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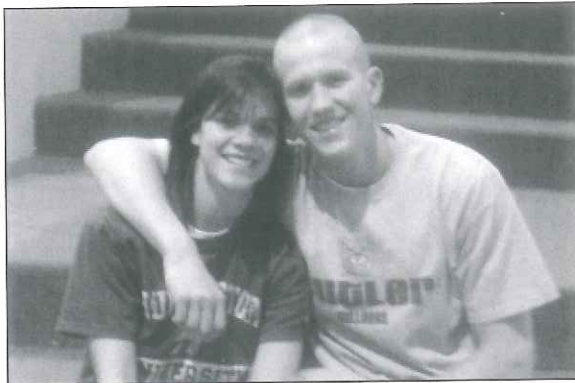


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wishes Delta High  
School students & staff a  
safe and fun-filled  
Spring Break!

# Road Trip (to Indy)

Maybe you can't get away to a warm beach this spring break, but there's a lot to do in Indiana. Of course, you've probably been to Indianapolis, but you've never seen Indy like this before! Here are some great ideas to liven up your spring break.

Anna Schink / Design Editor

## For Couples:

**Steal:** Looking to spice up your spring break? Try some Salsa dance lessons at the Red Room on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5. Be there at 6 PM, and for more information call (317) 496-4196.

Or, you could try Tango on Mar 27<sup>th</sup>. The rhythm begins at 7-9 PM at Riolo Dance Studio. Cost is \$10 for couples. For more information, call the Riolo at (317) 490-6739.

**Spend:** Why not challenge your date to a race? Fastimes Indoor Karting offers a 900-foot bi-level track and cars reaching speeds of 40 mph. Race up to three times a day for \$15 each with coupon. For directions, hours, and coupon visit [www.fastimesindoorkarting.com](http://www.fastimesindoorkarting.com)

**Splurge:** If you're feeling fancy, head to Bertolini's for a Five Course French Dinner. It's Mar 26 at 8PM, on Maryland Ave. Cost is \$50 per person. Call (317) 638-1800 for reservations and more information.

## For the Musician:

**Steal:** Check out the Indy Guitar Summit at the Jazz Kitchen on College Avenue. The music begins March 22 at 8:30 & 10:30 PM. Cost is \$12. For directions and more information, see [www.thejazzkitchen.com](http://www.thejazzkitchen.com).

**Spend:** Sure to be a crowd-pleasing trio is the Three Days Grace, Breaking Benjamin & Seether Concert. It's at the Pepsi Coliseum on March 22. Tickets are \$34 for stadium seating and are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Splurge:** Check out the Carrie Underwood concert at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. It's on March 25, and tickets are anywhere from \$110-\$495. Tickets are available on [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## For the Theatre Fanatic:

**Steal:** The Mud Creek Players present The Odd Couple on March 22-24. The play is about two female roommates who are complete opposites and the hilarity that ensues between them. The show begins at 8 PM on Friday and Saturday and 2:30 PM on Sunday. Cost is \$10 per ticket or \$8 for Sundays. To get your ticket, visit [www.mudcreekplayers.com](http://www.mudcreekplayers.com).

**Spend:** The French Connection is on March 20-23 at the Indiana Repertory Theatre. The play is an inside look of Paris, the city of love, art, and culture in the 1800s. Cost is \$36 per ticket; visit [www.irtlive.com](http://www.irtlive.com) to reserve your seat.

Thoroughly Modern Millie is at the Indy Civic Theatre on March 21 and 22. It's about a young girl who moves to New York City to marry into money and becomes a successful flapper. Things are going well until she moves into a shady hotel. The show starts at 8 PM on Friday and either 2 or 8 PM Saturday. Tickets are \$32. For tickets, visit [www.civictheatre.org](http://www.civictheatre.org).

