

Video Venture New To M.H.S.

Imagine sitting down in front of your t.v. and watching the '88 Homecoming or a scene from the 'big game'. Well, thanks to the people in VTR you can do just that.

This year they will produce Marion's first video yearbook. The yet untitled video will contain everything from sports highlights to candid hallway shots. What makes this yearbook different than

any other? "It's action. Video is the up and coming thing" says Jay Parsons, a member of VTR and one of the main editors.

This fifteen dollar, forty minute yearbook, will take the entire year to put together because they want to go up to the final day of school. "We're going to cover everything from sports to music to education" said Mrs. Drilling, the staff supervisor. Hours of work have already gone

into this project. For example, it took five hours to edit the four minute promotion tape they showed the day the videos went on sale. The VTR members are hoping to sell at least eighty tapes so that they can continue with the project. They need that many orders just to pay for the production, which is a non-profit effort. Orders for the video yearbook can be placed in the library.

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History of the Heart



Valentine's Day is the most romantic day of the year. It is the day when everybody gets all mushy and sentimental, sending anonymous cards with decorations to loved ones or ones admired from afar. The origins of the holiday itself revolve around stories both factual and fictional.

One story is about the priest St. Valentine of Rome, who lived around 270 A.D. It was said that a new leader through the priest into jail for his religious beliefs. While in jail, it was said that the saint fell in love with the jail keeper's daughter and sent her a love letter, signing it "from your valentine". He was later beheaded and buried under a church on the 14th day of February, how romantic.

The most believable way of the creation of Valentine's Day was an offspring of a Roman holiday called Lupercalia celebration, during which the Romans worshipped the god, Lupercus. For this celebration, the names of the young women went into one box while the names of the young males were put into another box. One name would then be taken out of each box and these two would date for the rest of the year. One of the goals might be to have the couple married by the end of the year. This was one of the longest practices of the holiday.

Another way of celebrating, or at least a tradition was that you would wed the first person you saw on the morning of the 14th by the end of the year.

The holiday was brought over here with English settlers when they first started to settle in the new country. Sometimes to celebrate Valentine's Day, they would be able to buy young women for 100 to 200 pounds of tobacco - what a deal!

Valentine's Day cards first started in the 14th century when they were extravagantly decorated with lace or painted. Then in the 1800's, the cards were produced commercially and sold at very inexpensive prices. Often they were sincere but sometimes comical and vulgar.

The height of Valentine's celebration was during the American Civil War (1861-1865). The reduction of the postal rates at the time increased the popularity of sending valentines, while it is second only to Christmas for card sending.

But since the first third of the 20th century, the holiday has been viewed more for children, rather than adults. In grade school we decorated boxes which our classmates filled with valentines and on Valentine's Day we would open them and have a party. Today we don't celebrate this holiday as much as we used to. (We don't make boxes anymore as it would start to get expensive if we had to buy close to 400-500 valentines for everyone in the school.)

Cupids, bows and arrows, and hearts have been typical decorations of Valentine's Day while turtle doves and lovers knots were popular in the past.

Valentine's Day is a day when lovers exchange gifts, or sometimes just the man will give a lady something. Popular gifts to give around this holiday are decorated boxes of chocolates, red roses, cards, lockets, jewelry, and sometimes the couple may go out for dinner, to a dance, club scenes, or even just stay home alone.

So whatever you decide to do, whether to stay at home or go out for a night on the town, don't forget to send your main squeeze a valentine.

Lucky Number One

Are you suddenly feeling left out? Do you find that you're spending your Saturday nights at home with the Golden Girls while your friends are out with their girlfriend or boyfriend? Well, not to worry, you're not alone, it seems that a lot of people at Marion have chosen not to date. Whether it's because of other priorities such as; sports, extra-curriculars, part-time jobs, or homework. Some though just feel that the special someone hasn't come along yet.

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Is there really something wrong with that? Maybe these people are the lucky ones. What is the big deal about a serious relationship? There is the fights and trying to find the time between his basketball games and her part-time job to spend together. The jealousy, the annoying friends, and the parents who always find something wrong with them. In all fairness to those in relationships, there are good points to involvement. You gain a good friend, a confidant, that good feeling of being cared for and having someone love you.

