

## Singled out in Aggieland

Unattached Aggies can still celebrate a day for love; Valentine's day need not be romantic

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The Battalion

"All by myself. Don't wanna be all by myself..."  
**WAIT! STOP THE MUSIC!**  
 This Valentine's Day there will be no moping, no eating pounds of chocolate and regretting it the next day, and certainly no singing the National Anthem, "All by Myself," by Eric Carmen or even the remake by Celine Dion. Also not allowed this Wednesday:

- Getting drunk alone
  - Looking up crushes on Bonfire
  - Scaring unsuspecting crushes with late-night phone calls
- In fact, in order to avoid earning the title "Psycho Stalker" for the rest of the semester, do not even log onto Bonfire today.
- Every year on Feb. 14, most single guys and gals want to put their blue suede shoes (or Steve Madden sandals) and revive the '80s saying "gag me with a spoon" each time they see a couple holding hands and staring into each other's eyes under the Century Tree.

Instead of spending the day with the blues, singles should realize how lucky they are.

First of all, Valentine's Day is for singles, not couples. Couples can celebrate their love every day of the year, except for the days they spend fighting at Blockbuster over what to rent or the days they spend upset because someone did not call as promised. "Valentine's Day IS for singles," said Shay Huett, a sophomore environmental design major. "Cupid is one of the main symbols of Valentine's Day, and his duty is to make people fall in love by shooting them with his arrows. Couples don't need his help."

So what can singles do on Valentine's Day? Plenty. Most singles may want to avoid the lovers who will be found in every restaurant and movie theater. However, some single guys can ask out one of their single girlfriends. Perhaps they can pay for each other's meals, no strings attached.

Single guys can make this day an opportunity to call their mother or grandmother and let them know they are loved and appreciated.

"It's OK if you don't have a girlfriend because you can still make someone feel special," said Darrell Crowe, a junior aerospace engineering major.

It is not too late to send flowers, cards or candy. Even if the gift is two days late, the gesture will still be appreciated. A phone call can also go a long way.

Throwing a singles party is another way singles can get their minds off of being dateless. This plan may call for a "Temptation Island" theme, along with tiki torches and fruity drinks. Hosts can invite 30 to 40 single friends

from different social circles to prevent cliques from forming and force the singles to introduce themselves to each other.

"A singles party would be a good chance for single people to meet somebody new in an un-intimidating atmosphere," said Ben Lukish, a junior telecommunications engineering major. Good music is a must for a great party. No matter what type of music is preferred, party throwers should stay away from any song with the word "love" and songs that suggest it. If guests are in a playful mood, perhaps a game of Spin the Bottle or Twister would be appropriate. These games would definitely get singles interacting with one another.

Single guys who are not in the mood to party or meet new people can grab a couple of their closest guy friends a case of beer and rent several "South Park" episodes. This show is so funny, and the guys can remind themselves of all the money they are saving by not having girlfriends.

Single girls, on the other hand, may remind themselves every 30 minutes of the gifts they're not getting. But for girls who don't like to sit around waiting to be asked out, they can take matters into their own hands.

Single gals should feel free to ask out an old friend or throw a party themselves.