**Splurge:** Dinner and a show, anyone? West Side Story, a modern-day Romeo and Juliet in Manhattan, is on March 21 or 22. Show Boat, a gambler's love saga, begins March 27. Both are playing at Beef & Boards. Tickets are \$43, \$51, and \$55 depending on seating, and include dinner at the buffet. To reserve your seat, go to [www.beefandboards.com](http://www.beefandboards.com).

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### For a Group of Girlfriends:

**Steal:** For \$15, get a fun aerobic workout at a belly dancing class. This one begins on March 24 at 7 PM at the Post Road Community Park. Call (317) 327-0143 for more information.

Instead of a chick flick, try a romantic play, like *Jane Eyre* by Footlite Musicals on March 21 and 22. It's about a young woman who falls in love with her mysterious employer, but his dark past threatens to tear them apart. The show begins at 8PM. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$17 for adults; to get yours, go to [www.footlite.org](http://www.footlite.org).

**Spend:** Pass the popcorn—The Model, Witch, and the Wardrobe is a comedy of criminal proportions! It's part Project Runway, part Law and Order, and the cast is relying on you to help solve the murder. Join them for dinner, too, on March 22, 28, or 29 at 7:30 PM at the Milano Inn. Tickets are \$39.50-\$44.50. Call (317) 684-0668 or visit [themysterycafeindy.com](http://themysterycafeindy.com) for more information.

**Splurge:** Grammy-winning artist Jill Scott is headed to the Murat Theatre on March 25 at 8 PM. This African-American artist combines soul, hip-hop, and R&B in a unique style of music with a definite girl-power vibe. To learn more about the artist and hear some of her music, visit [www.jillscott.com](http://www.jillscott.com). Tickets are \$53 on [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

### For the Adventure-Seeker:

**Steal:** Save \$3 on a harness rental at Climb Time on Mondays with your high school I.D. Climb the Rope Pass (\$12) or the Boulder Pass (\$10). Shoe and chalk rental is an extra \$5. See [www.climbtimeindy.com](http://www.climbtimeindy.com) for directions.

**Spend:** Check out Dark Armies, an indoor paintball arena. Cost is \$31 for two hours or \$37 for three. The price includes a helmet, vest, gun, endless CO<sub>2</sub> supply and 50 paintballs. A parental consent form is required if you're under 18. Form is available at [www.darkarmies.com](http://www.darkarmies.com)

**Splurge:** If you can't get to a beach this spring break, head to Caribbean Cove, located inside Holiday Inn at the Pyramids. It has 50,000 square feet of waterslides, a pool, 2 spas, a lazy river and arcade. For up to five people per room, the cost is \$249 a night and \$299 for Saturdays. To book a room, visit [www.caribbeancovewaterpark.com](http://www.caribbeancovewaterpark.com)

# Sleepin' In

If you're looking for somewhere to stay in Indy, these hotels are good bets.

**Ashley Philhower / Ads Director**

## \$65-\$150

Adam's Mark Indianapolis: \$105 per night

Artists Colony Inn & Restaurant: \$132 per night

Clarion Hotel & Conference Center: \$69.99-\$89.99

Embassy Suites Hotel North/Downtown: \$99-\$130

Holiday Inn North at the Pyramids: \$119-\$230

Homewood Suites by Hilton Indianapolis - Downtown: \$134-\$150

Marten House Hotel & Lilly Conference Center: \$85

Quality Inn Suites & Conference Center: \$69.99-\$74.99

Radisson Indianapolis Carmel Hotel: \$79-\$109

Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel: \$99-\$150

The Westin Indianapolis: \$109

## \$150-\$300

Canterbury Hotel: \$199 per night

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown: \$119-\$250

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center at

Historic Union Station: \$119-\$143

Hilton Garden Inn North/Downtown: \$109-\$260

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis: \$109-\$157

Indianapolis Marriott East/North/Downtown: \$150-\$280

Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza: \$169

Ramada Inn Indianapolis Conference Center: \$90-\$300

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When you're looking for a place to eat after a long day, these restaurants in Indianapolis will add the perfect touch to your Spring Break.

