



# RAMPAGE

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR

### Cupid's Cutest Couple Confessions

MORGAN GALLOGLY STAFF REPORTER

Seniors Myah Merhaut and Matt Jones have been dating for almost two years. RAMPAGE wanted to know - how do males and females view Valentine's Day differently? Here's what we found...

#### Do you look forward to Valentine's Day each year?

**Myah:** Valentine's Day is exciting but not the most important thing to me, of course. I'm lucky to have a great Valentine, but the day itself isn't a priority.

**Matt:** I wouldn't say I look forward to it; it just kinda creeps up on me.

#### What to do When it's Only You

10. Movie date with your best friend.

9. Ice cream. Enough said.

8. Netflix.

7. Shopping. When people ask you what your plans are, just say that you're hanging out with your boyfriend Ross. Ross Park.

6. Video game marathon (for the boys).

5. Hang out with your family! Especially if you're a senior, because next year you'll wish you did more with them.

4. Netflix.

3. Go to the gym and work off all that ice cream you just ate.

2. Use it as a day where you get all those things DONE: the last of your college apps, SAT registration, studying for that huge Algebra test, finding a scholarship, or catching up on some chores. Be productive.

1. Order a pizza (or three) and invite all your friends over for a huge movie marathon party.

**What gifts do you usually give each other?**

**Myah:** We usually just plan a day (even if it's not on Valentine's Day) to go do something special. This year we are going to the symphony. But since that's not happening on actual Valentine's Day, and because Matt planned it, I want to plan something this year for the actual day.

**Matt:** I try to do something for Myah, like make dinner or have a day out or something.

#### How do you personally feel about Valentine's Day?

**Myah:** I think Valentine's Day is really cute. Since it's special to have a day specifically for you and your "valentine," but it's also one of those things that I don't stress over.

**Matt:** To me it's just a corporate holiday, but it's also a good time to look back on our relationship.

#### Is Valentine's Day important to you as a couple? Or are there more important holidays?

**Myah:** I don't see it as a priority, but I do enjoy it! Christmas is my favorite holiday but Matt goes on vacation for it usually, so Valentine's Day is a really good excuse for us to have a date night!

**Matt:** Well, Valentine's Day as the holiday isn't important to us. But February 14th was actually the day we kinda became friends so we find it ironic.

#### Stereotypically, how do you feel a male would feel about Valentine's Day?

**Myah:** Well I feel that most guys hate it; I know it's not important to Matt. But if I really liked it, I know he'd go all out with some elaborate plan for us! Most girls love everything about it, but also a lot of girls just love hearing about it. We are girls; we like hearing people's cute date ideas!

**Matt:** Stereotypically a male would hate Valentine's Day, especially the part about spending money. I feel like a female on the other hand would love Valentine's Day. What girl wouldn't like getting flowers or a nice dinner occasionally?

DON'T FORGET: SADIES DANCE COMIN UP SOON!  
ASK OUT A DATE! GET CREATIVE.



## Valentine's Day Movie Night

SIANI NULL STAFF REPORTER

Nothing special to do this February 14<sup>th</sup>?

Guys, if you don't want to make extravagant plans with your girlfriend or girls, if you just want to have a fun, low-key night with your best friends, then a Valentine's Day movie night is perfect for you. Comfy and no hassle, grab a bowl of popcorn, chocolate, and some warm blankets. Just cozy up to the television with whoever you love this year and spend the night watching some of these popular flicks!

**Romantic.** Go with a romance movie on the most romantic day of the year. If you're all for sappy and true love stories, then you've got to go with Nicholas Sparks; from *The Last Song*, to *The Lucky One*, *Dear John*, *A Walk To Remember*, *Safe Haven*, to everyone's favorite *The Notebook*, there is a large selection to choose from. Not a Sparks fan? Try another great love story like *Endless Love* and *Time Traveler's Wife*.

**Romantic Comedy.** If you want to go with a funny movie, but still keep the love on Valentine's day then there's always the classic romantic comedy to enjoy. Laugh a little with *The Proposal*, *Love Actually*, *50 first dates*, *Valentine's Day*, or *Letters To Juliet*.

**Netflix.** Everyone loves Netflix. Check out their Valentine's Day selection that includes oldies but goodies like *Lost In Translation*, *Blue Valentine*, *New York, I Love You*, *Clueless*, *The Wedding Planner*, *Mama Mia*, and *Ghost*.

**Disney.** And if none of the above genres appeal to your crew you can always go with the classic, cute, and innocent, Disney movies. From *Aladdin*, to *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and The Beast*, *Cinderella Story*, *Tangled*, or even everyone's past obsession, *High School Musical*, a little Disney magic can only make your Valentine's Day a little lovelier!