Junior Sara Bliss said that after seeing all her friends fighting with their boyfriends she really didn't want that stress, "My junior year is stressful enough without the complications of a serious relationship. It's just too hard!" This is a complaint from a lot of students. They just don't have time. It is true a relationship does take a lot of time and work.

So where can you find a lot of these fun-loving singles? Some like to go out with their friends and their boyfriend/girlfriend. But, a lot just like to stick together and go bowling, to parties, and movies. But one problem with this is these large groups aren't really welcome in a lot of public places. So let's go to Bob's house! Wrong, we find Bob's parents aren't the Welcome Wagon when it comes to this crowd. Then with such a variety of people it's really hard to decide on one place.

Whether you choose to date or not will affect your high school life in some way, although a lot of people (especially parents) like to pretend it's not there it really can't be ignored. Some really have a need to date, they think they must, but others realize it isn't a life or death situation. As senior Lisa Sweet says, "If the right opportunity comes along, I'm not against dating, but my life doesn't center around looking for a relationship." If you're one of these people, stick to your guns. If you're not going to feel comfortable dating, then don't. You'll be a stronger person in the long run for deciding yourself and not letting peer pressure pull you in one direction. Besides, some of us like the Golden Girls.



Nick Perkins demonstrates ways to avoid being the lonely one.

A Special Favor

The day soon arrives when everyone goes out to look for another gift that they would like to give. Usually this gift is for the special someone in your life. No, it's not Christmas and it's not your birthday. It's the 14TH day of February, the day Cupid decides to strike many people (young and old) with his arrow of love. On Valentine's Day you don't go out and look for just any old thing. You try to find something special that shows your love for this person.

Sometimes you have just as hard a time finding the right gift for Valentine's Day as you do for Christmas, but in most cases it's easier.

The gifts given for Valentine's Day only differ from Christmas in one way. Many of the items received for Valentine's Day are a smaller way of showing more love for someone.

People spend anywhere from one dollar to fifty dollars or more on their Valentine. The more expensive items range from rings and necklaces to a dozen roses. Some of the less expensive gifts given are candy, cards, balloons, stuffed animals, or just a single rose.

Many people at MHS, students and teachers alike, have very memorable gifts they have received on Valentine's Day. Some of them are long stem roses or a dozen roses, jewelry, boxer shorts with hearts, and ice cream cake.

When deciding on a gift for your Valentine, it doesn't have to be real fancy or expensive. Remember it's the thought of your love for them that counts not the price you pay.



Joker Jim McGrew keeps Toni Luse on her toes.

High School Rendezvous

Do you enjoy doing something with the special person in your heart? Many people at Marion High School do.

As you walk through the halls of MHS you see many large groups of students. You also see many groups of two that we consider couples. Many of them you never see apart except for in a class they don't have together. Some show very little affection in school where others show way too much.

There are the couples we consider to be long-term and those we see as short-term. The long-term couples are those that stay together for three months or more. The short-term couples last anywhere from one week to three months. The longest time a student has stayed with the same person varies greatly from person to person. It ranges from one month for the underclassman to two years or more for some upperclassman.

Most students at MHS give the definition of dating as going someplace with someone of the opposite sex. Some say it's with no commitment. They also say dating is talking to the person a lot and getting to know them better.