Ashley Philhower/ Ads Director

## American

### **Fountain Diner** (\$12 and under)

1105 Shelby St

The original 1959 soda fountain is open again for business.

### **Hard Rock Café** (\$12 and under)

49 S. Meridian St

The place to go for a burger and fries with a rockin' edge.

### **Jillian's** (\$12 and under)

141 S. Meridian St

Not just a restaurant, it offers a game room, over 20 TVs, grill, dance club and bowling.

### **Le Peep Restaurant** (\$12 and under)

301 N. Illinois St

A French-style restaurant famous for their award winning breakfasts since 1988 also offers soups, sandwiches and salads.

### **Melting Pot** (\$12 to \$24)

5650 E. 86th St

If you're looking for something different, this restaurant offers a menu of fondues.

### **Sullivan's Steakhouse** (\$24 to \$40)

3316 E. 86th St

This restaurant offers steak, seafood, and live jazz Monday through Saturday.

### **Iron Skillet** (\$12 to \$24)

2489 W. 30th St

The Iron Skillet offers traditional dining in a century-old home.

## Cafes/Delis/Bakeries

### **Au Bon Pain** (\$12 and under)

26 Monument Circle

Meaning "At the place of good bread", it's a small deli-bakery café with a French twist, even offering vegetarian.

### **Chocolate Cafe/South Bend Chocolate Company** (\$12 and under)

30 Monument Circle

The Chocolate Café offers specialty coffees, drinks, and desserts.

### **Shapiro's Delicatessen** (\$12 to \$24)

808 S. Meridian St

One of USA Today's 10 great Jewish-style restaurants specializes in deli sandwiches.

### **Cafe Patachou** (\$12 and under)

8691 River Crossing Blvd

Or 225 W. Washington St

This award-winning café offers lunch and breakfast, including omelettes, salads, sandwiches, soups and desserts.

## Mexican/Spanish

### **Barcelona Tapas Restaurant** \$12 to \$24

201 N. Delaware St

This restaurant offers lunch, dinner, and Spanish cuisine with different flavors and ingredients than your typical Mexican dish.

### **Adobo Grill** \$12 to \$24

4939 E. 82nd St

After 10 PM on Friday evenings, this restaurant also becomes a dance floor, giving new meaning to the word, 'salsa'.

### **El Torito Grill** \$12 to \$24

8650 Keystone Crossing

El Torito claims to be a combination of traditional and modern Mexican cuisine.



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## Italian

Bazbeaux (\$12 and under)  
334 Massachusetts Ave

Won *Indianapolis Monthly's* award for best pizza, and offers 52 topping choices along with salads and sandwiches.

Buca di Beppo (\$12 to \$24)  
35 N. Illinois St

It's Italian with a twist—family style dining! Order a large plate and share with your group. Expect everything from squid to ravioli in a fun atmosphere.

Iaria's Italian Restaurant (\$12 to \$24)  
317 S. College Ave

Iaria's has offered homemade pizza, along with other dishes, since 1933.

Amalfi Ristorante Italiano (\$12 to \$24)  
1351 W. 86th St

Amalfi is an independently-owned restaurant featuring homemade and fresh-made Italian.

Old Spaghetti Factory (\$12 and under)  
210 S. Meridian St

This is the place to go if you want simple, no-fuss Italian, and a variety of spaghetti dishes with 5 different sauces to choose from.

Vito's on Penn (\$12 to \$24)  
20 N. Pennsylvania St

This Italian restaurant also offers a pool table and dart-board for entertainment.

Dunaway's Palazzo Ossigeno \$24 to \$40  
351 S. East St

Dunaway's offers both steak and seafood in an "art deco" setting.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant \$12 to \$24

110 N. Illinois St

At this restaurant, the menu changes daily with a wide variety of seafood and ways to cook it.

