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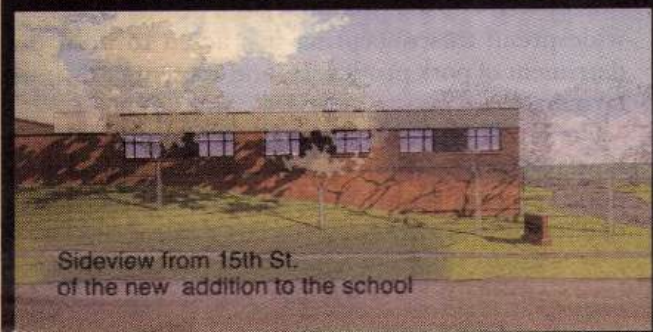
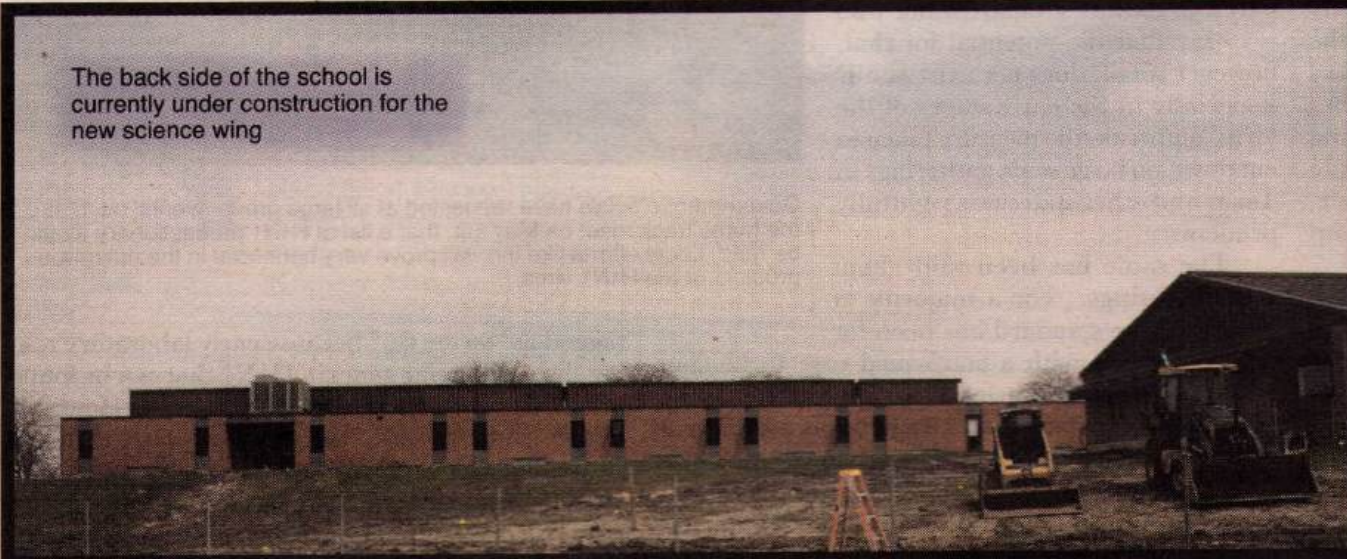
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## New addition offers exciting possibilities

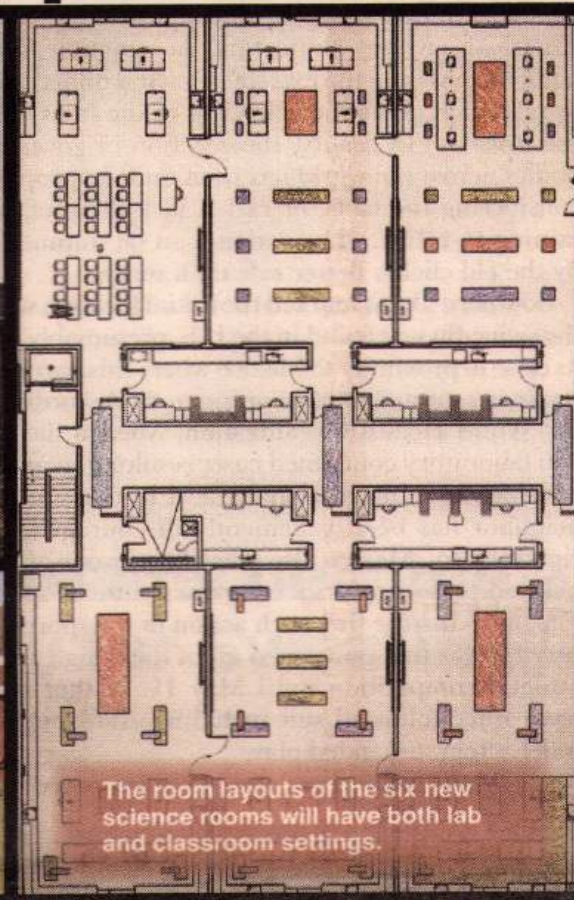
The back side of the school is currently under construction for the new science wing



Sideview from 15th St.  
of the new addition to the school



Front view of the new building  
from the south side of the MHS



The room layouts of the six new  
science rooms will have both lab  
and classroom settings.

By: Patrick Tiernan [Editor-in-Chief]

Walking through the halls of our high school these past nine years, principal Dr. Thomas has seen his fair share of changes to the school. None are more prevalent, though, than the new additions currently taking place on the southwest side of the school. With a project that will total 2.9 million dollars, Dr. Thomas is optimistic about the alterations. "[The school will benefit from the changes] because it will give our kids a better opportunity to learn with upgraded equipment and the teachers will have more opportunities to provide a better overall science curriculum."

With three teachers currently on carts and outdated science rooms the project is taking place at the perfect time, "The science team and I have been talking about the need for updating for some time and the board has been very, very supportive of the need," explained Dr. Thomas.

The addition will include six science labs that

are state of the art for high schools. Dr. Thomas sees this as a great time to be part of Marion High School, "[The students will benefit the most from] just having the updated labs and more space. Also the excitement for the entire community to see their tax dollars being spent for the benefit of the kids."

Contractors for the project are currently busy at work and the goal is to get into the science wing by next October. "[The contractors] have already started to break ground and by the end of the school year they will start to pour concrete for the walls," commented Dr. Thomas. Surprisingly the poor economy ultimately proved beneficial with the project, "Because of the bad economy and people needing work the construction companies gave very competitive bids," elaborated Dr. Thomas.

Along with benefits for the science department, the physical education department looks to gain from the additions as well. With the 500,000 dollar grant received, the basement of the new addition will provide

an excellent spot for the new fitness equipment, and Dr. Thomas was adamant about the role of the area to not be dominated by high school athletic teams, "The area is for the average student who wants to work out and down the road we hope to do something to have the public part of it also."

For Dr. Thomas, the new additions will prove to be great additions to an already outstanding school, "MHS is somewhere I've decided to remain because it's a great school to educate my own kids and the faculty and staff are wonderful to work with and dedicated to Marion and the kids. Once you start bleeding red and gold, it's really hard to stop bleeding."

Hopefully all goes to plan with the new additions and the future students of the school are able to benefit from the hard work of Dr. Thomas and company. "It's exciting to be part of the future of MHS and what it holds for our students," remarked Dr. Thomas. With all the possibilities the new additions offer it truly is a promising time for the school.

## End of school and end of ideas for this particular column

Hahahahaha no more school. Well at least not much. And I'm all out of ideas to write about things so I figure I'll just fill the remaining 52 lines with a randomly assorted jumble of various characters and numbers.

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Just Kidding. But that was a convenient way to fill some space and there's no chance it was plagiarized. Yes!

Seriously though I don't know what I'm going to write about, with just so many options and directions. I mean there's the

### -Commentary-

obvious stuff such as the end of the school year, graduation, summer, etc. And then there are the less obvious topics about the time space continuum and cats that ride skateboards.

Maybe an interactive reader poll would solve this problem. If you want to read about the first section of topics, text 1 to 834736. If you would rather read about the second, text 2 to 834736. Yeah I don't know how this is going to work either. And by the way don't actually text that number because you'll probably end up severely confusing someone in China.

I did receive a request from an administrator for a special announcement, and here at *The Vox* we're all about doing things for the betterment of the school commu-

nity. It seems as if we are having a bit of trouble distinguishing sizes and/or shapes while weights are being put back in the weight room, specifically the bench press stations. Apparently (and this is news to me) the 2.5s are supposed to be put back with other 2.5s, the 5's with other 5's and so on. It's sort of like a 10,000 piece jigsaw puzzle, except with only like 15 pieces.

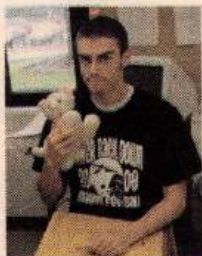
P.S., that supposedly random assortment of letters and numbers is actually a coded message. I'll give someone eight dollars if they can figure it out.

The font on the senior countdown is super crazy.

Well then. I'm almost out of space. I suppose this is goodbye, then. May the next column to fill this space better serve than this one. Happy May 20 everybody.

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By: Matt Barnd  
[Photo Editor]



# H1N1's potential warrants extreme measures

Taking into account relative unknown possibilities of the H1N1 virus, government officials have acted appropriately in dealing with the outbreak

Editorial

The pandemic H1N1 virus, commonly and erroneously known as swine flu, has headlined the national new for the better part of the last month. Multiple deaths have been confirmed, and it continues to spread across the United States and elsewhere in the world.

Many schools have been closed down for extended periods of time, and several high school states suspended athletic competition indefinitely. Many American citizens claim that the reaction to the outbreak has been too extreme, that it is unnecessary to take such precautions in light of the facts about the disease. In reality, the reaction of governing bodies across the world has been quite appropriate considering the facts, or rather lack thereof, pertaining to H1N1. The actions can be summed up by the old cliché: Better safe than sorry.

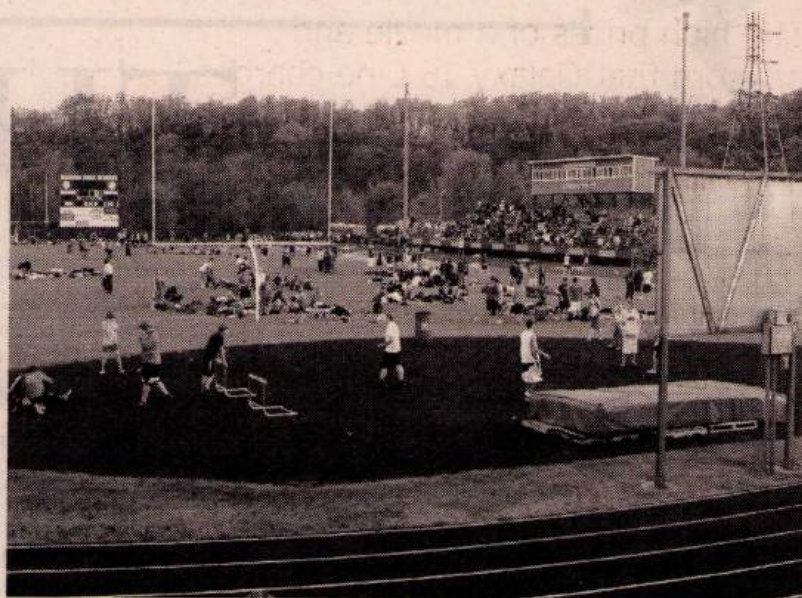
Southern Texas marked the initial location where the swine flu was found in the U.S., presumably from its close proximity to Mexico where this particular strain is assumed to have originated. According to the World Health Organization, Mexico has had 156 laboratory confirmed cases resulting in at least nine deaths. International travel to our southern neighbor has been vehemently discouraged, and rightfully so. Mexico also played every one of their beloved professional soccer games without spectators, marking the first such action in the sports history. Texas had postponed all of their high school athletic competition until May 11. Other states have since followed suit including Alabama who indefinitely suspended play.

