

Valentine's Day not always happy

By DEBORAH SMITH

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1968. My first Valentine's Day. All the other girls and boys in my third grade class at James Flood Elementary School were busy passing out valentine cards. Empty-handed, I sat at my little desk, wanting to crawl inside and hide.

It was my first year in an American school and I had no idea what Valentine's Day was all about. I would later figure out that Americans consider it a day for expressing love and receiving symbolic confirmation of the love others have for them. But my first Valentine's Day was filled not with love but with anxiety and embarrassment.

My family had just moved to the United States from Taiwan. My mother is from Shanghai, China, and my father was an American journalist in the Far East. Because my father's job required us to travel constantly, my brother, Phil, and I always had a tutor. But when we moved to Menlo Park, California, in January 1968, our parents told us we would not be moving anymore and would attend the local elementary school.

Phil and I were the new kids in school, half-Chinese and totally strange in a place where everyone seemed to have light-colored hair and blue eyes. Phil, who looked more Asian than I, was beaten up almost every day and called "Chink." I was much luckier. The kids in my class just teased me by pulling up their eyes into slants and talking Chinese gibberish. We gradually learned, usually the hard way, not to bow to anyone, not even the teacher. We learned not to speak Chinese and not to do anything that would make us appear different.

I was just getting the hang of things when Valentine's Day came. I didn't know what it was, but I knew better than to ask my classmates. I figured I could pick it up the way I learned how to salute the American flag – by watching and copying the other kids.

The teacher had us cut out red paper hearts and paste them together to make heart-shaped holders. Then she told us to write our names on the front and tape them to the chalk shelf of the blackboard. No problem so far, I thought, except that my heart looked more like a radish than a heart.

But when the teacher told us to go ahead and put our valentine cards into each other's heart-holders, I felt my real heart sink down into my stomach. Cards? I didn't know I was supposed to bring cards to school.

The other kids were pulling little white envelopes out of their school bags and scrambling towards the heart-lined blackboard. I had nothing in my school bag but pencils, nothing to put into the heart-holders. The kids would really hate me now, I thought, maybe even beat me up. And surely, no one was going to give me a valentine, and I would go home with an empty paper heart.

I sat at my desk, picking dried paste off my fingers and wishing for an earthquake, a typhoon or just the recess bell. I could hear the shuffle of shoes, the giggles and whispers of the other children.

Then I heard the teacher calling my name and asking me why I was just sitting there. Without answer-(Continued on page 2)

Favors for love

By CAROL TISCH

Are you having a hard time deciding what to get your valentine this year? Well, have no fear. Items that are just right for that special someone in your life can be found right here on Campus or in nearby Los Altos shops.

If you have no time to go shopping but want to give something to someone, on Campus there are many items available at the gift shop, located in the Campus Center. The gift shop sells big chocolate kisses, silk roses and a large assortment of cards. According to Liz Hernandez, a clerk at the gift shop, "Nothing will sell until the last three days. Then we will be swamped and everything will sell."

The Foothill Bookstore is carrying very few valentine items, but they do have some heart folders and candy with verse printed on them.

Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) will be selling carnations all day Wednesday and Thursday in the Campus Center, according to AGS President Randi McHargue. Heart-shaped cards are included with the carnations. AGS is also running a blood drive on Feb. 20 and 21.

If you don't want to give to anyone in particular but are in the giving spirit, give one of the most important gifts of all – blood. After all, it is from the heart.

In nearby Los Altos, the Los Altos Florist on Main Street is featuring an FTD special: a white ceramic basket adorned with pink hearts containing pink carnations and white daisies. They also have a wide assortment of roses and mixed bouquets. The Los Altos Florist is a member of FTD (Florists' Transworld Delivery Association) which makes it possible to send flowers and bouquets virtually all over the world in very little time.

