

Write this down: *Legends* a hit

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"...But her heart, her heart belongs to another, another..." sings one brother in a beautifully ironic ballad in *Legends of the Fall*.

Edward Zwick, best known for his direction of "thirtysomething," has created a new epic. One Stab, an ancient Indian, narrates the story of Tristan Ludlow and his dramatic life. The plot and camera immediately glue themselves to Tristan (Brad Pitt) as he experiences love, death, betrayal, and madness.

Colonel Ludlow (Anthony Hopkins) raises his three sons, Alfred (Aidan Quinn), Tristan, and Samuel (Henry Thomas), but fails in keeping them from entering WWI or passing the same woman, Susannah (Julia Ormond), from one brother to the next. Jealousy, combined with the torment of one brother's death and Tristan's periodic

crazed states, drive a long-lasting rift between the members of the family.

All of the characters in the movie, including Tristan, seem removed and lonely. The things each loves the



Quinn, Thomas, & Pitt play the three brothers. Newsweek photo

most are either unattainable or taken away too quickly. Alfred wants Susannah, Susannah wants Tristan, but Tristan finds no permanent happiness in any attainments. Behind all of Tristan's successes lie horrible tragedies and solitude.

Violence and brutality envelop Tristan's world. Murder, suicide, fatal accidents, war, and bootlegging thugs push him over the edge of sanity. Violence even reunites the divided family with another dismal outcome.

Constant beauty keeps this heavy-on-the-heart movie easy on the eye. Ormond's classic purity, Pitt's clean-cut good looks, and other breathtaking scenery do not allow the audience to leave the movie in an upset state. The somber tale succeeds in producing a cathartic effect for the viewer.

Pitt successfully portrays Tristan's wild, lonely character. Hopkins commands attention as he convincingly brings life to the part of the colonel, even after his stroke. Stellar acting makes this movie worthwhile, as the four Golden Globe nominations assert. *Legends of the Fall* is still playing at the Janus and Brassfield theaters in Greensboro. Don't wait for this one on home video...see it on the big screen as soon as possible!

Cupid right on target for Mr. & Miss X

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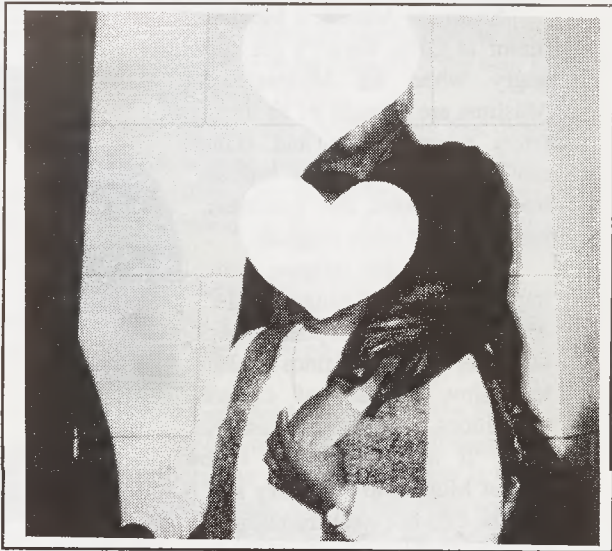
"I'm ready --to love you." These words by Tevin Campbell have special meaning to Mr. and Miss. X, *High Life's* mystery Valentine couple.

"Yeah that's our song," said Mr. X, gazing at his girlfriend. "We have been going out for 16 great months," commented Miss. X. The couple met about two years ago in the Grimsley cafeteria when a mutual friend introduced them. Their first date was very special. "We met at his house, and he cooked me a romantic candle light dinner and then we watched *The Bodyguard*," said Miss. X, smiling fondly at Mr. X.

Mr. and Miss. X meet daily in different spots around school. Look for this happy couple outside the cafeteria during late lunch. Mr. X is a player on the Grimsley Varsity football team. The two worship together most Sundays at New Light Baptist Church. Mr. X is a senior and Miss. X is a sophomore, but they don't seem to notice the age difference. "The age difference does not matter to us," said Miss. X. "I like so much about her. I love her personality,

her looks and her beliefs and her actions," said Mr. X. That about covers all the bases. Miss X likes some of these same attributes in Mr. X. "I love and respect his personality and the way he treats me. I like it all!" She squeezes her boy friend's hand. Sometimes she, well, tells me what to do," said Mr. X with a sheepish smile to Miss. X. "Sometimes he makes this one noise when he gets mad- it's kind of annoying," said Miss. X.

"My favorite memory of being together is last year's TWIRP dance," said Mr. X. "Yeah, that was a wonderful night," agrees Miss. X. Mr. and Miss X are a great example of love here at Grimsley. Miss. X displayed her love best when she turned to gaze at Mr. X and said, "He loves me -- that is the greatest gift I have ever received."



Can you guess the happy couple?



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