Many may argue that these supposedly ex-

treme measures are unnecessary. The problem is, there are too many unknowns about H1N1. There is no vaccine, no cure, and the possibility of disease mutation does exist. In 1919, a similar strain of flu killed almost 20 million people. Granted, medical technology was crude compared to today's standards, but who is to say that the potential for that, however small, does not exist at all? Especially in the early stages of the virus' outbreak, the measure taken to cut down on large scale gatherings in Texas and other states was rightfully prudent.

The same has been said about school closings. For a majority of the cases, the standard has been for school districts with a confirmed case to be shut down for a minimum of 7 days while it can be thoroughly disinfected. This, again, is a sufficient response in order to stem the spread of this unfamiliar disease.

One of the most common, one, is that swine flu can be contracted from pigs. Many media outlets continue to refer to H1N1 as swine flu, and other sources continue to contribute to the falsity. The recent cover of Newsweek was headlined "Fear and the Flu" and pictured the nose of a pig. Many pigs have even been slaughtered in other countries out of irrational and unfounded fears. The facts are quite different. According to cdc.gov, H1N1 was initially



Government officials have requested at all large group events, such as the home track meet on May 5th, that a list of H1N1 precautionary steps be read. Local efforts like this will prove very beneficial in the nationwide problem of the H1N1 virus.

tagged as "swine flu" because early laboratory testing showed similar genes in H1N1 that can be found in diseases commonly occurring in pigs. However, further study revealed the differences between this strain and that of North American pigs. The World Health Organization stated on their website, "There is no risk of infection from this virus from consumption of well cooked pork and pork products." This widespread misconception has acted to both the detriment of pork producers, and subsequently pork farmers.

The H1N1 virus has potential for extreme damage now and into the future. The actions by governing bodies everywhere are necessary for the public safety of citizens everywhere.

## Sunless tanning, a safer alternative to hours of sunbathing

By: Nicole Pratt [Ads Editor]

According to skincancer.org, more than one million skin cancers are diagnosed annually in the United States. Each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than cases of breast, prostate, lung and colon cancers combined. The most common skin cancers are basal cell cancer, squamous cell cancer, and melanoma. Overexposure to UV-radiation can cause skin cancer. UVA & UVB have both been found to cause skin cancer. Tanning beds are most commonly associated with the deadliest form of skin cancer, malignant melanoma. Both harmful rays cause loss of elasticity in your skin, which causes wrinkling, sagging and aging of your skin.

Even if you don't think you're doing any harm

to your skin by being in the sun all day, you really are. skincancer.org also states that skin cancer can not show up for 20-30 years after years and years of over exposure. Skin Cancer in older people today is traced back to when they were young adults being over exposed to UVA and UVB rays, and now effects them. Dark sun tans used to be thought of as healthy. Sunburns used to be very common and not thought of as a big deal. Today we know the facts, and how to protect ourselves from the harmful rays of the sun and the damage it can really do. Today's skin cancer cases are common in people around 50 years of age that reflects the ignorance about the sun and tanning beds in the past.

Tanning exposes the body to high levels of ultraviolet rays. As explained at skincancer.org, tanning salons use UVA rays that can cause premature aging of the skin. There are many ways to achieve a bronze, summer looking tan without being exposed to harmful UV rays. Sunless tanning is where chemicals are applied to the skin to produce a similar effect as a traditional tan. Sunless tanning has been popular in the United States since the

1960s, since the rise of harmful effects of the sun and tanning beds and the rise of skin cancer.

Sunless tanning is a safe way to avoid the dangerous rays and bad repercussions later in life from the sun or tanning beds. These products come in the form of gels, lotions, mousses, sprays and wipes. Also, these products contain dihydroxyacetone or DHA. DHA reacts with the top layer of your skin, producing the best looking sunless bronze tan. Spray tanning or sunless tanning, is a process by which a DHA based solution is airbrushed on to the skin with a person applying the mist or tanning equipment that sprays it. When the airbrush tanning solution is sprayed onto the skin, a safe, natural, sunless tan develops and lasts for about two weeks.

By using sunless tanning products versus spending countless hours outdoors and a lot of money on purchasing tanning minutes you are ultimately better off. Purchasing one of the many types of sunless tanning products will help prevent having saggy wrinkly looking skin just a few years down the road or even the possibility of skin cancer.

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# Expensive prices outweigh good services

The high prices of a movie and popcorn that Galaxy 16 Cine charges turns many costumers away.

By: Samuel Kiburz [Design Editor]

Been to a movie lately? If one has than they know how much money it costs to see a good movie, engulf a bag of buttery popcorn, and finish it off with a soda. Some of the most anticipated movies that will premiere in the near future are, Transformers II, Star Trek, Terminator Salvation, and Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince. All of the movies previously listed will be showing at Galaxy 16 Cine. For those of you non-movie goers, it's located off Council Street in Cedar Rapids. Galaxy is the best movie theatre in the area. The theatre is conveniently located close to Marion and has awesome movies, good service, upper level arcade, and an awesome concession stand. Wehrenberg is a great theatre besides the costing these rough economic not everyone has an extra thirty dollars to spend at the movie theatre on a Friday night. There's the nine dollar ticket, six dollars large soda with free refills, and 7 dollars on the large free refills on the large buttered popcorn. All that added together including tax and maybe a couple arcade games later could easily add up to thirty dollars. That is way too expensive! Sure the

movies are entertaining, the food and drinks are good, and the arcade kills time before the movie, but for a couple of hours of fun at Galaxy isn't worth thirty dollars.

There are many other options to consider instead of spending thirty dollars. One movie theatre that is less expensive is the Collins Road Theatre, otherwise known as the "cheap theatre." The cheap theatre is less expensive because the movies they decide to play are the same ones that play at Galaxy, they just premiere a month or so later than Galaxy. This is really the way to go if you want to see a movie before it comes out on DVD.

Another option that is out there is to wait until the movie comes out on DVD. Either buy the DVD or rent the movie. Renting a movie these days can range from three to four dollars for a couple nights, or just a couple of dollars to rent it for the night. The price to buy a DVD movie has stayed fairly consistent, around twenty dollars.

Students understand that it costs millions of dollars to make a good movie, but the prices that they are gouging at these movie theatres are becoming ridiculous. Not only are they taking advantage of the costumers but are also not thinking on the other side of their

economic strategy. These production companies should maybe consider that if the movie theatres were cheaper than more movie goers would show up. Costumers would spread the word about the less expensive movies and even more people would show up. Instead they are gouging the prices causing people to spread the word about how expensive their night was instead of the good things the Galaxy offers.



Galaxy 16 Cine is located on C avenue in Cedar Rapids. And is the most popular theatre in town. The delicious concession stand to the upper arcade area, it makes for a great place to go see a movie. The only down fall is the cost, one could easily spend thirty dollars on a visit.

## House passes gay marriage

By: Samuel Kiburz  
[Design Editor]

Same-sex marriage is one of the most controversial topics in the media at this moment. Iowa was officially the third state in the U.S. to legalize same-sex marriage. The first two states were Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The Iowa Supreme Court unanimously legalized gay marriage on Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Couples were allowed to wed on April 24<sup>th</sup> when the ruling was considered final. Iowa was the first of the Midwestern states to allow same-sex couples to marry. Iowa being the first of the Midwestern states will naturally be an example for the other states in the Midwest.

Before same-sex marriage was legalized the main reason that gay right activists wanted same-sex marriage to be legal was because they wanted the same rights as everyone else. But actually not every man and woman can marry. Gay rights activ-

ists main argument was that they should have the right to marry anyone of their choosing. Almost half of the states don't allow first cousins from marrying, or closer blood relatives even if they are sterile. In all states it is illegal to marry more than one person at the same time or even act like they are married to more than one person. Therefore gay couples aren't the only people that are denied the right to marry whomever they choose. It's not being said that those other types of couples are on the same level as same-sex couples but it's just an example of why marriage is regulated.

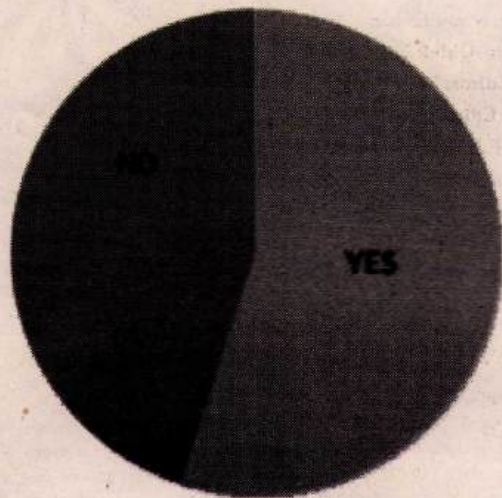
There is separation of church and state in our country but another reason that gay marriage is not allowed everywhere is because it goes against almost every religion, which believes homosexuality is sin.

On the contrary thumbs go up to the house for making a ground breaking decision. Our country is progressing, and maybe in the future citizens will be more comfortable with same sex marriage.

Just right now it's new and it will take people a while too be fully comfortable with same sex marriage.

It's not being said that gay marriage is wrong and that a man cant love another man or a women cant love another woman, its just being said that they shouldn't have the right to marry. There are many things that we as Americans aren't allowed to do and for same-sex couples marriage is something that shouldn't be a right.

Do you support same sex marriage?



The following poll was taken by 100 students of various grades during all three lunch cycles. 55% of the students polled were for same sex marriage, 45% were against.

## The loss of vender meals frustrates many at the high school

By: Elizabeth Smiley [Staff Writer]

Throughout the year, the students and staff members of Marion High School have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to have outside vender meals at lunch. These meals included Hy-Vee Chinese, Subway, and also Pizza Hut. The lunch menu was scheduled to have Chinese every other Monday and eventually every Monday. Subway and Pizza Hut alternated back and forth every Wednesday. This of course excludes early dismissal days.

However, more recently most people have noticed that unfortunately the vender meals have been taken away and can no longer be served at lunch. Although many people were getting sick of Chinese every single Monday, it is still very unfortunate to have the privilege be taken away. Many people are very upset and think it is extremely unfair.

"[I think] that they should bring it

back and it's dumb that it was taken away," sophomore Tiffany Zika stated.

The vender meals added variety to the lunch menu. The Chinese consisted of heaping mounds of rice and sesame chicken or broccoli and beef. The Pizza Hut included cheese, pepperoni, and sausage pizza. The Subway vender meals had the typical ham and cheese or turkey and cheese. Subway also offered additional dressings, sauces, and toppings that students could add to the sandwich of their choice.

Though no one at school is to blame or is at fault, it's not fair that we have gotten these vender meals taken away. The vender meals gave the students and staff other options than what the school was serving that day. The vender meals were extremely popular throughout the school and hopefully next year we will be able to have the privilege of having them as an option once again.

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# Clark continues to dominate the shotput

With an impressive list of accomplishments already Drew Clark, senior, continues to strive in the shotput. After a second place finish at state last year, Drew zones in on first.

By: Lauren Jilek [Feature Editor]

Being involved in any extra curricular activity or sport always involves set discipline and goals to obtain throughout the season. These goals are useful for continuous motivation and eventually reflection when goals are assessed. Senior, Drew Clark can attest to this goal process through many seasons of sports but most recently, track and field.

Drew has thrown shot put in track all four years of high school. "(My favorite memory was) winning Drake because those are the best throwers in the state and the atmosphere is very exciting." This exciting atmosphere has surely followed Drew as he goes after his goals. "(A few of the goals I have set are) to go undefeated in the shot put, break the 3A State Meet record of 62'9 3/4" and win State in shot."



Drew Clark, senior

Sticking to the main objectives of the season and breaking the stress of going from practice to meets can be very challenging for some. "(I hope to) stay relaxed in the tough competition and have fun!"

Drew's success, not only this year but all through his high school career, can be attributed to a couple things. "(I think my success has to do

with) my attention to detail and excellent coaching." Drew also has a close set of role models near him as well. "My brother and sister both threw for Marion so I look up to them."

