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Oh, the Places You'll Go! Dating in the AUC: Mission Impossible?



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So, you're broke, in love, and trying to impress your honey bunny for Valentine's Day. That's one heck of a combination.

What's a man (or woman) to do when they're pinching their pockets on the most love-filled holiday of the year? Plan a scavenger hunt around the AUC.

Now, this hunt will undoubtedly take some time. It requires much thought and reminiscing. Think about places that are significant to you and your other half. Where did you two meet? Was it in front of the Spelman gate? Olive Branch? Or was it the annual Brother-Sister exchange?

Next, think about the places that the two of you frequent. Were you on "boo-loving" boulevard 7 days out of the week? If so, use

that! Many of us have met a pal or two at Jazzman's, gazing into each other's eyes over a smoothie, had a study date in Douglass and watched the stars from the Promenade. Utilize these places.

Once you're done recalling all of the places you've visited, you need to decide what type of trinkets or mementos you want to leave. Chocolate or another type of candy is a viable option. You can also leave love letters or little sweet notes at each destination, and throw in a riddle or two if you'd like!

To make it a memorable journey and not an extensive marathon, only pick five to ten memorable locations.

Last but not least, remember it's a fun game! Don't cheat—let your boyfriend or girlfriend find each destination on his or her own.

If you follow the aforementioned steps, this Valentine's Day will be one that neither you nor your other half will forget!

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Love is in the air as Valentine's Day dawns once more. However, according to many students in the AUC, such affectionate-filled air completely skips the hallowed grounds of Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Clark Atlanta University. Being in a relationship appears to be tougher than the academic rigor of all three schools combined.

Many remark that it is impossible to have a relationship that lasts to the sacred day of love, Valentine's Day, as a result of the evident temptation the AUC and Atlanta area constantly purport.

But Courtney Stewart, a junior political science major from Windsor, Conn. at Spelman, believes a relationship in the AUC is possible.

"It is very possible to have a committed relationship in the AUC," Stewart said. "As long as you trust your significant other, communicate, stay on the same page, continuously compromise and keep your business, your business, you can have a successful long-term relationship."

Joshua Bent, Morehouse junior international relations major from Tampa, Fla., re-

iterates Stewart's comment regarding the possibility of a lasting AUC relationship, but recognizes the flawed approach many take to relationships.

"The way people go about relationships is very immature at times," Bent said. "A lot of people let others into their relationship. Considering the size of our school, everybody knows everybody else's business. SpelHouse love is very special and to make it out this environment with your significant other, you've gone through a lot because people talk."

Bent also recognized that the typical college-aged person may not be ready for a relationship.

"Having a relationship is possible, but it's definitely hard because of the age we're at," Bent continued. "A lot of people are still trying to have fun, trying to make sure they 'get it in.'"

Spelman philosophy major Bianca Alston agrees with Bent's "get it in" perspective.

"The AUC does mess up the flow of a relationship," the graduating senior from New York said. "There is barely two degrees of separation between everyone. There is no such thing as 'me and you,' it's 'me and all of us.'"

Alston also chalks this up

to the age and immaturity of many students.

"People come to college with the idea of what college is supposed to be like," Alston said. "Everyone is supposed to be having rampant flings all the time. Problems arise when people who feel everything is equated to sex meet people who came to college to be serious and start the rest of their lives. All too often a needed conversation doesn't take place before either party becomes emotionally attached. It is then when relationships falter."

DeMario Hunter, a Morehouse sophomore from Memphis, is currently in a relationship and agrees with the aforementioned sentiments of Alston, Stewart, and Bent.

"I am actually in a relationship and what makes our relationship succeed is communication, being committed to each other, dedication, loyalty, and love," Hunter said. "Also, the fact that when issues do come up, we don't run from them or involve anyone else helps."

According to these students, lasting relationships in the AUC is possible, but a mission indeed. Overall, open communication and privacy will be the key that unlocks a future of sustainable love.

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER: VALENTINE'S DAY

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For those who choose to celebrate, Valentine's Day is a day designated for the outward expression of love for those around you, and most

often, that very special someone in your life. However, the many popularized approaches to showing affection in modern society come at the very high cost of compromised ecological sustainability.

Coming second only to the Christmas holiday, Val-

entine's Day is responsible for nearly one billion cards sent each year, contributing to the growing issue of deforestation and the growing presence of these same cards in landfills. Additionally, the frequent harvesting of cocoa and flowers for holiday

chocolates and bouquets require a growing dependence on the use of excessive pesticides. Both of these factors pose a serious risk to the Earth's resources and people's health.

Getting caught up in the materialism can be incredibly hazardous to the environment, and does not completely demonstrate the love that individuals try to express for one another, for the Earth.

A creative mind can help combat the growing dependence on mundane gift ideas that pose a threat to environmental stability. Following are some practical tips that can help reduce the reliance on routine, environmentally detrimental shows of affection:

- Make your own personal and meaningful cards that will last forever
- Give pictures to be held on to and cherished
- Give a potted plant or flower that can continue to grow and thrive
- Avoid impractical gifts like stuffed animals that require cotton, and acquire dust and mold
- Give gifts that serve a purpose and demonstrate thoughtfulness
- Give or use organic chocolates that have had no contact with harmful pesticides
- Burn candles instead of using lights
- Throw condoms in the trash, do not flush them

down the toilet (it takes significantly longer for condoms to disintegrate at sea)

- Avoid driving to intensive outings
- Recycle unwanted paper waste

These are just a few tips that will not only increase the personal and intimate feeling of one's Valentine's Day celebration, but will also reduce the thoughtless strain put on the Earth's natural resources for this very poignant day of love.

While continuing to think of sustainably safe and inventive ways to ignite red hot passion with the one you love, remember also to continue to THINK GREEN!

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Saluting the Loss of Three Legends of Love

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The 21st century has seen the loss of numerous singers that created classic love songs and were icons in their field. Growing up we've seen the loss of Michael Jackson, Barry White, Luther Vandross, Teddy Pendergrass and even James Brown who had a few slower tracks like "Try Me." These singers created songs that came before our time but were still culturally relevant, especially in the case of the King of Pop.

In the past two months, this year has served as a "Love T.K.O." as the African-American community has seen the loss of classic singer Etta James, a pioneer of "Peace, Love and Soul" the creator of Soul Train, Don Cornelius, and most recently the loss of iconic singer Whitney Houston. The loss of Houston at only 48 years old overshadows the loss of the former two in a very real way, her voice permeated airwaves in a way that could not be mimicked by any of her descendants.

But proper respect must be paid to the singer of classics like "All I Could Do Was Cry," the popular "At Last," and acclaimed B-sides like "Sunday Kind of Love" and "I'd Rather Go Blind." Etta James was valuable to love music, because she presented the pain



of rejection, the euphoria of finally being past the sadness of unrequited love; the ease of love that felt like a calm day or the pain of lost love. She was also a troubled artist, but probably one of the more honest depictions of a musician whose songs were truly a

reflection of her real pain and joy.

Cornelius serves as segue between James and Houston, and his death is troubling for lovers of love songs because Soul Train was the platform that showcased some of the best. From Marvin Gaye to

Aretha Franklin, The Stylistics, Temptations and pretty much any "The" band you can think of, and it featured Houston. Cornelius gave many of these artists a chance when American Bandstand would not, and he introduced their music to a growing audience.

He was a pioneer in promoting his ideas of love, peace and soul in the heat of the 1970s and '80s when things were tumultuous for young lovers in the inner city.

Cornelius's show was part of the reason a talent like Whitney Houston could emerge from Newark, N.J. and become a pop icon. Houston's discography of love songs is pretty widely known, from little kids trying to hit that note in "I Will Always Love You," to her early hits like "Saving All My Love for You" and "Greatest Love of All." She promoted a variety of ideas about love and her voice was able to tell those stories in ways never heard before. Her image was marred by the media because of who she fell in love with, but ultimately it's her music that matters.

So, as you celebrate Valentine's Day, take time to remember the pioneers of the music of love. If you appreciate Trey Songz, The-Dream and The Weeknd that's fine, but consider changing it up. Appreciate some of the fallen soldiers, and commemorate some of the ones who are still here like Al Green, Smokey Robinson and even Sade.

