



The BICLC Presents:



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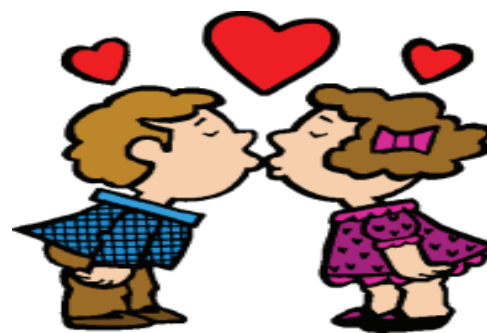
QUICK BIC NEWS

It Matters Only That You Love

When we think Valentine's Day, we usually think flowers, hearts, candy, and pink stuff. I am a rather cynical person, so the lovey-doveyness of it all disturbs my stomach acid. But what is Valentine's Day really about? Most of you would probably answer, "Love. Duh." While you are correct, love is a rather ambiguous word that takes on many definitions. (The love I feel towards my brother is altogether different from the love I feel towards breakfast.) In this month's column, I want to discuss love in a way that is all-encompassing. After all, love is a universal language; anyone can give it and anyone can receive it.

For Cute Couples

The best time to be in love is in our youth, for now is the time we are the most passionate and vulnerable to our feelings. (Take Tristan and Isolde, for example. Those kids did not know when to stop!) Young love is reckless, but when that love is properly nurtured, it could eventually transform into adult love, then middle-age love, and then finally senior citizen love (the cutest in my opinion). If you have a significant other, find a creative way to tell that person you appreciate him/her. Don't leave it at "I love you." That's boring. Everyone hears that all the time from their parents. Find a distinct element of that person's character or behavior that never fails to brighten your day. It could be the way they scratch their head when they're thinking, or the way their voice sounds when they're tired, or any number of things.



Find what makes them like nobody else in the world and tell them about it. I promise you, they will appreciate this more than a generic box of chocolates.

For All the Single Ladies (and Gentlemen)

Believe it or not, we are a part of Valentine's Day, too! Just because you are not in a relationship doesn't mean you can't partake in Valentine's Day festivities. Take the month of February as an occasion to love yourself. Go ahead, treat yourself to a nice dinner and movie. It is not narcissistic- it is healthy. Never, ever depreciate your value based on the fact that you are single. I know this is hard to do this time of year when literally all you see are couples canoodling at the end of every hallway, but stay strong. Do not fall victim to self-pity. Romance is not something you wait for; it is something you prepare for by first learning to love yourself. If anything, think about all the money you're saving by not having

to buy gifts for anyone. Cha-ching! That money is going straight into my Chipotle fund.

For Humanity

So long as we live, we are contributing to the cosmos of love. If love is about giving and receiving, then the whole universe functions to promote affection between all of its constituents. Let us celebrate love with vigor and be inclusive in our celebration. Send love to the bees that make honey, the books that provide knowledge, the breakfast that jump-starts our day. Artistic genius John Lennon puts it most eloquently, "It matters not who you love, where you love, why you love, when you love, or how you love, it matters only that you love." Spread the love, people.

Happy February.

Ada Zhang '15
QUICKBIC Editor



Gather your own BIC Team and be prepared to face off with fellow BICers and BIC faculty in a test of brain power!

When: Thursday, February 28th

Where: Morrison 100

Time: 6 PM



We will be serving pizza!



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BIC - Up Lines

Submitted by Official BIC Love Guru,
Ruddy Tchao

*Baby, my love for you is a claim of fact
With you, I can go a thousand and two
nights.*

*Chinese poetry can't even capture your
natural beauty.*

*Some say 'ring before spring' is a hasty
generalization or a superstition. Let's
prove them wrong*

*If loving you is wrong, and two wrongs
make a right, will you help me make this
right?*

*Like St. Augustine, you make me want to
leave my childish ways behind so that I
can be your man.*

*Society thinks we can't be together. Good
thing civil disobedience can be justified.*

*If you pick me, I will stand by you better
than Ismene did to Antigone.*

*Have you ever heard of a "vocation?"
Because my heart is calling for you.*

*Is that your New York Times Assign-
ment? Want to go get some coffee togeth-
er?*

*Girl you must have been friends with
Plato, because you are Gorgi-ous!*



Rules of Courtly Love

(Copied from Andreas Capellanus's *The Art of Courtly Love*)

In the Valentine's Day spirit, listed below are some rules of courtly love for you to read and be amused by. You may agree with some of them and be appalled at others, but either way, these rules are interesting and certainly still applicable to modern-day love.

Marriage is no real excuse for not loving.

He who is not jealous cannot love.

When made public love rarely endures.

The easy attainment of love makes it of little value; difficulty of attainment makes it prized.

Every lover regularly turns pale in the presence of his beloved.

A new love puts flight to an old one.

He whom the thought of love vexes, eats and sleeps very little.

Nothing forbids one woman being loved by two men or one man by two women.