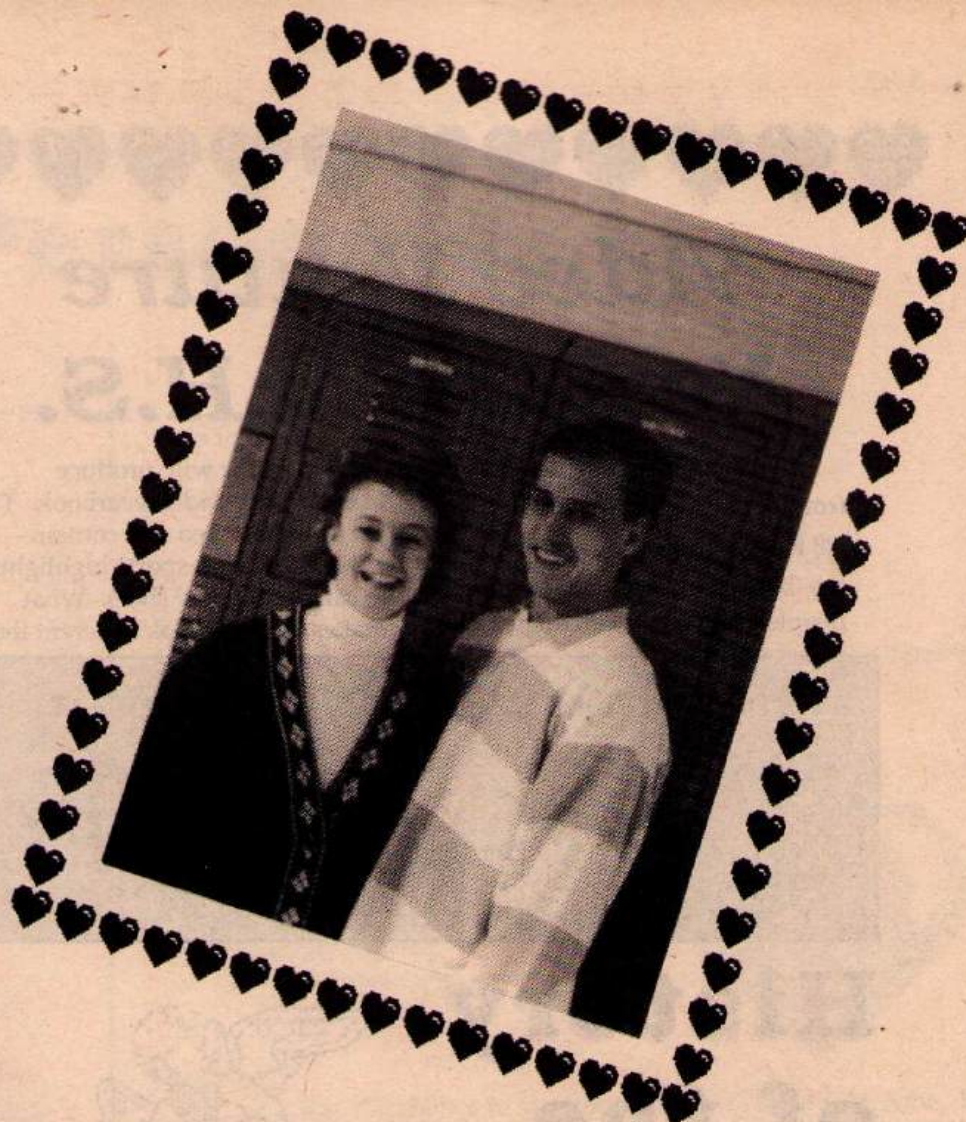
A large majority of students enjoy dating because you get to know the person better and have fun.

The age of starting to date is mostly in the same area. Some of the guys say they started at the age of eleven or twelve. Most of the girls at MHS say they didn't start dating until they were fourteen or older. Who were the guys dating when they were eleven, until the girls were fourteen?

Parents don't usually care who their children see but often do set an age when they can start to date. Some parents even set an age for the oldest person their children can date. Although parents express their opinions, both favorable and unfavorable, about the guy or girl their child is dating teenagers usually don't care and go on making their own choices.

Going to a movie, a party, dancing, or even staying at home are some of the things everyone likes to do on a date.

So whether it be going to a party or just staying at home and renting a movie there are a lot of Marion students that enjoy being with someone and getting to know them for themselves.



Bowling after basketball games brought Tami Tasker and Brandon Fairbanks together. Eleven months later, how are their scores?



Two weeks behind the couple above in the race for commitment are Andrea Ebaugh and Brad Wilson.