Rest in peace to the pioneers of love, we will keep you alive through your music. Peace, love and soul and Happy Valentine's Day.

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Valentine's Day for the First Family

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In 2011, First Lady Michelle Obama appeared on "Live with Regis and Kelly" on Valentine's Day, and spoke about her love for her family and the President. According to The Huffington Post, Obama recently celebrated her 48th birthday with President Obama, White House Senior Adviser Valerie Jarrett, and friends at the BLT Steak near the White House. The First Lady usually does not ask for much since Valentine's Day is four weeks after her birthday; however, she assured News24 that laughter has been essential for her and Barack to maintain a successful relationship.

"You gotta keep the romance alive, even in the White House," Obama told News24.

Although the pressure of leading a country such as the United States is a huge responsibility, Obama says, "I think in our house we don't take ourselves too seriously, and laughter is the best form of unity, I think, in a marriage."

The First Lady also explained that the

couple gauges the success of their family on the happiness of their two children, Sasha and Malia, according to The Huffington Post. The two young ladies are quickly maturing and may soon have potential male prospects knocking at the White House doors.

Malia is approaching her teens and the President is already preparing for his daughter's potential suitor.

"It's a little intimidating. I might invite him over to the Oval Office, ask him for his GPA, and find out what his intentions are in terms of a career. Malia and Sasha, if you're watching this, I'm just joking," President Obama said in an interview with Robin Roberts.

Despite the substantial level of pressure the family will endure this year, the Obamas are still managing to laugh and love during this Valentine's Day season. President Obama's 2012 budget proposal will fall on Valentine's Day, and the House of Representatives, which is primarily comprised of Republicans and Tea Party members, is not expected to feel the love in the proposal.

Valentine's Day All Over The World

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Valentine's Day is considered a special day in remembrance of St. Valentine. It's a time to spread love and send valentines. Many people in America ask their significant other or somebody special to be their valentine and then spend the evening romancing him or her.

However, in different countries Valentine's Day is observed in different ways.

In some Latin American countries, Valentine's Day is known as "Día del Amor y la Amistad," which translates into "Day of Love and Friendship." In Mexico, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Puerto Rico, it is also common to see many people perform "acts of appreciation" for their friends.

In Japan, women actually buy men chocolates on Valentine's Day. Exactly a month later, on March 14, the men return the same favor and buy chocolates for the women that remembered them in February. March 14 is known as "The White Day" and traditionally the chocolate giving day.

Italy has just recently joined the Valentine's Day festivities. Although most people in Italy believe that Valentine's Day is an imported holiday from the United States; lovebirds still exchange gifts and go out for a romantic dinner. One popular gift given on Valentine's

Day in Italy is Baci Perugina – small chocolate-covered hazelnuts containing a slip of paper with a romantic poetic quote – it's more or less of like an Italian fortune cookie for romantics.

South Africa is also becoming known more and more as a romantic location. In South Africa, Valentine's Day is celebrated with an old Roman festival known as Lupercalia. During the festival, young women will pin their lover's name on their sleeves. This ancient tradition is actually the beginning of the phrase "wearing your heart on your sleeve."

Our last stop is France. One cannot talk about Valentine's Day around the world without visiting the country of love. Despite the fact that France and the United States celebrate Valentine's Day on the same day, it is believed that Valentine's Day cards actually originated in France. In France they used to have an interesting custom known as "Drawing for."

Unmarried people would practice this custom by facing each other and calling out across from one window to another and pairing off with a partner. If the man was not impressed with the woman, he would leave her. Later that night, a bonfire would be lit and the spurned ladies would burn images of the men that left. This ritual was later abandoned by the French government, but shows just how different Valentine's Day can be around the globe.

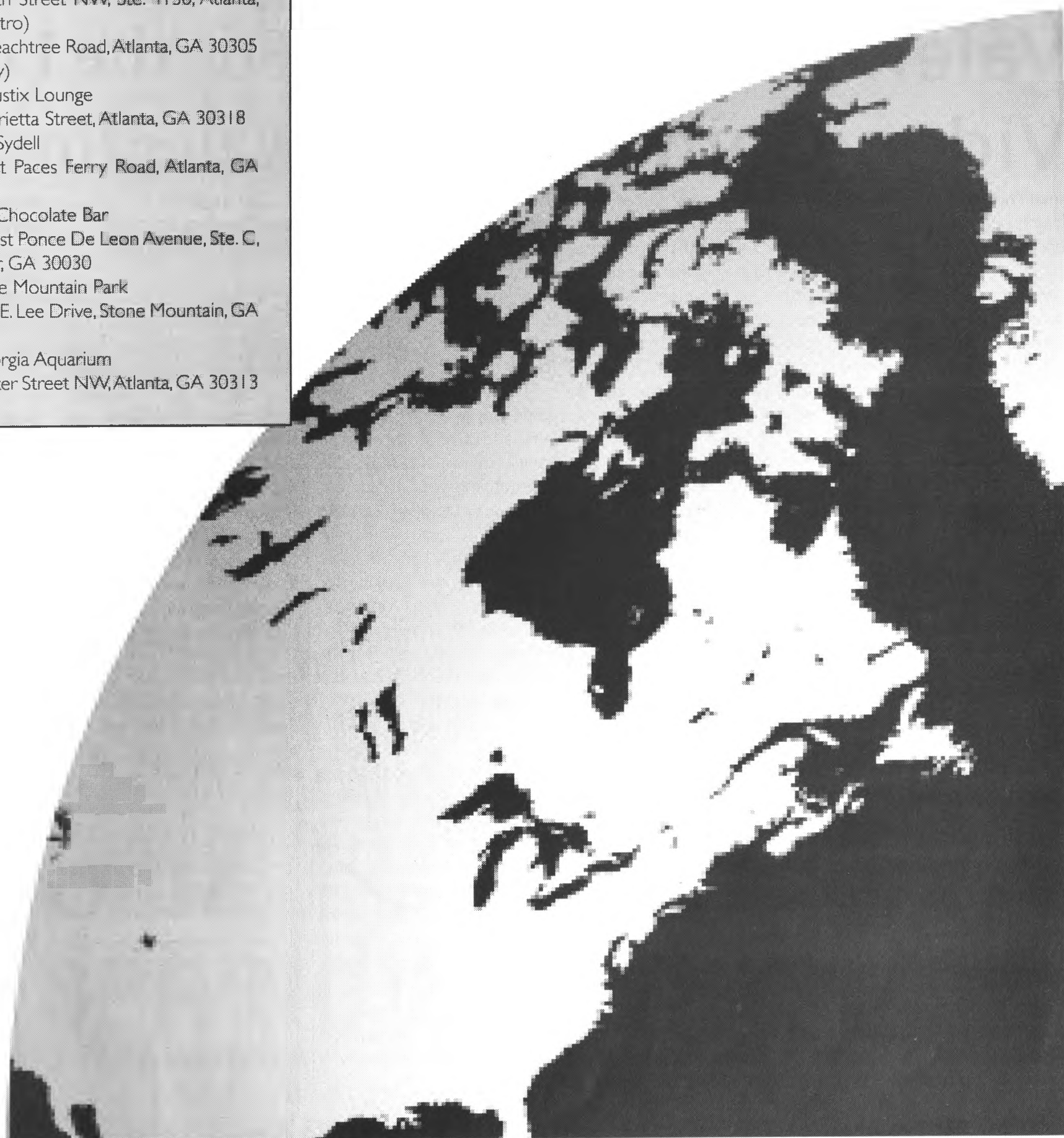
Top 10 Local Love Spots

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Are you trying to take your boo on a romantic date for Valentine's Day? Trying to rekindle an old flame, or ignite one? There are plenty of places around Atlanta that can set the scene for the ideal Valentine's Day love spot. Make this an extraordinary day when you show the special someone in your life just how much you care by treating him or her to a night of elegance and relaxation after a full day of classes.

