

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

It’s not always love at first sight, as some of these couples can attest.

Taylor and Cole sitting in a tree k-i-s-s-i-n-g. Or is it, Taylor and Cole sitting with their phones t-e-x-t-i-n-g.

To stay connected, some couples find social media is an easy way to keep the sparks flying after meeting the first time. After following one another on Instagram, Taylor Fridrich ’18 and Cole Enyart ’17 met at a haunted house with some friends. That led to them talking on Snapchat.

“I thought she had an awesome personality that you don’t see very often,” Enyart said. “She is a perfect mix of being hilarious and smart at the same time.”

After about a year, Enyart and Fridrich share an explosive amount of chemistry.

“I noticed how kind he was and how easy it was to talk to him, nothing was awkward,” she said. “He’s super caring and always puts others before himself.”

Sometimes it’s good to look up from the screen and notice who else is in your class. “Mrs. Jacobson sat us next to each other [in American Lit] and we started talking a lot ... he kept texting me pretending he needed help with homework,” Ellie Jacoby ’16 said about Mason Koch ’16.

“I always remember waiting for her to walk into class and looking forward to talking to her,” Koch said. “She was really cute and fun to talk to and she’s definitely always been that way.”

Some couples became friends during those awkward middle school years. “We met in Global Studies in seventh grade because I usually spent the whole class making fun of [Brittan Gregoire ’18],” Jackson Steburg ’18 said chuckling.

As it turns out, he got her attention. “He was really funny and a bit weird,” she said. “It turned out to be true but it’s one of my favorite things about him.”

If you’re lucky, your sweetheart could end up as your next-door neighbor. Payton Proud ’16 moved into the same neighborhood as Noah Tiegs ’16 in sixth grade. They have been dating two years.

“When we were younger, he was less confident than he is now,” Proud said. “I remember really wanting him to realize how awesome he was.”

As sophomores, they found themselves together again and began dating.

“We had seen each other several times volunteering at Coralville Central,” Tiegs said. “I remember thinking ‘Crap, I like her again.’ ”

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Gotcha! Juniors Micaela Gravelin and Zach Frisbie play in the snow. “I met him sophomore year when my locker got moved next to his,” she said. “I was really scared of him at first. He was super intimidating.”



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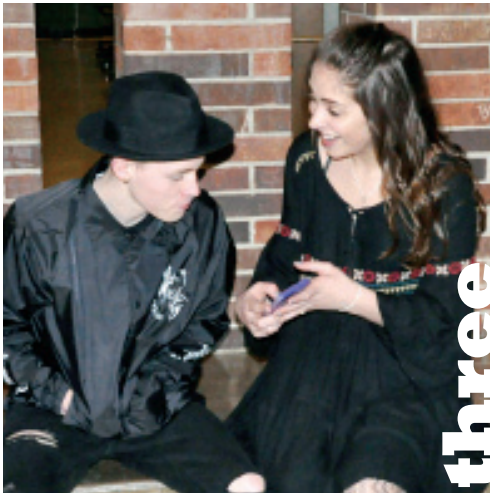


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one Juniors Ally Bauer and Majid Taha laugh outside in the courtyard. “We met in class when I brought a frog pillow pet to school and he thought it was a turtle, because his nickname is ‘PapaTurtuga,’” Bauer said.

two Tyler Krupp ’18 and Payton Pottratz ’16 eat lunch in the athletic hall Jan. 26. “I thought he was so good-looking. He was so goofy and nerdy, but he didn’t care what others thought of him. His confidence and sweetness impressed me right off the bat,” Pottratz said.

three Spencer Meacham ’16 and Taylor Shelfo ’18 chill in the Commons seventh hour and laugh at a photo on her phone. “The first time I talked to him I asked him if he had a more attractive twin brother that I could date,” Shelfo said.

four Taylor Fridrich ’18 and Cole Enyart ’17 sit on a bench after school in the courtyard. “We first met at a haunted house with a bunch of friends where we started talking, and now we’ve been dating ever since,” Fridrich said.

five Jory Lamp ’17 and Brandon Berner ’17 hold hands during lunch. “At first, she seemed really shy. But as time passed, I found that she was very funny and had an amazing laugh, which she let out at even my dumbest jokes,” Berner said.

six Rebecca Sandhu ’17 and Mason Carter ’16 wait in line in the Cafeteria. “At first I thought he was way out of my league, but then when we started talking, he kept dropping hints about prom and stuff. That’s when I knew he liked me,” Sandhu said.

seven Sophomores Brittan Gregoire and Jackson Steburg hug goodbye as they head to their cars Jan. 22. “He always made fun of me in seventh grade, but after awhile all of our friends started hanging out and we got to talking,” Gregoire said.