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Leske Summarizes Campus Crime

by Jason Arthur

Captain Jim Lekse, director of campus security, recently compiled a campus crime report for the fall semester of 1992. The report was compared to the summary of the 1991-92 crime report.

The data in the report shows a dramatic decline in automobile crime reports including vehicle theft and related categories. Cpt. Lekse feels that increased campus lighting is a reason for the crime reduction. Also, he believes the addition of the campus patrol car detours suspicious persons from committing a crime. Cpt. Lekse suggests that students with valuables in their cars should cover them or move them out of the visibility of a possible thief.

On the down side of the report, the theft of property or money seems to be substantially higher. The 1991-92 report had a total of eight reports of stolen property/money. Through Dec. of 1992 there were nine reports of this type. One way to keep these numbers down is to refrain from propping wing doors open. Locked wing doors make it more difficult for an intruder to enter the residence areas. Also, if a stranger asks you to let him or her in the door, do not oblige them. Have them talk to an RA or RD for assistance.

Cpt. Lekse stresses that crime prevention takes the cooperation of the students as well as the faculty, with campus security. If you see or hear a crime being committed, contact security as soon as possible at X218.

Maintenance Working on Drippy Problems

by Joann Karsnick

Do you live in St. Francis, Clare or Doyle Hall? Have you been having problems with orange or brown water? And I'm not talking about a chemistry experiment here. Fear no more, I talked to a maintenance person and all is OK, or will be in the future.

The reason for brown H2O is that they replaced the areas that were rusty. The new pipes are made of Cu (copper), which is allowing for freer flow, hence, more water pressure that will eventually knock out the rust all together. ("Hey!" you're thinking," I thought she said this had nothing to do with chemistry, we have enough homework!")

Do you feel like you're getting the scenic view in the shower? Are tiles missing? You need not worry unless you see a telescope lens peeking between the tiles. They will be temporarily patched with white boards. If you have any problems take them to your RA, if that doesn't get anything accomplished contact MCSA at X119.

Welcome to our Valentine's Day Issue! 
Special Insert Inside
Changing of the Guard at Doyle

by Dan Nichols

There has been a change made at Doyle Hall recently that most residents are aware of. This change has been the replacement of three previous Resident Assistants (RA) with new ones. The new RA’s are Rainy Bewley, Tony Gorball, and Chad Wade. These three were selected for the positions and are looking forward to having a great semester on the Residence Life Staff.

Rainy Bewley is from Jamestown, IN and attended Western Boone High School. She is a senior and is currently student teaching a second grade class at Lebanon. She loves student teaching, she says that her class is wonderful (even the little boy with a peanut for a brain). She hopes to move on and become a full time elementary teacher this fall. She also hopes that she can go see Larry in Wisconsin.

Tony Gorball comes to Marian from Lowell, IN and is a music education major. He is a sophomore here at Marian and is very active around campus. Tony also does various musical gigs around Indy with some other Marian students. His career goals are to teach high school band and live a full and happy life.

Chad Wade hails from Loogootee, IN and is also a sophomore here at Marian. He is an accounting major and is on his way to becoming a CPA. With his degree, Chad hopes to obtain a job with a prominent Indianapolis company. He is also here on a basketball scholarship and is a guard for our Knights. Going to Pacer and Ice games, and laying around watching sports on TV are Chad’s hobbies.

These three new RA’s are excited about the new job and hope that they can help the students in Doyle live in a safer and more enjoyable atmosphere.

Family Leave is Here to Stay

by Julie Rolfes

The House of Representatives approved the lead item on President Clinton’s rigorous social agenda on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The “family leave” legislation appears to be here to stay. The House stayed late Wednesday night to finish the bill. The Senate is reviewing its own version of the bill and approval is expected in the next few days.

Democrats hope to have the final bill ready for the President to sign by the end of the week.

The measure will guarantee millions of workers unpaid leave time to deal with family emergencies. Under the bill, companies with more than 50 employees would have to offer up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the care of a newborn or for a family medical emergency.