1. AMC Fork and Screen
3340 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA
2. Centennial Olympic Park
Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW, Atlanta, GA
3. Regal Cinemas
261 19th Street NW #1250, Atlanta, GA

4. Bahama Breeze
755 Ernest W Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144
5. Cheesecake Bistro/Factory
265 18th Street NW, Ste. 4130, Atlanta, GA (Bistro)
3024 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30305 (Factory)
6. Acoustix Lounge
840 Marietta Street, Atlanta, GA 30318
7. Spa Sydell
72 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30305
8. The Chocolate Bar
201 West Ponce De Leon Avenue, Ste. C, Decatur, GA 30030
9. Stone Mountain Park
Robert E. Lee Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
10. Georgia Aquarium
225 Baker Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313



4 BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

Where Are We Going For Valentine's Day?



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Let's be honest, Valentine's Day is arguably one of the more uncertain holidays on the calendar. It seems as if only two groups look forward to V-day: the "caked up" couples and the business people on the receiving end of cash registers all around the globe. Here in the AUC, this holiday takes on its own life. Guys that emptied their piggy banks and dug into old skinny jeans pockets to scratch up the cash for Concorde may regret doing so when they get hit with the question, "What you gon' get me for Valentine's Day?" Trust me, fellas, she's smiling but this question is far from comical.

The truth is that not everyone has gotten a refund check back yet,

so your bank account may be looking a little bit underweight. It's college. She'll understand. Instead of going to a five-star venue, be classy but still be practical and visit one of the following Atlanta hot spots for good music, great food, and an evening full of laughs.

First on the list is Loca Luna. This Spanish/Latin American venue is festive and feasible. The diverse menu of tapas and full-flavored dishes is accompanied by live music and dancing. Try it out if you're up for an exotic and tasteful evening.

Next, for those with palettes for Asian cuisine, Tuk Tuk Thai Food Loft will be just right for you and your date. Taste a bit of something different; it's definitely worth a bite.

Third is Negril Caribbean Cuisine. Not everyone is cut out for curry,

but for those who are, this spot will leave you thankful for everything Caribbean. Everyone says that they like spice in their lives. Live up to it on this Valentine's Day.

On the more refined side of things is Churchill Grounds. Live jazz, delicious entrees and a hint of Cupid's spirit in the air will make this notable Atlanta spot one that you plan to visit more than just once.

Last, and my personal favorite, on the list is Apache Café. Its menu ranges from soul food to seafood. Simply, if you know you know. Ask anyone who was there for Chris Patterson's birthday a little over a week ago. (Warning: There is a hip-hop music set scheduled for Valentine's Day, but in the future check their online calendar for real neo-soul and poetry.)

There's your list. Now the ball is in

your court. To all of my well-spoken brothers in the AUC, let your conversation carry the evening. I'm sure your Valentine has a July 4 sunset of a smile. It'll sit perfectly on the background of an Atlanta evening. Remember to sign the receipt "February 14, 2012." Make the night a memory.

Tuk Tuk Thai Food Loft
(678) 539-6181
Brookwood Hills
1745 Peachtree Rd
Atlanta, GA 30309

Loca Luna
(678) 973-4965
Midtown
550 Amsterdam Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

Negril Caribbean Cuisine

(678) 974-5549
Downtown
180 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Apache Cafe
(404) 876-5436
Midtown
64 3rd St NE
Atlanta, GA 30308

Churchill Grounds
(404) 876-3030
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660 Peachtree St NE
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Valentine's Day The Video Game Way

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If you are looking for a break from your typical Valentine's dinner and date, you may be able to find refuge in spending the evening gaming with your Valentine. As unconventional as it sounds, video game dates are becoming more and more common.

A recent study of the video game industry by the Entertainment Software Association has shown that a rise in games focused on fashion, fitness, and music has caused the number of female gamers to grow to about 40 percent of the gaming population.

Choosing a game to play with your Valentine can be a bit tricky. You don't want to choose a game that requires too much technical knowledge, but you also don't want to choose a game that is too easy and unexciting. Your choice of games can make or break your evening, but if all else fails here are five games that will not:

Super Mario Brothers (Nintendo Wii: Virtual Console)

The multi-player aspect of this game makes it perfect

for dates. Playing Super Mario Bros. in the multi-player mode means that you both have to stay in the screen together or the player left behind dies. This game requires good communication and teamwork between you and your Valentine. In the end it would make for an exciting and event-filled interactive evening.

Wipeout: The Game (Wii)
If competition is what you're going for then Wipeout: The Game is the game for you. If you have seen ABC's Wipeout on TV then you know exactly what you have to do in this game. The game is centered on a competition where you have to navigate around, over, and through huge balls, hurtle sweepers, and avoid being hit by your competitors throwing balls at you. This game is guaranteed to turn up the competition between you and your valentine.

Mario Kart (Wii)
Everyone loves a good driving game. Mario Kart is the perfect mix between simplicity and competition. The vehicles are cool, the characters are ones that are familiar and we all love, and the various levels are diverse and fun.

Why go to the arcade when you can throw banana peels, bombs, squid ink, and other weird stuff at each other or your enemies from the comfort of your own room?

Rock Band 2 (Multi-Platform)

The song selection and game play in Rock Band 2 are very addictive. With over 58 songs, minus downloadable content, and your choice between a guitar, drum set, and microphone, you and your Valentine can rock out for hours. If you are looking for your Valentine to open up and relax, this is the game for you. This game is perfect for both parties and more intimate get-togethers alike.

Wii Play (Wii)

Wii Play is a video game that has nine different games that you can play. These games include, a shooting range, find mii, table tennis, pose mii, laser hockey, billiards, fishing, charge, and tanks. Anytime you play one of these games it's competitive, but not dependent on the other player. It's about speed when playing multiplayer and whoever is better and faster will win. It is a really fun game to play with your Valentine.

For the Love of Money: Valentine's Day Stocks

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Flowers, cards and candy, we know the typical tenants of Valentine's Day materialism, but have you stopped to think about the financial implications? Probably not, but when Valentine's Day occurs on a weekday the stock market doesn't take a holiday. It might surprise you to know that while the holiday affects the market, it has been overshadowed by world events in the past few years.

In looking at reports from CNN Money and Reuters from last year, Feb. 14 was more impacted by the Arab Spring in Egypt and how that affected the market and by

President Obama announcing his budget for 2012. This year may not be different as President Obama announced his \$3.8 trillion 2013 fiscal year budget yesterday. This shows some of the futility of the holiday when compared to the larger scheme of things, but there are some stocks that are worth purchasing on the holiday if you're business savvy.

According to The Guardian and Reuters, spending this week in the United States will top \$17 billion and reach close to \$18 billion. Bearing this in mind, the smart stock buyer would do well to invest in stocks from...what else? Flower companies, card and candy makers and stuffed animal manufacturers. Sean Williams, of The Motley Fool

financial site, suggests buying stocks with Hershey's, Build-a-Bear Workshop, 1-800-Flowers and others, as their business depends so heavily on this one week.

Given that information, think of other companies like Teleflora, Hallmark, Mars, Inc., and maybe even Walmart as you think of your fellow college student. Don't go beyond your means or make too much of an investment. After all, the booming business for these companies will probably not match this week until the Easter holidays roll around. Also, make sure you're not so busy watching the stocks that you forget to make plans with your special someone.

