

Haley Clifton, 14, lies in front of the television, remembering TV shows from her childhood.

Clifton changing the channel

Haley talks about TV shows when she was little compared to the ones that are on now.

By: Taylor Mills [Staff Writer]

She begins flipping through every channel trying to find something to watch, she realizes the channels she watched as a kid, have changed almost completely. She finds her favorite channel from her childhood and decides to watch for a while.

Haley Clifton, sophomore has watched TV her entire life. On a scale of one to ten, Haley rates herself a seven on how much she likes to watch TV. Her favorite show now is *Dexter*, the American TV drama that premiered on Showtime in 2006. But what about when Haley was little? How has TV changed?

"My favorite shows from when I was a kid were *Zoey 101*, *Drake and Josh*, *Blues Clues*, *Dora the Explorer*, *Teletubies*, *Big Comfy Couch* and *SpongeBob SquarePants*." Many probably begin to think about what TV shows that were on when they were little, and many probably remember the ones that are no longer on. Shows like *Hey Arnold*, *Cat-Dog*, *Jimmy Neutron*, *Courage the Cowardly Dog*, *Rugrats*, *Out of the Box*, *Zoboomafoo* and many others probably come to mind.

These shows are no longer on air and the reason why is unknown to many. These shows were on when we were kids and functioned just fine. So, why have they gone off air or changed? The answer is probably because of change in technology and the old cartoons that we used to watch just didn't make the cut. The need for new shows to keep kids entertained is in constant motion. Just like when our parents were little, the shows they watched are no longer running and haven't been for a while.

Haley talks about her opinion on children shows today. "They are stupid! They used to be good and now are just dumb. They are just random and about nothing," Haley said with a sigh. Kids TV shows have gotten worse over the years. Many of these shows have gone from real actors to being animated, and a lot are bad spin offs of the shows the 90's babies used to watch. The younger ones in this generation may not even remember watching these popular kid shows because they are too young to recollect on those memories. The saddest part is that the cartoons now will continue to change and in

our minds get worse.

"TV shows when I was little were good and interesting. They were funny," Haley giggled. The shows we watched as kids may have been better than what they are now but the reality of it is that we only get older. We grow up and change, and so do the TV shows we watched as kids. Without TV shows coming and going, the entertainment business would end up going bankrupt from no longer having any viewers. With the change in viewers the shows are forced to change and conform to the new age groups.

Haley sighs while she watches the new children's shows on her favorite channel from when she was young. She knows that even if her childhood television shows were on she probably wouldn't watch some of them anyway. She knows she has out grown her old love for children shows with the exception of a few, *Phineas and Ferb* and of course, *SpongeBob Square Pants*. She turns the channel to one of her know shows, *Law and Order: SVU*. She settles in for an hour of TV watching before she goes to bed.

Getting older

Commentary

Growing up has always been difficult for me, I just never knew it. Avoiding acting like a fool and making smart decisions hasn't been a challenge. However, learning how to take care of myself has been. I don't know how to work an oven, do the laundry (including folding clothes), mow the lawn, shovel, change my oil (or open my hood for that matter), or tie a tie. In fact, even when I tie my shoes the knot comes undone within a few hours.

When I was younger I always considered myself blessed that my parents did everything for me. I was never faced with the tumultuous task of washing my clothes or making myself snacks; instead I could summon my mother to the front lines with a ring of a bell. It didn't occur to me until recently that this convenience wouldn't last forever, and realizing this has sent my life spiraling downwards.

My mom never went to college, but I feel like she has plans to be my roomie. She's made it her mission to keep me away from anything challenging in life. If I ask her to teach me how to use the oven, she turns the TV on to my favorite show, knowing I'll soon forget about asking how to learn to be self-sufficient. I've had a brick and mortar barrier built around me to keep me from escaping into maturity and responsibility, and it's going to be my job to tear it down and learn.

Hopefully once I'm thrown out of the house and into the sharks I'll quickly learn important life skills. My first few weeks of college will probably be spent being famished and in dirty, unwashed clothes, but I pray that I'll eventually pick up on how to do laundry and make food. So, students of Marion, don't let yourself fall into a dependent hole. Take control of your life and don't rely too much on other people!



By: Sam Williams
[Opinions Editor]

Technology and kids with money might go bad

By: Kiersten Kiene [Staff Writer]

Everywhere you look, kids have everyday technology that they use, that we as kids didn't have. Some say it's not fair, others say it will improve the way of life for our future generation. But will it really?

Nowadays technology is everywhere. The whole world is becoming more technologically advanced. In the future this will either be more helpful or just destroy everything that man kind has created over thousands of years.

Little kids are getting toys that are electronic. The toys help speed up the learning process of the alphabet and numbers. Toys or devices such as the LeapPad help with learning to read. It's not just reading from a book like how we had to learn to read. It has games that help with the alphabet and pronouncing words, reading along with kids with stories that they actually want to read. Movies such as *Cars*, *Toy Story*, and *Barbie* movies are stories that kids

can relate to and enjoy reading. If children learn to do these things before school, they can learn other things quicker and spend less time in school learning them.

On the other hand, when kids as young as nine and ten get things like Smartphones, Ipads, and brand new Ipods, which can destroy the future. Today, a lot of people text instead of talking on the phone. Texting doesn't always have to be a bad thing but when kids text their friends and don't need to see each other or talk to each other in person that can stamp out their communication skills. Not having communication skills won't help not having a job. That in which can cause the economy to go into depression mode.

Today's technology either can help or hurt the future. Using it in the right way can definitely help us and further the real world. When putting it to the wrong use can really degrade the whole way of life.

What do you think will happen in the future years? Will this help or not?



Katlyn Hardecopf, sophomore, uses her new touch screen phone while Mrs. Parham texts on an older phone.

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Nobody complains about nap times

It doesn't matter how old students are, everyone deserves time to rest and reverberate from school

By: Kaitlyn Natherm [Executive Editor]

Being six years old and laying on the floor for nap time use to be the worst thing ever. Nobody wanted to sleep back then or be forced to be quiet. Nap time was something that almost ever kid didn't look forward to. Children at such young ages aren't tired and don't want to rest. These days being a high school student, all students want to do is take a rest. Nap times should be taken out of kindergarten classes and put into a regular high school day.

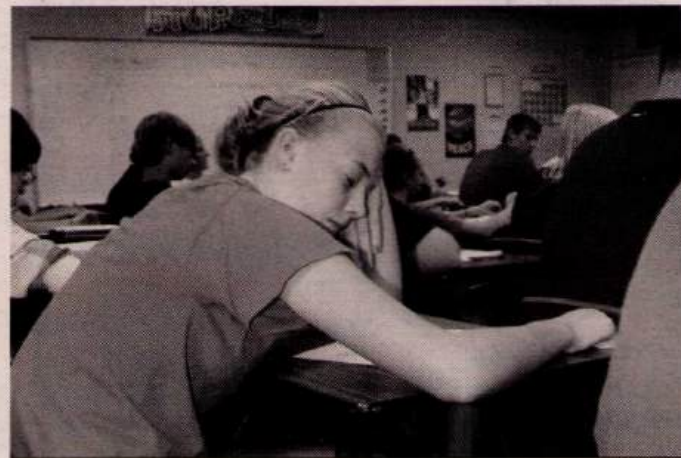
High school involves a lot of focus and energy when students want to get good grades. There are a lot of students that could benefit from getting a quality half hour nap. Some may be able to focus better in their classes since they won't have to worry about trying to keep their eyes open during a boring class. Others may just have more energy to thrive in a gym class. Nap time would be extremely beneficial to many students.

Teachers may find this to be a silly request, but the end result they may find surprising. With students paying attention in class better since they are well rested, overall they would do better on tests. This makes it look like teachers are teaching great since the students are doing better in class.

If five minutes were taken out of each class, it would leave an extra twenty minutes that could be used after lunch for a quick nap. Students could be given the choice to go home and nap if they wanted or maybe have a quick snack. Naps would be an amazing thing for high school students to have. Especially since students have jobs after school and need a

little bit of time to recover from eight hours of school.

Nap time should be something that should seriously be considered in high school. Teachers may see it as time being taken out of their class, but it overall would be a wonderful thing for students during their day. Naps should become something that occurs on a daily basis throughout a high school students day.



Taylor Wade, freshman, sleeps during class wanting to be at home in her bed taking a nice nap.

Voicing opinions about school work and nap time

"After I take naps I feel sick, so not very well!"

- Megan Stroud, junior



"They wouldn't [effect my school work]."

-Sadie Viner, freshman



"Make it amazing and it'd be perfect, but I already take naps in school."

-Tristan Beghtol, junior



Drinking at school isn't cool

By: Addie DeWitt [Activities Editor]

Underage drinking isn't unusual; it takes place all the time. Some do it to get rid of stress or to even fit into the "popular group". Whatever the reason, there are kids who are drinking. The problem isn't just worrying about kids drinking on the weekends, or on their free time, but at school. This has started to become a problem at the high schools around the United States.

Some of high school students drink at school because they think it's funny. Some do it to seek attention, and others do it to see if they can get away with it. They think it would make a good story, or that it would make them even cooler. This is not the case. There is a time and a place for everything. At school there are things that are appropriate and inappropriate and drinking at school would be the most inappropriate actions out of them all. School is not the place to drink alcohol. It is not cool; it's actually the complete opposite. There are different ways to seek attention at school. Being a

social butterfly and participating in class more often are better ways to get this attention. Another thing students could do would be to go talk to their school counselor about their personal issues.

Drinking while underage is not uncommon, but it is the places where kids are drinking now that are becoming a problem. Drinking while on school grounds is inappropriate and not okay. There is a time and a place for everything,

and drinking at school is not the place! Be smart and make the right choices.

It shouldn't matter whether it is easy or not to get away with it. Don't do it.