Democrats have accused Republicans of trying to delay passage of the bill by using the unrelated conflict over homosexuals in the military to sidetrack issues. GOP leaders deny this but have repeatedly tried to amend the bill so that family leave is optional. This would be more acceptable to business but so far these attempts have failed.

(source: The Indianapolis Star)

Attention Seniors- Important Details (read this)

by Marie Troendle

Just when you thought it would never get here, graduation is right around the corner! (94 days but who is counting?) I thought some of the following information might be of interest to some of you.

If, like myself, you neglected to show up for cap and gown measurements the first time around, the time is here to redeem yourself. Cap and gown measurements will be from 11:00am to 6:00pm at the bookstore on February 8 and 9. Class rings and graduation announcements will also be available at this time.

Also, Dr. Appleby will be taking senior pictures from Feb. 22 to March 5. Sign-ups will be outside of the psychology office the week of Feb. 15. He will be donating 5% of the proceeds to the Senior Class (we need the money!!!). He can be contacted at x254. Pictures will also be taken for the yearbook which will be available for private purchase. Contact Cheryl Kramer for more information.

It has been proposed that the Class of 1993 purchase an aerial photograph of the campus as the senior class gift. Other suggestions are welcome.

We are planning on selling Class of 1993 T-shirts for $10.00. We are accepting ideas for its design. Please place entries in the Senior Class representative's mailbox by February 19.

...hmm...anything else? Oh yeah! Plans for the Senior Class Party (the sanctioned one, that is) are in the works.

Any questions, ideas, concerns, or gripes??? Call Marie Troendle at X 129.
Congratulations are in Order......

Please join in congratulating our senior Accounting and Finance Majors on their excellent performance this year on their senior comprehensive examinations.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS- Princeton, New Jersey) Major Field Assessment Test in Business was given to 8319 examinees from 147 colleges and universities throughout the country. Our 16 seniors scored substantially above the national mean in most all assessment indicators, especially in Accounting and Finance (*).

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TOP 16% Overall!

Our department is very proud of the achievements and success of our students, and we would like to thank all of Marian's faculty and staff who contribute to the overall general education of our students.

Again, to our senior Accounting and Finance Majors—CONGRATULATIONS, and to the Marian College Community—thank you!

Also...

Rosanne Pirtle is on leave of absence from her faculty position in the Education Department. She is currently visiting faculty at Indiana University-Bloomington (IU-B) and has assumed leadership for the Best Practices in Intergration-Outreach Project (BPI-O) supported by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

BPI-O is one of several professional development projects awarded to Indiana University-Bloomington School of Education being implemented in collaboration with Marian College. Joining Dr. Pirtle with primary office space in St. Francis Hall are Maureen Greer, Darla Cohen, and Tamyra Hester. This collaborative endeavor is the first major effort of this kind in Indiana between a large state university and a small private college.

Opportunity Knocks

Thinking About Being an RA?

Learn More about the Resident Assistant Position for the 1993-94 Academic Year:
Date: Thursday, February 11th, 1993
Time: 9:30pm
Location: P.E. Classroom #02

*Don't be afraid to open the door to a new experience!

For more information, contact any Resident Director or the Office of Resident Life.

Teacher Education Program Notice

Notice to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors
Application to Teacher Education Program
The Education Department is now accepting applications for admittance to the TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM. To be eligible, you must have passed the PPST Test or the NTE General Knowledge and Communication Skills Test. Please pick up your application from the Education Department, Rm 2, Marian Hall, Feb. 1 through Feb 12. Additional information will be given to you at that time.

Completed applications must be returned to the Education Office by 4pm, Friday, February 19.

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Femrealcynicism Takes a Look at Love and Loss and Such

by Heather Ray

If one were to trace femrealcynicism to its roots, one would see that in the beginning, femrealcynists loved love. They were open and willing to let love rule their world and alter their reality. So they opened up their hearts and revealed all of their secrets. Then they began to get hurt, as is often the case in love. Hearts were broken left and right, and heart glue was expensive. So love became a part of femrealcynic history, and shall always remain a part of their history.

