



Age: 17

## Joey Barlett

Height: 5' 10"

Sports played : Hockey and football

Possible colleges : MSU or Miami of Ohio

What makes him dateable: "Nice guy, low key, easy to talk to, likes to have fun, can make time more pleasurable."



Age: 17

Height: 5' 2"

Sports played: Water polo and swimming

College: U of M nursing school

What makes her dateable: "Nice, outgoing."

## Caroline Rossini

# Going in blind for Valentine's Day

## The Squall sets up two students to see if they will make a love connection

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In honor of all the single students out there and the upcoming St Valentine's Day holiday, The Squall decided to set up a blind date.

We selected two seniors, Caroline Rossini and Joey Barlett.

Rossini is a swimmer and will attend the University of Michigan after graduation. Barlett is a senior hockey player and still is deciding between Miami of Ohio and Michigan State.

Members of The Squall combed through past yearbooks searching for the perfect match. We kept in mind people with the same disposition and their likeliness to get along. They had to know of each other, but they couldn't know one another too well.

The evening started out with a romantic dinner at Weber's Restaurant on Jackson Road sponsored by Michigan Academy of Dance & Music in Dexter. Barlett arrived early and was seated in a vintage, curtained booth in The Bistro dining room where he waited for Rossini.

When she walked in, it was clear both Rossini and Barlett were totally surprised. They later said that they expected it would be someone they knew pretty well. They were wrong.

After hearing a Squall member slip Barlett's name in class, Rossini said she wasn't completely shocked that he was her date, but she did say she was relieved it was somebody who seemed chill and not obnoxious.

When Barlett saw Rossini he said, "I was excited. I don't really talk to her much so I was kind of nervous."

Barlett presented Rossini with a bouquet of flowers donated by Hearts & Flowers in Dexter. Rossini, too, was prepared with a box of handmade chocolates from Schokolad in Ann Arbor.

"The exchange of our gifts was the most awkward part of the night, but the flowers were still really pretty," Rossini said.

"I was really hungry so I was happy when I saw the chocolates. I definitely broke into those that night," said Barlett.

Although a little awkward at first, things started to move along as they both ordered dinner. The big icebreaker came when the server accidentally spilled salad dressing on Rossini's dinner. All in all, they agreed the food was great and the atmosphere perfect for a blind date.

"This is my first blind date," Barlett said. "I was kind of nervous at first, but it got better when we started talking."

The conversation landed on different topics and lead to things the two have in common. Rossini is a hockey fan and Barlett a hockey player. Rossini is a vegetarian and Barlett's sister is too.

"He is really easy to talk to and he was very down to earth," Rossini said when describing Barlett.

And he in turn referred to Rossini as "low key," and, "fun to hang out with."

Barlett later agreed with Rossini and described the date as "fun."

Barlett said he did not like surprises but Rossini, on the other hand, said, "I love surprises!"

"I don't like surprises because I like to know what's going on, and there is no sure fire way to know the outcome," Barlett said. Rossini said that her last surprise was a birthday party friends threw for her freshman year. She said she didn't figure out the

birthday party or her blind date.

After dinner, their date continued with a round of bowling at Bel-Mark Lanes just down the street. Because they were chaperoned by a Squall reporter and photographer, the couple insisted they join them for bowling. Rossini ended up beating Barlett 103-76.

"I told you guys I suck at bowling, what can I say?" Barlett said after being defeated by his date.

So it is never what you expect, a blind date that is. And you never know what might happen or who you might meet.

But both agreed they would try it again.

"It was fun getting to know someone new," Rossini said. "It was exciting to try something new. You don't need to worry about it. Chances are the other person is just as nervous too. Just relax and have fun."



Seniors Caroline Rossini and Joey Barlett chat with a Squall reporter between games at Belmark Lanes.



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Barlett gives Rossini a bouquet donated by Hearts and Flowers.



After their date, Barlett and Rossini went bowling. Rossini beat Barlett 103-76.



# How to properly wish for a snow day



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It's Wednesday, just after dinner, and your homework is sitting there. Staring at you. Daring you. Instead of actually getting it done, though, why not try to create a snow day? Yes, you read that right. You can create a snow day. The procrastinator's dream come true: the snow day ritual.

The superintendent does not often do the student population any favors in regard to snow days, but we are honored to. We have traveled districts far and wide - Google included - and have come up with the finest collection of snow day rituals that will guarantee you a day off. Trust us, we use the Internet.

Here is our comprehensive list, in order of most successful to least successful:

- Wear the opposite sex's underwear to bed. #pantyratidtime
- Make a number two and don't flush the poo.
- Throw one of your shoes on your roof and never get it back.
- Do all of your homework in case school actually meets.
- Put a spoon under your bedsheets.
- Eat an absurd number of flap jacks.

•Lock and then unlock your door seven times. Deadbolt a minimum of five.

•Tickle your dad.

•Make a naked snow angel.

•Yell "snow day" into your freezer.

•Go to bed in wash cloths. Only wash cloths.

•Pour a Capri-Sun into a glass and drink it.

•Eat a banana then drink sprite, the rest is history.

•Call a friend and tell them that you really want a snow day.

•Call that same friend proposing to them.

•Now call a different person and spread the word.

Everyone must do their part. We put our time into making this list. Put yours into using it.

If all goes according to plan, and you do indeed tickle your dad, you will wake up to a yard full of snow and a bed full of warmth. However, if you disregard our list then you better bet your sorry butt is waking up for school.

## Snow day superstitions:

- Wear your pajamas inside out and backwards.
- Put a wooden spoon under your pillow.
- Flush ice cubes down the toilet.
- Dance with a penny.
- Put a potato by your alarm clock.

• Do the snow dance.

• Sleep with a spoon under your pillow

• Flush three ice cubes down the toilet

• Yell "Snow Day!" in your

freezer

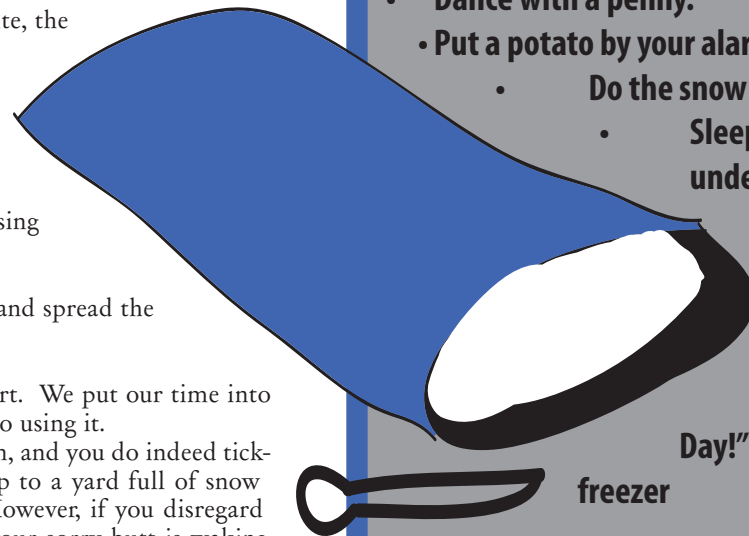


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