Would it be
easy to drink in
school?

84%
Yes

16%
No

Strange silly stupid laws

By: Claire Nash [Photo Editor]

Strange laws are ridiculous. Why are there strange laws? Who is going to pick flowers from a park after 10 at night? Nobody. Strange laws are pointless. In Arizona a person can't hunt wild camels... there are no wild camels in the state of Arizona. See its pointless. Laws are just drawn up to make people test their stupidity.

Strange laws are stupid. Every state in the United States of America has their own strange and stupid laws. In the state of Iowa the strange laws are; It is a violation of the law to sell or distribute drugs or narcotics without having first obtained the appropriate Iowa drug tax stamp. A man with a moustache may never kiss a woman in public. One-armed piano players must perform for free. Kisses may last for no more than five minutes. Tanning bed facilities must warn of the risk of getting a sunburn.

A board was created to regulate among other things, hearing aids. Ministers must obtain a permit to carry their liquor across state lines.

Doctors who treat a person with gonorrhea must report this to the local board of health and include the disease's "probable origin". All boxes used to pick hops must be exactly 36 inches long. This information was provided by <http://www.dumblaws.com/laws/united-states/iowa>. These laws a pointless to have because none of them actually would happen. There is a one and a million chance that piano player with one arm would or could play in public. They would have to be one heck of a pianist.

Strange laws should be banned. Unless more than ten people have broken these ridiculous laws then they should get rid of them. Someone should be put in the world record book for breaking all of the stupid, strange, silly laws.

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Growing up isn't fun and games

By: Addie DeWitt [Activities Editor]

Growing up isn't as easy as it seems, especially when you grow up at a rate different than the peers around you. Growing up too fast is one of the biggest challenges to overcome in high school. It's harder to relate to people, even though they may be the same age, their maturity level might not be up to the same height as someone that has grown up fast. Most students in high school don't know what it's like to have to pay for their car insurance, or even buy their own gas, but for the ones that have grown up fast know how to pay for even more than that.

Balancing a job in high school is hard, but balancing a full time job and high school is even harder. There is car insurance, gas, sometimes a car loan, maybe a phone bill, and sometimes even rent. Living life like an adult is stressful. The only thought running through the mind is money. Money becomes one of the most important aspects in a person's life when they are forced to pay for all their things. The brain becomes a calendar. Each bill due date is programmed in. Payday, how much money will be on the paycheck, and any extra income or buys that may be needed also become programmed. Working becomes an almost everyday event, something that regular growing paced kids don't understand. It's not just fun and games anymore: it's school, work, than finally sleep.

Sleeping is one of the most important things to make time for when balancing this life style. It's one of the best ways to relax as well as get rid of any stress that may be caused. Friends that are understandable are the best. The ones that have grown up so fast that they are on their own before they even graduate high school are the strongest.

Prioritizing is very important. The many hours of hanging out with friends dies down to a minimum of maybe just a few hours a week, if that. It's important to keep oneself sane and stress free. The very best things to do is keep in touch with friends and family as much as possible, relax, and get a good night's sleep every night if possible.

Growing up fast can be fun. Being ahead of peers around may make one feel special, and having an apartment to call home can feel cool. It is not always fun and games though. It comes with a lot of work and prioritizing. Buying groceries, paying bills, and keeping a roof over one's head comes before a social life. If living an adult lifestyle isn't an option then do what needs to be done, but if it's a choice then try to be a kid as long as possible. Lives can only be lived once, especially when people are young.



Hard earned money being spent on multiple amounts of bills that need to be paid. Having bills and being young is not fun.

The evolution of the original Barbie doll

By: Taylor Lamm [Staff Writer]

Over the years the dolls that little girls play with have evolved. They have changed in some good and some bad ways. One doll that really resembles this would be the Barbie doll. When Barbie first came out there was just one model of her, now there are many different styles, races, ages, and personalities of Barbie dolls.

Barbie was first introduced at Toy Fair in New York City in 1959. Barbie dolls from 1989 are very different from the Barbie dolls you can see now in stores. The older Barbies would have more retro 50's make up and sometimes plastic, short, bobbed hair. Some of the Barbies would come with clothes that look a lot different from now because of the decade difference.

Barbies now can be seen with a lot of different looks. They can have long, short, curly, straight, or wavy types of hair. Not only can there be more than one different hair color, there are also different eye colors, skin colors, genders, and even ages ranging all the way down to babies. Barbies can also come for different occasions. Not only can someone get a unique Barbie they can get a lot of different and unique accessories to go with it. Some accessories could be houses, cars, and even pets.

Barbie might be one of the oldest dolls around but there have been a lot of different types of dolls made that have become competition, such as Bratz, and American Girl Dolls. This competition

has forced Barbie to come up with different ideas that will make a little girl want to buy it over the other dolls. Some new things that have come out are Barbies that talk, and even Barbies that resemble being pregnant.

But there is also the fact that little can get the idea that being tiny with long blond hair is the right type of body image. They can get the idea that this is how it is supposed to be. This could cause self confidence problems starting at a very young age. Also it can make them have eating disorders trying to fulfill the "right" image.

Barbies being shown in all these different ways has brought the issues for parents that Barbie is setting a bad example for girls. Barbie has been seen in outfits that can be said to be inappropriate, or even have tattoos on their bodies. Barbies with tattoos show that getting tattoos all over is excusable when some parents wouldn't agree with it.

There are some Barbies that show a wide variety of different job careers young girls could pursue as they get older. Barbies can be very good role models in some ways but not in others. Barbie is going to continue changing and everyone has to be ready for the unexpected. From Holiday Barbie to Beach Barbie, the Barbie is still going to be very popular for younger girls.

Judge no one

Commentary

Humans are one of the most judgmental creatures out there. We judge ourselves, others around us, and even situations. Judging is one of the many strange human behaviors that we humans have. It's one of those behaviors that everyone hates, but everyone does anyway. Sometimes we don't even know we are doing it. We don't even know why we do it, we just do.

Judging other people and things are second nature to us. When someone walks down the street, you automatically look at them and make a first impression of them just based on what they are wearing. We don't mean to, but

it is just an automatic response. We might not even have seen the person we just judge before or know anything about them, but we judge them like we know why they are the way they are. It isn't a good second nature that we have, but most people do it even when they hate being judged themselves.

Everyone hates being judged, so why do we do it? Why do we judge people when we can't stand being judged ourselves? People always say, "I hate when others judge me", then you go off and start judging the person that was judging them. This is what I find interesting about the human race, we can't stand being judged, but we do it so subconsciously to other people.

Twitter is a perfect example of this. It's supposed to be a place where you can say whatever you feel and want, but it isn't because we all judge what others say on it so much that people usually don't even say what they really want. It should be a place where people can be themselves, but with how much we judge people how do you expect people to be themselves. It's no wonder why there are so many teen suicides. Teenagers judge each other so harshly that a lot of teens feel so low about themselves that they feel suicide is their answer. Teenagers including myself need to learn that everyone is different and we can't judge others so harshly just because they don't dress or act the same way as us.

Judging others is a bad habit that people including I need to stop. We hate it when others do it to us, so why do we judge others so harshly? I suggest that we stop judging others instantly without getting to know them. Maybe we can stop judging from being the first thing we do the moment we see someone doing something. We need to learn that everyone has their own mind and own story that needs to be understood before being judged.



By: Hannah Miller [Yearbook Editor]

Kids are doing bad things at young ages Students voice their opinion on kids doing bad things

By: Sam Williams [Opinion Editor]

There is an increasingly popular notion that kids are doing bad things, such as drinking and smoking, at a younger age. While there will always be a certain percentage of youth that falls under the influence at a young age, advancements in technology have made it easy and accessible for children to develop bad habits.

When looking at a time line of advancements in our era, it's easy to see that communication has increased tremendously from how it was when our parents or grandparents were children. It is very simple for a kid to talk to someone in Germany, Russia, Australia, or anywhere else around the globe through the Internet. In addition to these influences, children also have unlimited resources at their finger tips.

Since most activities that people do are either demonstrated or explained by an outside person, communication with other people is directly related to the inception of activities. If a child is never shown what a cigarette is, never shown how to smoke one, and never shown how to buy one, it's almost a sure thing that the child wouldn't think

to roll rice paper stuffed with tobacco. The problem is that the Internet offers children images and guides to all of these things.

In addition to the abundance of information on the Internet, cell phones have aided in the tainting of youth. Cell phones give the holder the ability to hold conversations with people across the globe as easily as if they were across the street. Such power has a greater affect on our minds than we'd think, and the instantaneous communication opens doors to many things that would otherwise be unattainable.

Lots of people are beginning to notice that young kids are doing bad things. Fifth and Sixth grade students are beginning to drink and smoke without any idea of the consequences. Hopefully kids like these will stop before the problem becomes bad.

While it may just be the bias judgment of those entering adulthood, it appears as though people are beginning to start bad things such as drinking and smoking at a younger age. Advancements in communication and unlimited resources via the Internet have combined into a dangerous cocktail that has poisoned the minds of our youth.



"Young kids are being influenced by older kids at a younger age."
-Mikayla Goemaat, senior



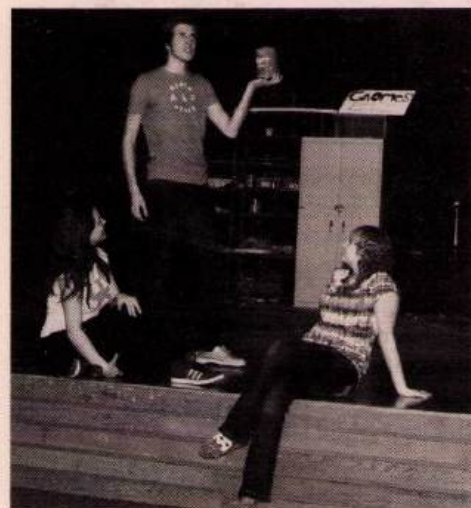
"Kids have always been mischievous."
-Nyssa Swearingen, junior

4 ACTIVITIES

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE SPRING PLAY? FIND OUT WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT AND CHECK OUT "MHS's SPRING PLAY PREVIEW; SURVIVING REALITY"

Takes takes the stage for the speech team

Abbie Takes talks about this years high school speech team.