The Flower Bed, located on San Antonio Road at the De Martini fruit and vegetable stand, has many inexpensive carnations, mixed bouquets, roses and other flowers available. For Valentine's Day they will feature many special mixed bouquets, roses and tulips, and all flowers can be bought with a Cupid and arrow attached.

If you want to find gifts that are more lasting or original than flowers, the Cranberry Scoop, located on State Street, sells mugs, cards, stationary, paper with hearts, balloons (helium available), perfume atomozers, chocolates, tins, ceramic items and teddy bears. "The hottest items so far have been cards, chocolates, balloons and paper," explained Trish Ziegler, an employee at The Scoop. Other stores selling similar items are the Los Altos Stationary Store, the Los Altos Pharmacy, Kahn's Pharmacy and Gladys' Hallmark Shop.

If your sweetie has a sweet tooth, a wide selection of goodies can be found at The Works on Main Street. They carry many different flavored fudges, chocolates, candies and cheeses. If candy isn't your style, Baskin Robbins is featuring heartshaped ice cream cakes with madeto-order messages.

Foothill College radio station KFJC (89.7 FM) will broadcast men's basketball games live when the Owls meet De Anza, Thursday, Feb. 20 and Canada College, Friday, Feb. 22. Both games will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Foothill College gymnasium.

DN THE SPOTWhat is the nicest thing that ever happened to you on Valentine's Day? By RHONI GILKEY & ROY ZAKKA

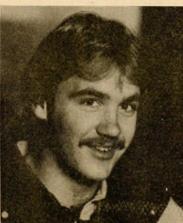


GEOFF GREENLEE (Business):

Last Valentine's Day my three-year-old German shepherd, Spike, woke me up with a nice big kiss. That made my day because he doesn't kiss me very often anymore.

JOHN LIPPOLD (Economics):

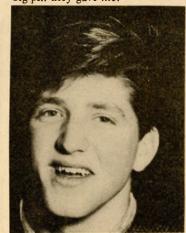
My girlfriend took me to the Mark Hopkins for a four-day weekend in my senior year in high school. It was the best Valentine's and the best weekend I ever had.



RAMONIA ALLEN (Nuclear Physics): I got a card and some candy from someone I thought was my worst enemy.

CHRIS TATE (Pre-Law):

My friends gave me a party last Valentine's Day. They got one of those big cakes and a girl popped out of the center of it. She was clothed in balloons and I had to pop all of them with a big pin they gave me.





PAUL VAUGHN (Undeclared):

I got a rose for a girl I really liked over at De Anza and couldn't find her, so I took it home and gave it to my mother. I would rather have found the girl, but it made my mother feel really special.

Memories of Valentine sweetheart linger on

By RHONI GILKEY

Valentine's Day had arrived and I was reluctant to trudge off to Miss Munro's third grade class at Kingsway West School in South Burnaby, B.C. The fact is that there was a distinct possibility that the return trip would be even more depressing.

I had valentines in my book bag for all my favorites but had chosen a super-special one for Geoff, and the tension of wondering whether he would have one for me was creating an anxiety attack.

Geoff was cute with sandycolored wavy hair that was usually slicked back so it wouldn't dissolve into little ringlets. All the girls in the third grade were wild about him. It was always, "Geoff talked to me before class," or "Geoff asked me to help him with his arithmetic today," or some minor attention that he might have favored one of us girls with. Raymond used to stare at me in

Raymond used to stare at me in class in sort of a weird way and Frank had always been adoring after the first day in kindergarten when he was the only kid who cried and clung to his mother's skirt, and at recess I had befriended him.

But Geoff was something else. He was the unobtainable, soughtafter challenge and I despaired of ever having the great good fortune of becoming his favorite. I had to be content with choosing a seat that facillitated a good view back and forth and relying on my ability in arithmetic to attract his attention when he got stuck with a problem.