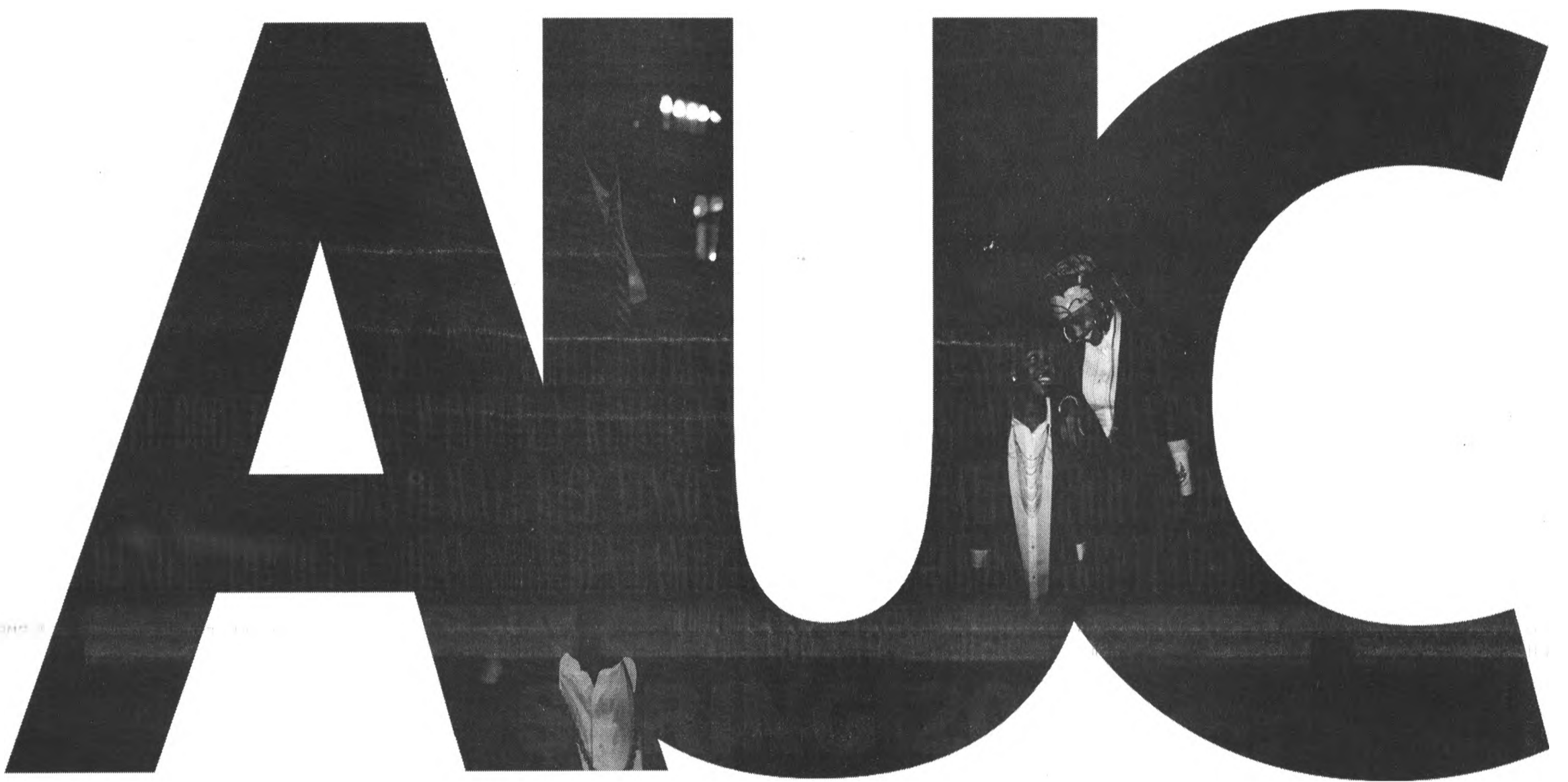
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A WOMAN OF FAITH

(An original poem by Shawn Deangelo)

All A Man Needs

Is a woman to believe
Because His doubts can be heavier than the world
But God saw it fit
That a counter part exist
So out of a rib God fashioned a girl

She is a woman, a rib

Who never takes more than she gives
The barer of life, a supreme nurturer of all
I've come to realize
With no shame in my eyes
That I would not be able if she wasn't evolved

He is a man, Incomplete

Divinely created unique
Set out to name and master all things as he speaks
But with the responsibility he is toting
Some days he can be broken
Because there was a time when there was nothing for his emotions

You've came along from within me

So looking for help outside myself Isn't the case
As I look into your eyes, I now see my own face
I need you like I need air
Your presence keeps me aware
That this life ain't worth living if with you I couldn't share

I too man, have feelings, often society keeps me from revealing

But I'd like to take this time to stand here naked in reality
With my pride being the only casually
And say without you present
we would all perish from this world surely and gradually

I love you as I love myself

You are Special to me
You are my advice when I dare commit the sin of leaning to self understanding
You are my vice when There is nothing but drugs and alcohol standing
You are formation in world that is wavering like the sea
And I believe with certainty that you were put here for me

As I am for you

Lets be fruitful and conceive
Some Seeds, but more importantly both of our dreams
I'm not that complex, Simplicity is me
All I need in a woman is for her to believe.

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An original short story by Kobi Ansong

The news hit me like a George Foreman fist to the gut. I forgot I was at a party. The only thing real was the message on my iPhone screen: my dad died.

A friend's demand snapped me back to reality: "Yo, take this shot!"

"Huh?" I uttered. Not right now man. I'll be right back."

Navigating a house party was a science that I never perfected. I drudged through the sea of partygoers in search of an exit. Neon lights flashed and bass-heavy music thumped. Sweat and alcohol permeated the thick air. I nudged damp, swaying bodies right and left until I was outside. Dozens waited in a line from the porch to a ratty old mailbox.

"It's not poppin' in there?" called a figure amongst the anxious crowd. I leaned against a cold brick wall on a secluded side of the house. Her message replayed in my mind. I didn't even know her father, but the image of her crying ripped me apart. I don't even remember what happened to us. We haven't spoke in months. I guess that's what pride does. But it didn't matter.

I needed to hold her. To tell her I'm sorry. To make it all better.

I dialed, but no answer.

My eyes strained at the bright phone screen. I needed the words that would ease her pain like medicine through an IV. But they never came, so I settled for:

"I love you."

chemistry.

A poem by Lance Dixon

i will bottle the feelings that make you smile
a concoction that you can readily imbibe
and your smile will redefine imperfection.

humans are said to embody fallibility
but you challenge this notion with every waking moment
your heartbeat envied, your destinations desired

your tears a sweet elixir, your frame a masterwork of design
to have the ability to add to your glow
is a gift that would be sought after in droves

so i tinker with beakers and the scientific method
to find verbal cues and the hues of your blushing countenance
convinced that the essence of these things will combine
to be a potion of emotion, that will hopefully make you mine

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Current Couple

Names: Denzel Caldwell, sophomore economics major; African-American studies minor at Morehouse College. Maya Moore, junior art history major, at Spelman College.

Status: One year as of Feb. 4

How they met: Denzel and Maya met last year at a Christian Game Night Party at Spelman College. Maya needed a spades partner and Denzel came to her rescue. The following Sunday Denzel invited Maya to church. After service, they spent the day getting to

know each other and they have been inseparable ever since.

Plans For This Year: Denzel says he cannot reveal the epic plans he has in store for Maya.

Alumni Couple

Names: Damian Boyd earned a communications degree from Clark Atlanta University in 1999 and his wife, Zarat Boyd, earned an international relations degree from Spelman that same year.

Status: Married 11 years.

How they met: Damian and Zarat met one Sunday as they headed to a church service during their freshman year. They both served in the local campus ministry and became fast friends.

Best Valentine's Day: Their best Valentine's Day was the

year they went to dinner and attended the renowned Alvin Alley recital.

Plans For This Year: They plan to enjoy another Alvin Alley recital. "When you are married for as long as we have been the simple things are just as special," Damian said.

Damian and Zarat are pastors of the AUC's newest ministry, Vertical Church. It is located on the strip across from Woodruff Library.

Current Couple

Names: Warren Jared Jones '11 is a Morehouse Man who studied business marketing. Ricarah Ene' Riddle is a senior psychology major at Spelman College.

Status: Three and a half years.

How they met: Warren worked at Spelman's bookstore and spotted Ricarah

during his lunch break and told his co-worker, "That's going to be my wife."

Later that day, Ricarah decided to go to the bookstore and buy materials for class. Warren and Ricarah made eye contact, exchanged numbers, and the initial infatuation transformed into a mutual loving relationship for almost four years.

Best Valentine's Day: One

year they decided not to go anywhere. Instead, they cooked crab legs, shrimp pasta, popcorn shrimp, and garlic bread. They spread the delicious meal on the floor and listened to R&B '90s jams as they enjoyed a living room picnic.