In the past month, Drew has made outstanding steps in his high-school shot put career. At the Prairie meet fighting against strong winds, Drew threw shot to a distance that put it eighth in the nation. A short time later in the end of April, he sealed two consecutive Drake Relays wins in the shot put as well. "(Drake) ranks near the top. Knowing that you are throwing in the same meet as college and Olympic athletes makes it that much more special."

Going for the second time to Des Moines for the Drake Relays comforted Drew in a big way. "The most recent Drake championship (was the most satisfying) because I knew what the Drake Relays were about so I was able to just relax and have fun."

With track wrapping up the end of it's season finishing with the State meet, Drew has even more than he thought to look forward to. Along with playing football, there may be many more



Drew Clark, senior, prepares to heave the shotput at the Marion Invitational while teammate Brad Burke, junior, and Coach Clark watches. Clark is ranked first in all classes this season with a personal best of 63 feet and 7 inches.

opportunities up ahead. "I have talked to the throwing coach at Iowa but I'm not sure if that's what I want to do yet."

Whether or not Drew continues on with his track and field career through college, it is a successful experience to be accounted for and it definitely cannot be overlooked. With districts now over and State only a day away, the goals have only continued to follow him. The strength and support Drew has maintained all four years of high school has pushed him to where he is now, making him someone who will definitely be remembered.

## Girls soccer: not what's expected

By: Haley Berry [Staff Writer]

Girls soccer is a sport a lot of girls went out for this year, even though it can sometimes be known for being a very tough sport. For sophomore Kylie Cimaglia though, it's a lot different. "It's a lot more fun than I'd ever thought it would be." Kylie played J.V.



Kylie Cimaglia, sophomore

last year, but this year made it to the varsity squad. This season started off really well for the girls and Kylie too. "I get to play a lot more than I thought I would," she smiled. Kylie also mentioned that their team is really close. "We sit together watching J.V. and we don't even have to," Kylie mentioned. They also like the practices. Kylie said s, "It's not as serious as the games and we get to mess around a little more."

However, with fun, there usually comes discipline. "(My least favorite

part is) probably fun-runs," Kylie explained. In fun runs, the soccer team starts here at the high school and goes to Vernon and back. They also run to A-ave then to 22nd, and then to Hillview. With their discipline, this year the girls hope to make it to state for the first time.

Soccer seems to be more and more aggressive as time passes. "You can't really do that in other sports, except for football, which I can't play because my mom won't let me," Kylie laughed, "(Soccer is aggressive because) you get to slide tackle and push people around."

With a high team goal and such a great season going so far, the girls soccer team is really "kickin" into gear. Kylie plans to stay in soccer the rest of her high school career and has a personal goal herself. "Within the next three years I play I hope we can get 1st in WaMac and qualify for state." With Kylie enjoying her season so far, and finding out soccer was not what she thought it would be, she encourages newcomers to come out and give it a try because, as Kylie put it, "It's just so fun."



Courtney Rogers, junior, attempts a shot past a flock of Vinton-Shellsburg defenders during a home soccer match.

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## Isaac is rooted in his beliefs

Isaac Glidewell, senior, shares and spreads his faith in Christianity every week through the informational group Rooted

By: Kayla McGrew [Staff Writer]

Everyone has wondered at one time the questions, "Are we here by random chance or with a purpose? Does God exist? What caused the universe to come into existence?" Senior Isaac Glidewell, is helping believers and nonbelievers grasp the answers to these questions with his new club, Rooted. Isaac said, "The idea of Rooted is to equip students so that they will remain strongly rooted in their faith in Jesus Christ." Every Thursday morning at 7:30 in Mr. Immerfall's room, you can find Isaac and many others looking through Powerpoints and DVD's that Isaac has put together to find substantial evidence that God is the creator of our universe and us.

Isaac is very strong in his faith and wants to share this passion with others. He stated, "I gave my life to Christ at a young age, but as I grew older I began to ask the questions, 'Why do I believe Christianity is true?' If I believe in something I should know why I believe it. So I began investigating the evi-

dences for a creator in cosmology, physics, biochemistry and archeology in hope to find some answers. The result was that not only was I convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that Christianity was true, it also strengthened my relationship with God by allowing me to get a glimpse to how great he is."

The main focus of the group is to answer the question: "Is the Christian worldview true?" Isaac takes clear scientific evidence and proves how that evidence points to the reality of higher power. He gave this example, "What causes a computer program to come into existence? Well, we know that some computer programmer created the computer program to tell the computer how to run. In the same way an intelligent being, God, has programmed life with the necessary information. These are the types of evidence we focus and discuss in Rooted."

Each week the group investigates a new topic. They started off the term by looking at the scientific evidence for God. From there, they moved to the evidence that show how the Bible is reliable. Then they will finish the year with the evidence that show that Jesus was the Son of God and that he rose again. Everyone involved looks forward to the meeting each week because it not only strengthens their faith, but it is just truly fascinating to know this type of information.

"The only thing I would have changed about Rooted is that I wish I would have started it earlier in the year. Leading the Rooted club had honestly been the greatest decision I think I have ever made during my time at the high school. It has helped me grow in my relationship with the Lord, and has allowed me to share with others about the love God has so graciously given us and how all we have to do is accept it." Isaac hopes to join some kind of group similar to this when he goes off to college, and if there is no club available? "Well, I wouldn't be too shocked if I plant a Rooted club on the campus."



Isaac Glidewell, senior



Isaac Glidewell, senior, leads interested students through a meeting of the group Rooted.

## ATOMS offers amusing trip

By: Haley Berry [Staff Writer]

On Saturday, May 2nd the school's science club ATOMS, took a trip to the Omaha Zoo. 42 people signed up fast to get there guaranteed spot on the charter bus. One of those people was sophomore Markus Newton. "The trip was really good," Markus smiled, "I had a lot of fun and saw a lot of cool animals."

The rides both there and back were about 4 hours each. Markus mentioned how long and boring they were. "It was really hard to sleep too," he laughed. When they finally arrived in Omaha though, "People got really excited and when we were finally in Omaha people started freaking out when we could see the zoo," he laughed, "it was really funny."

Being a zoo and all, there were pretty sweet animals everyone liked looking at, a popular one seemed to be the gorilla. "They are so human like, it was amazing to see." He said. Markus also mentioned he enjoyed seeing the jellyfish because the tanks were amazing, Markus explained, "and they glowed really cool."

Apparently on this trip there was an incident that happened that was really scary. "Well, why we were looking at the gorillas, one of them came up and kicked the glass!" Markus cringed. Tayler Houchin, another member of the trip this year, also had an interesting story. "Out of no where this beast gorilla comes up to the glass and smacks Tre (Kinney) in the face...it was hilarious!" She added, "Then I made out with the glass for like an hour because the gorilla was kissing me through it...it was awesome." Tayler says laughing.

After a full day of fun and laughter, it did of course have to end, and the ride back home did have to come. Markus said the ride was pretty boring, but they did a lot to make it fun. "We watched movies such as Transformers, and Groundhog Day, and we played games and sang songs," commented Markus

Markus added that he would go again next year, and gave this trip a ten out of ten. With such positive reviews, it seems the science trip is an excellent way to have fun, experience a new adventure, and learn a few things. For all those intrigued, the science club changes their location spot every year, and is a most definite to at least try it out.



Markus Newton, sophomore



Students from ATOMS found an interesting exhibit, the Orangutans. They thought that this was pretty cool and watched them for a while.

## Paying Taxes... What to Expect



When your paycheck arrives, it can be shocking how much money you've paid to Uncle Sam. Add up income taxes and the 7%+ you pay into Medicare and Social Security, and your check may be a good 15% less than you expected.

This is important to keep in mind when trying to decide whether or not you can afford to make monthly payments on a new car, computer or entertainment system. If you simply multiply your hourly wage by the number of hours worked, you're going to come up short.

The beauty is that any money you may have over-paid to the government will be returned to you after you file taxes. Although it's better to earn interest on your money throughout the year, it's still nice when Uncle Sam sends you a little gift.



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## Incorporating physical activity in the classroom



"I think we should stretch before class because you're sitting in class for like an hour and a half and your butt gets tired and starts to hurt from sitting of course."  
-Amry Shelby, senior



"We should have a two minute jumping jack routine."  
-Amanda Peterson, junior



"Kids should stretch and maybe do push ups or sit ups."  
-James Soldner, senior



"I think we should have a fifteen minute break of yoga."  
-Mandy Jewell, junior



"If kids get in trouble teachers should make them go take a lap."  
-Brooke Cole, freshman



"There should be more moving around games and activities for all."  
-Dan VanGorp, sophomore



# Area coffee shops examined

Though there is a wide variety of local coffee establishments, two of the best ones, Coffeesmiths and Starbucks, are compared to each other.

By: Lauren Jilek [Feature Editor]

There are a wide variety of coffee shops that can be seen scattered all across the town of Marion and individuals seem to have their own preferences on where they like to go. Just to name a few, there are two Starbucks locations, Wit's End, Coffeesmith's, and Mr. Beans that can nearly serve all the same beverages, whether it is coffee or not. For many high school students, getting that little coffee fix in the morning can go a long way but for others, coffee is not a favorite. At all of these places, either coffee products or non-coffee products are offered but the taste and prices can definitely be compared.

For all you coffee-lovers, Starbucks is certainly the place to be. The variety of coffee drinks is definitely there and although the cost is higher, it is definitely worth it for the rich taste. The coffees supplied are diversified from places like France, Italy, Latin America and Asia. If you are looking for something with a lot of variety in order to have something new everyday, it is definitely a great option. It is also a great location for little gifts of sentimental value for friends and family. They have anything from actual

coffee and tea used at the shop to an espresso machine or a tea press. Whether you are planning on spending a lot of money on the gift, there are also fancy mugs and travel cups for the delicious beverages. As for those of you who don't prefer coffee, you should probably head on over to Coffeesmith's. With two rather close locations with nearly the same products, it makes it really convenient to stop and get a treat wherever you are headed. The C Avenue location is actually a great place for studying or meeting with a small group or club for a sandwich or drink. Coffeesmith's has excellent sandwich options and the smoothies are always a hit. They also have a sweet treat for dessert when finishing the decadent meal: a small container of cookie dough. It is made the edible way where eggs are not used and the risk of getting sick from it is gone.

When looking at and comparing the price, taste and variety of a coffee shop, these two definitely will win you over. Whether on the road looking for a place to stop for a smoothie or an Iced Coffee Mocha or even to sit down to study for your next big finals, Starbucks and Coffeesmith's definitely won't let you down.



Coffeesmiths offers many varieties of coffee drinks and is at a very convenient location on 1st Ave to get in and out quick.



Starbucks offers many great types of coffee, and non-coffee drinks, and also a spot to hang out and relax. Starbucks is located on the corner of Collins Rd. and 1st Ave.

## Coffin creation



Johnathon Garthwaite, junior, lays in his coffin that he is in the process of making in Woods class.

He has been working on this coffin all of fourth term. As of now, John still needs to glue his coffin together, but that shouldn't take too much time. He is still unsure of what he plans on doing with his coffin afterwards, but hopes to have it finished soon.

## Earth shows variety of animal life on our planet

By: Elizabeth Smiley [Staff Writer]

There are many things the human race has yet to learn about our planet and our universe. There is so much that has yet to be discovered. Many of these things include ancestors, different cultures, the human race as one, and there is still much to learn about the millions of animals that roam the Earth.

The movie Earth, is about the many magnificent creatures that roam Earth. It reveals the harsh realities that occur throughout animal's lives all over the world. It covers a variety of animals ranging from lions and elephants in Africa, to monkeys and birds in rain forests, to wolves, lynxes, polar bears and caribous in the arctic. It also covers many sea creatures such as humpback whales, seals, walrus, and the one and only great white shark.

The movie reaches out to many touchy subjects such as global warming. It also covers the cycle of the hunter and the hunted, the predator and it's prey. It refers to the animals' survival techniques and the journeys they take throughout their lifetime including the elephant herd's journey to reach water in the desert, a polar bear's treacherous search for food on the melting ice caps, and even a wolves hunt for dinner.