Valentine's Day in those early years was never an unqualified success for any of the kids. Sure, Sandra usually felt pretty smug each time because she got cards from everyone when, at the end of the day, we had our scheduled post office exchange. But Sandra was the cutest girl in class. She was tiny, had long, curly, yellowblond hair, brilliant blue eyes and the confidence to go with it all. After a dragging day ot clammy palms, queasy stomach and difficulty in focusing on lessons, Cupid's fateful hour finally arrived.

The suspense built as names were called out to collect the heartsand-flowers and cartoon-character dime-store cards and occasionally a lace-doily-backed huge red heart that someone had lovingly put together.

One from Raymond, of course, and Frank had selected something quite spectacular for me and it was expected that Louise, Mary, Sandra, Margie and all the others from the recess crowd would come through.

But it had actually happened. There it was - big and beautiful -

Track team looks good; tryouts welcome

and from Geoff. It was a grand, happy walk home even though the snow was knee-deep and slushy at ground level.

Valentine's Day since has never quite reached that peak of achievement and as the big day approaches again I wonder just what happened to Geoff.

Upper grade-school brought different attractions and Geoff's glamour dimmed as the high school years came and went. I rather think that he has lost the wavy hair that was his major attraction, and it is easy to imagine him watching sitcoms.

But, oh, that wonderful Valentine's Day in the third grade will live forever.

The men's tennis team beat

Hayward State 9-3 in a pre-season

scrimmage match, Thursday, Feb. 7.

Hayward is a top ranked team in

the NCAA. Tennis coach Tom

Chivington has learned that the

Foothill men's tennis team is

ranked number one among commu-

nity colleges across the nation in

pre-season standings. The tennis

pecking order is determined monthly by the Intercollegiate

The Feb. 7 scrimmage at UC

Davis was rained out. The scrim-

mage has been rescheduled for

Tennis Coaches Association.

March 4.

Little boys grow up!

By JOHN BAGLEY

When I think of Valentine's Day, the first thing that comes to my mind are the little parties we used to have back in the first, second and third grades at the Forest Street School in Whitman, Mass. I remember going to the store with my dad and purchasing a big bagful of assorted valentine cards, As soon as we got back home, I sifted through all of the little cards to dedecide which ones I was going to give to my friends (boys) and which cards I would give out to the "ugly" girls without making them think I liked them.

I remember as a traumatic situation trying to pick out a card to give to a girl without it being too mushy. I actually asked my father

ASFC elections set

Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) has begun accepting applications for open positions on Student Council. Deadline for turning in applications for four senatorial poisitions is Friday, March 1.

Eligibility of candidates will be determined as applications are received.

The voting is scheduled March 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Results will be announced in the ASFC Campus Council meeting on March 7. to read all of the cards that I had addressed to girls so he could verify and guarantee that the girls who read the cards would not think I liked them. I would usually try to give a girl a card that said a basic happy Valentine's Day; God forbid that I might accidentally give her a card that had the words "Be Mine," "Love," etc.

I vividly recall the party at school. Everyone would pass out their cards that caused them to break out in a sweat the night before trying to decide what cards to give to whom. Then all of us sat at our desks to open them.

You would go through the cards, hoping to find among the pile a card from your dream girl, the one you had been telling your friends for the past six months you hated and that she was an "ugly, yucky" girl.

Then as soon as you saw the card, you instantly fell in love. I don't care what the card said. You just received a card from the greatest girl in the world. But no matter what, you stuck to your guns, never leading your friends into thinking you liked this "ugly" girl.

Writing on this subject almost makes me laugh, when you begin to think back on how you were as a little shaver.

Things sure change quite a bit as you get older.

By MICHAEL BELEF

"We have an open invitation for both men and women to come out for track, especially women," said Hank Ketels, Foothill assistant track coach, during training, Friday, Feb. 8. The team may be interested in gaining more competitors but, according to Ketels, "the team is looking very good."

Some of the people to watch this year:

Mike Schmidt – Javelin Thrower. Schmidt sat out last season because of shoulder complications. In 1983 Schmidt set the current school record in the javelin throw with a distance of 228 feet.

