

# All for love

**T**HERE were two main themes for Valentine's Day at UCSI University in Cheras, Selangor — "Love isn't just for couples" and "Men are from Mars and women are from Venus".

Love was definitely in the air when students from the peer counselling unit organised a two-day celebration programme that included love language tests, debates and speed dating.

Peter Ting, the managing partner from the UCSI Blue Ocean Strategy Regional Centre and author of *Straight Talk about Boy-Girl Relationships* and *Bouncing back from Crisis*, spoke to the students about relationships and some of its pitfalls, citing examples from his 22-year marriage.

Kenneth Wong, the assistant director of Prison, Drugs and AIDS at Malaysian Care, gave a talk on the topic *Romance + Sex = Love?*

Before the seminar, the students also held a heated debate on the same topic.

The opposition won, with English language and communication student Sara Marwan Kwaider from Syria taking home the best speaker award.

The debate allowed students to



Emcees Sara Marwan and Simon Goh had the crowd eating out of their hands during the Valentine's Day celebrations.

explore the subject of love and sex from different angles. The audience also participated in the discussion after the debate.

One of the highlights of the event was speed dating.

Ten couples made brief three-minute introductions about themselves before the boys got up and proceeded to move to the next lady in line.

This went on until everyone had had the chance to meet each other.

The experience was an eye-opener for the students.

"I think it was a great opportunity to meet new friends and talk to people I don't usually have the chance to speak to," said student Dream Huang. "I enjoyed participating in the event very much."