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and bustle of Valentine's Day began with a priest. What originated as a tribute to unrequited love has somehow transformed into a festival of conversation hearts.

Nonetheless, this "holiday" is here to stay.

So how do people on campus feel about the soon-to-be romance in the air? USC students greet the holiday with mixed reactions. Not so ironically, these reactions appear to be related to the relationship status and gender of each student.

"It's easy to become perturbed with all of the love in the air, since you have none," said Andrea McDowell, a (single) third-year marketing student.

Males, however, seem to take this day of romance a little more lightheartedly.

"Valentine's Day is just a typical day," said Scott Bauer, a third-year international-studies student, "nothing really unusual."

Bauer admits, however, that he plans to cook dinner for his valentine.

Aside from cooking, students have a variety of events planned. Plans vary from dinner and movies to going downtown to, of course, the Kenny Chesney concert.

Romance might be the essence of Valentine's Day, but many students recognize that romance and love are two very different things.

"Valentine's Day isn't just about romantic love," said Carol Edwards, a fourth-year German student. "It's about showing the people you care about that you love them."

Love comes in many packages. Whether it takes the shape of a girlfriend, a

boyfriend, a best friend or a family member, we can all find a way to appreciate love on Feb. 14.

"My sister's coming from California, and we're going to have a girl's night with videos," said Janine Jones, a second-year public-relations student. "I'll still be with someone I love."

Whether students spend the day bitterly locked in their dorm rooms cursing those who have a significant other to celebrate with, or romantically snuggled away at a table for two, the moral of the story is that Valentine's Day is what one makes of it.

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