Steve Walker — Intermediate Hurdles. Walker placed fourth in the Northern California Championship and sixth in the state finals last year, his first year of college competition.

Dave Campbell is a freshman from Gunn High School. "We figure he's going to be one of our star 400 to 800 meter runners," Ketels said.

Lester Branson, who was a state finalist in the mile relay last year.

AGS letter

Give blood

The Foothill Honors Club (AGS) is once again sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive at Foothill College, Feb. 20 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We are always faced with the possibility of an earthquake, social violence, floods, mud slides, serious illness, car accident or sports injury.

Just as we think that none of this will ever touch our lives, we also tend to assume that there is an adequate supply of blood always at hand. If we are healthy and fail to take the initiative to donate our blood, the supply will dwindle very quickly. Blood only has a shelf life of 49 days.

Please give the gift of life. Give of yourselves. Donate blood. The life you save may be that of someone you love. Steve Schultz was a state finalist last year in the 800 meter event with a time of 152:67. He placed fifth in the state.

Mary Beth Henke was second overall in the 400 meter event at Nor-Cal last season. A broken toe kept her from competing in the state finals.

"We are very pleased with the team," Ketels said. "These people show up for practice like they are supposed to. If you go out for track in college, it's not because some coach went out and got you. It's because you want to. Everyone is working toward a common goal," Ketels said. "It's a fun program."

VALENTINE

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ing, I got up and walked over to the blackboard with my school bag. Dipping my hand in and out of the bag, I pretended to be pulling out valentines and putting them into the heart-holders. Every once in awhile, I would glance over at my pathetic paper heart hanging at the far end of the blackboard, looking a bit lonely and very empty.

I ended up getting two valentines. One was unsigned. The other was from a little girl with long,

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blond hair. I walked up to the little girl and thanked her for the valentine. "Sure, I gave one to everyone," she said without looking at me.

To this day I find it difficult to associate Valentine's Day with love.

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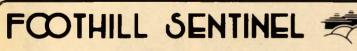
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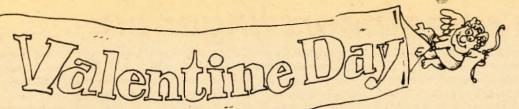


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Love of my life. To Sean and Joshua, Let's make our first Valentine's Day Kiss Kiss Bang Bang & Happy wonderful! Lots of love, hugs and Valentine's Day. kisses from your sweet pie, -From a Secret Admirer Sir Robert, -Me My passion knows no bounds. To my favorite peach!!! Love, Keep trilling and biting, too. Your, -Al Pots -Amanda Julia Happy Valentine's Day, Robin! You will continue to occupy a Dear Robert. Wish you lots of happiness today special place in my heart. I love you. and always. Happy Valentine's Day! Romans 8:35-39. Love in Christ Jesus Your best friends, our Lord. -Silvia & James -Ron My Peanut Butter Pie, You light up my life, making it Debbie-Dude much more enjoyable. You're the sun-Have a great Valentine's Day. Love, shine of my life! Lots of love, your -X sweetie always, -Silvia Dear Bunny Shmoo Shmoo, You're my forever valentine!! I love you lots! l love you! -Your own Muffin -Rene To R. Brooking B. Kisses to you, kisses from me, For Tony, My Best Friend, kisses in places where people can't see. You made my life special by being Kisses on the cheek, kisses on a date, yourself. I will always love you dearly, kisses from you are nothing but . . . remembering good thoughts. Love, GREAT!! -Jennifer To the JOURNEY gentlemen, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Neal, Jonathon, Dearest Boo. Ross and Herbie. Love, You are one of my best friends. -Sandra Trejo love you. Kissie Huggie Bears. Love To Lora Beard, Thank you for everything you have -Bad Mama done for me. I can't wait to actually thank you in person. You are a very Penelapy!!! sweet person. Happy Valentine's Day. Even if I cannot see you, I feel Love. our presence and grow in anticipation -Sandra Trejo of kissing you. I'm screaming for your Cheri. Even though we are 350 miles away, -Herbie I want to wish you a Happy 19th Birth-

Mark.

always,

love,

Dear Kirsten,

I am very glad that we met this

You're so smart, you're so great,

hey you, Baby, how about a date. I

ber it for the rest of the year!