Other than the hunting from animal to animal, there is no violence included in the movie. It is a very educational and loving. It seems to target animal lovers, naturalists, and also a young audience. The movie opened on Earth Day, Wednesday April 22. It is only ninety-nine minutes long. Although the movie included a lot of information, it was extremely short. Each of the scenes could have been longer

and used more elaboration to make the overall production much longer. It was directed by Alastair Fothergill The movie was produced by Andre Sikojev, Nikolaus Weil, and Stefan Beiten, and it stars James Earl Jones. Earth is rated G and is a DisneyNature film. Overall, Earth was a great, informational, loving film that I recommend to anyone and everyone with a love for animals.



The movie Earth educates and entertains audiences about the wonders of the world.

## New X-Men disappoints

By: Kayla McGrew [Staff Writer]

The new X-men movie, X-Men Origins: Wolverine, was released on May 1st, 2009. This movie goes in depth of the life of Wolverine BEFORE he was an X-man. It revealed the psychological roots of the famous 'rage' that has caused the angry Marvel superhero to bare his metal claws in three previous X-Men movies. But did anyone really care? Whoever decided that they should make an entire 107 minute film based on this on character was not thinking. Yes, Wolverine is awesome and everyone loves him but people were waiting for what happened next after the third movie, not what happened before. As action packed as it was, the audience was just not interested in the storyline.

The high points of the movie were they introduced a couple new characters that have never appeared in the big screen before, such as Gambit, who can throw cards and they blow up. You also

get to meet Wolverine's brother/slash biggest enemy that no one really knew about. They make an alliance with other mutants and it becomes very similar to what X-men is but it goes south and then Wolverine and his brother are trying to kill each other for the rest of the movie. Not your typical brotherly love.

The movie goes on to show about how Wolverine's past has made him what he is today. Very cliché, but to the hardcore X-men comic lovers they have been waiting for this one. This movie foreshadows that they will be making more "origin" movies for all the X-men characters

**Starring:** Hugh Jackman, Ryan Reynolds

**Run Time:** 107 minutes

**Rating:** PG-13 for intense sequences of action and violence, and some partial nudity

**Vox Rating:** 2.5 out of 5

**Release Date:**

May 1st, 2009

**Category:** Comic Book Movie

**Opening Weekend:**

\$27,000,000



# MTV offers good and bad shows

-Commentary-

I really enjoy reality television. What would we do in this world if there were no reality television? To get away from it all, I can easily turn on the T. V. and get thrown into a foreign world filled with bimbos and tools.

First off I would like to thank MTV for making every middle class American feel like complete garbage. If anyone out there has seen *Teen Cries* they know what I'm talking about. These kid's houses are ridiculous, well the houses aren't theirs they are owned by their parents. On every episode the producers sit down with the parents of the kids, and the parents always say, "We really wanted our kids to have a place that they could bring all of their friends to, and for our house to be a safe place." Then the next thing you know, while watching, the kid is showing you their house and takes you into a room that has soundproof walls. How does making a room soundproof room promote safety? When I watch *Teen Cries* I'm usually in a state of shock. If you've seen the show you know exactly what I mean. I mean what kid really needs an Olympic size swimming pool with a waterfall, available breathing tanks underneath the pool, and blaring speakers blaring. The pool, breathing tanks, and the speaker's make for an awesome under water dance party, I am beyond jealous.



By: Samuel Kiburz  
[Design Editor]

MTV has lately been doing an exceptionally good job of airing shows that are relatable and entertaining. One show that isn't like all the other reality shows that is on MTV is *College Life*. *College Life* is raw, there are no production and sound guys, and all of the footage is captured by four freshmen at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. The premise of the show is for the students to capture every moment of their freshmen year at college. Anything goes, from showing the male student partying his butt off and getting caught playing beer

pong, to the girls footage which is mostly about all the boys that she is Texting/talking to and at the same time trying to maintain her virginity. *College Life* also shows some of the stupid things that kids do. One of the boys who is of Jamaican/French decent decides too get a \$2,400 arm sleeve tattoo, with the money that he owed his parents to help with his tuition. *College Life* is one of the more interesting shows that MTV is showing right now. I tune in every week to see what's going to happen to the students next.

MTV all and all this year has been putting out some good shows like *College Life*, *America's Best Dance Crew*, and *Real World*. But they also have some not so great shows as well. My least favorite shows on MTV are *Next*, *Parental Control*, and *The Hills*. I mostly hate those shows because they are scripted and not real. I really can't stand to watch them for more than five minutes.

Like I said I really do enjoy reality television. Reality television not scripted reality shows or anything like that. I enjoy the good stuff, like the guy who spent all of his money on a tattoo instead of paying his tuition, or one of the guys from *Real World/Road Rules Challenge* who pulled his shoulder out of place so that he could win the challenge. That's the reality T. V. that I like to watch.

It has been my pleasure to tell all of the great MHS students about my views on reality television. Commenting on *The Hills*, and talking about my morning line up of talk shows have been my personal favorites. Well there you go, now what are you going to do without my opinionated views on all the reality television.

## Good food at good prices

By: Haley Berry [Staff Writer]

Lindale Mall has recently been closing and adding locations. One of the newest locations in the mall would be the Mongolian restaurant HuHot, which opened on May 13th.

The restaurant is a lot similar to Genghis Grill located on 1st Avenue. HuHot has a great overall atmosphere and has a very comfortable setting and looks very nice.

Another thing about HuHot is how organized it is. There was no wait, even for being the lunch rush, and the greeters were more than nice to the customers.

The waiters also do a fantastic job there. They are very polite and keep the refreshments filled faster than a snap of a finger. The waiters were constantly asking if you're doing all right and how the food is tasting. Even people who weren't working as waiters were attentive and helpful. The outfits the waiters and waitresses wore also looked very decent and comfortable, which doesn't make it an awkward situation.

Now to the good part, the food is fantastic! There are many choices of appetizers and desserts, but the main meal, of course, is most important. After picking up the bowl, it gets filled

with whatever choice of meats sound good, like beef, chicken and pork, and on special nights, other choices like shrimp are also offered. After picking the meat, the choice of noodles is next. There is the choice of regular Chinese noodles, ramen noodles, and padthai noodles. Then, the vegetable table is next, and the choice of all the deliciousness you want out of that. After choosing vegetables, the sauces and oils are poured all over the bowl. The cooking of the bowl is just like that of Ghengis on a big grill in the center. The bowl, which is overflowing by now, is handed to the cooks and they grill it. Again HuHot keeps it very organized and does everything in a very fast manner. Only about a three minute wait.

After the first bowl is finished, the difference at HuHot compared to Genghis Grill is the option to go back as many times as want can while paying the same price, so it's basically like an all you can eat. The pricing is very reasonable, and affordable.

So, if you're looking for a great new place, and you're ready to eat a ton, but only have a ten in your pocket, the new restaurant, HuHot, located in Lindale Mall, is the perfect place to fulfill those hunger needs, at an affordable price.



The location of HuHot Mongolian Grill is at Lindale Mall. This is a new addition to the mall. HuHot's had its grand opening on May 13th, 2009.

### What do MHS students think about HuHot?



"I think HuHot is disgusting. Ghengis Grill is way better."  
-Jessica Cory, sophomore



"I really like how you ladle as many different sauces as you like."  
-Nick Tuetken, senior



"I think Ghengis Grill is better because you have more options than HuHot."  
-Katie Dahl, junior

## Best YouTube videos out there

### New Ones

**FailBlog Videos-** Hilarious examples of peoples' embarrassing moments; best ones include "Injury Fail", "Mug shot Fail", and "911 Fail"

**Susan Boyle-** A contestant on Britain's Got Talent, Boyle blows away the judges and audience with her performance of "I Dreamed a Dream" from *Les Misérables*

**David After Dentist-** Not until this video had the world understood the comedic potential of a doped up seven-year-old

**The Lonely Island Videos-** Some of the funniest stuff I've ever seen, but somewhat inappropriate

### Old Ones

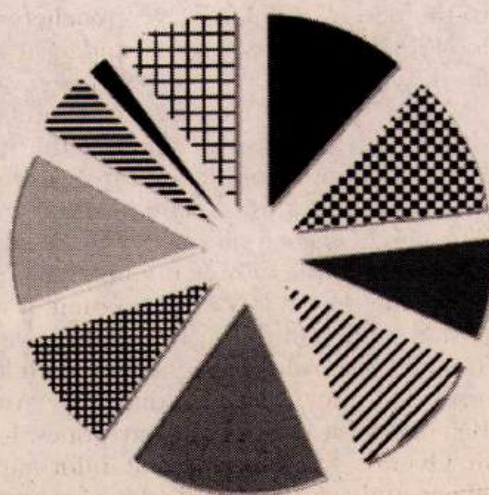
**Scarlet takes a tumble-** It starts out well and dandy for Scarlet as she belts out a tune while standing on a table and then things turn for the worst

**Numa Numa-** The energy and excitement show by Gary Brolsma while lip syncing to the song Numa Numa is simply remarkable

**Starwars Kid-** Obi-Wan Kenobi would be proud of the intensity shown by the star of this video

**Unnecessary Censorship-** These clips from Jimmy Kimmel Live utilize the comedy in a strategically placed bleep or blur

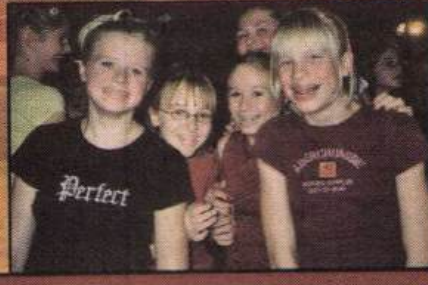
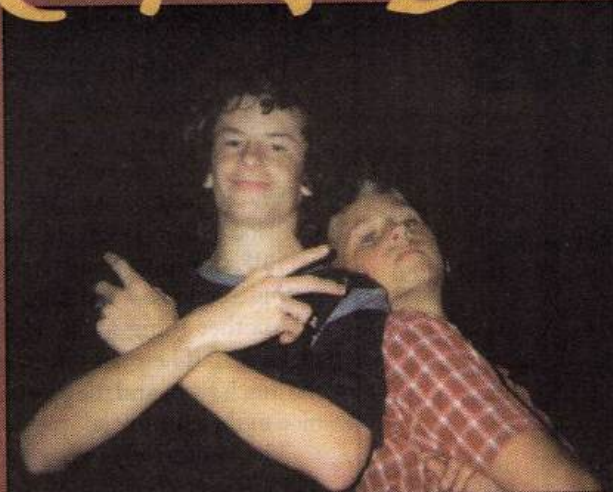
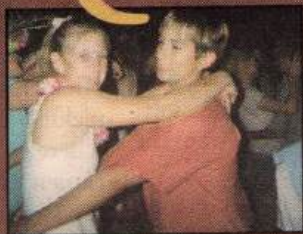
## Favorite candies at MHS



- Snickers
- ✕ Skittles
- Milky Way
- ✓ M&M's
- Starburst
- # Rolos
- Hershey's Cookies & Cream
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- WatchaMakalit
- + Carmello