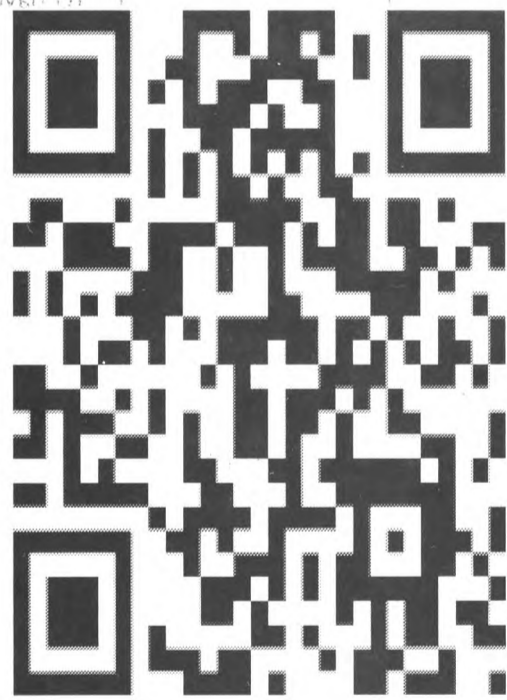
Plans For This Year: When asked about this year's plans, Warren answered, "If I told, it wouldn't be a surprise now would it?"

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Love Don't Live Here Anymore

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There was a time when people came to the Morehouse and Spelman to find his or her significant others. Growing up, most of us have met couples comprised of a Morehouse Man and Spelman Woman succeeding in the black community as icons of hope for the black family. As times have changed, so have dynamics in the Atlanta University Center.

Students have become trapped in songs like No Cuffin' by Yung Tone promoting a promiscuous attitude towards relationships and subconsciously developing a fear of monogamy. Everybody in the AUC isn't

afraid of relationships. However, it has become all too common to hear Men of Morehouse expressing his discontent with being with one woman and Spelmanites saying that relationships require too much work and effort. This paradigm, in my opinion, is directly related to change over time: change in music, change in scenery, and change in attitudes.

Since the days of Freshman Dean Alvin Darden's years at Morehouse, the dating climate has changed. Back in the 1960s songs like When a Man Loves a Woman by the Supremes and I'll Be There by the Jackson 5 indulged students.

They listened to these songs, both of which are based on the institution of love. In today's society, love songs are prevalent, but other songs that

encourage promiscuity have begun to rise in popularity. This twerk music has changed the dynamic of monogamy and its affects are directly mirrored in the behavior of students in AUC.

A friend of mine expressed to me that he had no desire to "be cuffed" in the AUC, especially with those girls that everybody else has "ran through." This same friend told me that the one girl he would cuff, isn't looking to be cuffed by anybody. At Morehouse and Spelman, it seems that those who want to be cuffed spread themselves across many people looking for a sense of belonging, while some of the more desirable people stay away from the dating scene at Spelhouse.

My English teacher pointed out

to the class that during her undergraduate years, she, although not a graduate of Spelman, was told that in college she would find her love, the one man that she would be able to marry. Since her undergraduate years, the scenery of college campuses have changed to a party and fun based atmosphere negatively affecting the dating dynamics.

Dating in the AUC, however, isn't impossible.

Some students blame the demise of relationships on social networks, others on the guy to girl ratio on college campuses, and others on simple problems with monogamy. With all of these factors considered, most would agree that love in the AUC is equivalent to finding a needle in a haystack, but to those who believe

love conquers all, love is easy and love is constant. This belief is commendable, despite the small amount of people who believe in this.

Despite my opinion, and most people's fear of love, I want each person to have a great Valentine's Day. I challenge each reader to find somebody special this holiday and just show a little kindness or display some brotherly love.

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Give Me a Title So I Know It's Real

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Relationships—a hot topic when you think of college. It is said that some come to college to find their life-long companions and they think that they will get married and live happily ever after. In fact, some people get into a relationship with the ideology of it working until they both die.

While this little fairy tale may sound very pleasant and joyful, statistics show that it is far from true. According to a study done, about 30 percent of college relationships break up in 6 months or less; another 30 percent will not make it pass the 1 year mark. When someone was speaking of a relationship, I thought to my-

self, is it possible to maintain a relationship in the Atlanta University Center?

In a place that houses over thousands of students closely knit into one surrounding, is there really anything called a committed relationship? In a place shrouded in Black physical beauty, intensifying individuality, and stimulating intellect; could one be able to practice a monogamous relationship?

Initially, my answer was no. I believed that it was too much in the AUC to be tied down in a relationship. Judging on only my single view points, I asked men and women of the AUC if they thought maintaining a relationship here could work.

While Malcolm Sinkfield, a Morehouse student, said "It is possible to maintain a relationship [in the AUC] if and

only if both parties care a lot for each other and will do anything to ensure that the relationship works," Diamond Luster, a Spelman student, disagreed and said "I like space in my relationships. I don't think I could date someone in the AUC because there would be no way to miss them. AUC relationships work for a lot of people, but I'm not one of them."

I was taken aback by the responses of the interviewees. This was not because it was something that was new to my ears, but because I finally got to see the different view-points of how men and women think about relationships in the AUC.

"A relationship based off infatuation and desire are those that won't last, unfortunately because we are in college

that's basically what we have to go off of" a Clark Atlanta student, who chose to remain anonymous, said.

The quote sparked a link in connection to Sinkfield saying that a relationship will only work if both parties care for each other; is it possible to build a healthy, caring relationship here when all you have is one chance to entice your potential wife or husband?

Population came up as one of the most common reasons why relationships could not work in the AUC.

"The ratio of guys to girls in the AUC is almost unprecedented, therefore if a girl doesn't show interest by sleeping with him or flirting physically, she is easily dumped and he is on to a new girl; a sad thing, but the truth," the

anonymous CAU student added.

Bashira Sams, a Spelman drama major, said that, "An AUC relationship is something to be cautious of...everyone knows each other and EVERYTHING." A true fact considering that with today's technology a story can leak and spread to the entire AUC by the end of you reading this sentence.

Interestingly, after all of these "no's" I received one yes in which Breanna Wilkerson, a Spelman student, explained that many relationships, regardless of if you are in the AUC or not, have to be judged on what type of relationship you are looking for.

"I don't believe in forcing a title on what we have. I enjoy being able to have somebody that cares for me the way I

care for them and always will be there for me no matter how difficult I am," Wilkerson said.

The problem in the AUC may be the continual desire to have a title placed on someone who makes you feel good, instead of enjoying them for their company. I realized this after interviewing Wilkerson that a lot of relationships in the AUC are built on faulty foundation. Just because you think the person looks good, doesn't mean that they are right for you. So I rescind my initial judgment, there is a possibility to have a relationship in the AUC once people are willing to give up on the titles. The break-up rate will decrease slowly but surely when people start searching for eternal love, and not temporary pleasure.



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THE CLUB TIE



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The time when romantics all over the world declare a memorial day of love just for their significant other is swiftly approaching. Boring. If you're the type of guy who may not be the smoothest person in the world there may be hope with the right gear. Here are a few tips on surviving Valentine's Day.

No matter where you decide to spend your day with your special lady there are always a few things that need to be present. Where

you end up should determine what you wear.

Whether or not you decide to stay in, flowers should be in the picture. Traditionally, roses have been the flower of choice for this mushy day, so if it worked before it should work now. But if you go out do not bring a dozen of roses for her to lug around town. The ease of one rose should suffice.

If you live off campus, I definitely recommend staying in and being the evening's chef. Not only will the menu be cheaper, but also, you're able to access a variety of things such as your favorite tunes or a

movie. In this setting, you don't have to wear anything fancy. Just keep it clean and smart. A white dress shirt with a cut-away collar - the top button left unbuttoned - paired with raw denim or khaki pants should do the job.

For those of you who live on campus, taking her to one of the nicest restaurants in Atlanta is definitely the best option. If you picture her wearing a cocktail dress and taking the breath of every guy that notices her when she walks in the room, then it'll probably be your best bet not to look like her little brother. Step your game up by

looking the part on Valentine's evening. You can't go wrong with a dark charcoal suit and bold colors present in your tie, pocket square, socks, or other accessories.

