

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Barbie underwear: Rock crushes, heartbreak revealed

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For the sake of digging up some Valentine's Day dirt, random students around the school were asked who their first crush ever was. What these crushers didn't know was that their crushes were also asked for their comments when informed of their adorers from the past. Needless to say, it made for some pretty interesting results.

"My first crush was Adam Childress in the sixth grade," said senior Lindsey Adams. "He had a cute butt and I hated Amber (Thacker) 'cause she was going out with him."

Senior Adam Childress was unavailable for comment, however, in the hopes that she had some pretty big friends in the sixth grade, we asked senior Amber Thacker for her comments, and they were more than satisfactory.

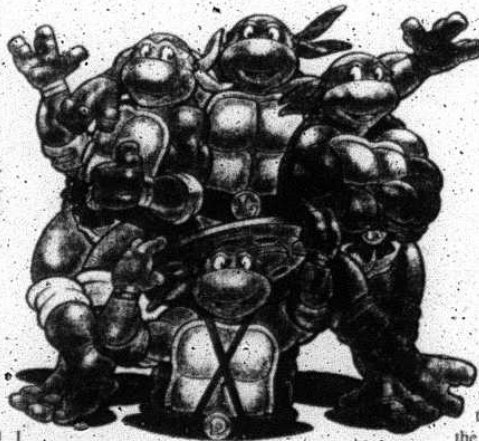
"I didn't know that Lindsey had a crush on Adam," Thacker replied,

"but if I had, she could have had him."

Gee, Amber, talk about kicking them while their down.

Senior Matt McClure said that his first crush was Jessica Jones in kindergarten.

"We were boyfriend and girlfriend until I pulled her pants down," recalled McClure. "I got paddled, and she broke up with me."



Jones. "I was wearing Barbie underwear."

Here at *The Rocket*, we're always thankful for those who like to share information for a good story, but sometimes, as this demonstrates, somethings might be better left unsaid.

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were sophomore Jamie Orniella's first crush.

"I always watched their cartoon and had the little action figures and video tapes and everything."

Well, guys and girls, I'm saddened to have to report this, but after hours of scowering even the most grotesque of New York's sewers, the elusive "Turtles in the Half-Shell" were nowhere to be found. Sorry Jamie, but I guess you'll have to settle for one of the boys at The Rock.

The Dating Game: Finding the perfect match

BY AMBER THACKER

Love can blossom anywhere. One look at someone can capture your heart or turn you away. Love, however, contains certain standards just as any other procedure in the world. Some of these standards were revealed when we asked RCHS students what things they considered when choosing someone to date.

To find this out, a survey was distributed to a total of 96 students in four different RCHS classes.

Out of 46 guys, the three most important traits were facial features at 26%, attitude at 17%, and morals at 13%.

"Their eyes and lips catch my eye, but the most important thing is their personality," sophomore Cody Alexander says.

The surveys were also given to 50 girls. The three most important traits to them were attitude at 38%, and both morals and sense of humor at 20%.

"If they have a good attitude

then all the other traits fall into place," senior Heather Allen says.

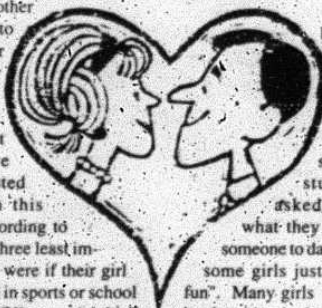
The least important traits were also accounted for through this survey. According to the guys the three least important traits were if their girl was involved in sports or school activities at 37%, material things at 28%, and hair color at 17%.

"Hair color is pretty much the last thing that you think about," says senior Kyle Parsons.

Guys apparently want all the other stuff to matter first!

The girls thought the three least important traits were being active in sports or school activities at 38%, hair color at 28%, and material things at 24%.

"I like guys with meat on their bones," says senior Becky McCoy.



She would prefer her man to not be involved in sports at all.

In addition to the survey, some RCHS students were

asked one on one what they looked for in someone to date. Apparently, some girls just "wanna have fun". Many girls at RCHS feel that laughing is the key to a good relationship. They're looking for someone that is able to take a joke and also give them a few wrinkles in their face from laughing so much.

"If they make me laugh, they win my heart," says senior Amanda Barnett.

Facial features were ranked the highest by the guys, while attitude was most important for the girls. Some of the guys' comments suggested they didn't want to date an

ugly girl and worried about what others may think. The girls, however, thought that a guy's attitude could be a big determinant on whether or not he was attractive.

If these statistics come as a disappointment, don't worry. Every now and then a guy and a girl would have their traits ranked the same. Just because most guys rely on facial features doesn't mean they all do. There was also a small percentage of the girls that preferred looks over everything else. Maybe Cupid will have a hand in matching up the right people, opinions, and personalities.

This supports the theory of "Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus". Will we ever be able to solve the compatibility problems between men and women? Who knows. Maybe with these surveys, we can all gather an idea of what the other gender considers an ideal dating prospect. If not, then good luck in finding a date and remember, Valentine's Day is just around the corner!