The Oceanaire Seafood Room \$24 to \$40  
30 S. Meridian St

The Oceanaire features fresh seafood from around the world.

Kona Jack's Fish Market and Sushi Bar \$12 to \$24  
9419 N. Meridian St

Kona Jack's was awarded best seafood restaurant by two different magazines and offers a tropical-style restaurant complete with aquariums.

Loon Lake Lodge \$12 to \$24  
6880 E. 82nd St

The Lodge offers dishes from elk and bison to vegetarian and houses an 1,800-gallon fish tank.

Brazilian Grill \$24 to \$40  
2654 Lake Circle Dr

Choose from an all-you can eat appetizer, salad, and side buffet along with a variety of all you can eat grilled meats.

## Asian

The Bosphorus Istanbul Cafe \$12 to \$24  
935 S. East St

Indiana's only Turkish café also features a decorative-hand painted interior for an interesting atmosphere.

Mikado Japanese Restaurant \$12 to \$24  
148 S. Illinois St

This restaurant offers both Japanese cuisine, like sushi, as well as American favorites, so there's something for everyone.

India Garden Restaurant \$12 to \$24  
207 N. Delaware St

India Garden offers a lunch buffet as well as lamb, seafood, and chicken.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro \$12 to \$24  
49 W. Maryland St, Circle Center Mall

P.F. Chang's is a good option after a day at the mall if you're looking to get away from the crowds.

Stir Crazy \$12 and under  
1251 U.S. Hwy. 31 N., Ste. P-210;  
Greenwood

Dinner and a show, anyone? Dishes from across Asia are served, cooked right in front of the customers.

# Ready to **SPRING** into Action

**Katie Wagner / Staff Writer**



**Name:** Brittany Dominick  
**Grade:** Freshman  
**Currently participating in:** Girls' Track  
**Been involved since:** Seventh grade  
**Became involved because:** Mom pushed her to get involved and to stay in shape for other sports  
**Biggest goal for the season:** Place in top three at county for shot-put

**Other sports played:** Basketball and soccer  
**Also involved in:** 4-H, FFA, Student Council, and scrapbooking

**Did you know?**

Did you know track and field isn't just about running? Both Dominick and Bill Digman (see profile, pg. 9) said a common misconception about track is that a lot of people think it's all about running. However, it's not. Track involves a lot of different field events such as hurdles, high jump, pole vault, discus and shot-put. Track is also about pushing yourself as an individual to help your team. Dominick encourages people to give track a shot. "Track is really fun," she said. "Don't not come out because you think it's just going to be running."

**Name:** Aaron Paschal  
**Grade:** Freshman  
**Currently participating in:** Baseball  
**Been involved since:** T-ball  
**Became involved because:** "I just wanted to play."  
**Favorite part of baseball:** Pitching  
**Most fun part of season:** Winning  
**Other sports played:** None

**Most people don't know:** "I'm the second-tallest person in my family."

**Did you know?**

Did you know the Delta baseball team has a relatively new coach? Mr. Joel Van Pelt, who coached for eight seasons, is no longer coaching. The head coach for the second year is Mr. Terry Summers.



**Name:** Kelly Crider  
**Grade:** Junior  
**Currently participating in:** Girls' Tennis  
**Been involved since:** 2000  
**Became involved because:** She heard that the tennis program was a great one from a neighbor, Mrs. Terri Hopkins, mother of Stephen Hopkins (class of 2006 and current assistant coach)



**Favorite time of season:** Tournament time  
**Why?** The team is very close by then, and everyone is peaking. "It's everyone's time to shine."

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**Goal for the season:** Crider said she wants to be a leader on the team. "I want to help my teammates reach their greatest potential."

**Pre-match rituals:** Crider said last year senior Katie Alexander led the team in a prayer. She hopes to continue that this season.