Finally, bring a gift to end the night off right. Something from Tiffany & Co., or a pass for an evening at the spa should make for an effortless win.

If on this night you find it hard to generate love in your heart, let there still be love in your outfit.

Remember forever and always: Being well dressed far exceeds clothing.

- Dress Well

Dating Across Racial Boundaries

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Throughout my adolescent years my mother worked tirelessly to emphasize the importance of black love. For this reason, she was not thrilled at the fact that the first man that I brought home was white. Needless to say this moment was one of the most uncomfortable experiences of my life.

I must admit that I did not help the situation by failing to "warn" her of his race prior to his arrival, but I did not think it was necessary. I learned very quickly that my mother was not prepared for a surprise of that magnitude. It was impossible for her to hide her disappointment.

That night I heard her on the phone with one of her girlfriends gossiping away about her encounter earlier and how she even felt that she might have to prepare herself for my marriage to a white man. Furthermore she proceeded to comment on his "whiteness" in every last one of our prom pictures.

I was appalled by her discontent with my decision. I am not the first in my family to pursue an interracial relationship. My uncle has been happily married to his wife, a white woman, for over twenty years and just last year my half-brother married a white woman as well.

My past experiences have led me to believe that it is now up to the black woman to maintain the image of the black family. Black men are applauded when they are seen with an attractive white wom-

an. On the contrary, black women are scrutinized by the people around them in the event that they even consider pursuing a relationship with a white man.

However, I want to make it very clear that my initial attraction to this young man had nothing to do with the fact that he is white. I was initially attracted to his ambition and in all honesty he knows more about black people than some of my SpelHouse family. I was also impressed with his knowledge of black hair seeing as several Men of Morehouse continue to struggle with this subject matter.

Then there are always those select Men of Morehouse who are quick to judge my past experiences with white guys, but yet they do not own up to their own responsibility as far as dating is concerned. A lot of my guy friends who have criticized me for pursuing interracial relationships have dated or have had sexual relationships with women outside of their race.

How is it that I am supposed to hold a burden of guilt for dating someone that I care about simply because they are white? Who am I to deny a loyal, chivalrous individual who does everything in his power to treat me like the Queen that I have been raised to be?

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Save Room for My Love

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"Save room for my love, save room for a moment to be with me." I can only smile when I hear the John Legend song humming in the background as I work on a paper for class. The lyrics begin to resonate in me as I start to realize the significance. We all go through so many phases in college as we try to navigate through these four years. The thing that we all need to focus on is balance.

With Valentine's Day peeking around the corner, that "no cuffing" mentality seems to disappear. Worries about love, or a lack thereof, begin to take over. What do I do to justify being single?

The number one BEST excuse is school; "Oh, well ya know, I'm just too busy to be in a relationship with anyone right now." True story, but just because we honestly don't

“Remember, one thing never changes; you make time for the things that you care about.”

have time for it, it somehow doesn't take away the fact that you would still like to have someone to cuddle with around Atlantic Station on V-day night. We settle with telling our designated Morehouse brothers and Spelman sisters (not to exclude CAU) that they will have to suffice as a valentine.

We are human, so it's only natural that we crave the company of another. Not that V-day is really that big of a deal but, it's the only holiday that has been created to make us feel bad...well lonely if we do not have someone to spend it with.

So instead of letting school be that excuse that even your parents enjoy - "You are in school. You don't have time for a boyfriend/girlfriend!" - we should accept that maybe we haven't put forth enough effort.

Maybe you truly do not have time, or maybe your search for someone in the AUC has come to an exhausting and defeating end. Remember, one thing never changes; you make time for the things that you care about.

As our plates become full with activities left and right and we become distracted

with those prior engagements that you just can't get out of, try to remember balance. Your plate can only handle so much and once it gets too heavy you may just cause a mess.

So if you want a plate that you can carry, then try and keep your life balanced, including your love life...or your nonexistent one. No one enjoys a messy plate, so to ensure that you can be face to face and plate to plate with someone special on this upcoming Valentine's Day. Just try, and I mean try, to clear your plate and save room for love.

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50 SONGS FOR YOUR VALENTINE'S DAY PLAYLIST

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TOP MOVIES TO WATCH WITH YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER

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A large bag of popcorn, a couple of drinks, a television, DVD player, and your significant other. There is only one thing missing, a good movie to watch. I know many of us have faced this dilemma before, but don't fret we are here to help you. We have compiled a list of movies that are a "must watch" with your boo.

The Notebook (2004)

This love story has been stealing the hearts and tears of women all across America. This film focuses on a relationship that stretches over 50 years, and the eagerness of a husband to never let his wife forget about their love. Fellas, whether you like it or not you will definitely see this movie at one time or another in your relationship.

Love & Basketball (2000)

If you have not seen this movie, you must have been under a rock for the past 12 years. The love story of Monica Wright and Quincy McCall is one that our generation has fallen in love with over the years.

Poetic Justice (1993)

Starring Janet Jackson and Tupac Shakur, this movie showcases the acting skills of the two famed musicians.

Manhattan (1979)

You can never go wrong with a Woody Allen flick, especially this one. Allen's quirky sense of humor and unique directing style makes this perfect to watch with your girlfriend or boyfriend.

Love Jones (1997)

"I'm the blues in your left thigh, trying to become the funk in your right." That's all that really needs to be said about this movie.

(500) Days of Summer (2009)

This is a great film for those of you who enjoy romantic, yet comedic genres and movies. This love story unfolds over the course of 500 days.

Something New (2006)

A must see! Starring actors Sanaa Lathan, who plays a successful corporate manager, and Simon Baker, who plays a landscape architect, this film will help you see what true love is all about.

Coming to America (1998)

Let loose and laugh a little. This classic film tells the story of an African prince from Zamunda who comes to America with hopes of finding a wife. Will she become his queen to be?

The Best Man (1999)

This drama-filled romantic comedy film features Nia Long, Taye Diggs, Sanaa Lathan, and more. Enjoy it with your date or even a group of close friends!

Brown Sugar (1998)

"I met this girl when I was 10 years old and what I loved most she had so much soul, she was old school and I was just a shorty never knew throughout my life that she would be there for me." This classic film is where love meets hip-hop.

CELEBRITY COUPLE SPOTLIGHT

Barack & Michelle Obama



How long have they been together? Married for 19 years.

Claim to fame: President Barack Obama serves as the Commander-in-Chief of the United States as Michelle Obama represents the epitome of a better half.

How have they lasted this long? Barack and Michelle have been able to keep their storybook love alive for almost two decades because as individuals they each have a strong sense of self. With a vision in mind as spouses, parents, and professionals, they have served as motivating forces in each other's lives and fueled their love to be the best that it can be. This power couple has raised the bar for "Black Love," reminding the world of its strength and beauty.

Djimon Hounsou & Kimora Lee Simmons



How long have they been together? In a relationship for five years.

Claim to fame: Kimora Lee Simmons is a fashion mogul/entrepreneur and famous supermodel. Djimon Hounsou is an award-nominated Beninese actor.

How have they lasted this long? Although Kimora and Djimon have only been a pair for a few years, something seems different about this relationship in comparison to Kimora's previous relationships. A multi-cultured couple, they exude their uniqueness and beauty on the red carpet, and seem genuinely happy together.

Paula Patton & Robin Thicke



How long have they been together? Married for seven years.

Claim to fame: Paula Patton is a sultry and successful actress. Robin Thicke is a smooth, crooning R&B singer.

How have they lasted this long? These high school sweethearts met at a teen nightclub and ever since their relationship has flourished. After getting married, Patton debuted in her first film, "Hitch," and Thicke released his debut album, "The Evolution of Robin Thicke." The two have thrived and blossomed together in their respective careers and sophisticatedly shared the limelight, holding on to the love they built before fame.

Dwyane Wade & Gabrielle Union



How long have they been together? In a relationship for four years.

Claim to fame: Gabrielle Union is a beautiful and tenacious Hollywood actress. Dwyane Wade an 8-year NBA pro and champion.

How have they lasted this long? The two have kept their relationships under wraps for quite some time now. We've seen Union cheering on Wade from the sidelines at numerous games, however, they've just debuted their budding romance on the cover of Essence this month. Having both been in marriages that have failed, this couple knows what it takes to make things better this time around.

