giving too much too early, being too open to a man could hurt the chance of commitment. But when the "circle yes or no" letter is answered, and the week of romance has ended, what is next?

I like flowers, nice gifts, and romance, but many men are not well versed in these areas. What I have had the most success with is finding a man who is willing

to learn.

I always treated my interest the way I would want to be treated. I made it a point to celebrate birthdays as if they were personal holidays. If I had to buy the guy a birthday cake, balloons, and the gift he never got when he was a six, I did it. Sometimes it required research, but I was simply showing I cared.

Valentine's Day and Christmas were just as intense. But the best, was the "because it's Wednesday and you make me smile" celebrations. I gave romance on impulse, just because it felt right.

Show interest in a man's personal growth. Outside influences that contribute to one's success.

If it means lending a hand with homework or giving advice, be available to help. Sometimes these actions were reciprocated. Special notes on car windows, a rose in every color, or the best, a gardenia bush because it's my favorite flower were all great surprises. But the relationships did not last.

What was I doing wrong? Or was it that it just wasn't meant to be?

Women write love songs while love is evident. We say how we feel while it's fresh. Most men don't. Some men will never catch on because they don't want to.

Once a guy, when asked about the way he felt, changed the subject. He worked up the

nerve to do the "don't leave" dance when I expressed interest in other guys. He realized what he had, but figured he didn't have to contribute.

The test is always sharing what you feel, taking the risk of embarrassment to give meaning to relationships. Daring to be honest about matters of the heart is writing a love song.

Sometimes we ask people to stay in our lives after we've gotten used to what they contribute.

Count on fingers and toes the times you've heard, "Please don't go." Every woman hears them during that choice of

whether or not to end a relationship.

But are those words reason enough to stay?

Most men are afraid to give insight to the way the male gender thinks for fear of being figured out, but some dare to share. Those worthy jewels are what I look for.

A man willing to give insight is a man ready to give up his player card. In a recent conversation Big Man said,

"Guys only play girls who allow them to. And once that girl says 'I know what you're doing, either shape up or I'm gone' and is serious about it, most guys do the right thing. That's what every player is looking for. A girl who will put him in his place

every now and then."

In essence, men want women who expect love and challenge its absence in a relationship.

Find someone who will give you everything. Not material items. It is important to find a man who matches your giving 110 percent. Every woman needs a man to chill comfortably in her corner but come out ready when needed.

Finally, I encourage you to stop thinking about what a woman's role in a relationship is and just follow your heart.

Just let love happen.

Write a love song.

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R&B artist proves his stuff on album

By Korie Hawkins
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At the age of sixteen, Chris Brown emerged presenting himself as an R&B and Pop vocalist taking America's Billboard charts by storm.

He captures almost every young lady's heart in America and has hit the Billboard Charts Top 100 with singles like "Run

It" released in 2005, "Yo" (Excuse Me Miss), "Say Good-bye" and "Gimme That" released in 2006, "Wall-to-Wall," "Poppin'," "This Christmas" and "Kiss Kiss" released in 2007, following his single, "With You" released this year.

Brown was the first male solo artist to release a single that went straight to the top of the Billboard Charts.

Attracting an audience of all ages, the 18-year-old has released his second album entitled "Exclusive" released on Nov. 6, 2007.

He has also been named in the February issue of Cosmopolitan as one of the Fun Fearless Males of 2008.

All of his songs on the "Exclusive" album show how Brown has grown as a solo artist.

Young audiences and ladies relate really well to his music.

His songs allow adults to reflect on young love, it allows young adults to have

something to listen to as they go through the experience of love, and it allows young teenagers to prepare for love and all its undertakings.

"Exclusive" also features several other known artists like T-Pain, Big Boy, and Ne-Yo.

My personal favorites are "Kiss Kiss," "Take You Down," "With You," "Damage," "Wall-to-Wall," and "I Wanna Be."

All of these songs of course have something to do with be-

ing in a relationship or just having someone special.

His sophomore album has proven that there is so much more to expect from Brown.

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Show love for February holiday

By Jessica Bernhardt
Copy editor

It is a problem that plagues those who really question Valentine's Day. Is it right to express our love and affection for another with candy and flowers? Or should we express our love with actions and everyday kind words?

It seems as if Christmas was just last week, but take one look in any retail store and you will see that the one day of the year devoted to romance is closer than we think.

So the dilemma arises of what to get your significant other, your mom or dad, or even your brother or sister. The thinking game begins.

There are those who think that Valentine's Day is just another day of the year. They probably feel that expressing our love with actions is the way to go and question why we designate a whole day doing what

we should be doing the whole year.

And those who think the world revolves around the day are all-out candy, flower, and jewelry shoppers. They probably have their lists ready and perhaps even have been to every retail store in Winfield to find the perfect gift for that someone special.

It is reported that Valentine's Day is the second largest card-sending holiday of the year, coming in after Christmas. An estimated one billion cards are bought and sold every year.

So another dilemma comes peaking around the corner. Who are you supposed to buy a gift for? Do you limit yourself to that one significant other in your life?

Or do you get something for your mom, dad, sister, brother, grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle,

cousins, coworkers, babysitters, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera? To what extreme do you shop for each of these people?

Do you book a romantic weekend getaway with your significant other and then settle for those boxes of chalk-tasting candy hearts for everyone else?

It seems like the matter of gifts is an everlasting circle of questions.

How much should you spend? Will they be offended if you spend a few bucks on them? Or will they feel guilty because you spent \$30 on them and they didn't get you a single thing?

In all the fuss and bustle of holidays it seems we forget the meaning behind them.

For Christmas, you spend months making your list and making sure every person in your family gets a copy or two.

For Halloween you might spend anywhere from \$10 to \$100 just to dress up and go out and get some candy from

strangers. On Valentine's Day you finally receive the gift from your boyfriend or girlfriend that you have been waiting for all year.

But is that what is important? Of course not. We should spend Christmas gathering with friends and family and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

On Halloween we should save our money or just go buy a bag of candy for ourselves.

And on Valentine's Day we should continue doing what we should be doing every day, showing our love for one another.

The meaning of any particular holiday is more than likely thought about while buying the gifts, but don't feel like you have to spend \$100 on your significant other just to tell him or her you love them.

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