Inken Wirths and Cameron Foulks, both seniors, and Abbie Takes, junior, practice their one act play.

By: Storm Bogs [Web Editor]

As she sits in class and passively listens to the announcements, all she can think about is what is to come after school. It only comes once a week, so she can't wait. She can't wait to show her teammates how she has improved on her own.

Abbie Takes, junior, participates in speech team. "It seemed like a lot of fun, and a lot of people were telling me it's fun, there are lots of different options," Abbie said. There are many different sections on the speech team, so there is more than likely something for everyone. "There is time for practice, but there is also a lot of time to hang out [with other team members,]" she explained. Along with being serious and practicing for competitions,

the team members love to have fun and hang out with each other.

Abbie is involved in chorale reading and one act play this year. "I've been in [speech] since freshman year," she explained. She plans on being in it next year too. Along with group speech, which is what is going on right now, there is something that is called individual speech. "I will be in it after group speech is over," she added. There are many different sections in speech so there should be something for everyone that would want to be in speech. "You can see what interests you, you can be in two events at a time," she continued. With as many different options as there are in speech, there should be something for anyone that would want to be involved.

There will always be ups and downs to everything. Abbie's favorite part of speech is "the competitions, when you've gotten

really good at your event and think you might have a chance to go to state," she said excitedly. Abbie went to All-State last year with other members of the team in the ensemble act. Knowing that accomplishments have been made in something that you love to do is a great feeling.

There are also things that require more work and things that might not be as fun to do. Her least favorite part is "having to work on memorizing lines, but I don't have to in choral reading, we get a script!" She laughed. While there are challenges in a lot of things, being able to stick to something through the ups and downs is very rewarding.

It's the end of practice for the week and she is feeling great. She is already planning on practicing on her own every day until practice next week so she can hopefully make it to state.

MHS's spring play preview; Surviving Reality

By: Grace Ehlinger [Ads Editor]

Each spring is marked with a play production put on by the students of Marion High School with the help of Mr. McMahon, the Drama Director. Right now, this year's play is in the beginning-stages of the production process.

The play that's been chosen this year, Surviving Reality, is about two completely different families who are thrown together by an opportunistic television station owner who suddenly gets an idea to make his own reality show. The Tuttletons, a wealthy family from New York, are told they must live in the Hatter family cabin in Kentucky for a month. What they aren't told is how there is almost no possible way to win the million-dollar prize because of the many unfeasible challenges that are mixed in. Instead of working against each other, the two extremely different families start enduring every challenge together in order to win.

This play is expected to be a very funny and entertaining show, and in the next few weeks, the auditioning process will begin and the spring play will be on the way to its performance.

Auditions will be held on:

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Mr. McMahon,
Drama Director

"The show has most everyone on the stage almost all the time, and allows everyone to have their own little spotlight."



Stephen Ster,
junior

"I'm auditioning because I really enjoy being on stage, and entertaining people."

Wells Fargo Arena: a big goal

By: Austin Brown [Staff Writer]

He's down by 5 as the clock is winding down, he knows he has only one shot to capture a W, with one quick action, he makes his move, pinning his opponent to the mat, he wins a hard fought victory.

This story is one of many for freshman Nick Kramer. For him, wins have been the norm since he began wrestling last year. "Last year, I was proud of my record," he said. But this year, in a bigger school, with more competition, and more at stake, Nick has bumped up his game, to compete with the next level.

The state wrestling tournament is just around the corner. "I have no chance of making state this year" he said with a chuckle. Don't count him out for years to come though. "I could go to "Fargo" (Wells Fargo Arena) in a couple of years." After that, Nick won't be taking his talents any further, "I won't go to college... there's not much of a future for college wrestlers", he stated. Instead of college wrestling, Nick would love to help coach, or even lead workouts. Something to stay in the sport of wrestling.

Even though Nick's state future seems doubtful, there's no doubt that Nick will be cheering on the rest of his teammates. That's why Nick went to the state meet last year. "Tournaments are definitely a fun time with a great atmosphere!"

Nick's dream of moving from a small gym to a massive arena with thousands of people is getting more reachable, as he learns from each and every match. Win or lose. That's what it takes to become a state wrestler.



Nick Kramer,
freshman

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Wrestling Facts

- Scholastic wrestling ranks 6th of all boys' sports in terms of participation at the high school level with over 273,000 nation-wide. (see high school from the NFHS)
- Wrestling has its high participation rates since 1980 (-)
- Since 2002-03, the number of high school wrestlers has grown by over 30,000.
- Over 10,400 schools sponsors wrestling which is the highest ever
- In 2008/09, 42 new wrestling programs were established in Arkansas and the Arkansas High School Athletic Association became the 49th state to sanction a high school state wrestling championship currently, Mississippi is the only state that does not.
- The Cadet/Junior National Championships is the largest wrestling tournament in the world (over 3600 entries).
- Wrestling was included in the ancient Olympic Games, and was one of the select sports included in the first modern Olympic Games in Athens, Greece in 1896
- Wrestling is one of the top three medal winning sports for the United States

Rinehart's last year of Lego Robotics

Alex Rinehart, senior, is in the middle of his fourth year of Lego Robotics, and the team is preparing for competition.

By: Grace Ehlinger (Ads Editor)

For the past four years, students from all grades have gotten together to brainstorm new ideas for their upcoming Lego Robotics competitions, and this year's Lego Robotics team has begun busily preparing for the competitions ahead of them.

Alex Rinehart, senior, has been on the Lego Robotics team since Mr. Martin started it four years ago. "I'm the only person left from the original team," Alex explained. The team still has about twelve members from all different grades.

Lego Robotics has a fairly simple purpose, and it all comes down to their competitions. "We build a robot to push another robot out of a three-foot ring. Between the matches they will give us a couple of challenges that we have a couple hours to complete," Alex said. They have been fairly successful in past years, and

their largest accomplishment came last year when one of the two teams got second place at the State Fair competition.

The whole preparation process starts way ahead of any competitions. "We meet in early November and start discussing what ideas we have, then we come in once a week until competition," Alex said. The team puts in a lot of hours working on making their robots and programming them.

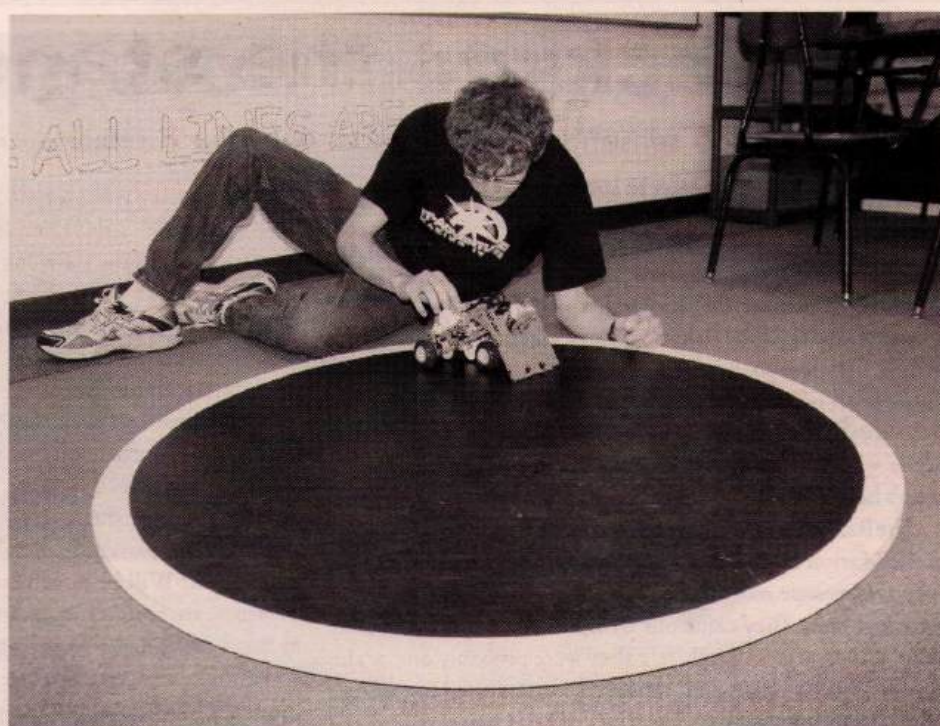
Lego Robotics appeals to Alex for many different reasons. One big reason is that it's simply a fun activity to be involved in. "It's

very entertaining and very challenging," Alex said. It's also the type of thing Alex sees himself doing in the future. "I plan on being an engineer, and this utilizes programming and hardware as well as the completed goals within construction," he explained.

In Alex's opinion, one of the best

"It makes you think about solving problems in a limited amount of time."

-Alex Rinehart, senior



Alex Rinehart, senior, works with the Lego Robotics team's robot.

things about being in Lego Robotics is that "It makes you think about solving problems in a limited amount of time." Everyone has their own areas of weakness, and Alex definitely knows what his is. "I have been kicked off of the hardware side of it five times in four years because I'm so bad at it," Alex laughed. However, no matter how challenging being a part of the Lego Robotics team can be, Alex still encourages other people to join. "It's

definitely a great opportunity that allows for development in hardware and software skills," he endorsed.

The team still has a while before their main competition in April, and they're making the most of the time they have left to prepare. They will most likely have no trouble getting their robot ready for competition, and be just as successful as they have been in the past.