**Getting pumped up:** The idea of the match itself gets Crider pumped up because she has always been very competitive

**After matches:** "I want to walk off the court knowing I gave it everything I had."

**Delta Tennis Family:** Delta Tennis Family refers to her teammates. They looked out for her when she moved from St. Mary's to Delta. They go to Tim Cleland's Tennis Camp together, have parties, get-togethers and hang out a lot. Crider feels they are her core group of friends.

#### Did you know?

Crider said when people who aren't familiar with tennis come to watch matches they always start to cheer loudly. People often don't understand in tennis you must be quieter than most other sports while watching. "You have to be very lady and gentleman-like," she said.

**Name:** Austin Kreps  
**Grade:** Sophomore  
**Currently participating in:** Boys' Golf

**Been involved for:** Four years  
**Became involved because:** His dad introduced him to the sport  
**Favorite part of season:** Every meet, practice, and sectionals

**Biggest goal for the season:** To make it to state finals  
**Just for fun:** During the summer Kreps traveled around Indiana playing on the Mountain Dew Tour. Kreps tied for second, which was his best finish of the year. He shot 76 for 18 holes.

**Future plans:** "I plan on playing golf in college, but I've only played golf for four years and it's harder to get colleges to look at you for golf than it is for other sports. Each year I improve. By the time I'm a senior I might get recognized by colleges."

**Cooliest experience:** Last year at regionals Gordy Rees, three-time winner of the Muncie District tournament and winner of the Indiana PGA Senior Open, helped him on his swing.

#### Did you know?

Kreps said, "A lot of people say golf isn't much of a sport." Kreps said he likes to treat golf as a sport in the off season. He conditions for the spring season which he said "gives me an advantage on the course." Kreps also said there are conditions you have to face on the course. Weather is one of the main obstacles. Cold, wet, and rainy weather can affect the way you play. Kreps said, "I like practicing in bad weather so when I have to play in a tournament under those circumstances it won't affect the way I play that much."



**Name:** Bill Digman  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Currently Participating in:** Boys' Track  
**Events:** 4x800 relay and the two mile  
**Teammates on relay:** Emby

Duncan, Jay Poor and Josh Farmer

**Been involved since:** Sophomore year

**Became involved because:** He became involved in cross country his sophomore year and then decided he wanted to be a runner, so he decided to run track.

**Most fun part of season:** "The most fun part is getting better and faster along with my other teammates, and doing well in big meets."

**Pre-meet rituals:** Listening to the song "Eulogy" by Tool, with Emby Duncan.

**Biggest goal:** Break school record with the 4x800 relay team or qualify for state. "Look out for the 4x800 team qualifying for state this year!" said Digman.

**Other sports played:** Cross country

**Just for fun:** Digman likes to hang out with friends and skateboard outside of school and sports

**Future plans:** Digman plans on running track in college at either Wabash College or Anderson University

**Most people don't know:** "I actually have a serious side when it comes to one of my favorite sports," said Digman.



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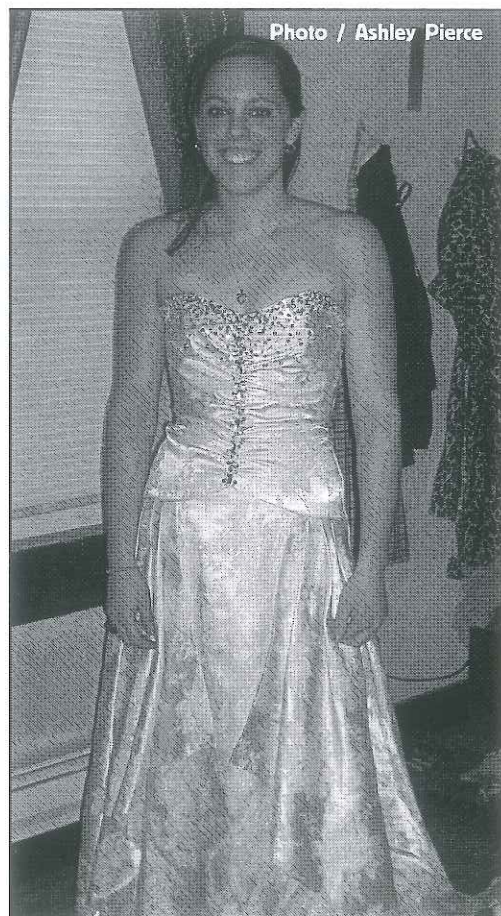
# MIX 'N' MATCH

Ashley Pierce / Editor

Prom styles are constantly changing and so are the prices. Students give their thoughts on Prom costs.