Beyoncé & Jay-Z



How long have they been together? Married for almost four years.

Claim to fame: Beyoncé is a world-renowned singer, actress and entertainer. Jay-Z is a legendary hip-hop artist, entrepreneur, brand builder, and entertainment guru.

How have they lasted this long? The two have been together for 10 years and have always kept their relationship very private and maintained a sense of integrity and loyalty to one another. It is so rare for a high-profile couple to keep their romance out of the public eye, which has been beneficial to Beyoncé and Jay. Focused on their booming careers and their love, the two keep their lifestyle all in perspective. With the birth of their new baby girl, Blue, they seem to be happier than ever.

Top 10 Valentine's Day Do's and Don'ts

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I like the rose...but not thorns..



Valentine's Day is coming up, and this is a day that women love whether they have been chosen or not. "Well you always have friends right?" (Single girl quote) Well for those of you who are participating in the Valentine's Day fellowship, I have composed a top ten Do's and Don'ts of Valentine's Day.

The video for the list will be on youtube.com/Funarios and Worldstarhiphop.com on Feb. 14 or 15.

1. DO...Fellas, surprise her. Start by getting into a serious argument with her on Feb. 10 and not a day sooner. If sooner, she may try and replace you. Four days is not enough time for this action to occur. On Valentine's Day, you should apologize and surprise her with a card and McDonald's. She will be happy about rekindling the

relationship and not worry about the fact that you did not spend over 10 bucks. #Win

2. DO...Family emergency. Think of a past family emergency and bring it up. Make sure you put on the tears for her, so that she will be too preoccupied in giving you pity that Valentine's Day wouldn't even matter.

3. DO...Set up a scenario so that it looks like you cheated on her. On Wednesday you and the girl tell her that she was on "punked." Also tell her Ashton Kutcher was too afraid to come out because she was so livid; blame it on her temper.

4. DO...Tell her that your faith does not allow you to celebrate Valentine's Day, and if you do it would be a sin.

5. DO... Write her a poem from your favorite artist... DO NOT use a derogatory artist and song such as YG's "B*****s aint S**t."

6. DO...Tell her you want to cook, because it's way cheaper. Use your Kroger plus card to get a discount, and give her a used teddy bear, but say the bear is special and has sentimental value. #Winning.

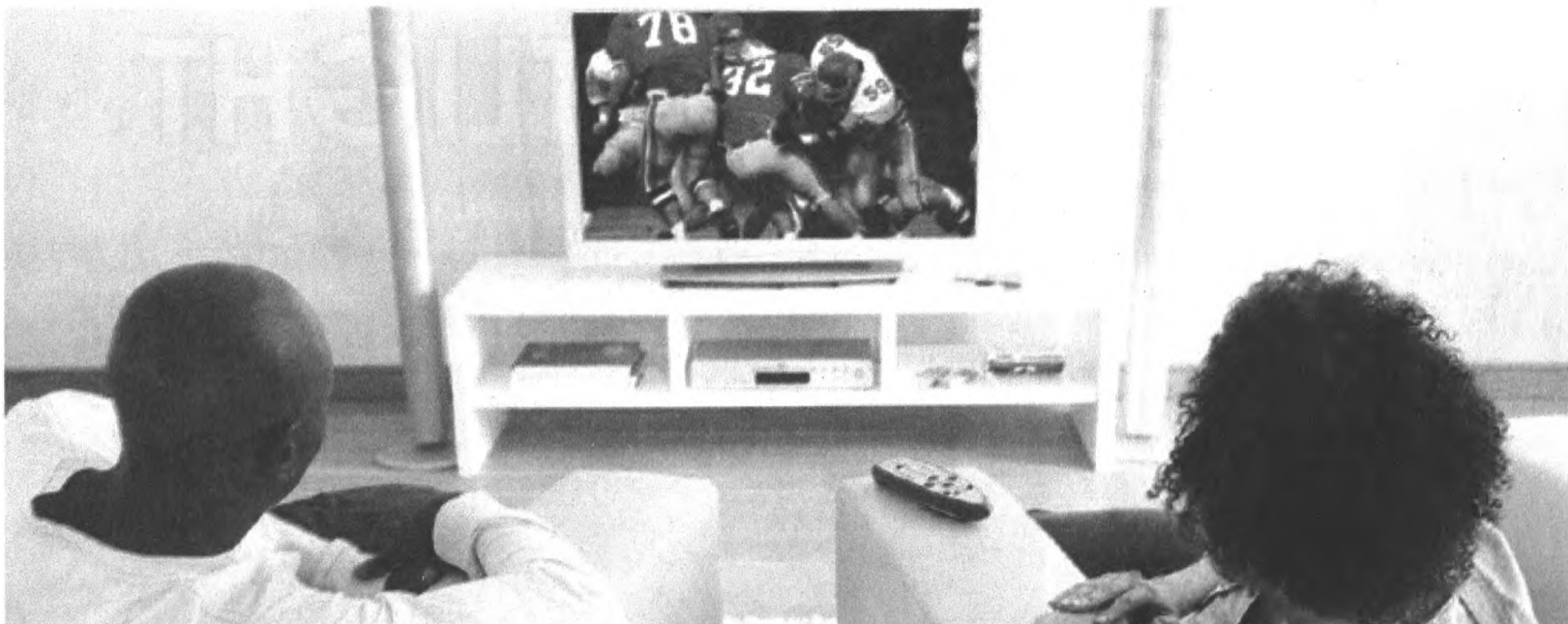
7. Ladies DO NOT wear matching panties and order drinks if you are not down for the cause, it confuses and upsets the guy.

8. Ladies DO NOT order food that says, "I am giving it up tonight," if you don't plan on giving it up. For those who do not know what "giving it up" food is it's anything on the entree side of the menu.

9. Ladies DO NOT make the mistake of saying, "Baby, I don't want anything for Valentine's day, just you is enough," then be bitter when you get nothing.

10. Fellas, if you are forced to purchase her a gift for fear of losing her, then make sure you put on a full-front and act as if you wanted to spend money on a pointless holiday because everyone else did it. DO NOT just forcefully give her the gift using a quote like "Here, I got you something. Damn, are you happy now?" It will be a waste of money.

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5 STEPS TO GAME WATCHING

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Ladies, how many times have you sat in front of your 60-inch flat-screen television with your man looking more dumbfounded than Cher from *Clueless* because you couldn't tell the difference between a touchdown and a layup? You're unsure of when to cheer, who to cheer for, when to talk, or even when to sneak in a quick kiss. You want to show your guy that you can hang with the guys and you're not all about heels and make-up right? Well here are five steps to show your knowledge of the game:

1. Always go for the team

your man is rooting for. Don't try to be difficult and go for the opposing team because you will be trampled with questions such as: Why are you going for that team? Who are the starting quarterback and top receiver for that team? Who's the point guard? Or even who leads the MLB in runs, hits, and errors?

2. While the clock is running, SHUT UP. Be inquisitive. Ask questions about the game, it's a major turn-on, BUT know when to ask questions. The biggest turn-off is a chatter mouth in the middle of a great game. Wait for commercial breaks to turn your man on, but don't overload him.

3. NO PINK JERSEYS! Sports are not about be-

ing cute. If you're going to represent a team, represent them well. You don't want to be another 2007 Jessica Simpson who showed up to a Dallas Cowboys football game in support of her ex-boyfriend, Tony Romo, and took the blame for being a distraction to the quarterback who finished the game with a 22.2 quarterback rating, three interceptions, and a loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

4. Respect the game. The best way to make your man and all of his buddies mad is to hit them with the infamous phrase, "it's just a game." Sports are a HUGE part of the American culture. Fans and athletes eat, sleep, and breathe sports and live for football on Sat-

urdays and Sundays and basketball games at night and on the weekends.

5. Remain calm and patient. If you don't enjoy watching football games that last 60 minutes, although they can seem like a lifetime, DO NOT interrupt the game with comments such as, "When is this going to be over?" This goes back to number four and showing respect for the game.

