

The Javelin

I COULDN'T QUIT

By Karissa Helton



Fuzzy feelings flourish when former students return to share their successes with us. On January 13th, a former student showed up at Broome unannounced. His presence brought tears of joy and happy smiles. His name is Jay Waddell. Although he has graduated, his impact on Broome has not diminished.

Before Broome, Jay was told by a former teacher that his writing was too different. He was even told he was a horrible writer. From then on, he was petrified to read his writing aloud.

When he arrived at Broome, he struggled academically, but was an overall respectful student. He took Creative Writing in hopes of having a class in which to sit around, but that wasn't the case. Creative Writing required him to write daily and share his work. Eventually, a student bribed him to read his poem aloud. The class was astonished, and he gained back his courage to write. Jay said, "I couldn't express myself anywhere else in school. Here, I was myself. I was what I am on the inside."

After graduation, Jay joined the army. He

started basic training on June 28th, 2016, and he finished on September 13th, 2016. Later, he acquired the elite position of Chaplain's assistant-- one who protects the Chaplain and provides counseling for fellow soldiers. Despite Jay's tough-as-nails demeanor, he still expresses his soft side through poetry. Jay claims, "I made it through high school with the help of Creative Writing and Drama. I sincerely believe that's what got me through..."

Jay recalls thinking of his classmates, teachers, and family as he face-crawled three miles after days of extreme hunger and sleep deprivation: "One of the things that truly kept me going was knowing the support I had here...Quit on them? I couldn't do it."

We're glad you didn't, Jay!

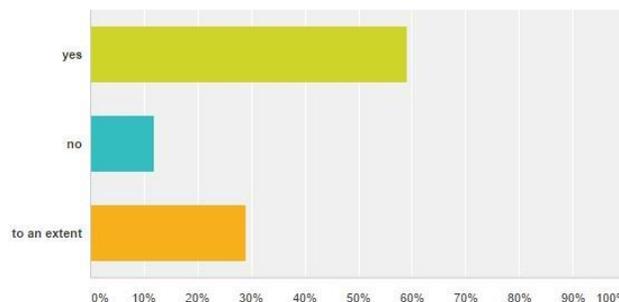


JAVELIN THEMES

- January: Underappreciated Groups
- February: Fuzzy Feelings
- May: What's Next?

Do you believe in true love?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



NOTE: Surveys only represent answers from 100 students.

We'll be taking a break from *The Javelin* until May to focus on Broome's literary magazine, *Insights and Echoes*, so be sure to submit your poems, stories, and/or artwork to Dr. Parker in Room 703 by Tuesday, February 28th!
- The Journalists

VALENTINE'S INTERVIEW: SINGLES

By Sarina Abee

Every couple sees Valentine's Day as a day to get each other heartfelt gifts and spend time together, but how do singles see Valentine's Day? We looked to find an answer in our recent Q&A with two Single Centurions, Trista and Matthew.

Q1: Have you ever been in a relationship during Valentine's Day? If not, how do you think this has altered your perspective?

Trista: No, considering I don't know what it's like being in a relationship.

Matthew: No, but it has altered my perspective by being able to just look around.

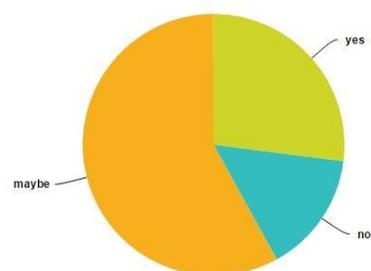
Q2: Describe Valentine's Day in one word.

Trista: Boring. It is basically like any other day.

Matthew: Love. You see people hugging, kissing, and giving gifts to each other.

Should significant others get a second chance?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



Q3: Should it be mandatory to get your significant other gifts for Valentine's Day?

Trista: No, you shouldn't feel obligated.

Matthew: I wouldn't say it should be mandatory, but it would be a nice thing to do.

Q4: How do you view couples at school?

Trista: Cute...Unless they kiss in front of me.

Matthew: They aren't bad. They hold hands in the halls, and they eat lunch with each other.

Q5: What kind of advice can you give to "singles" about surviving/thriving this season?

Trista: Buy your chocolate the day after while it's on sale.

Matthew: Just ignore it and focus on getting those grades up.

Q6: Name advantages of being single.

Trista: The one advantage is that there is no one to annoy me.

Matthew: Basically, you have more time to do other things, and you have many other choices (in your free time).

YOUNG LOVE

By Cassie Whitt

February 14th, Valentine’s Day, is the day people around the world show affection or appreciation to their loved ones. It’s celebrated in many different ways, ranging from fancy evenings out to simple cards, depending on the person. The gift doesn’t matter, expensive or free, if it’s from someone you really love.

One of Broome High School’s favorite couples, Evan Dunaway and Tori Burgess, met through a common friend, Cassie Whitt, around six years ago. The strong emotions between the two shined, and their love was no secret.

Finally, on September 14, 2016, these two began dating. About time, right? They have been

going strong for five months now, according to Evan. So, how did they plan to celebrate their Valentine’s Day? The lovely couple had some hidden surprises.

“I’m planning on getting something as special as her, which means I’m going to have to get a job. She’s expensive,” said Evan.

Tori said, “I’m planning on getting him a few shirts, since I’ve stolen most of his!”