## MOST POPULAR PROM EXPENSES

- \* Prom Bid
- \* Dress / Tux
- \* Hair
- \* Shoes
- \* Food
- \* Jewelry
- \* Nails
- \* Make-up
- \* Tanning
- \* Corsage
- \* Boutonniere



Senior Lindsey Ray poses with her cream-colored Prom dress. Ray thinks that strapless, long, and elegant dresses are in style this year. "Have fun!" Ray said of Prom. "It's always been a blast for me!"

## WHAT'S IN STYLE FOR PROM?

**Strapless, big poofy princess, and sleek silky dresses - Senior Brianna McCaslin**

**Long, bright colored, and more fitted - Senior Alli Petty**

**Short and glam - Junior Kacy Wentz**

**Tight on top and poofy on the bottom strapless and slinky silky dresses with spaghetti straps - Junior Heather Gleeson**

## PROM THOUGHTS

**"I'm excited. I thought last year was a lot of fun and this year should be even better." - Alli Petty**

**"I think Prom is great, a fun night that should not be missed." - Brianna McCaslin**

**"If you aren't going to Prom because it's tradition or because you are afraid of what people will say, forget them because when you stop trying to fit in and be the mold instead you find the friends that matter." - Kacy Wentz**

**"I'm always very excited about Prom. It's also kind of stressful if you go too crazy on it!" - Lindsey Ray**

**"I'm very excited about Prom. I think it's going to be a fun night, and I can't wait to hang out with all my friends at Prom and after Prom. It's gonna be a long night, but a night to remember!" - Heather Gleeson**

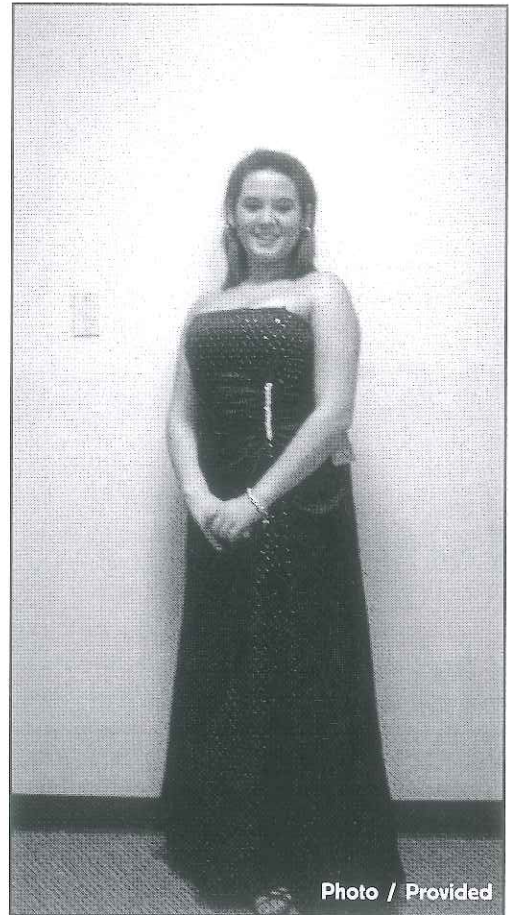


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**Junior Heather Gleeson smiles as her mom takes her picture while trying on Prom dresses. "It's nice if you have a date, but not necessary," Gleeson said.**

## PROM SPOTLIGHT - KACY WENTZ

**Junior Kacy Wentz said she is spending over \$1,900 on her dress, jewelry, hair, nails, and make-up. The reason her Prom expenses will be so much is because she is having a friend of her brother's embroider crystals on her dress that cost \$1,300. The rest of the breakdown is \$80 on jewelry, \$300 for hair and nails, and \$160 on make-up. "I'm excited (for Prom). At first I was hesitant to go, but my date and I have been planning since Thanksgiving. And we both are looking forward to the event," Wentz said.**

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BEST PLACES TO  
SHOP FOR PROM?