After reading these five steps you are ready to impress your man. So after your hot date on Valentine's Day, get in front of that TV and enjoy some Valentine's Day basketball. You have all the steps; show him what you're made of.

The Biggest Turn-On

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Do you know what really troubles me? Every time there's a big game on television, whether it's Monday Night Football or something else, and I walk into a room and instead of my game of choice being on I find myself momentarily having to endure the nonsense that's commonly known as *Real Housewives*.

What is frustrating about this common occurrence is the fact that most girls have no idea of the significance of certain sporting events. What are even more troubling are the questions that some women ask during or about big games. For example, "How many points do you get for making a field goal?" or "Who's playing in the Super Bowl?" These questions receive no response from me, and here's why.

First of all; what the heck? Second, don't ask me a question that wouldn't take you more than a minute to find out yourself.

For a woman, it doesn't take much to please a man. But if there's one thing that

will make us exceedingly appreciative, it's when women know their sports. There's no greater turn-on in my opinion.

No one says that you have to be an expert by any means, but at least possess the common knowledge to engage in a conversation. Even if sports don't interest you in the least, just taking the time to sit down and watch a game with us makes a difference.

One day, I want to walk into the room to find my girl watching SportsCenter by her own initiative. It's the little things. To simply have your girl sit down and watch a game with you is something special. Something that's simple, but special.



Happy Valentine's Day from The Maroon Tiger!

Ways to Make that Sporting-Event Date Memorable

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One of the hardest dates for a guy to pull off is taking his girlfriend to a sporting event. If the girl really isn't into sports this could either be a home-run date or a date from hell like the former BET show. Here are a few simple steps to make this one of the best dates she's been on, and a date she'll always remember.

The first step to making this date memorable is picking a game where she would know some of the players. Simply put fellas, know what your girl likes. If she loves to watch *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*

take her to a New Jersey Nets or Dallas Mavericks game, so she can talk about Kris Humphries or Lamar Odom (also known around the female community as Lam Lam).

The next step is putting your pride aside. I know it's hard hearing your girl call another man cute or sexy in front of your face, but don't get mad. If she finds LeBron James' receding hairline sexy just be quiet and deal with it. Don't ruin the moment for her; remember it's about making her happy.

Don't go crazy at the game. Talk to her, and explain to her what's going on. Don't forget she's there and start to go wild, screaming at the players because

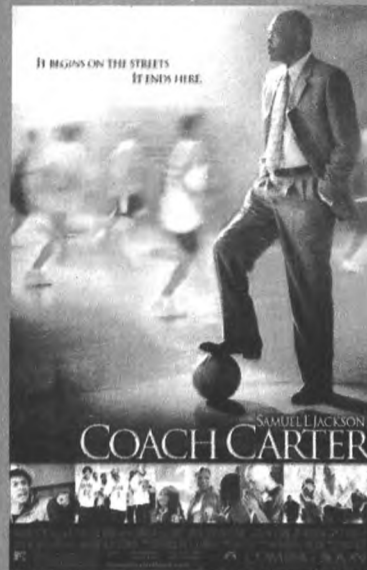
they messed up a specific play. If you begin to do this she'll start feeling ignored, and your date will only go downhill from there.

The final step to making sure your date goes well is to not be cheap. This is a proven fact; girls hate cheap dates. Therefore, don't buy the seven-dollar seats that put you way at the top of the stadium, and don't be afraid to buy her some hot dogs and wings. Also, get her a souvenir that will make her remember that date every time she looks at that specific item.

Now, the hard part comes... convincing her that going to a NBA game will be fun. Good luck with that, and Happy Valentine's Day.

Top 5 Sports Romantic Movies

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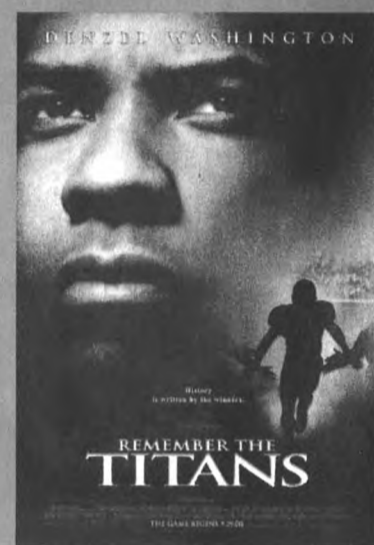


5. Coach Carter:

This movie gives one a chance to learn stories about life lessons that a couple can use toward their lives. It also gives the guy a chance to watch a little basketball, while his girl roots for the underdog. What girl doesn't love the underdog?

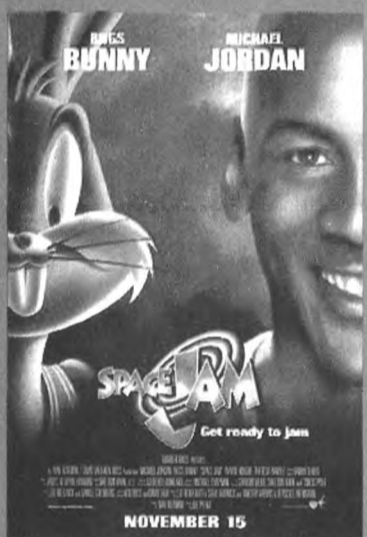
4. Remember The Titans:

Having Denzel Washington in any movie is a plus for a girl watching, but for the guy in this case he can sit back and enjoy a great movie about football, while his girl stays focused on Denzel. There is also a lot of drama and teary scenes that can be beneficiary to the male, as he can be the shoulder she can cry on when these scenes arrive.



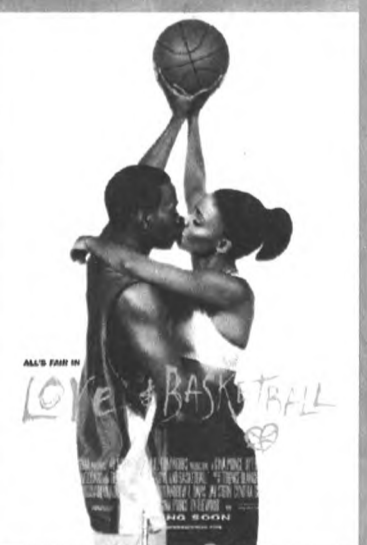
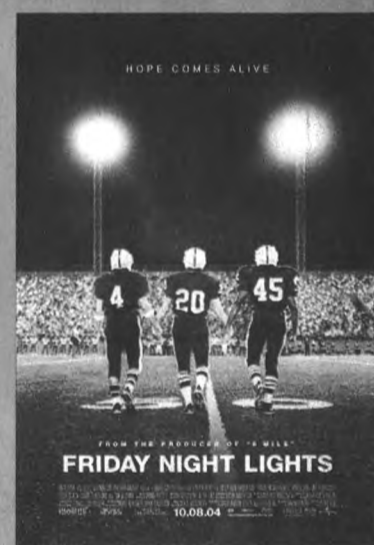
3. Space Jam:

This movie brings back memories and is the perfect opportunity to take a trip down memory lane, as it is not too corny in a childish way, but just the right mixture of fun and being able to see Michael Jordan play again. Sometimes it's good to bring back memories, and this is a movie that both a guy and girl can enjoy while revisiting those beloved childhood memories.



2. Friday Night Lights:

A classic in its own right; this is the perfect movie to watch with your significant other because of the great storyline and the trials and tribulations of being a teenager that anyone can relate to. One may relate to "Boobie" Miles, the star running back and the ultimate jock in high school, who has trouble dealing with all the stardom being taken from him due to an injury, or one may relate to Chris Comer, a third-string running back who has to cope with his newfound fame. The movie holds a lot of gut-wrenching scenes and drama that a couple can relate to in both a sports and emotional sense.



1. Love and Basketball:

This is the ultimate movie to watch with your significant other; as it not only gives one a chance to look at the character's love for the game, but gives one a chance to see how the game of basketball means nothing when it comes to love. There are a lot of moments in the movie where one's girl is going to be all over him, and the next moment she isn't. But at the end of the day the movie ends with a fairy-tale ending, with hopes that at the end of the movie your girl will want to share that same type of love that the characters felt in the movie.