This is just a valentine.

Never I, a name to say. Repeat, I crave of that one day.

but less than tomorrow.

Ahh, my sweet delight,

cream all over each other.

To Alice and Stefanie,

You're my type.

To Tommy Poo,

Eva Baby,

Darling.

love,

From,

Don't mistake this for the rhyme.

and smear strawberry jam and whip

Come with me to my Casbar, and

-Your Darling, Dashing Romantic Lover

Smooch! Smooch! Kiss! Kiss! Slurp!

-Kissy Poo!

make beautiful music together. With

Love, Your Chocolate Truffle

quarter. Wish you lots of happiness

today and always. Your friend,

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day and a Valentine's Day. Love, Roses are red. Violets are blue, -Silvia I like sauerkraut. and so do you. Roses are red, Violets are blue, Mauses are furry, can be cool, you're no fool. Accept my that's why I love you! offer to wine & cheer, you will remem-Dear Mausi, Bee my honey. Love, -Donnn! Mixe To That Girl, Hey Hon - I love ya. But please don't tell anyone. Entre Nous ... -Far Cry To Keith Crawford, Valentine's Day is a time for feelings of caring and love to be shown, but it is Love you more today than yesterday, already clearly known that I love you. -EHN Keith Crawford, I feel for you. From Elisa Daniels Let us go to my gingerbread house

To My Valentine - Betsy, Cupid's arrows are out of date to describe the love for you, my mate. In this day of computers and such, a rocket launcher of "love" would be -Son the right touch. Love, -Schoennauer

> Happy V.D. Bobby G! Rendez-vous Monday for incredible "S&M" that you'll never forget! Are you game? Love ya'! -Bobbie T.

Kisses and hugs from a friend who appreciates you a lot! Happy Valentine's day! Love, -Gabriele

Dear Chuck. I can't wait to beat your pants off on Valentine's Day. 40-Love, -Gabriele To my love J, Tonight, tonight won't be just any night. Hot damn. From your lover, -1 To the ASFC Campus Council, It was once said that the luckiest people are the people who need people. You have made me feel the luckiest of all, thanks. -Pres. Students. A to Z. Bible and 1B von Climax-Bloesser Loveth Thee. To the guy who owns the silver mustang with red stripes, Don't be shy ... say hi! From the girl you see and sees you too! Silvia M.S., I love you! I love you! I love you! Happy Valentine's Day! Your Peanut Butter Pie, -Jim Hev. Babe. Meet me at the apartment at 12:29 p.m. on Feb. 14. -Huggy Buggy Dear Mark and Janine, Wish you both tons of love and happiness today and always. Happy Valentine's Day from, -Jim & Silvia Happy Valentine's Day Niles, because you didn't expect this. Love, -Your Pal For the woman in the traffic control booth. Happy Valentine's and a tip of the hat. -From an Evening Student Dear Jacky, I am crazy about you. Love, -A Secret Admirer Dear Mario Barajas, Happy Valentine's day from your dear friends, -Jim & Silvia I don't know -I don't know which side I'm on, I don't know my right from left or my right from wrong. Say I'm a fool, say I'm nothing, but if I'm a fool for you, well, there's something Would ya be my Valentine? Love, -Your Secret Admirer To 2341 Happy Valentine's Day. May you keep your flexible straight and aimed down the road. Who knows, maybe you'll get your 5-year patch any day now. Love! -2793 Let me sweep you away On Valentine's Day You're so fine Oh! Please be mine. To My Special Friends, Marcellus, Sharon, Enamori, Marian, Sawn, April & Steven! You guys have made my days so much brighter. Thanks