Playing Cupid

Have you ever played the part of Cupid? Or can you honestly classify your relationship as self-set-up? Well, matchmakers everywhere are taking credit for long-term couples of the eighties.

Many couples are reluctant to admit that someone else has created their love life, mainly because they are thrilled with the fact that they have a special someone who belongs to only them, and knowing that someone else is the source of their relationship tends to linger in their mind and cause jealousy in the end. Other problems with matchmaking can occur if the couple turns out to hate each other from first sight. This is especially harmful if you happen to be doubling with them. The silence can be deafening.

Not to worry, there is also a bright side to the so-called sport of matchmaking. Some "team members" suggest that after putting together someone else's relationship, the favor is returned in kind. Often, happy couples like to have separate friends meet each other, with the prospect of dating in the future - the "unplanned" blind date. Then if it doesn't work out, feelings are less likely to be hurt, and if it does work out, you have somebody to double with for prom.

Matchmaking has been an actual profession for years in some countries, and it is encountering a revival among the yuppies in many large cities because they haven't enough time to look for romance on their own. So if a friend suggests meeting "just a friend of a friend," go along with it. You never know what it could lead to.



Candy, do you love me now that I can dance?

First Love

Remember back to the yesterdays of our lives and all of the simple accomplishments that made us feel so proud. Like the first time you poured a whole glass of milk without spilling any, all by yourself. And the day that you rode a bike for the first time without training-wheels. How about the first time you crossed the street without mom? Of course she stood in the doorway and shouted one last time to "look both ways." Sure enough, you looked both ways before dashing across as fast as possible. And then there was that one special person who you consider your "FIRST LOVE." It might seem the silliest of all, but perhaps the most important. It might have taken a lot of spilled milk, a few scratched up knees, and an extra ounce of courage, to have mastered these little accomplishments as we see them today, but at the time they were important to us.

As we grew older, we started taking all these triumphs for granted. Now we pour things daily, jump on our bikes and go, and cross the street without even thinking twice. But the one thing we will always remember is our first love. Tami Damiano's first love was in sixth grade and was a friend of Rocky's. Rocky says all they did was hold hands and ride the bus together, but as Tami says, "First love is the sweetest." Rocky waited for his first love until 7th grade, when he met his special someone at Camp Wapsie. Fourth grade was when Derek Wheeler met his first love. He met her in kindergarten, she lived next door, and he played on her swingset. The relationship broke up when Derek had to move from California. Stephanie York's first love was last year. He had his older brother ask her for her phone number.

Unlike the other things, love is not an accomplishment, so you can't just practice until you get it right, or wait until your mother thinks your old enough. It is something special that only two people and fate have a hand on. It can strike anywhere, anytime, and at any age. When you do find it, hold it close to your heart... and by all means, don't ever, ever, take it for granted.



Given the choice, would Aubrey Carter choose an ice cream cone or Renee?

The Personals

Hey 48...(ruf ruf!)

I just thought I'd warn you about all the balloons that will be in Chicago when we go there over spring break and that you better stay away from them, and also to remind you that the Dominick's by Belmont is still open. It's O.K.. There's still more.

Love, Tessie

Bad Betty, Passion Flower, Peaches,

It's been fun. Let Saturday nights live on! I guess it was Thursday, though, huh?

Love, Peaches

Sweet Pea -

We've been together the magic nine
So I'm hoping I won't be out of line
To say "I'm really glad you're mine
And please won't you be my valentine?
Me



To Matt Hoskins,

No time could be as perfect as this, to tell you that you have become a very special part of my life and nothing means more to me than the happiness and love we share when we're together. Happy Valentine's Day, Sweetheart. I Love You.

Love,
Debbie

Dear Secretaries,

Thank you for taking such good care of us.
The Killer Bees

Dear George,

I don't mean to hurt the puppy, George. But seriously, George, you mean a lot to me, and I'll try not to squeeze so hard next time.

Love you lots all the way from Iowa,
Lennie



Adrienne thinks of Dan as her "Knight" in shining armor.

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Camille,
Make it thirty next time, and maybe I'll hold your hand in the movie theatre.