It was found out that love was a very bad idea for the femrealcynists because it interfered with the attainment of their goals. Love is irrational and crazy. It gets in the way of knowledge and ignores truth altogether. Love was a waste of time. If one had love, and love was lost, they were left with a lot to do and no one to do it to. Love took up much more time that could be spent pursuing academic goals so that independence could be reached and thus a love object to help and support you would not be needed. With love out of the way, one can obtain the independence one needs to live without love.

But if a femrealcynist just can't keep her (or his) mind on anything but the object of affection, if ignoring the love feeling is too difficult to do, if all the fighting has left you exhausted and you absolutely have no other option but to unwillingly give into, gulp, love, then be warned, you are in for a crazy ride that might leave you feeling run over. And if that evil love feeling does take over your heart and soul, at least you can feel good for having been prepared to live life without love, as it should be lived.

What have we learned? Well, love should be avoided at all costs. Love should be shot and killed. Love should be dodged. Love should be locked outside the door. But if the love somehow survives all of your torture, love should then be treated as a precious and fragile entity that will not continue to live without help from you. Then at least you can make yourself prepared so that if love does die, you will not die with it.

A Bit of Satire - "Choose Your Own Adventure" Style

by Corey Cleary

Money? Drugs? Bowling? ...Maybe I should tell you a little bit about Chelsea Clinton (potential cool kid or Amy Carter in Birkenstocks?). I know...tell you a little of dorm living: status quo or punishment for sins in a former life?

Well... here's an idea, I give you some topics, but you choose what I write. Just drop it in the mail room in the basement of Marian Hall in the Carbon box or come see me in the Canteen (also located in the basement of Marian Hall).

1. Male Hormones- Curse or blessing?
   - Makes us drink beer and yell
2. Hillary Clinton's appointment to head of Health task force:
   - "Now dear, remember your rubbers."
   - "But Mom, it's not raining."
   - "I know."
   ("Oh...")
3. Alternative lifestyles or why I'm a Compu-Geek
   - live mildly
   - die in late middle age
   - leave an arterio-sclerotic corpse

4. Drugs on Campus- or why Johnny can't blink.
5. First date jitters or what to do if your drinking straw goes up your nose!
   - Remember, psychopaths look like everyone else!

That's all for now, so next time....

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Good day fair ladies.
(Get ready for this.)
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To the buyer of BOs.
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good to go .... along. Here's to the
you do. (Isn't that
For you our coupon bearing love,

Anyway,
SWEETHEART/ I I

Happy Valentine's Day

From

To my various loves
Vito, My darling,
You've made my Freshman year at Marian
the most memorable year of my life. As I've said before, I idolize you; you've taught me
so much. May you "break a leg" with all
you do. (Isn't that a pleasant thought?)
Anyway, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY,
SWEETHEART!!!
I Love Ya!

P.S. No more late nights.
Happy Valentine's Day!!!
To the Canadian Teddy Bear
"Mac"

We love you Hugs and Kisses
"The Fans"

Aaron,
My mind only thinks of you
My eyes love seeing you
My ears will always listen to you
My nose smells the Drakkar scent of you
My lips can't wait to kiss you
My heart beats only for you
My arms are for embracing you
My dreams always include you
My life is so complete with you
My love will always be deep for you
My, I LOVE YOU!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love Always,
Stacey

Jen-
If you promise to be my Valentine, I
promise to worship you...with my tongue.
"-Riff"

Eileene,
Thanks for proving me wrong about you!
However, promise you'll make me go to class
from now on, okay? Call me soon.
Greg
To all the boys we've loved before
Even those who rudely walked out our door

We're glad you came along
Whether it was right or wrong...
It doesn't matter anymore.
Now you're just marks on the corner of
white and black
Nothing more than an occasional flashback
Some were cool some were lame
But really you were all the same...
The right stuff you all lacked!
Even though you're part of our past
We couldn't let this opportunity pass
Without sending you this thought
That you will not be caught
With Cupid's arrow stuck in your ass!
We (heart) You! K2

To the Canteen Crew, a.k.a. The Dead Beat
Club. Happy Valentine's Day!