Sophomore Tony Trimble tricks it up

By: Taylor Mills (Staff Writer)

He gets out of bed and goes to his window. Seeing all snow, he frowns and realizes that getting out his skateboard won't happen for a while. He gets ready for school, grabs his backpack and heads to the door. He knows today he won't be able to skateboard to school because of how cold it is and how much snow there is on the ground.

Tony Trimble, sophomore, is sixteen and loves to skateboard. He skateboards almost everyday if the weather allows him too, but in the winter he skates only a couple of days. He rates himself a seven on a scale of one to ten, on how good of a skater he is. He has had a lot of practice though; he started skateboarding nine years ago when he was seven. Tony's favorite trick is called the treflip.

Tony talks about his injuries he has gotten over the years. "The worse accident I have had was when I busted my elbow." He doesn't recall any really bad injuries that ended with stitches but has had multiple bruises and scrapes. This is quite remarkable because in one year, there are more than 60,000 kids in the US admitted to the hospital due to

skateboarding accidents, according to www.lpch.org.

Tony likes to skateboard with his friends Zach Vasey, Christian Ebsen, and Brady Rainey. "I skate near my house or one of my friends' houses. Sometimes we go to the skatepark." The Marion/Cedar Rapids area has three skate parks: Xtreme Sports Skatepark, which on 49th Street in Marion, Cedar Rapids Skatepark, which is located on Mount Vernon Road in Cedar Rapids, and Riverside Skatepark, located in Cedar Rapids on C Street and 13th Avenue SW.

Skateboarding can be an expensive sport. "It depends on your board. Once I got a board for \$160," Tony stated. One would think that this is a lot of money for a skateboard but this includes the board, trucks, and the wheels, depending on the brand of skateboard and where you get it. The price ranges from low to high.

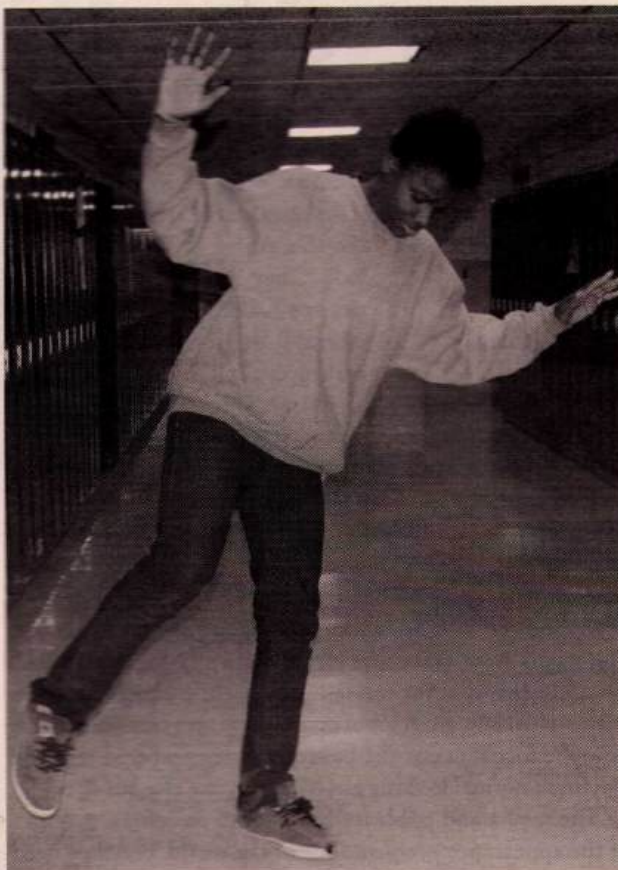
"My favorite skateboarders are Neen Williams and Antwan Dixon," said Tony. Both of these pro skateboarders are famous for their own reasons, but to Tony, it goes deeper than fame. He likes Neen Williams because he rises above

the occasion and shows people he can do better than what they expect. He likes Antwan Dixon because he doesn't care what anyone else thinks and he stands out in the crowd. These skateboarders are Tony's idols; he looks up to them.

"I also like to play basketball. But, I'm not very good at it," Trimble laughs. Tony also enjoys shooting some hoops with his friends, when he is not playing basketball. Tony enjoys spending time outdoors and hanging out with his friends. If he had his way, the weather would be nice all year round, that way he can skateboard and play basketball everyday.

As he goes to bed, he knows the snow will melt soon, and he will be able to break his skateboard out of storage. He can't wait until the first day of spring when the weather is warmer so he can get back to his routine of skating with his friends as much as possible. Until then, he will just have to wait it out.

"I skate near my house or one of my friends' houses. Sometimes we go to the skatepark," -Tony Trimble, sophomore



Sophomore, Tony Trimble, pretending to be on his skateboard during school just waiting for the bell to ring.

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The Backstreet Boys go against Justin Bieber

Teen heart throb sensations, Justin Bieber and the Backstreet Boys; who's better?

By: Haley Shaffer [Staff Writer]

Millions of screaming fans, number one hits, and adorable faces. These are the things that people tend to think of when they hear "The Backstreet Boys" or Justin Bieber. Most people that live in America or even throughout the world know both of these hugely popular names. The Backstreet Boys are what most of us grew up listening to and Justin Bieber is who is owning the charts right now. The question is, who's better?

The Backstreet Boys have been around for longer than most of the Marion High School population. Everyone knows who they are because most of their best songs came out while we were just kids. They came out with hits like "I Want It That Way" and "Larger Than Life". They were probably one of the best bands ever. The group consisted of five guys; Howie, A.J., Nick, Brian, and Kevin. The achieved huge success but eventually faded out of the spotlight. They're now trying to make a comeback by joining with The New Kids on the Block. Now there's a new kid trying to take over the music scene, and he's

doing a pretty good job of it. Justin Bieber, a guy who got found through YouTube videos when he was just fourteen, is easily one of the most famous people in the entire world. He's definitely a household name in North America simply because he has great looks and super catchy songs. He made millions with hits like "Baby". He has achieved total success in the music industry. He's also managed to do it in just about four years, while it took the Backstreet Boys almost ten. He's the guys of the moment. Justin's the guys every girl wants and every guy's jealous of.

The question is, does Justin Bieber already have the title of legend or classic like the Backstreet Boys do, at least for our generation? Will he be something that we'll still be listening to ten years from now, or will he fade out too? Some may think he still has a ways to go to earn those titles; it's hard to think of someone as a legend when they're still just a kid. Either way, no matter what peoples' opinion is, it's obvious that both Justin Bieber and the Backstreet Boys have made lasting marks in the music industry. It's up to people to decide for themselves who they think takes the cake; the rookie or the veterans?



Justin Bieber vs. Backstreet Boys
Pictures obtained from www.freecelebritygraphics.com and mtv.com

Look at what our teachers did when they were 17

Take a gander at what some of Marion High Schools teachers looked like when they were the same age as the rest of us.

By: Breiana Brown [Social Media Editor]



Ms. Duning when she was 17

-What did you want to be when you grew up?:

"I wanted to be a Pharmacist."

-What car did you have?:

"A Pontiac Grand Safari. It was a tank and packed in a lot of people."

-What was the craziest thing that you did?:

"I skipped school, and then showed up and got escorted out by the vice principal."

-Where did you work?:

"At Bananza, I worked at the salad bar."

-What were you good at?:

"I was smart, good in school, it came naturally, but I was NOT good at typing."



Mr. Perkins when he was 17

-What was your best memory?:

"Playing football, we made it into the semi-finals two years in a row."

-Who was your high school sweetheart?:

"My wife, I started dating her my junior year."

-What was the craziest thing that you did?:

"I was pretty boring because my dad was a teacher at the school."

-Where did you work?:

"I worked for the high school. I maintained the baseball and softball fields. I also worked at McDonalds at night."

-What did you want to be when you grew up?:

"I've always wanted to be a teacher and a coach, probably since I was in junior high school."



Mr. Immerfall when he was 17

-What did you do for fun?:

"I was a freshman in college [at 17], and I hung out with friends and went water skiing in the summer."

-What did you want to be when you grew up?:

"I was undecided at the time, but I either wanted to be a teacher, lawyer, or go into business."

-What was the craziest thing you did?:

"I jumped off the Mississippi bridge, it was high, but it was into the water."

-Where did you work?:

"I worked at a grocery store called The Red Owl."

-What were you good at?:

"[I was] pretty good at wrestling, and I was also a pretty good student."

Makeup your mind

By: Kaitlyn Nathem [Executive Editor]



Kaitlyn Nathem [Executive Editor]

Celebrities all around the world, are setting examples for young children and teenagers on how they should look. They make appearance seem like such a big deal.

Filled with glitter and pounds of makeup, celebrities make it seem like everything is about how you look. They don't make personalities or even morals seem important when all they are talking about is makeup and clothing.

Even though celebrities make makeup and appearance seem important, other celebrities do the opposite. Some take pictures of just how hideous they look when they don't have makeup on and they are just normal people. When they do things like that it becomes a big deal too.

Last year, Teri Hatcher, took pictures of herself right out of the shower with no makeup, no Botox, her hair still wet. The media went crazy and just about everyone interviewed her asking her what she was doing by putting herself out there with no makeup on. A lot of people were very impressed with how she forgot about the beauty and remembered that she was just a normal looking girl like everyone else out there.

The media and publicity has a lot to do with a majority of the appearance problems out in the world, but they need to make up their minds of what they want. Do they want someone who barely wears any makeup or do they want an amazingly beautiful actress who wears a ton of bronzer with fake eyelashes?

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The Dating Game: helping students find love

By: Haley Shaffer [Activities Editors]

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, many students find themselves without that someone special. While taking V-Day head on and single is just fine, we at The Vox thought it would be a good idea to help some of our fellow classmates find love. These ten eligible bachelors and bachelorettes

have all put their fate in your hands. You as the reader can get to know these lovely singletons and decide who you think is most compatible. Age is just a number, so don't be afraid to mix and match grades.