## VALENTINE'S DAY NERD INVASION

KENNEDY MCCOY STAFF REPORTER

Hey! If you're a nerd, throw yo hands in da air like you just don't care! I know I am. For all you nerdy Valentine's Day couples out there, *The Huffington Post* published funny yet clever card ideas that features 'nerdy' well-known and loved franchises plus other 'nerd like items.' It's called "15 Nerdy Valentine's Day Cards for Adorkable Couples" and I highly suggest you guys check it out. Some of their witty card sayings include: "Yoda One For Me" (with a picture of Yoda from Star Wars), "Talk Nerdy To Me," "You're my Favorite Muggle" (from Harry Potter), "You Are A Cute-y" (with a picture of an Acute Triangle), and "Be Mine" (spelled out with the help of the periodic table elements Be, M, I, and Ne.) They also include a slide of funny Valentine's Day cards at the bottom. Some of these include, "You Suck Less than Most People", "I Love You More Than I Hate Your Farts", and a card that just simply says "Mushy Stuff." These cards are cute, even if they are quite 'dorky.'

## Send the Right Message Historic Flower Meanings

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For the men out there buying flowers this Valentine's Day, you may want to do a little research before you go to the florist and pick out what you think are the prettiest flowers. Because everyone knows that girls think into actions a lot more than boys may intend. So, make sure you get your point across correctly this year and pick the flower with the right meaning!

Ever since Victorian times, certain flowers have had specific meanings because the flower selection used to be more limited and people liked to use symbols and gestures to communicate words.

If you want to bring back this historic communication, follow this flower code:

**Daffodil:** chivalry

**Daisy:** innocence

**Forget-me-not:** remember me forever

**Orchid:** delicate beauty

**Sunflower:** adoration

**Sweet Pea:** shyness

**Carnations:** pink-gratitude

Red- flashy

Striped- refusal

White- remembrance

Yellow- cheerful

**Rose:** pink-admiration

Red- passionate love

Red and white-unity

White- purity

Yellow- friendship

**Tulips:** pink-caring

Red- declaration of love

Purple- royalty

White- forgiveness

Yellow- hopelessly in love

Violet- faithfulness

**Chrysanthemums:** bronze- excitement

White- truth

Red- sharing



**RAM GRAMS**  
LOVE YOU LOTS!  
CAN'T WAIT FOR SADIES  
NEXT SATURDAY!  
MCKOWN'S GOING  
DOWN AT THE FRIDAY  
GAME!

## Confessions Box: Time to Get Real

RAMPAGE asked 14 teachers and students...what's your biggest confession?

### Students:

I actually didn't study...except for those 5 minutes before the exam.

I didn't read the book.

I'm only taking this class for the credit.

My older sister gave me all the notes for this class...and that's the only reason I'm passing.

I actually love your class, I just pretend like I don't.

I spend most of the class thinking what all my teachers looked like when they were my age and what types of students they were.

When I say I'm taking notes...I'm not.

### Teachers:

When I find out students have crushes on each other, I immediately put them together on group projects.

I assign group members based off which students would make the cutest couples.

I don't read the books either...or the plays...or the short stories. I take all my quizzes from Spark Notes.

The only reason I stand outside my classroom in between classes is to break up PDA.

I don't read any of my students' essays.

I most definitely have favorites.

What's YOUR biggest confession? Let us know:

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## Cheap Dates for the Cheapskate in You

ANDREA KLECKNER STAFF REPORTER

Go hiking! It's practically free! All you need is some water and a granola bar or two; maybe a few other things, but I have no idea; I've never gone hiking.

Picnic in the park! All you need is a checkered blanket or a picnic table somewhere, and picnic basket with food obviously! But you can always be creative with food you find in your house.

Bowling! Depends where you go, but is usually \$3-\$4 for shoes and \$2-\$5 for each game played. So even if you play three games, you are still probably under \$20 in all.

Ice-skating! Depends where you go; however, rentals are usually \$3 and admission can be \$7.

Rollerblading! Depends, but usually is \$6 plus rentals.

Rent a movie from RedBox! A movie is \$1.50 a night. Or better yet, record a movie on your TV.

Binge-watch a show on Netflix! The first month is free when you sign up for an account or \$8 a month or if your family has it then it's free!

## Foreign Language Match

Match the different ways to say newspaper.