To Drew Suezler,
Happy Valentine's Day to a really sweet
guy. I think you're crazy. You're also pretty
"cute." Take Care.


To Corey,
Keep up the campaign maybe you'll catch
her yet. In the meantime have a happy
Valentine's Day!
Love Ya, Me.

To "Mom" Mary,
Happy Valentine's Day!! Hope you
enjoyed Florida. Where's your bag of sand?


And the peach fish said it was about damn
time. -SLWW

Annie and Ned- You two are sooo cute!
Love, M2

IO IO I am an IO. Here's to wacky
individualism.

Dear Tipper,
Every time I see a parental warning label my
thumbs sweat. Every time hear about a book
burning I feel faint with passion and
whenever I see a movie rating my heart skips
a beat. Thank you Tipper, for saving us
from ourselves. We couldn't make a choice
without you. Love, The Marian College
Anti-Censorship Society

Wendy,
I've noticed you many times as I pass you in
the hall when our eyes meet and I see your
congenial smile I know that this is love.
Your Secret Admirer (not Vito)

Rainy- You will always be our mom-- D&J

Stinky,
I am "Hopelessly Devoted to You" and
hope our "Love (is never) On the Rocks".
You can always call me just to say "Hello,
again Hello" no matter how "Late in the
Evening" it is.

"Always and Forever", Jethro

DOOB,
On Little Wings,
We'll all fly away,
Abandoning the colored bean bag plan,
In exchange for real life...EVERY DAY!
When life brings its changes,
And you get caught in the rush-
Remember with the GIRLIES,
There is always space for your toothbrush.

"You're Ugly"
Appreciating your uniqueness,
Accepting your humanness,
and looking into your heart.
This is where my happiness lies.
Happy Valentine's Day! "Venus"
WHAT TO DO WITH A SIGNIFICANT OTHER THIS WEEKEND (if you've run out of ideas)

1. Go to the Sweethearts Dance ("If You Asked Me To" February 13, 1993 9-12 pm; Allison Mansion; Only $20 per couple, $11 single and this price includes pictures and a very fancy picture frame! Tickets available outside the cafe.)
2. Rent standards such as Say Anything and Casablanca.
3. Experience something new, rent The Philadelphia Story.
4. Ride the elevator at the Hyatt Regency.
5. Take a carriage ride downtown. (Dress warm!)
6. Patronize our advertisers and mention the Carbon.
7. Enjoy the city's skyline.
8. Split some Ben and Jerry's.
9. Go to Mass together.
10. Be kind to those lacking in partners this holiday season. (Hint: If they yell "Happy Blood Clot day, this would be your first clue to walk in the other direction.)
11. Visit your grandparents together and find out how they met.
12. Read Lord Byron to each other.
13. Listen to Neil Diamond while taking a sunset drive around I-465.

THINGS TO DO IF YOU ARE WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT OTHER ON VALENTINE'S DAY

1. Listen to Tom Waits or Sinead O'Conner.
2. Paint your nails black.
3. Walk up to couples kissing in public and shout "EW, GERMS!"
4. Call your Mom early Sunday morning, then go to Mass.
5. Decorate your room with goblins, pumpkins and ghosts.
6. Watch the news (or Monty Python)
7. Gather a group of your nearest and dearest friends and watch a slasher movie.
8. Serenade cute couples with "Sometimes When We Touch" by Dan Hill.
9. Write your congressman.
10. Eat an entire package of Oreos with some Ben and Jerry's dip.
11. Play hopscotch. (Don't you miss that game?)
12. Station yourself outside of Clare, St. Francis or Doyle and distribute Trojans to needy folk.

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To the Anonymous critic,

When you ask, "Why not right about things we care about," the proper spelling is "write" not "right." To say "right" would be to say "correct," or "proper." "Write" would be to apply an image on a surface with pen or pencil, I believe that is what you wished to express.