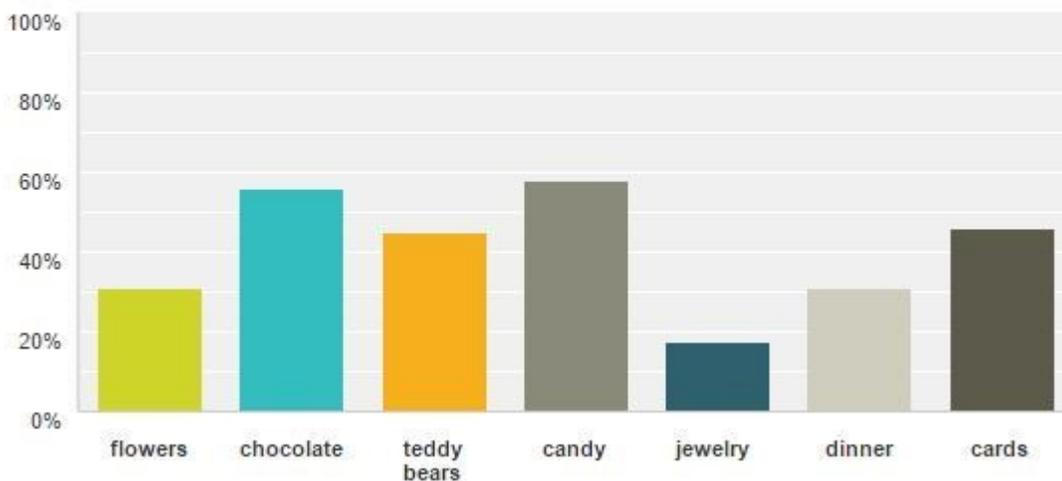
FUN FACT: Which age group spends the most on Valentine’s gifts?

Adults age 24-35 will spend on average over \$200 for their sweetheart!

Young love can be viewed in many different ways by different people; as for this couple, I’ve never seen two people so happy and committed to a relationship.

What do you typically get or give for Valentine's Day?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 9



LONG-LASTING RELATIONSHIPS

By Kiara Rodriguez

What makes long-term relationships work?

Several Broome teachers weighed in with their experiences. Mrs. Harris dated her high school boyfriend for three years, but ended up meeting her husband during college. Mrs. Greene was in a relationship, but “it ended in a heartbreak the day after prom.” Mrs. Burnett recalls an unpleasant learning experience: “A guy broke up with me before Valentine’s Day so he didn’t have to buy me a gift or candy.” Obviously, these young men didn’t understand the keys to successful relationships.

However, now and then, high school relationships do stand the test of time. Mrs.Carolynn Parker married her high school boyfriend after college. She shares this insight about the potential value of high school relationships: “They are very important and can be lifelong or can just be a learning experience to build character and integrity.”

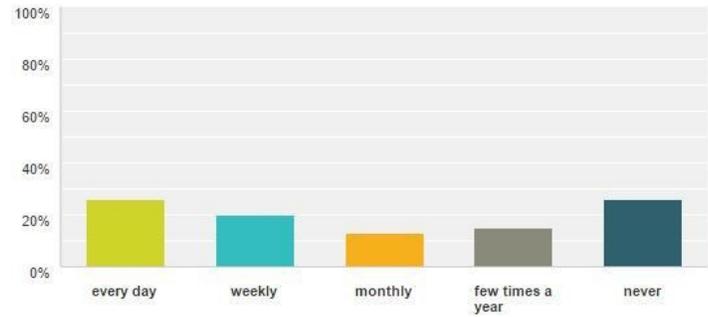
Commenting on the key to successful relationships, Mrs. Greene shared that a couple needs “true friendship, communication, and commitment to each other in both the good and bad times.” Likewise, Mrs. Parker mentioned the necessary qualities of honesty and patience. Mrs. Burnett responded that couples need to be willing to compromise. Finally, Mrs. Harris emphasized mutual respect and communication.

Concerning advice for high school couples, Mrs. Burnett stated: “Don’t worry about having a boy/girlfriend. Don’t abandon your other friends.” Mrs. Parker also commented, “Take time to develop a strong friendship instead of jumping into a commitment too fast.”

Pay attention, Centurions! Success in long-lasting love relationships *can* happen!

How often do you get “fuzzy feelings”?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



DID YOU KNOW...

Romantics ages 65 and up generally feel less of a need to spend as much on their significant other for Valentine’s Day. Jewelry and chocolates truly cannot measure up to true love in the long run!

Would you rather have 10 million dollars or true love?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



DMTC LEGIONS

By Johnathan Jollie

Daniel Morgan Technology Center (DMTC) is currently hosting competitions for game design/ gameplay, Java programming, and cyber security. The game design team creates and programs. Gameplay is self-explanatory. For the Java programs, the program must be able to compile and run flawlessly. If you are in cyber security, you must remove threats before they can corrupt your computer.

Are you interested in DMTC Legions? If so, form a team with five or six friends. This insures that you will always have at least five members on the team at one time. You can pick up a form from the front office at Broome, or you can see Mr. Thornton at DMTC. Meetings are every Monday at 3:30 pm. Sign-ups have already begun, but you can sign up any time. The entry fee is five dollars.

Be brave, be creative, be there. You might just have a blast!



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