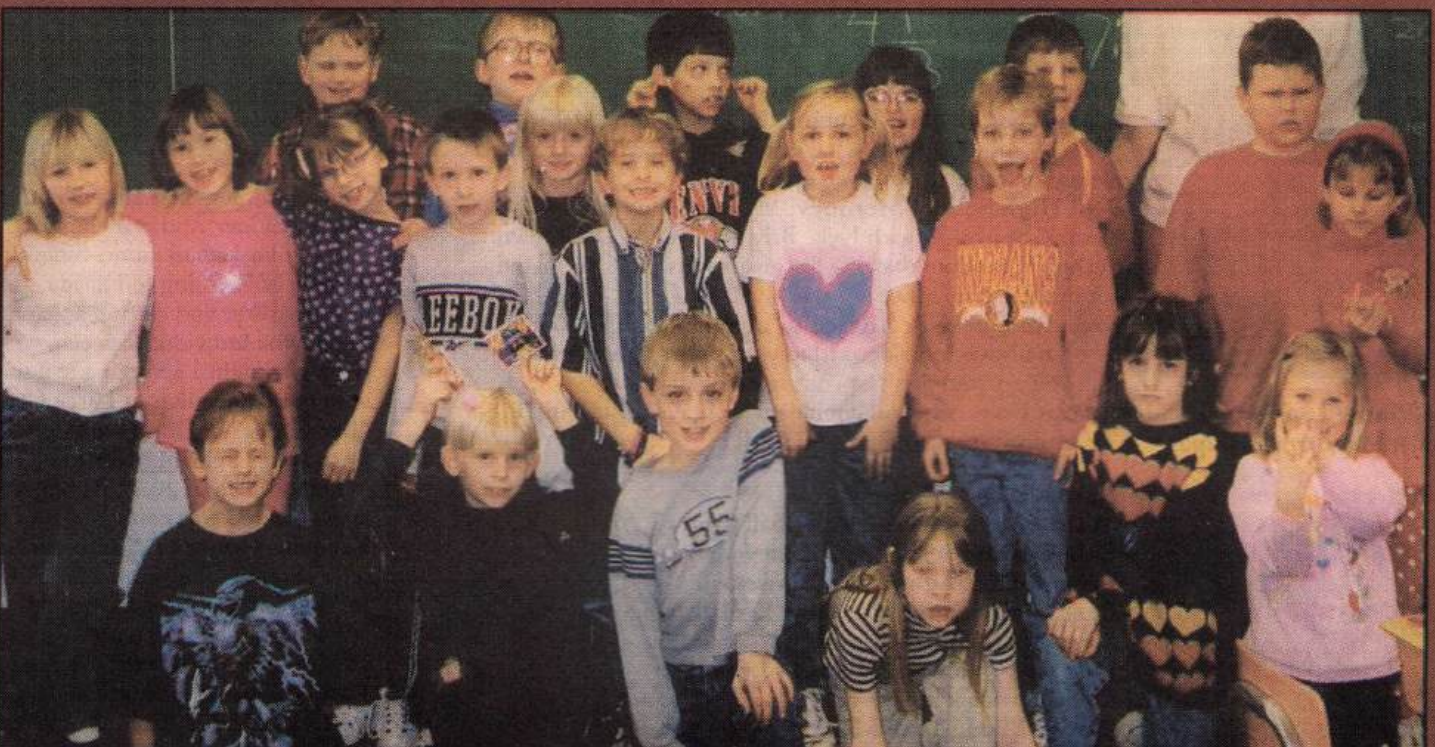
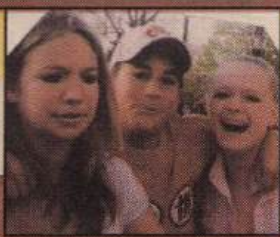
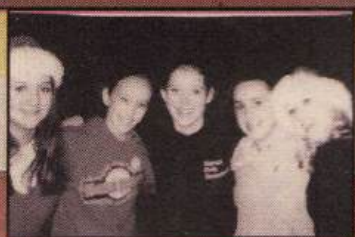
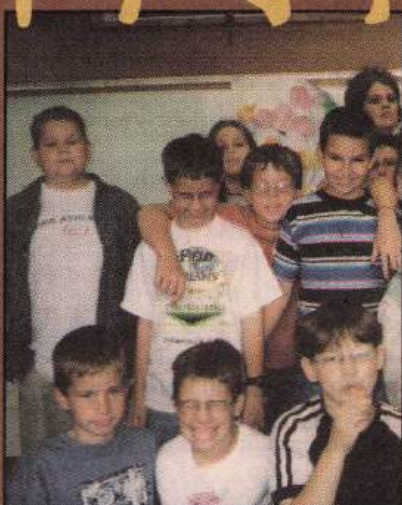


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**Name:** Riley Bell  
**Main Activity:** Theater  
**Other Activities:** Creative Ink, NHS  
**Season Highlights:** Getting our lines memorized for the play  
**Best High School Memory:** My first time on stage for our play during my junior year  
**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** The journey is more important than the End or the Start  
**Future Plans/Goal:** I'm going to Coe College to study for a psychology major



**Name:** Chelsea Mae Edmonds  
**Main Activity:** Choir  
**Other Activities:** Hanging out with friends and my fiancé: Working and volunteering  
**Season Highlights:** Singing, "The Lion King" at our Disney sings workshop in Florida  
**Best High School Memory:** Party bus on the way to Orlando, Waking up at 3 am on the bus to crawl over people with Alana and fell on people (SORRY!), dancing to the Mickey Mouse Song at our workshop and then Mickey ran out and EVERYONE stopped dancing and freaked out, seeing Olivia and Hanah freak out when they saw Mickey swimming in 14 ft waves at Coco Beach with Alana, NASA with Cam and Greg, sitting in the

Anamosa student section with Vicki wearing pink cheering on our girls basketball team to victory, mastering the hand shake with Semler, NCAA wrestling championships, Hawkeye wrestling with Austin and Vicki, slicing Carly's throat during our Sweeney Todd performance at Follies, the choir officer meeting when Mr. Law came in and randomly started singing Sweeney Todd, talking in the different accents at Epcot with Haily, Cassidy, and Sadie, seeing Haley's face on the Mission to Mars at Epcot, talking with Mr. Immerfall about Hawkeye wrestling, my political arguments with Tom and Terry Brands, witnessing Jaque K on her first Full Throttle experience, dancing on the bus with Jaque to disturbia by Rianna in Florida, kissing a blue man (from the Blue Man Group), sleeping on the floor of the bus with Alana, Hanah, and Greg

**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** "It's legit", "Salut"- Me and Missy during economics, "Monkey see Monkey do" you would have to be me and Missy to understand that. HaHa! "They abuse you so much you begin to love it" -Paula Koonse after she got back from basic training, "Cause I'm confident" -Debbie "Pancake" -Mr. Wake

**Future Plans/Goal:** Get married. Live the military life. Go to school using government money, have kids, live life to the fullest, and then die a happy girl.



**Name:** K Labs (Kelsey Labs)  
**Main Activity:** Track  
**Other Activities:** Cross country, NCYL, NHS VP, FCA, Rooted, FBLA, Student Senate, Exec Student Senate, Volunteering, Missions work, working at Tomaso's, getting owned  
**Season Highlights:** "Shirting" all the small girls, "team-bonding," super sens, winning a meet with 16 runners and four throwers, loving 400 hurdles  
**Best High School Memory:** Having bangs BEFORE they became "in" (get owned), freshman year basketball when we did 13 jingle- jangles and Kayla got out of it because she "got a staple in her toe," taking 400 pictures at 4:00 am before practice, TPing the Clark's house during halftime of a football

game and writing an "anonymous" apology letter two hours later...B'DUBBIN and being able to laugh off the pain, THE CORNER, being obsessed with Bubo the mechanical owl, meeting Mr. Bates for breakfast at 6 am at Panera, the day Mr. Bates flipped up some last names and it got awkward... my cell phone going off three times during ITEDS, Ali diving on me half-dressed by Viv on the cheer bus, running the fastest time in the state for 4x4, "we run with pretty girls," getting third at state, "ripping leaves" with the best xc team EVER, yelling things like "Darn Right" at football games with my front row buddies, all the girls at football singing the Matt Barnd song, chanting TAP instead of Pat, making awful shirts for freshman homecoming, FINALLY winning the banner for HC (but not the float...), Calc with Mr. Marteen, getting owned by calc, laughing more than anyone in the world, being the girlfriend of "The Riz", Pat and Matt coming to Marion and being BFF, being obsessed with Starbucks, Mrs. Johnson's class sophomore year, and last but not least being told to GET OWNED daily

**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** Quote, "Never take to heart the opinions of those you don't respect." Advice, Life is too short to not look on the bright side.

**Future Plans/Goal:** Attend and run track at the University of Iowa. Get married and continue missions work. Continue loving life.



**Name:** Chelsea Burhite  
**Main Activity:** Track  
**Other Activities:** Cross-country, cheer, NHS, FBLA, SODA  
**Season Highlights:** Winning the 4x800, Perkins Nights, Spandex coming out day, having strange conversations with Kelsey, actually winning an open eight!  
**Best High School Memory:** Making friends that will last a lifetime, Starbucks with Kels, Brit, Na, and Al Dean, owning freshmen, random dancing fests with Kels and Brit, hanging out in the nurses office

**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** Don't look back to the past but always look forward to your future, Always remember who you are and don't be consumed by drama

**Future Plans/Goal:** Attend Saint Francis University and double major in chemistry and Pre-Law and minor in photography while running cross- country and track



**Name:** Richard Jurgens  
**Main Activity:** Going to football games  
**Other Activities:** Hanging out with friends  
**Season Highlights:** State Basketball  
**Best High School Memory:** Keokuk game of '07 season of football  
**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** Enjoy it while it lasts  
**Future Plans/Goal:** Major in Accounting/ Business in college



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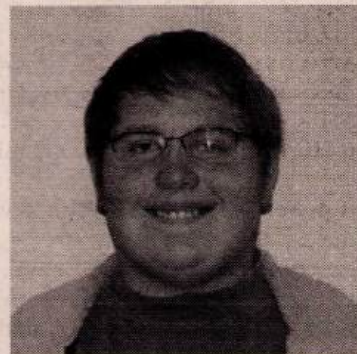


**Name:** Shelby Perkins  
**Main Activity:** ACL Rehab  
**Other Activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track, NHS, NCYL, WWW, FBLA, SODA, Take Charge, JEL, Atoms, Volunteering  
**Season Highlights:** Being a state champ, all five of my concussions in sports, state basketball  
**Best High School Memory:** 1. Leah, Pete, and I at state basketball fitting into the washer and dryer. Also sneaking out to get a drink

of water at 2:30 AM. 2. Being voted homecoming queen and how amazing and grateful I felt. 3. Leigha's and my handshake before every serve in volleyball. 4. The ref that hated me in volleyball. 5. The softball campouts and TP-ing Coach Knapp's house. Siran wrapping Strain's car with Tara and Whitey. 6. Being twins with Jenna during volleyball season and going to Twilight with her and Brit. 7. Leah and I getting lost on our way to Iowa City High!! All the memories and times with my best friend Leah. 8. Almost setting Rachel Dullea's house on fire while cooking Pizza Rolls. After pushing her car up her street. 9. Sam and I being psycho together and not caring. Laughing until we almost peed our pants. 10. Beating Kasey Semler in ping pong EVERYDAY.

**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to go out and dance in the rain. Never give up, hard work will pay off in the end.

**Future Plans/Goal:** Attending Loras College to play volleyball and softball. Study sports psychology.



**Name:** Joe Smith  
**Main Activity:** Choir...anything vocal related  
**Other Activities:** Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, NHS, Creative Ink, Show Choir (Vocal Varietas), Iowa All State Chorus, Musical  
**Season Highlights:** Being accepted into the Iowa All-State Chorus, having a lead role in "Once on This Island" as "Aqwe, God of

Water," singing "Oh Holy Night" twice at the Holiday Concert, the holiday dinner, and at a church! Singing at girls basketball games and the boys basketball game. Singing at Solo and Ensemble and getting a rating of 1. Going to Florida, going to state for Large Group Speech with my sister and getting a 2 and STILL being OKAY with it! Going to state for Individual Speech, writing my own acting piece, and getting straight 1's, singing at a schoolboard meeting, getting a 1 for both band and choir at Large Group Music Contest, getting a rating of "Excellence" in Florida for "Disney Sings"

**Best High School Memory:** Making it into the Iowa All-State chorus in both 2007 and 2008. Also picking a college finally because I didn't know where I was going to go for the longest time.

**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** "Look towards the stars. If you see a shooting star, grab a hold of it and let it take you to your dreams." Be yourself. Don't let anyone tell you to be anything different, because you'll have more fun if you are yourself! Live life to the fullest, and live your dreams. Don't settle for less.