Also, "about" is a preposition. A good grammarian never ends a sentence in a preposition.

And, next time, please use something that is easier to see instead of an orange highlighter. Sympathetically yours,

Dylan Roahrig & Carbon staff

P.S. Next time, at least have the image on a surface with pen or pencil, I believe that is what you wished to express.

A Response to Blastocyst Prodigy

To Jennifer Haire & Robert Hamilton,

The following is a personal attack on both Jennifer and Robert.

To begin, in reference to your submission to the Carbon concerning abortion, please don't insult my and the rest of the students and faculties intelligences by using the Knights of Columbus as a source for issues. Expecting anyone to swallow the writings of an elitist, bourgeois, all male fraternity and digest it as a newsworthy source is not only an insipid action, but it's bloody egotistical.

The Knights of Columbus as an organization is no more credible than the Waterbuffalos Fraternity to which Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble belonged; however, the Waterbuffalo Fraternity members were, at least, somewhat admirable.

The K. of C. does do its civic duty, of course. They are always ready to aid in the treatment the sick, donating money to the poor and giving scholarship aids, so long as the recipients are Catholic, or willing to convert. Who can forget all of those Haitian refugees who were helped back on their boats and sent back from whist they came by the tangent societies of the K. of C.? And they are always ready to shove their opinion down the throats of those who really don't want to hear it.

Their wonderful "fetus-eye-view" of abortion really brought a tear to my eye, laughing hysterically will do that to you, but it also made me think. I thought, "How in the hell do they know all of this? They must be really smart to know the answer to the question that no one has been able to answer since the beginning of time. They have finally determined that essence does indeed precede existence." Imagine that after countless philosophers and scientists have been befuddled by that question, the answer lay in a pamphlet distributed by that Mecca of modern thought, the Knights of Columbus. We now know that a fetus has a soul and that it is also predestined. A fetus knows its hair color and what it is going to enjoy later in life, even what it wants its name to be. Pretty interesting fact considering that I have been alive for twenty years and I still don't know what I want to do with my life.

In conclusion, Jennifer & Robert, you have insulted our intelligence. If you are really interested in helping save lives go out and get into it. Don't just caulk windows, live in the houses for a couple of days. Helping the poor in Appalachia on your spring break is certainly admirable, but one week a year does not a saint make. Canned food drives are not the soul life-force of the homeless. And, finally, distributions from the Knights of Columbus do nothing but destroy trees that could certainly be put to better use, say, toilet paper.

Love, Dylan

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THE OPINIONS IN THE CARBON BELONG SOLELY TO THOSE EXPRESSING THEM. GOT ONE??? TELL US!(in ink)
Dear Editor:

Regarding the recent op-ed piece by junior Randall Johnson, "We Can Make A Difference," I take strong exception to his closing paragraph. Johnson states, "Our society bears deep scars from the last twelve years of social neglect. Our new president has vowed to change this, but he cannot do it without strong soldiers."

Am I to infer from this that the author feels the past 12 years under a Republican president have resulted in these deep scars? Johnson should heed his own admonition that it can't be done alone. Two Republican presidents couldn't do it alone either, considering their having to work with a hostile Democratic House and Senate that consistently place political considerations ahead of fiscal responsibility.

Johnson is absolutely correct in citing the need for volunteerism. He is either uninformed or politically naive in blaming social shortcomings on the man in the White House.

Jerry L. Cosby
Editor & Publisher
The Spotlight Newspaper

Another Brick in the Wall
J. V. Jean
(My exorbitant gratitude to the editor for allowing me to expound in such a ludicrous manner.)

"In an unprecedented move by the Marian College administration, it has decided to remove its antiquated policy of a dry campus and move towards a more realistic policy of consumption by those of legal age. It's about time we faced the reality of the situation instead of hiding behind regulations," said a college official.