When you have made your decision, go to The Daily Powwow (dailypowwow.com) to vote. You

can also use your Tag Reader App and click on the QR Code (located to the right) which will take you directly to the polls.

We'll tabulate the results and send the happy couples on their way to a pizza party lunch. Check out video snippets from those dates on The Daily Powwow late next week!



Cameron Foulks

Age: 17 Grade: 12

What do you look for in a person?: "Someone who is funny, nice, ambitious, and attractive."

Interests?: "Band, soccer, running."

What's the most important thing in the world to you?: "My family."

How would you describe your personality?: "Happy, Realistic, funny, sexy, crazy, nice, and respectful."



Inken Wirths

Age: 16 Grade: 12

What do you look for in a person?: "Open, talkative, funny, nice."

Interests?: "A lot of different things... dancing, running, hanging out with friends, just having fun."

What's the most important thing in the world to you?: "My little brother."

How would you describe your personality?: "Open-minded, crazy, ambitious, optimistic, sometimes thoughtful."



Jacob Klostermann

Age: 15 Grade: 10

What do you look for in a person?: "Eyes like Emi Banes."

Interests?: "Legos, combing my hair."

What's the most important thing in the world to you?: "Emi Banes."

How would you describe your personality?: "A little different, people often describe me as mentally insane."



Allison Scott

Age: 18 Grade: 12

What do you look for in a person?: "Beautiful eyes, good personality, funny, cute."

Interests?: "Playing sports, hanging with friends a.k.a. Micaela Combs, and running."

What's the most important thing in the world to you?: "I can talk to them, and they have a good personality."

How would you describe your personality?: "I'm funny, out-going, nice, and smart."



Jordan Keeton

Age: 16 Grade: 10

What do you look for in a person?: "Nice, funny, athletic, easy going."

Interests?: "Sports, friends, snowboarding."

What's the most important thing in the world to you?: "Getting a good high paying job."

How would you describe your personality?: "Funny, easy going, make the best of most situations."



Emi Banes

Age: 15 Grade: 10

What do you look for in a person?: "Nice, cool, funny, athletic."

Interests?: "Sports, friends."

What's the most important thing in the world to you?: "Famfam."

How would you describe your personality?: "I guess I'm kinda cool, if you're into that kind of stuff. Funny, out-going."



Brad Willimack

Age: 15 Grade: 9

What do you look for in a person?: "Funny, easy to talk to."

Interests?: "Baseball, running, exercise, video games."

What's most important thing in the world to you?: "Someone who is fun to be around and gets my sense of humor."

How would you explain your personality?: "Funny, weird but in a good way."



Gabbi Fiala

Age: 15 Grade: 9

What do you look for in a person?: "Personality, charm, swag, looks, smarts, sports, body, abs!, humor, nice."

Interests?: "Cheer, sports, softball, school, Pretty Little Liars, football, baseball, sleeping."

Most important thing in the world to you?: "My family, sports, grades, and the way people view me as a person."

How would you describe your personality?: "Loud, energetic, and funny."

DVD,VCR,Blu-ray: What's your favorite?

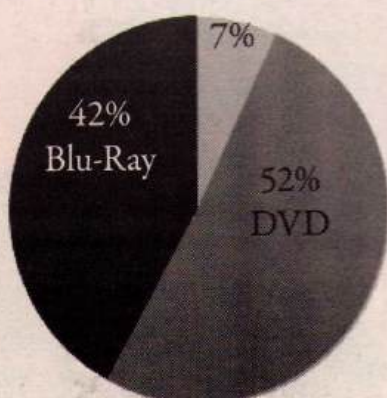
By: Michaela Jacobs [Design Editor]

Throughout the years there have been many ways to watch movies. There were VHS, then DVD, and now Blu-ray. VHS stands for Video Home System. VHS tapes are one-half inch videocassettes. The first VHS was released by JVC in 1976.

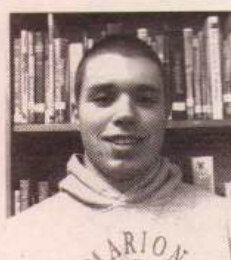
Almost twenty years later, the first DVDs came out in stores. DVDs have higher video and audio quality than VHS, and they have a higher storage capacity. They also take up less storage space. In DVDs users can pick a chapter to access specific points instantly, and the quality of the content lasts longer.

Blu-ray is an optical disc developed by the Blu-ray Disc Association (BDA) which consisted of some of the world's leading consumer electronics, such as: Apple, Dell, Hitachi, HP, JVC, LG, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Pioneer, Philips, Samsung, Sharp, Sony, TDK and Thomson. Blu-ray was developed for high-definition video and to store large amounts of data. They can hold more than five times the amount as DVDs. Overall, VCR, DVD, and Blu-ray all have good qualities and show how our technology improves. Who knows, what is going to come next?

What system do you prefer?



"I prefer DVD because most everyone has them and you can get them anywhere."
-Jordan Couried, sophomore



"[I prefer] Blu-ray, to be the best, you must watch the best!"
-Austin Ashley, junior



"[I prefer] VHS because I can watch my Pokémon movies."
-Logan Larson, junior



"I prefer DVDs because everything is on DVD and it's easy to use them."
-Emily Roberts, senior

'90's hottest fashion trends

Claire Nash [Photo Editor]



90's hottest trends in fashion

In the early years of the 90's fashion styles from the were still very hot. Womens clothing during the early 90's consisted of denim button down shirts, over sized sweaters, tight-fitting pants, and even babydoll dresses. For the Men's clothing on the other hand, they consisted of khaki slacks, Converse All Stars, acid wash denim jeans, Addidas trainers, and even Polo shirts.

Fashion today has changed since the 90's. It went from oversized sweaters and denim to bold colors and patterns. Fashion trends are sometimes so ugly yet us teens tend to follow these weird trends just to fit in with the cool kids.

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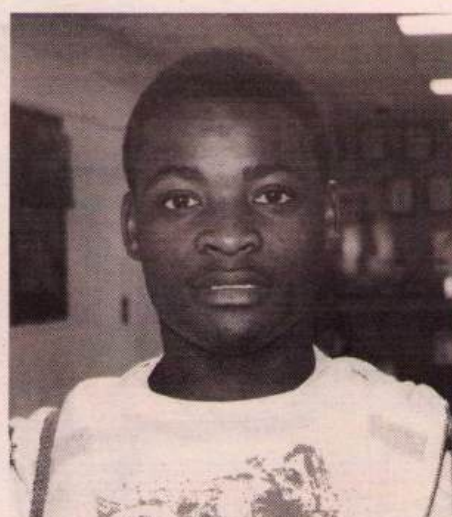


Keenan McSweeney:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I am going to miss..."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't regret the past just focus on the future."

Plans for the future?: "Attend Kirkwood for two years then go to Palmer Chiropractic for four years."



Sophoni Ndahiyimbaze:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Well I'm going to miss all my friends at Marion, also the teachers that have been teaching me a lot of skills and how to respect."

Quote or piece of advice?: "My advice is to tell the students to work hard, and stay out of trouble. Like God says, respect your parents and others to live longer!"

Plans for the future?: "Go to college for four years, after that go back to Africa to help families and orphans. Also help kids get to school."



Nicholas Meeks:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Aaron Smith and Tristan Beghtol."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Aaron Smith."

Plans for the future?: "Tristan Beghtol."

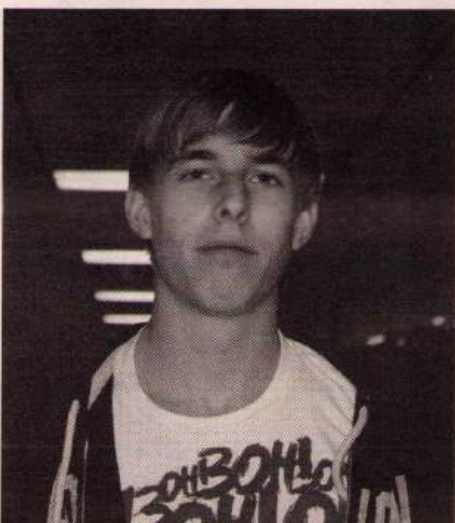


Caley Nelson:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "How easy most things were."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Never give up something you want."

Plans for the future?: "Attend St. Ambrose to major in graphic design and cheer."



Lukas Mees:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Tube socks, polio, Wrong Way Rethwisch, the Black Mamba, Jordan, Isaac, and Hunter."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Your mind can make you train, your body can create power, but only your heart can make you a champion." -Joe Newton

Plans for the future?: "Make history."

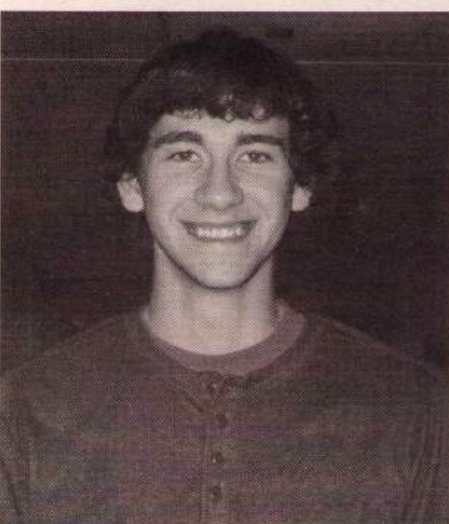


Shayla OBrien:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Open block parties with Amber Vanourney, Colin Peters, Haley Young, and Tyler Hedtke. :) Cheering at football games and meets."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't sweat the small stuff; and when life gives you lemons, make some awesome lemonade!"

Plans for the future?: "Attend Simpson College with a major in secondary education with an endorsement in Ancient history. Hopefully cheer at Simpson."



