Courtship to condoms: A difference of 70 years

The 1947 Valentine's Day issue of The Inkwell highlights how “this joyful day of love-making has degenerated in these modern times.”

Staff writer William L. Warrell noted that “the sending of gaudy little pieces of paper with trite verses or caricature with jovial insults” has not quite what the earlier holidays consisted of. Fast forward 70 years to 2017 and The Inkwell features condom advertisements on the front page, freely promoting safe sex.

Mr. Warrell’s take on his generation versus those of our grandparents is not such a bad idea seeing as 20 percent of people are turning to condoms for the first time, thus pairing off the holiday, thus pairing off the couples to be each other’s Valentine for a year. This practice would seem crude to the modern male. All he needs to do is stand on the corner of Bull and Broughton Streets and pick up his Valentine.

Even Ophelia, in William Shakespeare’s immortal “Hamlet” (that screw loose in a window, we have certain to have a lover before the year was out. But oh, joy upon joy! If she happens to see a rooster and bone through her keyhole, she would be married with in the year.

In many countries the custom was to place the names of young lads and lasses in a box and then to draw the names out on this holiday, thus pairing off the couples to be each other’s Valentine for a year. This practice would seem crude to the modern male. All he needs to do is stand on the corner of Bull and Broughton Streets and pick up his Valentine.

There you have it, fellas: three ways to get a Valentine...buy some female a couple of chickens, win her in a lottery, or just go and look. While our generation may have an easier time wooing a lady before the year was out, we should take a lesson from history at this time of year.

For a complete list with more events, check Armstrong’s main calendar on Armstrong.edu or the display in the upper stairway of the Multicultural Affairs Office on the third floor, behind the Student Union Ballroom. For more information, call 912-344-2020.
Athletes express their love for sports

**Michelle Kwan**

You can do as many sprints as you want but there’s nothing like playing in a 90-minute soccer game. There’s no better way to gain fitness, in my opinion, than playing in consistent games.

**Apolo Ohno**

It is not up to me whether I win or lose. Ultimately, this might not be my day. And it is that philosophy towards sports, something that I really truly live by, that is emotional. I want to win. I am hungry. I am a competitor. I have that fire. But deep down, I truly enjoy the art of competing so much more than the result.

**OFF THE BENCH WITH**

**NBA All-Star break update**

From expected conference standings to historical individual performances, the NBA’s first-half brought fans a wide range of discussion topics heading into Mid-Feb.-March’s All-Star break.

The Golden State Warriors (45-8) and Cleveland Cavaliers (34-15) each hold the top spot in their respective conferences. Golden State and Cleveland are both led by great offenses. Golden State’s offensive rating of 114.1 (average number of points scored per game) is not only the highest mark this season but also the second highest in league history through a season’s first half. Cleveland ranks fifth in this category at 109.6.

Disparity in Golden State and Cleveland’s record comes down to defense. The Warriors rank first in defensive rating at 101.4 (average number of points scored per game) is the highest mark this season but also the second highest in league history through a season’s first half. Cleveland ranks fifth in this category at 109.6.

Despite leading the Eastern Conference, Cleveland’s play has regressed considerably from its championship form last season.

The Cavaliers have the fourth-best record in the NBA (behind three western conference teams: Golden State, San Antonio and Houston) and sit just two games ahead of the surging Boston Celtics. Cleveland’s recent struggles have led to frustration from the team’s best player.

“We’re a top-heavy team. We need a [replacive] playmaker,” said LeBron James.

** Trey Burke mid-air at the Chesapeake Energy Arena.**

**SPORTS**

**& Wellness**

**John Keen**

Sometimes my body is aching, but I always think, ‘Why am I in this? Why do I love it so much?’ That’s what makes me persevere, that’s what makes me keep on going.