Suddenly, my alarm clock went off awakening me from my dream. I know - it's just a dream... a crazy little dream. You see, I look around the campus and I see computers, cable access in all of the dorm rooms, and newly established team sports. By gosh, it looks as if we ARE in the latter part of the 20th century. Now if we could just get a proactive policy that offers free counseling and amnesty to those who want help and a three strike policy to those habitual offenders.

For example: Strike 1: written up, written up, fine and suspension. If there's something like this in place... use it! Help those who want help and remove those who damage the school, the property, and themselves. Alas, this is so profound of a thought that I fall back to sleep.

Leaky pipes, tepid showers, & empty beer cases clog the bathroom trash cans inside the dorms (resident halls, pardon me). Gosh, it's good to be back at Camp M.

Senior Recital Stunning
by Katrina O'Reilly

A good tenor is hard to find. Ask any musician and he or she will agree. It was not hard to find one on Sunday, January 31 at Stokely Mansion. It was the senior voice recital of Sean Gallagher. Sean had a professional, polished recital ranging from a 17th century Caldera song to more modern art songs based on Shakespeare. The highlights were "La fleur que tu m'vais jette" from "Carmen" by Georges Bizet, and a stunning impromptu rendition "Danny Boy."

Sean is double majoring in history and music history and is planning for grad school.

Letters to the Editor (minus the orange highlighter)

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Senior Profile This Week: Doberenz and Morrow

These seniors are very different, but can usually be found at the same dinner table. Mark Doberenz is currently student teaching second grade (from now on he'll be noted as M.) and Scott Morrow (now known as S.) is finishing up his stint in history here at Marian.

1. Why did you come to Marian?
M. It was the only school I looked at. It also had a lot of trees.
S. To learn more about the world and broaden my horizons, so to speak.

2. What do you want to do with your life?
M. Laugh at the absurd so I don't start crying, but then again I'll probably incorporate both in order to operate on a sane balance.
S. I would like to work at a museum or special library and teach history, in no particular order.

3. Best and Worst times at MC-
M. The times I had with my real friends were both the best and worst times, no fairy tales there.
S. Best: A birthday party I had, Dr. Doherty's classes and the time I most importantly, received a B on my Stats final and an A on Tests and Measurements final, and memories of friends.

Worst: Waiting for three hours in St. Francis lobby after some jerk(s) set Doyle on fire.

4. Who is your idol?
M. I don't have any real idols but Captain Jean-Luc Picard and Sherlock Holmes are really close to what my ideal idols would be.
S. Where no one would suffer from starvation, thirst, disease, hate and most importantly, loneliness.

5. What is your view of heaven?
M. Well, since my mind cannot understand the infinite I will just state a childish fantasy. There will be the greatest selection of live music to view you could think of. On the South side: Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn; On the North: Chopin and Mozart; East: Sara Vaughn and Janis Joplin; West: Scott Joplin and Charlie Parker.

6. If you could be a toy what kind of a toy would you be?
M. I would be playdough, or something full of possibilities.
S. A space ship

7. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
M. I wanted not to be a human being. I wanted to be a tree, that is where I spent most of my time...in a tree.
S. An astronaut

8. What are the three adjectives you would use to describe yourself?
M. Infinite, finite, and confused

9. What are you going to name your first child?
M. Sly Eagle
S. If it's a girl, after her mother or her mother's choice, if it's a boy, I would name him James Kevin or compromise with my wife.

10. What is your favorite song of all time?
M. "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed," by the Allman Brothers
S. "Bridge Over Troubled Water," by Simon and Garfunkel

A Thought on Valentine's Day

by Cindy Lecher

Over the years, I have developed a real distaste for Valentine's Day. It stems from high school, when every Feb. 14 brought dates and cupid, hearts and boyfriends, happiness and bouquets of roses for everyone...everyone except me.

Valentine's Day represented everything I always wanted so badly, and never ever had. I hated the day so much I was tempted to skip school just so I wouldn't have to deal with all of the sappy couples, the smell of flowers and the emptiness and rejection I felt.