**Future Plans/Goal:** I plan on attending Iowa State University for at least two years. I plan on transferring outside of the state. After college, I plan to attend graduate school so that I can receive my doctorate's. After that, I plan to open up my own restaurant and hotel while living in New York, trying to get on Broadway.





**Name:** Alexis Bailey  
**Main Activity:** Golf  
**Other Activities:** Wrestling cheerleading, cross country  
**Season Highlights:** Being on varsity for golf all four years, making varsity for cheerleading  
**Best High School Memory:** Ribbon hunts with Shawna, parties with the Fantastic Four, water fights with Carissa and Nate J, eating animal crackers and chocolate milk with Emily, paint fights with Cael and Muriel, blacking out at the We the Kings concert with Muriel, Mr. Martin having to change my flat tire, forgetting my putter at a meet, being in the parking lot with



**Name:** Tyler Ogburn  
**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** Weight lifting  
**Season Highlights:** Winning by one point at Oelwein  
**Best High School Memory:** Graduating  
**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** Your last year flies by fast  
**Future Plans/Goal:** To be a pipefitter and to do well in life



**Name:** Patrick Tiernan  
**Main Activity:** Track  
**Other Activities:** Football, baseball, journalism, NHS, ATOMS, FBLA, SODA, watching tv  
**Season Highlights:** Going to Drake and shaking Jeremy Wariner's hand  
**Best High School Memory:** Making rap videos, watching The Office, state track, Drake Relays (stalking Jeremy Wariner and our bus screaming at a gas station), state baseball tournament freshmen year, birthday party at the Longbranch, purchasing my green laser pointer, science trips (jumping in the cheetah cage and wandering aimlessly), playing Halo, ping-pong,

and poker in Drew's basement, airsofting at Matt's and rescuing his dog, pick-up basketball at Austin's, cruising the Ave, bench pressing with Dalton, 3am chats with Austin and Levi, roaming the halls after post-grad with Levi and company, free KFC from James, mindtwight? playing under the lights, making the finals of the four by one and setting the school record, watching YouTube videos in journalism, journobombs and cat baseball, airforce chants with Weppler, getting two black eyes in a week, Coach Foote's life lessons and stories, winning the Aussie Ball championship freshman year, BYOS parties before sophomore basketball everyday, Ian throwing up on me at state track two years in a row, all 13 of us in speech class sophomore year, freshmen year journalism with Ms. Martin and seniors, owning the dance floor at the Luau and Prom

**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** "Thaaat's a shame" (Jerry Seinfeld) "That's what she said." (Michael Scott) "Idiot!" (Dwight Schrute)  
**Future Plans/Goal:** Attend the University of Northern Iowa, find a major/occupation that will make me happy, and enjoy life.



**Name:** Matthew Point  
**Main Activity:** Bowling  
**Other Activities:** None  
**Season Highlights:** None  
**Best High School Memory:** Hanging out with friends  
**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** Life's short, eat dessert first!  
**Future Plans/Goal:** K-wood for two years then transfer to the University of Texas for Chemistry



**Name:** David Ransford  
**Main Activity:** Choir  
**Other Activities:** Golf freshmen year  
**Season Highlights:** State large group  
**Best High School Memory:** Senior Prom  
**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** Skip the drama, enjoy these years while you still have them, you're going to miss them when they're gone  
**Future Plans/Goal:** Union Pipe Fitters



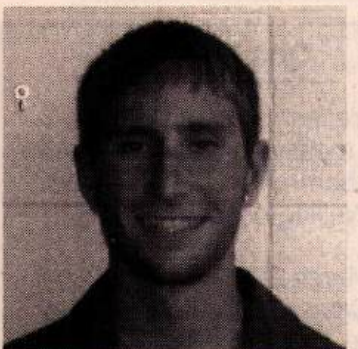
**Name:** Alanah Johnson  
**Main Activity:** Track  
**Other Activities:** NHS, SODA, Art Club, Competitive Dance  
**Season Highlights:** Running 100's instead of 400's  
**Best High School Memory:** Getting tats before every track meet. Tara running the 800 and doing high jump. Going to State Track for high jump and on the way there stopping at Arby's to get something to eat, finding out they don't sell hamburgers and never had, then feeling like an idiot. Stop sign. spend overs. FBLA Conference  
**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** Stick with

a sport throughout high school because in college there's more food and you don't get to exercise much

**Future Plans/Goal:** Go to the University of Iowa and major in Biology, get into the dental program so I can become a dentist, then open my own practice.



**Name:** Danielle Mikkola  
**Main Activity:** Riding my horse  
**Other Activities:** FBLA, NHS, working at Linn Animal Hospital  
**Season Highlights:** Working with animals every day  
**Best High School Memory:** Times with Kayla and Sam  
**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** "You can't fix stupid" "Don't follow where the path may lead, go where there is no path and leave a trail"  
**Future Plans/Goal:** Attend Iowa State University and major in animal medicine



**Name:** Dalton Schindler  
**Main Activity:** Track  
**Other Activities:** Football, NHS, NCYL, Youth Leadership for 5 Seasons, Win With Wellness, Take Charge  
**Season Highlights:** Attending Drake for the second year. Setting many personal bests in the events I participate in.  
**Best High School Memory:** Spending the best time with my friends and having so many memories to hold on to. Placing at state in the 4x100, 4x200, and the long jump and setting the school record in the 4x100.

**Favorite Quote or Advice to Leave:** The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

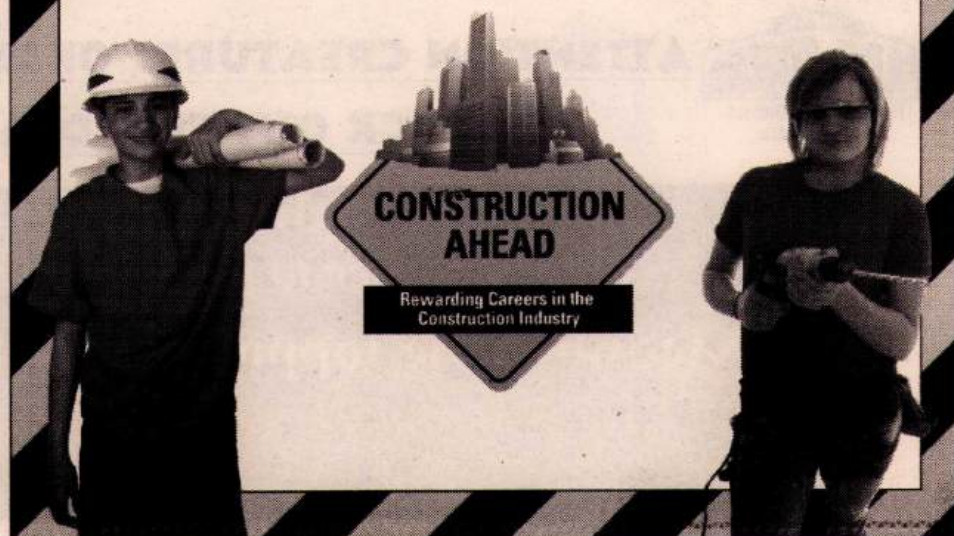
**Future Plans/Goal:** Attend UNI/ Become an underwear model

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# H1N1 virus reaches pandemic levels

The recent outbreak of the H1N1, or swine flu, has caused cancellations and concerns across the country.

By: Patrick Tiernan  
[Editor in-Chief]

Not since the avian bird flu or mad cow disease has the country seen panic like this. With nearly 1900 reported cases in the United States and two reported deaths, pigs are on the minds of Americans not just for their delicious bacon producing capabilities.

As many already know Swine flu is a respiratory disease caused by type A influenza viruses that cause regular outbreaks in pigs. However, not until recently was it known that the disease could spread to humans and quite rapidly at that. With the numbers booming in the southern states and Mexico with an ever increasing number of reported cases, the fear seems to be not if the virus will reach the rest of the country but how soon?

The World Health Organization also says the outbreak is moving closer to becoming a full-scale pandemic. Areas in the United States have already experienced adverse effects of the virus and the fear it carries. According to the *Los Angeles Times*

three private schools were shut down due to fear of swine flu outbreak. Only one of the schools had children afflicted with swine flu while the other two closed for precautionary reasons. On April 28th Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in California.

To date, sixty cases of the H1N1 virus have been reported in Iowa. In Marshalltown county six possible cases forced the closure of Marshalltown schools for four days. Even closer to home, at all large group events, a list of swine flu warnings and instructions must be read.

What makes the disease so alarming is its abnormal characteristics. Not only has the disease jumped species from pigs to humans, there seems to be a third avian component to the virus according to Medical News Today. Also, because of the obscurity of the disease, humans have no immunity built up. Another puzzling fact about the swine flu is the type of humans being afflicted. While the traditional seasonal flu is most common in the elderly and sick, the swine flu seems to be most prevalent with the young and healthy.

An important fact about the swine flu to note, though, is that it cannot be obtained from eating or preparing pork. The disease spreads just like the seasonal flu with person-to-person contact through



This picture shows a typical hog farm. Although the H1N1 virus has been dubbed the "Swine flu," research has revealed that it cannot be transmitted by eating pork products.

coughing or sneezing by the afflicted.

Though the situation is alarmingly frightening, it's important to remember that out of the large number of cases reported, the death count is relatively low. According to CDC.gov 36,000 people die each year from the seasonal flu and we are nowhere near that count. If everyone works hard to be a little more careful in their everyday lives the disease is sure to subside.

## Somalian pirates terrorize ships near African coast

By: Casey Burns [Staff Writer]

Pirating has increased over the years and now there are more pirates hijacking ships. It doesn't even have to be adults doing this act. It also involves teenagers.

16-year-old Abdiwali Abdigadir Muse is not shy about making his presence known. He tore through the Maersk Alabama and disproved himself. On the ship, Muse stole \$30,000 from the safe, fired a shot at a captain, and he bragged about hijacking other ships.

Authorities say he had disappeared when it came time to enter the federal courtroom. His charge was mandatory life in prison and is charged with several accounts. He is the first pirate to be charged in the United States in more than a century.

His defense lawyers believe that he, "should be given greater protections under international law because of his age and the circumstances of his situation, and predicted he would be exonerated" (The Associated Press).

"What we have is a confused teenager, overnight thrown into the highest level of criminal justice system in the United States out of a country where there's not law at all," Jamal said" (The Associated Press).

Alfred P. Rubin, a professor at Tufts University said that there hasn't been a major prosecution involving pirates

since 1885, when Ambrose Light, an American ship was attacked by pirates.

With everything going on in the world, and capturing a teenage pirate, the U.S. Navy is trying to figure out what to do, and are finding more problems to deal with as time goes on.

Pirates are holding nearly 20 ships and 300 hostages in Antiqua and Barbuda. They have successfully hijacked 28 ships so far in 2009. Last year, there were 42 boats taken. According to the International Maritime Bureau (IMB), pirates have had 109 attacks in the Gulf of Aden and off Somalia's coast in comparison to 22 between January and May of 2008. The success rate to finding the hostages has dropped from 1:3 to 1:4.

As time passes, the number of ships being attacked has risen. This leads to higher awareness on a situation that is quickly increasing.

The fight against piracy involves efforts not just at sea, but on land as well. Pirates don't live at sea, they live on land. They move their money ashore. This issue is more complex than just putting arms on commercial ships and heading out to sea. There's more to fighting pirates that apprehending them at sea. U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen called for greater efforts to prosecute pirates and put them away.

## Crimes rise in Cedar Rapids

By: Matt Barnd [Photography Editor]

A recent surge of violent crime in Cedar Rapids has caught the attention of law enforcement and community members alike. Two Cedar Rapids neighborhoods headline the problem.

A majority of the recent criminal activity has occurred in the south and north east quadrants of Cedar Rapids, more specifically, the neighborhoods of Moundview and Wellington Heights. These two zones flank First Avenue, Wellington on the North and Moundview the south.