Cindy C.



Dear Cheetos Factory,
Send more extra-sharp cheddar. (And we mean now!)
C&M&S

Dear Mr. Wikert,
No matter what our record, we're winners because of you.
Love, Varsity Girls Basketball Team

Dear Mrs. Bennett,
You're the greatest.
Your Knowledge Bowl Team

To Jolly,
You're Special. Be My Valentine.
From Mr. Twachtmann



To Kurt,
I love you with all my heart. Would you be my Valentine?
Love, Angie

Brian (Bemo)
Thinking of you always! Please be mine?

Todd-
You're in the heart forever!
Happy Valentine's Day, Mick.
Heather



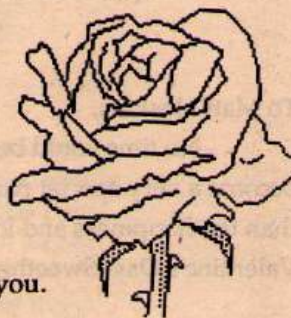
Mrs. Hoyt-
Please be my Valentine!
A.P./A.D. Friend

Amy,
You're the best thing that has happened to me. This last year has been the greatest. I love you.
Love Forever, Roy

Tina, Holly, Tami, Traci, Lora, Karen, Kendra, Lisa, Kelly, Sandra, Tracie
Thanks for a great season! Tammy Faye loves you!
Your captains,
Stacey and Lynde

Thanks to The Vox staff for a job well done.
Thank You, Paul Davis

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Brannen you're sweet
That's why I
Love you.
From Candida



Aubrey-
Always on my mind are things shared with you.
You are always there for me, please know-
I'm forever here for you.
Love, Renee

Tami,
Since the first time we met, nothing in the world has been more important to me. You really are that "someone special" in my life. Thank you very much. I know our relationship will keep growing in the years ahead, but for now I will just say- I LOVE YOU.

Brandon

Brad,
We've been together a long time, but eleven months doesn't compare to a lifetime. I'm glad we are able to be together this Valentine's Day, and I know you'll be mine! I love you very much!

Forever... Andrea

Peaches, umm-umm good,
That's really gross! (JK) 48 lately? You better not be.
Luv ya, Peaches,
Bad Betty & Passion Flower

"To John Stud "
"Time to hit the shower don't you think."
Love, Jenny Kay



Marilyn-
Since you take my trays back to the line! I'm sure to be your Valentine.
Connie

To someone special,
To love one person is the world,
To love two is nothing.
Love, love it's a forever thing.
I love you forever.
Your wish and mine is
You and me forever.
From someone who cares



Andrea,
I'll take the chance to say something to a special someone. I want you to know how I feel. It's been the best 11 months I've had and I look forward to the times ahead. "I Love You" and don't ever forget me! Be my Valentine...

Forever...Brad

Brenda,
We've been going out
Everything's just fine
Yet I've always wondered
Would you be my Valentine?

I need some kind of answer,
Just show me a sign,
Please give me an answer
Would you be my Valentine?

I'll take you out to dinner
With candlelight and wine
But there's one condition
Be my Valentine!
Love,
Darrell



Tim,
I trust you and care for you with all my heart, and I'll love you forever.
Love, Angie

Dear Mr. Bates,
Just because we love the Mac doesn't mean we don't love you.
1st Semester Creative Writing

Dear Janitors,
Thanks for all you do for the school!



Tessie or Crash,
Hey! Happy Valentines Day!
Looking forward to some more Chicago adventures. I know I am! This time we should watch the service men a little closer! I don't know about you but it's been a great friendship for me, so far (JK). Better stay away from the B/R's and the bottles! Watch out for SPACE CARS!!
By the way who is Audrey?
Enjoy! Luv, "Cheri"

Dear B.,
Happy Valentines Day!
Thanks for all of the major help with N.Y.
You're a great person! Thanks a bunch.
"Cheri "

Brandon,
You are a very special person in my heart. The past 11 months have been the best of my life. I look forward to many more. Thanks for everything.

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ I love you, Tami