Since that time (thank goodness) my sentiments have changed. My heart knows V-Day is much more than "Be Mine!" greeting cards, having a sweetheart or being presented with a pink and red floral arrangement. Celebrating Valentine's Day is learning to love yourself. Society lends its members to think that Feb. 14 is only a day where love is expressed for others. and those who believe this terrible misconception are left feeling empty and rejected, like I did. To often, this notion of being "unloved" persists all the time!

Falling into the "nobody loves me" trap is a myth of the mind. You can't be loved nor can you love anyone else until you love yourself. Loving yourself may well be the hardest thing you ever do. Try it! Send yourself those flowers. It'll feel weird but you deserve it. You are worthy of love.

When you recognize this so will the world, and the people who fill it with love.

Happy Valentine's Day. From Me to Me. I challenge you to do the same as me.
Songs for Valentine's Day, Whatever Your Sentiments May Be.....

by Dylan Roahrig

Considering that it is almost V.D.(Valentine's Day) I thought it proper to compile a list of songs worthy of the day of romance. It goes in no particular order. The first twenty-five consist of songs for the lover. They inspire hope and compassion and sentimentality.

The second list of twenty-five, also in no particular order, are songs which are suitable for all other occasions. These occasions include, your significant other dumps you; you dump your significant other; you want to feel very angry; you want to feel very depressed; you want to kill all of your enemies; and so on. Enjoy!

Love songs:
1. "Julia"- The Beatles
2. "Pictures of You"- The Cure
3. "Bizarre Love Triangle"- New Order
4. "I Hope That I Don’t Fall in Love with You"- Tom Waits
5. "Love Me"- The Cramps
6. "Love Me Tender"- The King
7. "Light My Fire"- Jose Feliciano
8. "Wonderful Tonight"- Eric Clapton (Chris? Larry? I hope this pleases you.)
9. "I Know What Boys Like"- The Waitresses
10. "London You’re a Lady"- The Pogues
11. "I Touch Myself"- The DiVynals
12. "Love Boat" (Theme)- Lou Rawls
13. "Time After Time"- Cindi Lauper
14. "Softly"- Siouxsie and the Banshees
15. "Sister"- Prince
16. "Borderline"- Madonna
17. "Nymphomania"- Nymphomania
18. "Nightswimming"- R.E.M.
19. "Hey Nonny Nonny"- The Violent Femmes
20. "Girls"- The Beastie Boys
21. "Rio"- Duran Duran
22. "You Spin Me Round (like a record)"- Dead or Alive
23. "Hold Me Now"- Thompsons Twins
24. "Her Love Rubber Off"- Carl Perkins
25. "Sex"- Ice-T

Hate songs:
1. "Rain"- Skinny Puppy
2. "Don’t Trust Em’"- Ice Cube
3. "Kinky Sex Makes the World Go Round"- Dead Kennedys
4. "No Fucking"- Nomeansno
5. "10:15 Saturday Night"- The Cure
6. "Love to Hate You"- Erasure
7. "Hypocrisy is the Greatest Luxury"- The Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy
8. Anything by Sepultura
9. "On the Other Side of the World"- Tom Waits
10. "Carousel"- Siouxsie and the Banshees
11. "Trouble"- Cat Stevens
12. "I Hate Men"- Cole Porter
13. "Silent All These Years"- Tori Amos
14. "Liar"- The Sex Pistols
15. "Subliminal Fascism"- Fishbone
16. "Right Wing Pigeon From Outer Space"- The Dead Milkmen
17. "Sometimes When We Touch"- Dan Hill
18. "Goo goo Muck"- The Cramps
19. "Sex is a Drag"- The Mutilated Bushbabies
20. "Head Like a Hole"/"Something I Can Never Have"- Nine Inch Nails
21. "Add It Up"- The Violent Femmes
22. "Martha"- Tom Waits
23. "Subterranean Homesick Blues"- The Red Hot Chilli Peppers (originally by Bob Dylan)
24. "Constant Craving"- K.D. Lang