Brandon Mienke:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends, drifting with my parley lol, sub competitions."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Optimism is key to life."

Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood for automotive."



Tyler Ohl:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'm going to miss playing football, Tricia Cannavo and NOT Ryan Hagen."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Never give up."

Plans for the future?: "Attend Iowa State or UNI for physical therapy or athletic training."

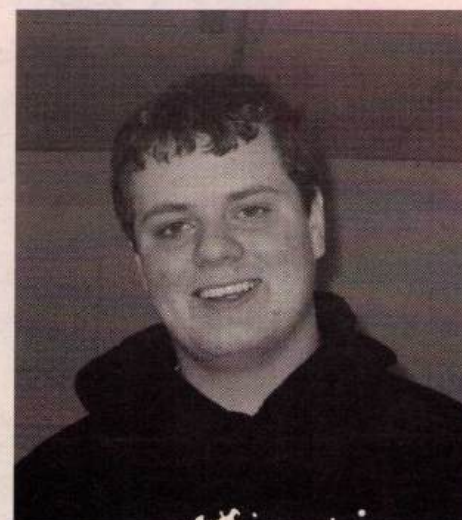


Hannah Miller:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'm going to miss the easiness of it all and the friends I've made."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Just be yourself and do what you want because in ten years from now what these people think won't matter."

Plans for the future?: "To go to UMSL next fall to play volleyball and major in Graphic Design."



Brandon Peiffer:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Blanca y Daniella."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Live life to the fullest."

Plans for the future?: "Go to St. Ambrose University for French international studies, and political science. Then go to Washington D.C."

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Colin Peters:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My 3rd hour open block parties with Shayla, Haley, Amber, and Tyler. Great times at Tyler Hedtke's house. Arguing with Sarah Keeton."

Quote or piece of advice?: "No matter how hard you try, you will never be as cool as Tyler Hedtke."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Iowa State, become a mechanical engineer and make lots of money."



Avery Ransier:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Sporting events, being able to see my friends everyday."

Quote or piece of advice?: "What you did yesterday defines who you are today."

Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood for two years then either UNI or Iowa State."



Danielle Peyton:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'm going to miss playing basketball and going to football and volleyball games."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Bible verse- Philippians 4:13 'I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.'"

Plans for the future?: "I plan on playing basketball in college and studying criminal justice to become an U.S. Marshall."



Brittany Ransier:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'm going to miss my friends and cheering at Friday night football games."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Enjoy your High School years because the next thing you know, they are over."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Kirkwood for two years then complete a two year program at St. Lukes/ Mercy to become a radiology technician."



Melissa Point:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends, Cheer & Mama Quinn."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Life isn't about finding yourself, life is about creating yourself."

Plans for the future?: "Go to St. Ambrose for criminal justice."



Alexander Rinehart:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Clogging the hallway with people outside my locker."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Everything you do should be educational or fun."

Plans for the future?: "I plan to attend Iowa State university to pursue a degree in computer engineering."



Jordan Rael:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Spanish class, band trips, and all my friends."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Be yourself. No one is better qualified."

Plans for the future?: "Possible go to Tribeca Flashpoint for drawing or Kirkwood for culinary arts."



Emily Roberts:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Band and cheer camp. The dances and helping with prom."

Quote or piece of advice?: "The world is bigger than Marion High School."

Plans for the future?: "Study psychology or actuarial science at a four year college."



Bradey Ranney:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "All of my shenanigans me and my boys do. Also I'm going to miss the Road to Riches with the crew."

Quote or piece of advice?: "I may not be able to change the world, but let me inspire someone who can."

Plans for the future?: "Study at Kirkwood to become a RN and eventually move to one of the three; Chicago, L.S., or Miami."

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Legacy of SOPA

By: Sam Williams [Opinion Editor]

With more and more people expressing their unhappiness with SOPA, or the Stop Online Piracy Act, some people are still left wondering: what is it? Due to its nature of being a congressional bill, it is overly wordy and complicated. However, there are a few things that as a citizen you should know. The bill, as its name suggests, is intended to eliminate piracy, which has run rampant over the Internet. There are a few terms to become familiar with before one can understand the bill. Piracy, in the technical sense, is the practice of illegally downloading something, and it goes hand-in-hand with copyright infringement. In addition, intellectual property is a work or invention created out of creativity; in other words, someone's idea.

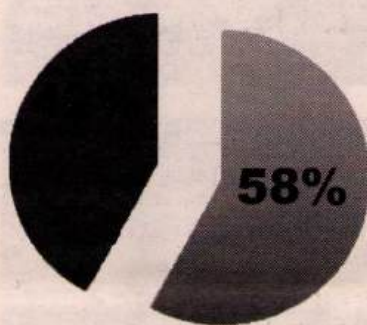
Companies have reported major losses due to pirating, and it is at their urging that the chief sponsor of the bill, Lamar Smith, has remained diligent. The bill gives the United States government the power to censor the Internet from Americans; however, it is at this concept that most citizens lose understanding. "Censoring" doesn't mean that one won't be allowed to swear; you won't lose that aspect of your freedom of speech. However, if you were to violate a copyright, for example, by uploading a song to Youtube, you could be facing legal action from the copyright holder. In addition, Youtube would be blacklisted and certain content would be censored. Many Americans are very frightened by the possibility of the government being able to censor so easily. The main focus of the bill has been to inhibit the spread of illegal activity from foreign websites, and while doing so is a great ideal, it cannot be attained through these methods. Until recently, the technical community had been

ignored almost outright, but due to a sudden upheaval in awareness, their plight has been listened to.

Due to the monstrous protests against the bill, SOPA has been crippled dramatically. Many politicians quickly changed their positions after companies like Google and Wikipedia aided in protests. This doesn't mean that the saga of Internet censorship is over, though. Many bills go through congress each year regarding piracy and copyright infringement, and many of them include the same problems that caused SOPA to be rejected.

It's going to be important to remember the impact this bill had, as even though SOPA has been shelved indefinitely, alterations and tweaks should be expected, and similar concepts will surely appear under a different title. The White House released a statement saying that they will not support a bill that inhibits the "dynamic, innovative global Internet." For many, this statement is a great sign; however, it's important to remember that bills have been passed in the past that undermine American's rights. Americans need to stay on their toes, as one never knows when another SOPA will appear.

Students on SOPA



58% of students said "Yes" and 42% said "No" when asked if they knew what SOPA is.

Coincidences of September Eleventh

By: Austin Brown [Staff Writer]

As we go back through the years, one of the biggest disasters in American history can not be left out. A day in 2001 that affected many people all around the nation.

The September the attacks affected so many people. Three flights heading towards Los Angeles and one to San Francisco, were hijacked. Many kids were pulled out of school, with some even fearing for their lives. Americans wanted revenge and some even wanted war. Along with the scary threats and awful pain that most Americans felt, came many also scary coincidences.

New York City and Afghanistan, home of 9/11 mastermind Osama bi Laden, both have eleven letters. The president at the time of the attacks, George W. Bush also has eleven letters in his name. New York was the

eleventh state emitted to the Union. The first plane that crashed into the twin towers was Flight 11. Flight 11 matter of factly, had ninety-two passengers. Nine plus two equals, yeah eleven too. Flight 77 the second plane to crash into the Twin Towers that horrible day, held sixty-two passengers, six plus five equals eleven. The date was of course 9/11, nine plus one plus one equals, eleven!

The elevens don't end there! U.S. emergency services is 911 again nine plus one plus one equals eleven.

The total number of people in hijacked planes added up to 254 people which two plus five plus four equals eleven! And if it could be any more coincidental, Tuesday, September 11th was the 254th day of the year which again, two plus five plus four equals eleven! With the eleven looking like the two towers, is it just coincidence or something else?



The Twin Towers after they were hit by two airplanes on September 11, 2001. Image obtained from www.nyc.gov

Mount Mercy expansion

By: Taylor Lamm [Staff Writer]

High schools and colleges are becoming more and more student filled over the years. Since high schools are getting larger colleges must start to expand to fit all of the students. One of the colleges that has recently expanded is Mount Mercy University.

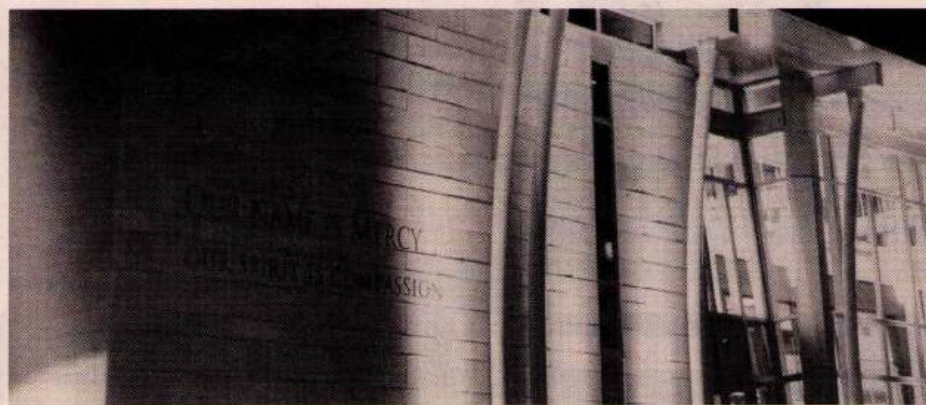
Mount Mercy University was known as Mount Mercy College until mid to late June in 2010. Mercy is now expanding in many different ways such as in athletics. Emily Mulbach, a student adviser at Mount Mercy University, stated, "Mount Mercy acted more like a university then it did a college." The students were still pretty positive when they heard the news about the expansion.

When Mount Mercy expanded, enrollment went up and a new building was built called the University Center. One thing that benefitted the students that attend Mount Mercy, was that now their diplomas would now say

University instead of College, which looks better for getting into the job force. Something that hasn't changed from when they were still a college was that the classes are still small and students will still get the advantages of having their professors get to know them.

