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February is here, and that means cold weather and warm fuzzy feelings. February is characteristically associated with love, because Valentine's Day falls during this month. This special holiday means many different things to different people, usually depending on their relationship status or gender. Girls generally tend to enjoy this holiday more than boys, as do those people who are in rela-

tionships. Though lots of people enjoy Valentine's Day, there are a lot of downers who will try to dampen your day.

The reason most of these individuals put down the idea of Valentine's Day is because they either do not believe in high school love, do not understand it, or have not found it yet for themselves. These people can give great arguments about why high school love is puppy love, and how it is not serious, because most relationships at the high school level in fact do not last. I believe most of these relationships fail because of an unhealthy balance. We all know those girls, or boys, who get so wrapped up in a new significant other that they lose focus about other things that were once

important, or should be important. Examples of this include: grades slipping, not wanting to hang around your friends anymore, quitting extra-curricular activities, etc. Then there are those couples who date, but no one even recognizes that they do because they are never seen together. They put too much importance on other things and do not put enough effort into the relationship.

Also, there are couples that are together because either one, or both, of the partners think they need to have a boyfriend or girlfriend. Let me just say, you don't need anyone. These kinds of problems can lead to a breakup, which won't lead to a fun Valentine's Day. Enjoy your relationship while it lasts, try

to find a balance that works for both you and your partner, and if it is meant to be, it will be. High school relationships can be puppy love, but it can also be the real deal. Your high school sweetheart may be the one, but they also might not be, so don't stress too much about having a relationship now. Love comes a lot easier to those who aren't looking so hard to find it.

Sincerely,
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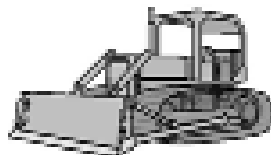
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Holiday**

**March 11
End of 3rd 9 weeks**