-Sandy

-Michael

for your support, understanding, and patience. Happy Valentine's Day! With love,

Mom & Dad, Happy Valentine's Day. Love,

Try to understand I'd like to be your Good luck! I hope you have a fanfriend. As you know, the rest are at tastic season and I wish I could be with college. Be mine. you! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, -Carol Tisch -Pesky Shopper Shari. Dear Deborah. Even though you don't attend Foot-For Valentine's past which were hill, I'm always thinking about you; I never much fun, wish you the best of everything! Love with love and compassion, I send always, you this one. -Guillermo May peace, love, joy and pride, Dearest Danette: Fill you with warmth and goodness I want to wish you a happy Valeninside. tine's Day. To tell you how much your friendship means to me, as well as your To those singing the counselor blues kindness and understanding. Friendship Remember the staff are tired, but true. always, Just have patience and don't whine -Sandy For I really am your valentine. Valerie. -Karen Happy Valentine's Day. I Love you! -Paul CLASSIFIED Dennis, Happy Valentine's Day! Can't wait to have dinner with you on this special occasion. Candle-lit room, wine, and our The Foothill SENTINEL runs free favorite spot. I also want to THANK classified ads for students holding a YOU for all your support. Without it current Owl Card. Ads will run for I would of never gotten this far. Love two weeks initially. Bring ads to the SENTINEL office you, -Renee (M-24) on Mondays from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Extension requests must be Linda, made at this same time. Ads are 25 words or less; the first Walking away like thunder name and telephone number must Talking away like rain Thinking life, my love, will be lived be included; content of ads is subject to SENTINEL approval. By the ones who only feel pain. -BBJ -DRAFTING TABLE for sale: collapsible table 48"x35" ply-wood with formica type soft top cover, \$20. Jutta at 493-7557. Hey Jackie, l love you as a special Valentine's Day. —Chris Goldbach I love you as a friend. Have a really -QUALITY cassette recordings from records, CDs or tape-to-tape. Options: Dolby, B,C, dbx, equa-lization, noise eliminated from scratched records. Ron 322-7640. Darkstar, What should we feel guilty of Our love can climb any mountain Near or far, we are and will never let it end We are - devotion. —'73 Pontiac Catalina, 2-door, w/white top, runs ok. \$700/b.o. Adrian after 6 p.m. 327-642**9.** -B Dear Vanessa. Though we sometimes tease ya, please -'65 Mustang hardtop, \$2,800. A/T, small 6 cylinder; short block done at 50,000 miles. No rust, 17-20 mpg, 2nd owner. Sandy, 967-2017. Believe us when we say We do sincerely love ya Have a Happy Valentine's G'Day. -Sean & Joshua -LOOKING FOR ROOM to rent in a family house or share house in Mt. View close to El Camino. Rami at 408/247-3436, evenings. STUDENT DENTAL/OPTICAL PLAN ENROLL NOW! Save your teeth, eyes and money, too. For information and brochure see Foothill Health Office or call 408/ -'76 DATSUN 8-210, new carb, AM/FM cass. \$1300 or b/o. Debbie, 969-0226. 371-6811. boice for personalized and confidential health care MEDICAL GROUP SPECIALISTS IN • Family Planning WOMEN'S HEALTH CARF Morning-After Pill Cervical Caps Gynecological Services Premenstrual Syndrome Program (PMS) Abortion services - awake or asleep Tubal Ligations Free Pregnancy Testing and Counseling with student identification 5 offices to serve you Los Gatos (408) 358-2766 Redwood City (415) 363-2121 San Francisco (415) 922-6656 Santa Cruz (408) 462-1222 Salinas (408) 757-9300 -Sanche Affordable, prompt, daytime and evening appointments -Paul

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