According to KCRG TV-9, on Sunday March 29, just before midnight, Officer Tim Davis was nearly beaten to death after responding to a robbery on the 1600th block of First Avenue North East. Upon arriving at the scene, Davis and his partner, Tracy Brumbaugh, saw three individuals matching the robbery suspect's descriptions. Brumbaugh pursued two of the suspects, who fled the scene. When additional officers arrived, Davis was found unconscious, and critically injured. The third suspect was missing.

This tragic event sparked an enormous amount of community response. Many schools and businesses rushed to his aid by raising money, and vigils were held with hundreds of partici-

pants. Action was also taken to prevent future such instances from occurring.

Earlier this April, over 200 people met at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church hoping to find answers pertaining to the recent outbreak of crimes in their neighborhoods. The group was made up of concerned citizens, local school board members, NAACP, and the Cedar Rapids Police Department. Race, landlords who aren't around, poor parenting, and distrustful relations between police and citizens were topics that dominated much of the discussion.

Police presence has been heightened in the area and a satellite police station across from the 1st avenue Hy-Vee is set to open sometime later this summer.

"This is not a police solution, we are a resource," Cedar Rapids Police Chief Greg Graham commented at the meeting. "We are not a solution, the community will come up with a solution and everyone has to hold each other accountable."

It is clear that increased law enforcement is only a temporary suppression of the problem. A true solution will require effort from many people from various fields in all walks of life.

"We are not a solution, the community will come up with a solution and everyone has to hold each other accountable."  
-Cedar Rapids Police Chief Greg Graham



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### Quick Facts

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-On March 29, Cr Police officer Tim Davis was brutally beaten on the 1600th block of First Avenue NE

-An extension police station across from the First Avenue Hy-Vee is set to open this summer



# Memories from the senior "journos kids"

## Chelsey Banes

Throughout high school I've had many opportunities, none that compare to the time I've spent in Journalism. What seems like three short years has had a tremendous impact on who I am today, as cheesy as that may sound. Journalism has taught me how to write better, edit better as well as how to navigate my way through InDesign and Photoshop. It was also a break from the monotonous motions of every other classroom. Apart from the basics, journalism in some ways has taught me a great deal of responsibility. As The Vox editor my sophomore and junior year, I had to deal with a huge amount of stress right away and it definitely didn't stop this year when I took on the position of yearbook co-editor.

Most importantly I learned the value of friendship. Shortly after a classmate's grandmother passed away, Pat Tiernan, The Vox Editor-in-Chief, rhetorically asked if someone would be able to help with the absent student's assignments. It was amazing to me that every person in the class instantly answered "I can" or "What do you need done?" These types of responses seem to be rarely heard especially in the hectic walls of the Journalism room. However, when you have a group of great people, when worse comes to worse, someone will help.

Now as I prepare to leave that room for the last time, I want to say good-bye to all of The Vox's consistence readers. Thank you for letting us take pride, as well as share our work with you, over the past years. And to the Journalism room, I will always hold on to the corny jokes, stories, and music videos made in between those too-thin walls. Our debates over anything from religion to Taylor Swift has given me a open mind as well as a better understanding of others. Though my days are now limited, I will forever be a "Journos Kid."

## Sam Kiburz

I started being involved with Journalism my sophomore year. I almost didn't even take the class, but another student forced and peer-pressured it upon me. It was possibly the only time that peer pressure worked out for the best. Journalism is one the most hectic, nerve-racking, and stressful classes of my life. Despite all the stress and the obscenities said, journalism was probably the class that I learned the most, but at the same time, had the most fun in a class throughout high school.

The best time that I have ever had in Journalism was when Jenna, Chelsey, Kayla, Pat, Matt, and myself made dance party/music videos during class and put them on youtube.com. Also, I'm kind of afraid to just come out and say this, but everyone out there reading this, I'm sure your name has been brought up at least once during class.

I will forever be a "Journos kid." Us journos kids are just like Sour Patch Kids. At first we're sour but then we're sweet. I will always remember reading Cosmopolitan as a class. I'm sure not every student/teacher thinks that we do anything but Journalism is probably the most stressful class out of all the classes.

## Matt Barnd

Ahh journalism. What is there to say really? For the past four years of my life, I've spent my third hour in rooms 22/24. The seemingly widespread outside opinion about the class is that it is exceedingly harsh reality is Granted, there are many days in which I have spent doing absolutely nothing, but there have also been many filled with stress and the occasional and dreaded 'work.' Deadline days, usually described as "death" by Journalism members, are ridiculously hectic, in large part due to epic procrastination.

As the photo editor, I frequently get blamed for losing pictures and doing nothing. Admittedly, I have done both often. Oops. But for the most part, whenever something need to get done it will. Eventually...

Journalism will most likely be the most memorable class that I have taken to this point. Most of these recollections, however, have nothing to do with actual work. They are instead a colorful combination of non-productive activities, people, and last but not least food.

## Jenna Koppedryer

Amazing, ridiculously stressful, hilarious, informative, and just plain old fashioned fun are just a few of the many words that could describe my experience in Journalism. I first joined Journalism in the second term of my sophomore year, knowing only of what my friends and peers had told me. I had heard of things such as trips to HyVee for Chinese and messing around everyday all day. But now as a senior at this incredible high school, I realize how truly wrong I was.

Writing six different stories for one issue of The Vox, getting last minute quotes and being here everyday of the summer working on the yearbook were things I had not anticipated. Although these things probably took up over three-fourths of the time I ever spent in Journalism, they will not be the things I will remember. I will remember the great friends and peers I have made in and her sometimes will remember being body caring because will remember thinking if I had never taken next instant saying to myself, "Never." And with the final days of school lurking upon us I have just one more thing to say: "Thank You."

## Patrick Tiernan

My experiences in the journalism room will be something that will stick with me for the rest of my life. Not only were memories made, I life skills that will for years to come. most don't realize about the class is how unique it is in the experience it offers. It truly is run more like a business than a class and through the years I've gained real-world experience that no other class could offer. I've learned the importance of meeting deadlines, taking initiative on projects, being responsible for my own actions for the benefit of a larger group, and overcoming uncomfortable and intimidating situations.

However, these are not the reasons I'm glad I took the class. A far more rewarding aspect of the class has been the people I've met and the experiences we have shared. There's something about our two rooms and the environment that brings out the funniest situations and stories. From the new friendships I've created to the previous ones that have been strengthened, I couldn't have been around better people. Many probably don't know this either but the journalism room is gossip central for MHS and I've enjoyed listening to every second of it. Ranging over four years I've had 16 Journalism classes working out to roughly 1000 hours spent centralized in rooms 22 and 24. Though this may seem excessive to some, I can't think of a better way to have spent the time.

## Kayla McGrew

I haven't been in journalism for four years like Pat and Matt and I'm not an editor like Chelsey and Jenna, but these last two terms that I have officially been a Journos Kid have definitely been the greatest and, not to mention, the most stressful. It was one of the most influential decisions of my life that I have ever made.

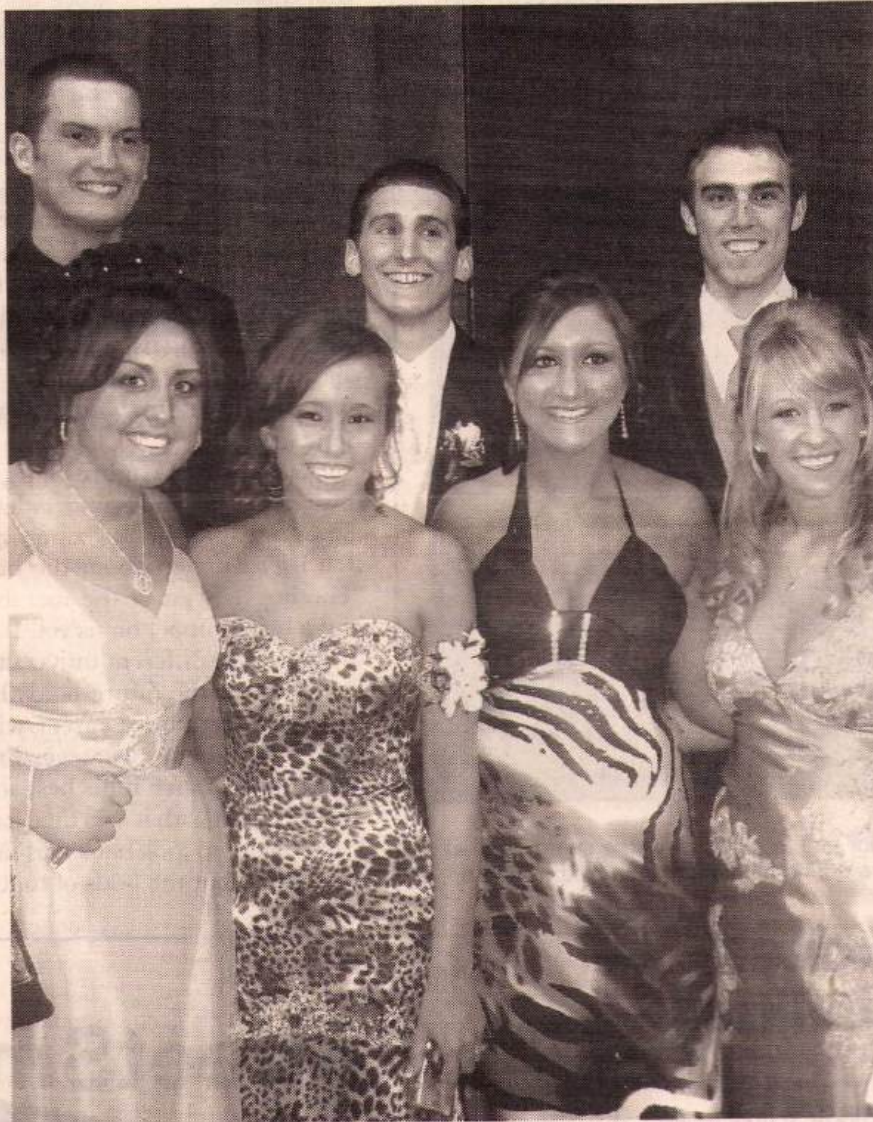
I took Intro to Journalism as a freshman just like all the other seniors but then my sophomore and junior years I had a full academic schedule and could not fit journalism in. So I visited the Journalism class basically on a daily basis for two years. Finally after years of peer pressure, I joined Journalism the second semester of my senior year.

Being in Journalism taught me how to meet deadlines and the confidence to go up to strangers and be able to connect with them. But the highlight of the class is not doing the actual work. It's being with probably the most fun people in this school and just hanging out, talking gossip (yes, I'm sure we've gossiped about you and still getting our work done...sometimes. All the Quoteables, all the funny pictures, and all the ridiculous dance videos we put on YouTube are some of the best times I've had in high school. The memories I take away from this class will last me a lifetime. I'll miss you all!

## Nicole Pratt

Of all the activities and organizations I have been involved in throughout my four years spent here at MHS, the one that I am most grateful that I did was definitely Journalism. I have been the Advertising Editor for the MHS Quill/Vox for the past three years that I have been involved. Although many people at our school think that Journalism is a complete joke and just a way to take an easy class, this is definitely not true. Working on the Yearbook and Vox over the past years of high school has taught me how to work cooperatively with others to meet stressful deadlines.

Although it was a lot of very hard and stressful work especially at the end of the year with Quill deadlines, Journalism was my favorite and I will miss it and will be one of the most memorable classes that I took in high school. Playing cat baseball, having gossip central days, the awkward quoteables, and all the close friends that were made in this class are some of the things that I will never forget about this class.