Another college that is expanding is Coe College. Coe is also in Cedar Rapids like Mount Mercy. According to www.coe.edu more than 20% of the student enrollment at Coe College has gone up in this last decade. This jump in enrollment has made Coe have to think about expanding. One way that they are starting to expand is that they are now buying houses around it to help make more room for the campus.

As the number of high school graduates goes up colleges are being filled to capacity. This is making them have to start expanding in many different ways. Mount Mercy might be expanding the campus but its also expanding to a university.



The front of Mount Mercy University, which is expanding its campus.

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EVER WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE
A FRIEND WITH THE SAME NAME? CHECK OUT
"KASEY & KACIE; DELIGHTFUL DYNAMIC DUO"

Kacey and Kacie: delightful dynamic duo

Catie Staff [Staff Writer]

Keeping track of who is who can be tricky, especially at school where there are so many people with the same names. And even if it's the same name, it's rarely the same spelling. Some people get annoyed with having to share their name, but for others, it is part of what draws them together.

Two sophomores, Kacey Jones and Kacie Kohl, first met in 6th grade, soon after Kacie had moved to Marion. It was in band. Or was it in math class? They both remember meeting, but can't decide who has a better memory.

For Kacey, it was the name. "That's just what spoke to me," he explained. When Kacie considered what drew them together, she said, "I was just thinking, 'Yes, finally, someone who wants to talk a lot, like me!'" Kacie laughed and pushed back her multicolored hair, another unique

They share the same name but not personality.

thing about her besides her name.

Before Kacie got a hyper dog that scared Kacey away, the two of them used to hang out in the summer from 1-4pm. Kacie loves structure and punctuality, as opposed to Kacey. "I don't care if my room or locker is messy," he said. However, they still get along with plenty of friendly jargon in between classes. They even hang out with mutual friends, Rachel, P.J. and Ruby.

The pair have very different ideas about what they want to be someday. Kacie wants to work at a zoo, while Kacey has plans to go to the University of Iowa and become a teacher.

"I think with my brain, and I think logically," Kacey stated. His simple blue T-shirt and cargo pants show him to be a straightforward young man. But he also has a more adventurous side. "I believe in aliens. I'm a big believer," he explained.

Kacey proceeded to share plenty of theories about alien abduction.

When asked about her beliefs, Kacie's conclusion was, "I'm kind of iffy. I don't really know. I just haven't been exposed enough." She's also the crazier and more creative one; they both agree. Kacey prefers to be the "quirky" one.

Though they're not best friends, they're definitely connected, and their differences balance them out. "We're like brother and sister..." began Kacey. "...People think we were brother and sister in another life," finished Kacie. She prefers to lighten the mood with fun trivia facts, while he shows off his knowledge of classic Shakespeare and hardcore school smarts.

But there's one thing they both like about themselves and want everyone to know. "I'm not crazy, I'm unique." And they're right, that's how friends should be.



Friends Kacie Kohl (left) and Kacey Jones take a break in the halls after science class.

Do you miss being a kid?



"Yes, because you didn't have much drama and weren't judged for liking dinosaurs."
-Ariel Carter '15



"Yes, because I used to have a lot less worries."
-Kenneth Pollock '13



"Yes I do, being a little kid was fun, and people didn't judge you so harshly."
-Justice Hale '14

Upperclassmen still young at heart

By: Michaela Jacobs [Design Editor]

Think back to the days of being a kid, and what it felt like. The extreme fun that was everywhere you went, and the curiosity that always tagged along. Remember the sheer excitement that came from the simplest of things? Know those people who act like little kids even though they are older now? They seem like they don't want to grow up. Well, Ellen Cannon, and Emily Almandinger, juniors, are two of those people.

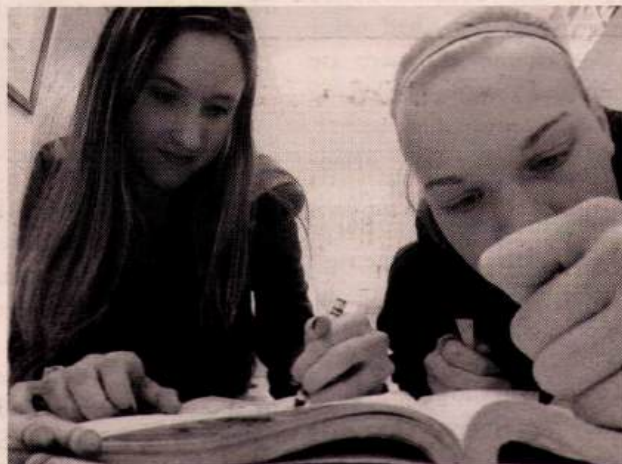
Ellen and Emily met in kindergarten, and have been friends ever since. They would do things together like color, and jump rope. They enjoyed the activities so much that they continue with them still. "Ellen and I color, and I always play hide and seek with my cousins," Emily stated. Ellen and Emily also said, "We baby sit a lot," when they babysit, they play games with little kids.

Not a lot of people tell Ellen and Emily that they act like little kids. "Sometimes, depending on who [they're] with" they act like children, other times they don't realize how they're acting, "it just happens." The few times that people do tell them they act like children, it doesn't offend them. Emily said that acting like a kid, "Brings back good memories, [because] I had a good childhood."

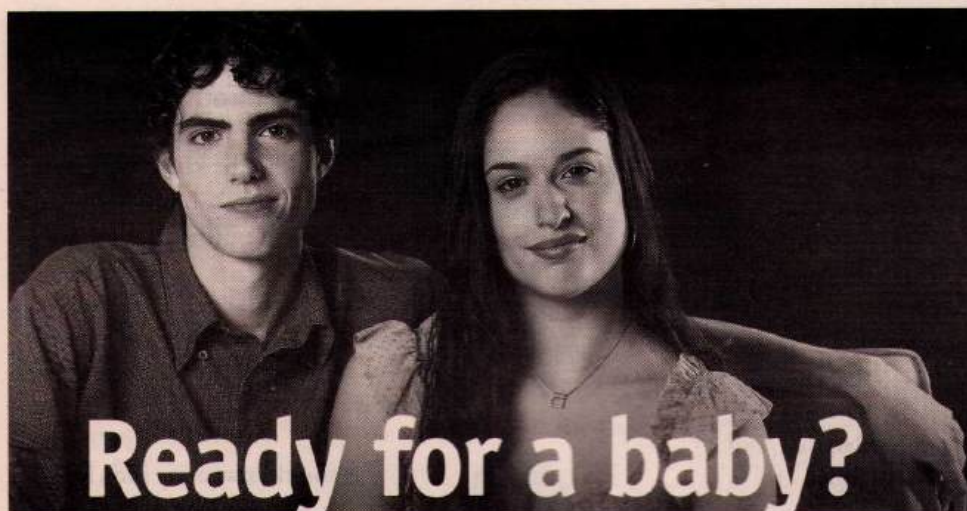
Both Ellen and Emily believe being a child is awesome. "You don't have to worry about or do anything." Both girls agree that it was nice being a kid. But they have different opinions about going back to it. Emily said she wanted to be a little

kid again. "Everyone wants to be a little kid!" Ellen on the other hand said that she wouldn't want to go back to being young, "I'm looking forward to the future," she stated.

Ellen Cannon and Emily Almandinger are juniors in high school, but still young at heart. They still love to color and play other kid activities. To them it's a normal everyday thing. Maybe more people should try letting their inner child out every once in awhile. It might help with getting rid of stress and help some people become less uptight.



Emily Almandinger and Ellen Cannon, juniors, sit in the hallway, having fun talking, while coloring in a coloring book.



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NOT A FAN OF WINTER? NEITHER IS BRIANNA WILSON. READ "WILSON AND HER WINTER WORRIES" FOR HER OPINION.

Retro video games could be better than new

Old or new, game consoles always provide entertainment for students and adults alike.

By: Alex Estes (Feature Editor)

Ever since the release of the Atari in 1982, video games have captured the imagination of kids from five and older. Video game have progressed and morphed over four decades, changing from cartridges to disks, from arcades to home consoles, and from home consoles to handhelds. Although newer games have crystal clear graphics does not necessarily mean that newer games are better.

Scott Munier, '13, has watched video games age and become refined over the years. His video game console of choice is the Xbox 360. "I didn't get a PS3 because the Halo Franchise wasn't on it," he explained. The oldest console that Munier still plays often is the original Xbox and the oldest system Munier has played is his uncle's Nintendo Entertainment System.

Older games are a great exhibition of mans creativity and imagination. "[From older games] you get a sense of the game play, not the graphics," Munier says. It

is easy to watch an image on a screen, but with retro games it makes the playing think more and put themselves in the shoes of the main protagonist. Video games who's graphics are just a bunch of pixels leave more for the player to imagine themselves instead of having an image given to them.

In 2012, every person is obsessed with the newest gadgets and consoles. "[Now] it's about how everyone wants the newest console, and which

one is better," Munier explained. Every person wants to stand up for their favorite system, but no one can put down a new console. It seems that every gamer has a certain respect for these "grandfathers" of video game consoles.

Like many current gamers, Scott has played video games since he was young. "I remember my uncle and I playing together. It was amazing how he had memorized Super Mario. I thought that since I was little," Munier reminisced.

"I remember my uncle and I playing together. It was amazing how he had memorized Super Mario,"
-Scott Munier, junior



A Super Nintendo Entertainment System is an example of a retro video game.

Many people don't appreciate older video games, and only focus on the new. "I prefer new," Scott explained, "but, I wouldn't say no to playing old." It's hard to imagine anyone saying no to playing retro games. If it wasn't for systems like the Nintendo Entertainment System or Atari then there wouldn't be the systems we knew today such as Xbox 360, PS3, and Nintendo Wii. The systems of old created ones who would later design new systems and games.

