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You may surprised to hear my idea of a perfect Valentine

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Valentine's Day is associated with chocolates, teddy bears and, well, Hallmark. As soon as the ball drops on New Year's Eve, girls are skimming through the Tiffany catalog, boasting about what their boyfriends are probably concocting for the big day, or better yet, bragging about the fact that they have boyfriends.

But if you are anything like me, the closest thing you have to a Valentine is a keg of "Magic Hat" you will cling to at the end of the night. See, while some girls have significant others comparable to **Ryan Gosling** circa *The Notebook* --or even Ryan Gosling himself -- others (like me) have men in their lives who are comparable to a keg of beer. All they do is sit around and complain about how much you take from them. Or maybe, in actuality, you are dating a keg of beer.

If this is the case for you, let's look at the pint glass as half full for a change.

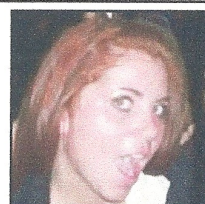
Your cool Valentine is unable to let you down this year, and even if he does, you won't remember it the next day. Mr. Keg is giving, sociable, and everyone's happy to see him. And you'll always get compliments on how good he looks.

Don't get me wrong. Sometimes I feel that Valentine's Day is a little too hyped, but I get the point. It doesn't come a couple of weeks after the Super Bowl for no reason. While that sporting event may be the holiday of all holidays for men, Valentine's Day is the equivalent for most women. The difference is that on Valentine's Day, I don't think anyone will complain about a little "wardrobe malfunction."

For those of you who actually have a (*cough*, human *cough*) Valentine to spend the day with, try not to take it for granted or rub it in the faces of those of us who don't. Then again, I know you wish your Valentine would keep you as fulfilled as mine does. My partner, Mr. Keg gives, keeps me warm on cold winter nights, and doesn't leave me. However, I am getting my gift from someone whose main goal is to get me drunk.

The Walk-On

Ali Wisch, a sophomore at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, will be rooting for Patriots and Redskins this weekend.



Valentine's Day brings out the good side in most men, even if their only Valentine is their mother.

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Happy Valentine's Day.

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