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1)Newspaper  | a) English   |
| 2)Journal    | b) Swedish   |
| 3)Periodicio | c) Dutch     |
| 4)Zeitung    | d) Croatian  |
| 5)Notizie    | e) Afrikaans |
| 6)Koerant    | f) Italian   |
| 7)Novine     | g) German    |
| 8)Krant      | h) Spanish   |
| 9)Tidning    | i) French    |

## ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE; HERE'S THE REAL VALENTINE'S DAY STORY COMIN TO YOU!

KENNEDY MCCOY STAFF REPORTER

Valentine's Day makes me a little sick. No, not just a little, A LOT. All the chocolate, candies, pink/red hearts, cupid in his freakin' diaper and the roses...YUCK! I'm not even bitter, I swear. Not to offend any of you real life Romeos, but haven't ya'll ever wondered the true story behind Valentine's Day before the Hallmark channel ruined it? If you haven't, well here it is. St Valentine was a Roman Priest when a not so loving Emperor named Claudius ruled and persecuted the Church. Now, this sicko made it a law that young men and women could not be married. Our bro, St. Valentine, believed that if two people loved one another, they should be married within the Christian Church. He secretly married couples but was eventually caught in 269 A.D. and was to be executed. His last known words that he wrote in a note to someone were "...from your Valentine." So, that's the true story. Hope you enjoyed.

P.S. I'd **LOVE** if someone sent the RAMPAGE staff some chocolates. I'm just sayin'...we do write for you guys every single week. We deserve some lovin'.

Just in case you were curious, I like Hershey kisses. The ones wrapped in silver not the ones wrapped in red, there is a difference, I can taste it.



## Shattered Part Thirteen

ANDREA KLECKNER STAFF REPORTER

I close my eyes and immediately hear the sound of laughter ringing through my ears. I open my eyes and notice that I'm on the old tire swing my father made for my brother and I'm swinging back and forth. I laugh again the infectious laugh I had when I was five.

"Higher," I yell as my brother pushes the tire causing me to giggle.

He grabs the tire and pushes the tire up over his head and holds it there. I wasn't paying much attention and was caught off guard. I leaned back and I wasn't really holding on. My grip on the rope lessened and I fell off landing on the grass. I lift up my hand and focus on it trying to fight the threat of blacking out. But eventually I did; the last thing I saw was my hand and the clear blue sky behind it.

When I woke back up, the tire was no longer there and no one ever talked about it. My brother rarely talks to me for the next year.

## Slowly Saying Sayonara: To My One True Love

ALICIA GONZALES STAFF REPORTER

You know that one person that is always there for you? The one that understands you and would do anything to keep you happy? Not a boyfriend, not a friend, but your brother.

A brother is someone you are expected to like, to play with, to stick up for, but in reality, they are your hero, your friend, and your one true love. Sometimes fights happen. And sometimes these fights are brutal.

Fighting is verbal or physical contact that is caused from disagreements between people that have strong feelings towards one another. Those strong feelings are not hate, or anger, but love. I am blessed because I have brothers. I am even luckier because one of them is my twin. He is my go-to person when I need advice, when I need to vent, or when I just want to complain about everything.

I couldn't be more thankful to have him in my life. The past 18 years have been one heck of a journey. But this journey is not over yet. Keith, I will miss you more than you could ever imagine. I will miss our random conversations, our outrageous fights, but most importantly, I'll miss the way we can talk to each other without using any words. I wish you the best of luck for next year and I hope that college is everything you picture it to be.

## RAMPAGE STAFF: UNTAMED & UNCUT

STAFF REPORTER KENNEDY MCCOY

Psssst, wanna know a secret RAMPAGERS? I have the scoop on the RAMPAGE STAFF. And by the scoop, I mean the DIRT! Mwahahaha. The staff is not what they appear to be! What really goes on behind the scenes anyway? Let's start off with the wisest RAMPAGER, Siani Null. She's been on the staff longer than any of us currently. This blonde and blue-eyed darling is very cool-headed, sweet, shy, and down to earth. She is also on the swimming team so she's the mermaid of the gang. Then we have Alicia Gonzales, the firecracker of the staff. She's awesome, bold, and matter of fact. Word of advice, don't push her around-ever. Morgan Gallogly seems mysterious. The only secret is that she's a giggle machine! And has a bohemian-like fashion sense. Andrea Kleckner is the youngest (being a junior) but will also be the one who holds the RAMPAGE foundation into place when we all head off to college. I guess you could call her, 'The Chosen One.' She is an actress and a child of the theater. Miss Frank is like Watson to Mrs. Harshman who is Sherlock Holmes. Miss Frank is experienced in life, (she's a grown woman), and has intriguing tales from her college days. She is very helpful, to be FRANK! Goodness I'm on fire with the jokes today. And last but not least, Mrs. Harshman, a.k.a. Sherlock Holmes, is the leader of this whole shindig. She's always on top of things and knows what she's doing. It helps because I'm always confused. As for my secret, I'm a total chatterbox...hard to imagine right?

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