To some, old consoles seem like hunks of dirty plastic that display pixilated pictures.

But to the ones that developed a relationship with video games while young, playing them a gain is like a trip down memory lane, or reminiscing with old friends. Not too long from now, the video games we fight over will be considered old and obsolete, but will also hold a certain significance in the timeline of technology. The history of video games is a very valuable history. They helped shaped the children of today and tomorrow. Who knows what system will be the next big one.

Wilson and her winter worries

By: Cattie Staff (Staff Writer)

In a time where most people are rejoicing over the snow, there's one person who would have "cried with joy" if the snow had never come. All around us, there are warm-blooded Iowans, just trying to survive the icy weather.

"That'd make my day!" Brianna Wilson, a sophomore, declared at the thought of no snow. But it came nonetheless, and on the first snowy morning of the year she sighed, "No..." and didn't even want to look at it.

Her opinion of snow has almost completely flip-flopped since her childhood. When she was little, she adored snow. She remembers the fun of just playing in it. "Me and my brother, we always ate it. Not the yellow snow, though," she

chuckled.

But her reasons to hate snow are now numerous. "It's cold and wet," she said. "I have to walk home in it," she definitely notices that it's colder, and it's making her unhealthy. Her bright personality requires plenty of warmth and sunlight.

Brianna, in her own way, has a positive outlook toward snow. "I'd be happy if it melted tomorrow," she said, with a spiteful glint in her eye. Her dream is to replace it with summer because she loves sunshine. But the chances of sunny skies are dubious, and Brianna bets that the snow will be here to stay until March rolls around.

She has most of her winter fun skiing and ambushing her friends with snowballs. She prefers wet,

packable snow to the powdery kind because she can throw it at people and get back at her friends. "I do love a snowball fight," she admitted. "And it's pretty." Still, she proposes that snow be made of sparkles instead of water, and many would likely agree.

She argues with her friends about snow all of the time, because they all love it. But no matter what they say, she still adamantly tells them, "I hate snow." Anyone can see how she feels when she comes inside to escape the bitter cold and shivers until someone comes over to give her a warming hug.

And as for snow days, Brianna believes that there should only be as many as necessary so that she doesn't have to make them up in the summer. But that's Iowa, and the snow is part of the package. For the people who hate it, they can join Brianna and someday move to a warmer, sunnier place.



Brianna Wilson decides to take advantage of the melting snow by dressing up for an average day of school.

Since the snow came late and is now melting quickly, would you like more snow?



"I think I'd be kinda bummed if it came back. I miss summer,"
-Justine Remling, freshman



"It should stay away for a long time. I do not like snow. I do not like ice. It's horrible,"
-Erin Lehman, junior



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DO YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY? CHECK OUT "SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY BUILDS LIFETIME SKILLS"

Childhood reminiscing

Kaitlyn Baldwin remembers favorite childhood memories.

By: Storm Bogs [Web Editor]

While she is walking into school, she thinks of her favorite memories from her childhood. She thinks about all the fun she had playing with her friends, family and siblings. She thinks about all the games she used to play and how much has changed over the years among kids.

Kaitlyn Baldwin, senior, used to love playing all kinds of games as a kid. "My favorite was Candyland because I always won! I was the best," she laughed. Everybody loves to win, especially at a young age. "I also liked to play hide and go seek, hot lava, and red light, green light," she explained. There are many games that were popular that teens today loved to play as kids, and some of them are still popular today. Usually, as people get older, their interests start to change and they generally stop playing the games that they did as a kid. "I do [play these games] on occasion but only if I'm babysitting or something," she explained. A lot of teenagers babysit little kids for an after school job, and this is a perfect opportunity to reminisce about their childhood and play the games that are usually only played at a young age.

Along with playing board games and other little games, another popular thing to do with young kids is take a family trip to Adventureland or Lost Island. "[My favorite

childhood memory] is going to Adventureland every year with my family," she smiled. Many people, young and older alike, enjoy going to water parks or amusement parks.

Along with getting older, more responsibilities are put upon an individual. Paying bills, homework, and an after school job are only a few of the many things that older people have to worry about. "I enjoy hanging out with friends, but I work five days a week and I have school, [so I don't have a lot of free time.] I also like to sleep," she stated. After juggling many responsibilities, some-

"[My favorite childhood memory] is going to Adventureland every year with my family,"

Kaitlyn Baldwin, senior

times all a teenager wants is to sleep. Getting the appropriate amount of sleep can sometimes be tough. "I want to be a little kid again, I wouldn't change anything though," she explained. "I like my age now, but not the responsibilities," she added. Even though being older comes with a lot of freedom, it also comes with a lot of responsibilities and can sometimes be stressful.

She walks out of school for the day, thinking about the next chapter in her life that is about to take place. While she misses her carefree childhood, she cannot wait to experience new things, have new responsibilities, and meet new people in the years to come. Even though her childhood is long gone, she is happy that she still has the memories and maybe one day, she will be able to play these games again.

What do you miss most about bein' a kid?



Bonnie Burnell, freshman

"[I miss] being able to not have a lot of drama and not worry about anything."



Sean Darland, junior

"[I miss] Pokemon, because I can't play it all day now, I have school."



Aidan Scanlon, junior

"[I miss] the simplicity of it."



Katie Fortner, junior

"[I miss watching] The Rugrats and staying at my grandmas."



Kaitlyn Hennessee, sophomore

"[I miss having] freedom from responsibility."



Spencer Heeren, freshman

"[I miss] naptime!"

Do MHS students spend time with their family?



"We usually just talk about random things, but we don't talk about politics."
-Ema Nelson, freshman



"We fight about cleaning, but we are better when we go on vacations."
-Austin Lanteri, freshman

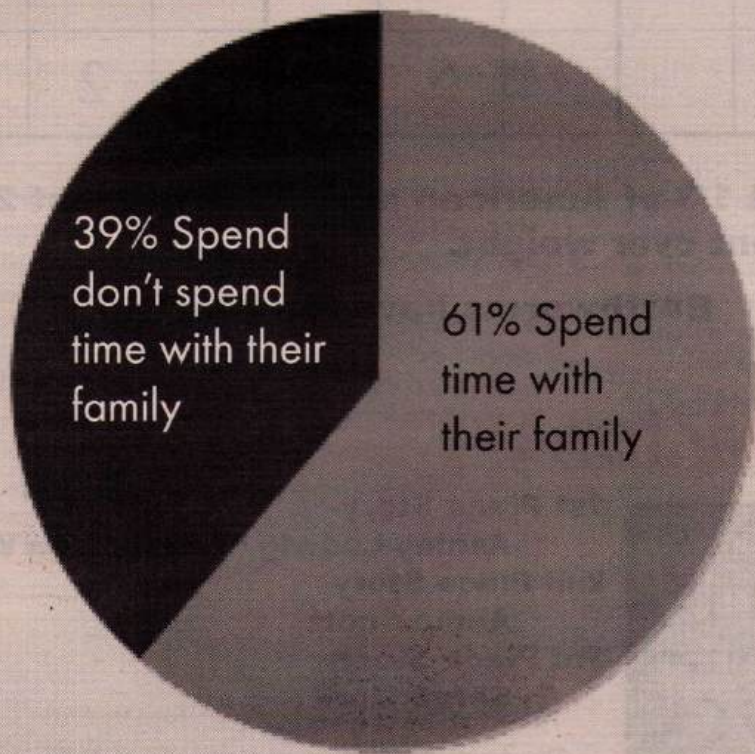


"We talk about whatever comes to our minds."
-Megan Stroud, junior



"We joke around."
-Weston Lamar, freshman

Do MHS students spend time with their family?



Spending time with family builds lifetime skills

By: Kiersten Kiene [Staff Writer]

The last few years have come and gone. They have brought us things like advanced technology, new fashion, and a different way of living. Most families are on the go, not having time to stop and pay attention to each other. But this is not true for all families.

Gabrielle Fiala, a freshman, loves to spend time with her family. "We eat at the dinner table every night." This gives a family time to slow down and talk; it also can relieve stress from one another being able to talk to each other. "[I ask my family for advice] all the time," Fiala exclaimed.

Not only does her family spend time at the table, which is rare these days, but they have a family game night. "We like to play the wii and sometimes do card games." Fiala spurred. Family game night is now 'overrated' a lot now. But Gabrielle proves that it can still be done and love your family to pieces. "Family RULES" she screams!

Gabrielle has a special and rather rare bond with her mom. "Even though when I want to cuddle and she doesn't want to, I still love her to death!" Gabrielle stated. She is a very lucky girl.

Not all families get along so well though. Kaitie Connelly has a different view on 'quality family time.' "I almost never spend time with my family," Connelly replied. Kaitie likes to hang out with friends more than family, but would rather spend time with her aunt and uncle than her parents. "We go shopping together, and they are more fun, my parents are annoying," Kaitie howled.

Most times when the kids become a teenager, their bond together can either weaken or strengthen. But when the teenager becomes an adult, this helps a lot more and the child then respects their parents on a different level. But for now, Kaitie is still a teenager. "If I really had to choose I would rather hang out with my mom rather than my dad" Kaitie proclaimed. It is more typical for the daughter to respect the mom more over the father.

These two girls show simple examples of two totally different families in the world today. Although some families have a decent life together but don't spend as much time together, more and more families are spending less time together.

More and more you see families eating out. This is not really considered 'eating at the table' but it does count as quality time.

So if you think thank your family doesn't spend as much time together as you want them to, then ask to go out to eat. Maybe that will give you some time to talk with your parents. Also, spending time with your parents separately is also a good idea. This can give you one on one time with both your father and your mother equally. Who knows, you might have fun!



Kaitie Connelly, sophomore



Gabrielle Fiala, freshman

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