**Michael Jordan**

The game of basketball has been everything to me. My place of refuge, place I’ve always gone where I needed comfort and peace. It’s been one of intense pain and the most intense feelings of joy and satisfaction. It’s a relationship that has evolved over time, given me the greatest respect and love for the game.

** Sporting Events, February 9-14 **

**9**  
Men’s and Women’s Tennis vs. ABAC (Exhibition) @ Coastal Georgia 12:00PM & 3:00PM

**10**  
Baseball vs. Paine 2:00PM

**11**  
Baseball vs. Paine 11:00AM and 2:00PM

**12**  
Women’s Basketball at Augusta 1:30PM

**13**  
Men’s Golf Matlock Collegiate Classic @ Lakeland, FL

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CAMPUS VOICES:

**Do you have Valentine’s Day plans? What are your thoughts on the holiday?**

I hope I get chocolate.
Pauline Duong
sophomore business econ

I think that day, because it’s the day to do grand gestures, you should do it. Make that special someone know you care. Don’t just let the opportunity pass by because it’s an excuse to say what's been on your mind this whole time.
Brett Marchand
freshman theater

It’s single awareness day.
Matthew Carter
sophomore IT major

I plan on dating someone right after Valentine’s Day.
Jacob Miranda
freshman cyber security

I don’t have plans with anyone because I’m single. But I do plan on treating myself by getting a pedicure and dinner.
Shybria Moore
senior secondary science education

I love Valentine's Day. I'm going with my boyfriend Lamar to Atlanta. We're going to the Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta zoo and World of Coke. Maybe a helicopter ride.
Jacob Honey
senior public health

I'm a hopeless romantic in a long distance relationship— you tell me.
Lila Miller
senior professional communications

Step 1: Unravel a new condom and cut off the tip

Step 2: Cut off the condom’s rim

Step 3: Cut down the length of the condom

Step 4: Use the dental dam by laying flat over the vaginal opening or anus

How to turn a condom into a dental dam for oral sex
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Feb. 9
Got a hot date for Valentine’s day and want to be sure to impress? Spruce up your manners with an evening dinner. Armstrong Men of Vision & Excellence Hosts Gentlemen’s Dinner: Image, Etiquette, & Empowerment from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

Do you have a funny valentine? Impress them with your best jokes or just enjoy the show at the Sentient Bean’s open-mic night featuring stand-up comedy. 8 p.m.

Feb. 10
Be lonesome no more, grab a date, a drink and settle in at the Jinx for their Songwriter’s “In-the-round” show, featuring “high and lonesome” Americana singer Mike Wheeler on tour in Savannah for the first time, Cory Chambers, Brandon Nelson McCoy, and hosted by the Jinx’s A.M. Rodriguez.

Feb. 11
Celebrate your love with a birthday party. Starlandia’s Spacestation hosts an all ages show for the three-year-old birthday party of local band, COEDS playing with Die Alps and the Hypnotics. Starts at 7 p.m.

Want to bring the whole family with you? Celebrate Black Heritage month with their Grand Festival Day at the Savannah Civic Center. The event will include an array of family-oriented activities and will end with a star-studded concert. Starts at 11 a.m.

Looking for something more inclusive? Check out Savannah’s safe space venue Quolab for a queer dance party featuring acts like baggage claim, w00dy, deflector, and a DJ set from lition in the basket. 9 p.m.

Feb. 12
Want to have a weekend getaway but not too far from home? Head to Jekyll Island’s Whiskey, Wine, and Wildlife event from Feb. 9-12 at the Westin on Jekyll Island. All benefits go to the wildlife association on the island.

If your valentine loves adventure, head to Skidaway Island for their Valentine Scavenger Hunt. 1:30-5 p.m.

Feb. 13
Have a literary lover? On Valentine’s eve, bring them to Deep Speaks at the historic Savannah Theatre. Deep Center will host readings by Savannah’s young authors, and celebrate the launch of a new book anthology. Doors open at 6 p.m.
calling all writers and photographers

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