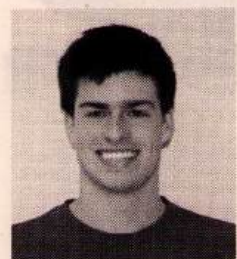


## Big move for MHS senior

Sam Magnifico, senior, looks to take his drumming magnificence to the University of North Texas

By: Kayla McGrew [Staff Writer]

Many seniors go to college without the slightest clue of what they are going to do there or what they are going to accomplish. But one senior at Marion High School has known what he wants to go to college for a long time now. Senior Sam Magnifico



Sam Magnifico, senior

**"I used to sit on the couch with my Tinker Toys and set them up like they were drums and bang on them!"**

-Sam Magnifico, senior

will be attending the University of North Texas in the fall of 2009. Everyone knows Sam for his involvement with the Marion drumline and what he has done for it. "It makes me feel good that people remember me,

their albums." Sam started drumming at a very young age. "I used to sit on the couch with my tinker toys and set them up like they were drums and bang on them!" Sam explained. Nowadays, Sam practices about four to six hours a day. Basically from the moment he gets home to the time he goes to bed he's on his drumset.

Not only does Sam play music by himself, he also is involved in not just one band, but two. One of his bands is named F4, which consists of MHS seniors Nick Tuetken, Chris Madland, and Alex Conn who attends Kennedy High School. The band is scheduled to perform at this year's Post Graduation and also performed this year at Follies. "We will also be having a huge concert in my backyard this Summer!" Sam said with enthusiasm. Hopefully everyone can see Sam and his amazing talent before he goes off the do bigger and better things down south.



Sam Magnifico, senior and far right, plays the snare drum at a drumline performance during halftime of a basketball game.

they'll remember me for the drumline," Sam stated.

So what will Sam be doing at this college that is oh so far away from his home? Only his one true passion: playing the drums for the school's band. There are two main reasons why Sam is going to college at the University of North Texas. First, it's one of the top schools for jazz and secondly, it's going to be a challenge. "When I was little I became fascinated with drums and had set that I wanted to play. I've been around music my whole life because my mom and dad used to play

## Staying busy with the band

By: Patrick Tiernan [Editor-in-Chief]

As the end of the year closes in, it marks the beginning of the next stage in life for seniors. After graduation, important decisions must be made that influence how each student's life will play out. One MHS senior is doing all he can to make his dreams come true. Ben Gustas is the guitarist for the band NeWickeDream and is actively employing his bands potential.

Ben has been involved with NeWickeDream since the fall of 2005. Other members include former MHS graduates Jeff Madland (07), Kris Wagner (07), and Chris Barry (06). For Ben, music is what he lives for, "I'm passionate about music because it has always come naturally to me. And it's just really fun. It gives such a good, exciting feeling."

The band has played venues in cities including Lisbon, Mechanicsville, Oelwein, and Cedar Falls and played gigs at local establishments such as 3rd St. Live, 1st Ave Live, and Tornadoes. Despite their impressive resume Ben and the band would like to play more, "Getting gigs is probably one of the biggest challenges we have. If we know of a venue or bar, we'll contact them and set something up. We will correspond with other bands and set up a night. Other than that, it's through invitations, but that's rare."



Ben Gustas, senior

A recent project of the band that will surely benefit their exposure on the music scene is their work on a new CD. The group began recording in May of 2008 at a studio called The Soundhole, but because of complications with the flood, the recording was delayed. NeWickeDream started back up in October and the finishing touches to the CD are currently being put on. "With the CD we are hoping to become more known around our area and gain exposure. Hopefully, if things go well, we will be able to play with some bigger names in the music scene and work our way up the ladder around Iowa," explained Ben.

The project totaled roughly twenty-five hundred dollars and Ben feels it will be an instrumental tool for the group. "By giving people something to take and listen to whenever they want, we will get people to hear who we are and what we do." There will be nine songs on the CD and they will be sold at Guitar Center and can be purchased directly from Ben Gustas.

As far as Ben's future plans, he will attend the University of Northern Iowa next year and is undecided on a major, but assures NeWickeDream fans, "The band will keep going. I'll find time. If not, I'll make time." Ben isn't worried about the band's cohesiveness with him graduating, "Having the rest of the members graduate and move on hasn't really had a huge impact on us yet. It will be interesting next year when two of us are at two different universities."

Whatever the future holds Ben hopes music is involved, "I can only hope that my future career will involve music. Otherwise, I think I'll get too bored with whatever I'm doing." As far as NeWickeDream Ben wants only to give it his best shot, "My hopes for this band is to go out and have fun with it and take it as far as it will go. At the end of this thing I don't want to look back and say it was a waste of time. If I could live off of it, great, but the odds of that are slim."

## Incoming student excited for high school possibilities

By: Casey Burns [Staff Writer]

Being intimidated and transitioning from the middle school to the high school isn't always fun. In fact, it can be rather frightening, but it doesn't bother eighth grader, Storm Bogs.

Storm goes to Vernon Middle School and has not attended Marion her whole life, but is looking forward to a couple new things when switching to the high school, "[I'm looking forward to] a shorter day and more of a challenge in class," she expressed.



Storm Bogs, eighth grade student

There are many things that go on at the high school, and it could be different for the incoming freshman to get used to the life of a high school student. "[I'm not really excited for] being in a new atmosphere and the new teachers," she commented.

There are many fears that students may have. "[My fears for coming to the high school are] being in a new atmosphere and not knowing where the classrooms are," she said with

emotion.

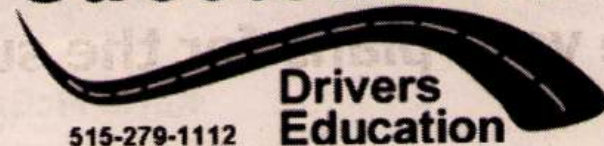
Storm is planning on participating in cheerleading and other extra curricular activities. "I would probably do the writing stuff," she pronounced.

Many students set expectations for themselves so they can have an idea of what they want to get done or accomplished for that year. "[My goal is] to get my work done on time," Storm said.

Storm has also heard some rumors about the high school. "I've heard it's really hard, and that the teachers don't give extra help," she expressed.

With only a couple fears and a greater challenge in her classes, Storm is excited to be a high school student and to be involved with the different activities.

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# New experience brings new "family member"

Housing a french foreign exchange student is a new adventure for Kristy Bell, junior, and her family

By: Elizabeth Smiley [Staff Writer]

Kristy Bell is a junior at Marion High School and like most of the people here, she is really looking forward to summer. She has a very liberating summer to look forward to because she is having a special guest coming all the way from France. Kristy is hosting a French foreign exchange student.



Kristy Bell, junior

This is Kristy's first year hosting a foreign exchange student. Kristy became involved with the foreign exchange program through her French class here at Marion High School. Currently, she is finishing French 2B with Madame Knepper. Madame Knepper opened the foreign exchange program to all of her French students.

The host may open their home to more than one exchange student at a time, but typically only one foreign exchange student lives with a host at one time.

Kristy laughed, "In order to be able to host you can't be psycho, you have to have space for them, and while they are here, you have to be able to pay for their food."

Typically, the hosts get to choose the students they host, but since not a lot of guys had been assigned to a host Kristy decided to let them surprise her. Kristy will be hosting a boy named Damien Montoya. As of now he is fourteen years old, but by the time he arrives, he will have just turned fifteen. Damien will be arriving in Cedar Rapids in the middle of June. Lately, Kristy has been very busy preparing for Damien's arrival. Kristy smiled, "Let's just say, by preparing, I mean I'm doing a lot of cleaning."

He will be staying with Kristy for one month. While he is here, she plans on taking him to many places throughout the state and even out of state. One place she hopes to take him to is Omaha, Nebraska to take him to the Omaha Zoo. She also plans on going camping with him a lot and taking him to the beach. Kristy explained, "I also want to take him to other places around town. For sure, I'm going to take him to my work, Genghis Grill." Unfortunately for Kristy and Damien, his time here in Iowa ends on July 15th.

After Damien leaves, Kristy does plan on staying



The main village of the town of Maubec, France where Kristy's foreign exchange student, Damien, is travelling from.

in touch. Kristy joked, "I plan on keeping in touch, that is as long as we don't hate each other." For Kristy, one of her biggest hopes to get from this experience is to create a very significant bond with Damien. Unfortunately, Kristy won't be able to host again next year because she will not have the time or money due to prior engagements. She does, however, plan on doing some traveling of her own. After high school, she hopes to travel and teach all over the world. She hopes to go back to London once again and hopefully go to India some day.

## Exciting plans for a new summer

By: Casey Burns [Staff Writer]

Summer seems to be the most important season for students and staff. For senior, Mallorie Kaut, it's something that she looks forward to, especially this year. With Mallorie graduating, she has a lot to think about before college next year. But before she goes to college, she plans on having a great time over the summer.



Mallorie Kaut, senior

Mallorie plans on doing a lot this summer, and has particular plans for the summer. "I plan on working, hanging out with friends and traveling," she said. Many

people like to travel, but now because of tough economic times working has become the priority.

Kaut will not be working in Marion but in Cedar Rapids. "I will be working in the Cedar Rapids School District; summer custodial help," she expressed. Mallorie plans on working 40 hours a week on top of hanging out with her friends and traveling.

Traveling can be key in a great summer vacation. Mallorie wants to go to a few places with her family and just have a fun time before college. "We're going to Kansas City with my dad, Las Vegas, and that's it," she explained. When traveling a lot, some people don't get as much of an opportunity to hang out with their friends as often as they would like, but Mallorie is planning on getting together quite often. "I plan on hanging out with friends and having fun," Mallorie pronounced. "I am looking forward to hanging out with my friends and leaving all the high school drama behind," she said happily.

Mallorie is doing a lot this summer and is going to have a fun time hanging out with her friends, working and traveling with family.

## Big dreams become a reality for Swearingner

By: Lauren Jilek [Feature Editor]

Graduating from high school is always exciting and heading off to college brings a new form of responsibility to everyone. Moving away from home is also a huge highlight for many individuals and for senior, Justin Swearingner, the trek to the University of Alabama -

Huntsville will be an important one.



Justin Swearingner, senior

The University of Alabama - Huntsville is known for being located in Rocket City, America and also for a partnership with the Marshall Space Flight Center. The Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Program is one of the strongest in the country. This is the reason Justin is going to a college so far away from home. "Everyone thinks about (becoming an astronaut) as a child and as I gaze more and more into the stars, I can see myself up there with them,"

Justin commented. As Justin looks towards graduation and an entire new place to be in, he has set goals to accomplish when he arrives. "The first thing I need to do is acclimatize to a different climate and setting. I'm hoping one of my three roommates will become a good friend too."

Justin is and always has been known as a hard-worker in all of his activities he is involved in, such as the three different bands here at school, Winter Drumline, choir and show choir. "I always tried to push myself and wasn't afraid to make sacrifices. I took classes online and kept my future in mind when making decisions." These attributes will hopefully follow Justin as he continues his education in Alabama. "Currently, I'm going to attempt to double major in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Program (MAE) and music. If I don't go through with the whole NASA thing, then perhaps I'll go 100% music."

With Huntsville being nearly twelve hours away, many drawbacks and fears have come upon Justin. He has spent time at home alone, taking care of himself but twelve hours can certainly do a lot to anyone. In spite of this, Justin is aware of the distance and also of what he has left here as well. "It's going to be hard not seeing everyone from Marion, and I fear it may be too hard to return. I don't want to forget where I've come from."

## What are your plans for the summer?



"Work and get ready for football."  
-Broc Bettell, freshman



"Working at the Kernels' Stadium, helping out with parties."  
-Todd Hansen, junior



"Detassle with Mr. Jackson and going on an awesome house boat ride with the sacreds accompanying me."  
-Brent Railsback, sophomore



"Work at HyVee in the produce and hang out with my friends."  
-Aaron Reisner, junior



"Hang out with friends pretty much."  
-Hanna Madren, sophomore



"Hang out with friends and working."  
-Danika Sam, junior



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**Others**

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-Lindsay Cayton, Des Moines Area Community College

-Chelsea Mae Edmonds, Travel

-Austin Hanna, University of Wisconsin Platteville

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-Maxwell Lafontant, Luther College

-Ashley Legrand, Undecided

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-Alex Stalkfleet, Arizona State University

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-Brandon Vankeirsblick, Undecided

-Jessica Wignall, The Art Institutes International Minnesota

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