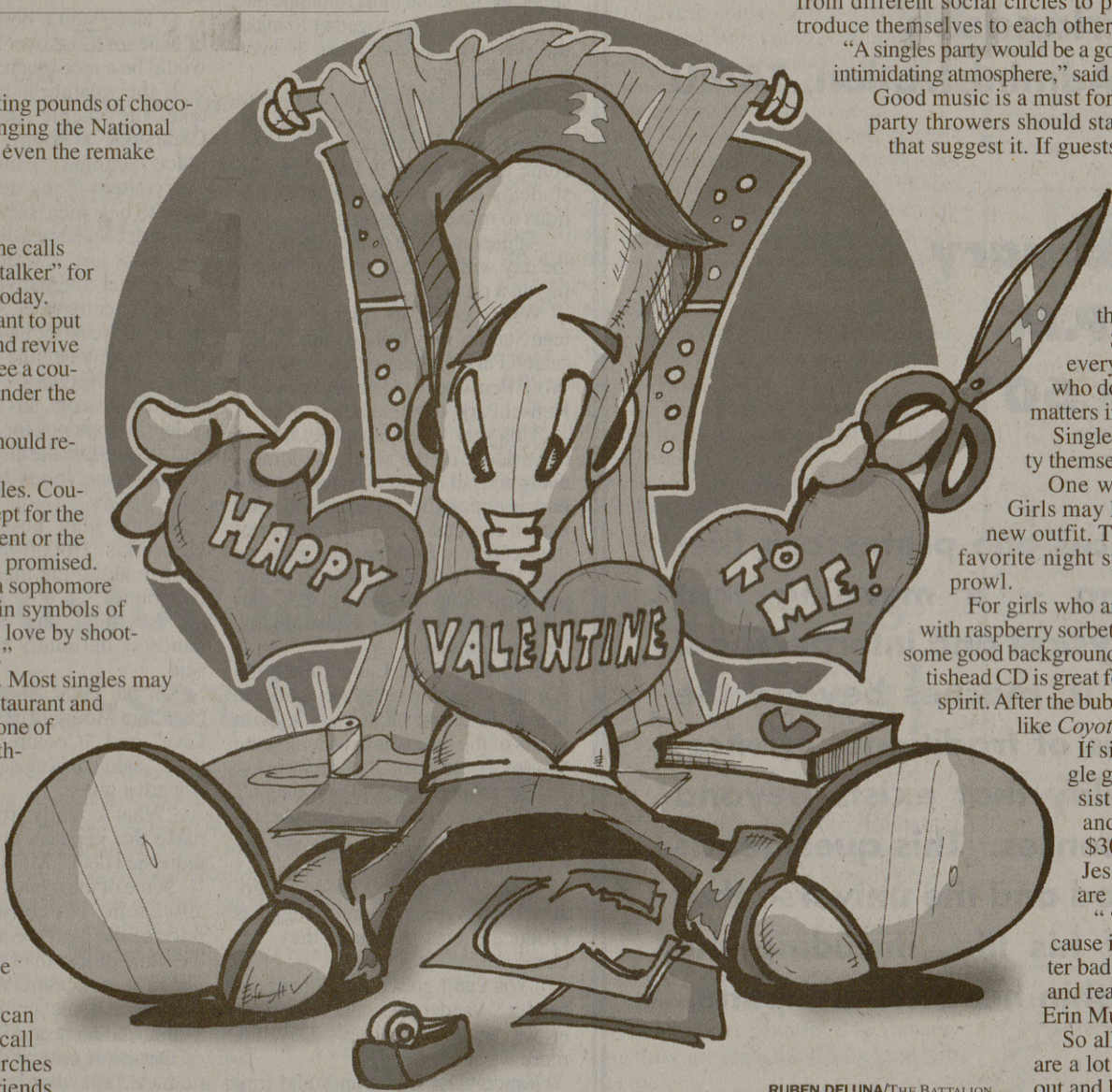
One way a girl can make herself feel better is by shopping. Girls may hit the mall with other single friends of theirs and buy a new outfit. This cute new outfit can be worn out on the town to their favorite night spot where they may meet other single guys out on the prowl.

For girls who are not into shopping or clubbing, a soak in a bathtub filled with raspberry sorbet bubble bath can be a relaxing getaway. A glass of wine and some good background music is also a good picker-upper. Any Morcheeba or Portishead CD is great for mellow-music fans, and Paula Cole can lighten any girl's spirit. After the bubble bath, girls can immerse themselves in a girl's rule movie like *Coyote Ugly* or *Thelma and Louise*.

If single girls do not feel like being alone, inviting other single gal pals over is never a bad idea. This get-together can consist of homemade cosmopolitans and the first season of "Sex and the City," which can be bought at a local chain store for \$30. Cosmopolitans make ladies feel like ladies, and Sarah Jessica Parker and friends help single girls realize that things are not really that bad.

"Sex and the City" is great to watch with your girlfriends because it's a show of normal single woman who go on bad date after bad date. At the end of every show they always come together and realize that their friendship is the most important thing," said Erin Muil, a junior history major.

So all is not lost if there is no date this Valentine's Day. There are a lot of options available, so don't sit at home this holiday, go out and have a great time.



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