

*The Origin of Valentine's Day*  
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Centuries after it began, Valentine's Day is still being celebrated. Gifts are bestowed on loved ones, handmade cards are created with special attention to every detail, and lovers still choose with care the messages to express their love. Its popularity may have waned for brief periods of time, but the joys of love and romance have kept the holiday alive.

Sources: Ideals Valentine, 1980 and Microsoft Encarta '96 Encyclopedia

## Who's Who on the Cougar Cry Staff?

By: Carrie Rogers

Do you ever wonder who writes the articles for the Cougar Cry? When you receive your copy of the student newspaper, do you ever wonder who the writers are behind those articles? Well, here is your chance to get to know the staff members a little better.

Brandon Marley is Sports Editor. He lives in Wilkesboro and is a graduate of Wilkes Central High School. He is currently in the Associate in Arts program at Wilkes Community College (WCC) and plans to graduate in May. His co-curricular activities include chairing the Community Service committee of the Student Government Association (SGA), playing sports, watching kids and spending time with his friends and family. He enjoys collecting eagles as a hobby. His nickname is "B," and his pet peeve is people who tell him how to drive. His favorite candy is Heath Bars, his favorite movie is "Titanic," and his favorite TV program is "Boy Meets World." His favorite quote is "Party Hardy." If Brandon could have one wish it would be for everyone to get along.

Ailsa Price is Clubs Editor. She lives in West Jefferson. She is a graduate of Ashe Christian Academy. She is currently enrolled in the Associate in Arts program and plans to graduate in May. Upon graduation Ailsa plans to transfer to Appalachian to major in Special Education. Besides the Newspaper staff, Ailsa's activities include working with children at a Christian school. Her hobbies include reading, writing and working with children. Her pet peeve is people with double standards. Her favorite candy is Cinnamon Red Hots, her favorite movie is "Beaches" and her favorite TV program is "Guiding Light." Her favorite quote is "Just be." If Ailsa could wish for one thing it would be for rich relatives to leave her a nice house in their wills.

Carrie Rogers, Editor in Chief, lives in North Wilkesboro. She is a graduate of Wilkes Central High School. Her major is Business Administration, with a focus on Marketing. She plans to graduate in 2000. Her co-curricular activities include Rotaract, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Student Government Association. She is also the chairperson of her church's college student ministry. Her hobbies include reading and spending time with her family. Her pet peeves are people who leave their signal light on after they have already turned and people who turn their signal light on when the person in front of them is turning. Her favorite candy is Candy Corn. Her favorite quote is "Never deprive someone of hope, it might be all they have." Her favorite movies are "Fried Green Tomatoes" and "Philadelphia." Her favorite TV program is "Ally McBeal." If Carrie could wish for one thing, she would probably wish for a road map of life, so that she would know more about what the future holds for her.

Chad Treadway lives in Moravian Falls and is an Associate in Arts student. He graduated from Wilkes Central High School. He plans to graduate in the Fall of 1999 and transfer to ASU, where he

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