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## PROM SPOTLIGHT - BRIANNA MCCASLIN

Senior Brianna McCaslin thinks limos, corsages, and boutonnieres are unnecessary for Prom. "Who cares what you arrive to Prom in? Limos are expensive and unnecessary," McCaslin said. "Corsages and boutonnieres are nice but rather uncomfortable and will probably fall apart before the end of the night anyway. Cut back on those things that are unnecessary and dare to be different. You'll have way more fun!"

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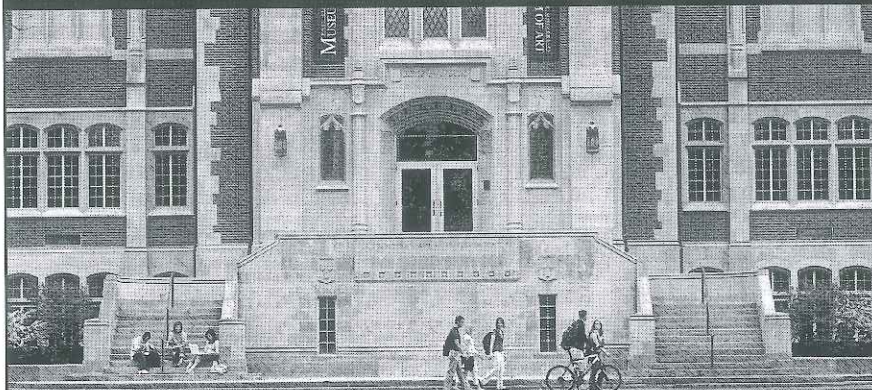
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# Looking for a **BREAK**

David Nickel / Staff Writer

Though spring holds many good changes, such as warmer weather, not all the changes are good. Spring Break may pose a problem for students and teachers alike.

"I get lazier and put homework off till the last minute because I don't want to be at school," senior Danielle Kennedy said.

Some students such as Kennedy said their grades change and they slack off. However, other students had a different perspective.

"My grades usually get better so I can hang out with my friends over spring break," junior Kacy Garrett said.

Telltale signs of "Spring Break fever" are a lack of work effort, poor study habits and work not handed in, according to biology teacher Mr. Terry Summers.

Some changes are very visible. "Students begin to fake tan in order to prepare for the break," English teacher Mrs. Julie Blakely said. "Some students wear skimpy tops, skirts, and flip-flops even though it is cold."

Grades range from person to person. Some people increase their grades so they can have fun, while others say their grades stay consistent.

"I care too much about my grades to let them slip," freshman Kaleigh Lancaster said.

The student attitudes change as well, according to teachers and students alike. "Students experience a

letdown during the third grading period," Blakely said. "I find many students have lower grades, and for those who have behavioral problems, they get worse."

Health teacher Mr. Joe Scott said some students begin to be absent more frequently near Spring Break. Others who are there start to not turn in assignments and not participate in class, he said.

Each teacher has his or her own way of dealing with students who lack focus. Algebra teacher Mr. Paul Keller said scheduling a test close to the break helps to keep students focused. "Most students have a little problem focusing before break. In fact, if we're all truthful, all of us have some trouble focusing before break," Keller said.

Student attitudes change as well as teacher attitudes. "Teachers probably get 'antsy' just like kids," Blakely said.

"We face the same feelings as the students in terms of wanting a break. Teachers are human, too!" Keller said.

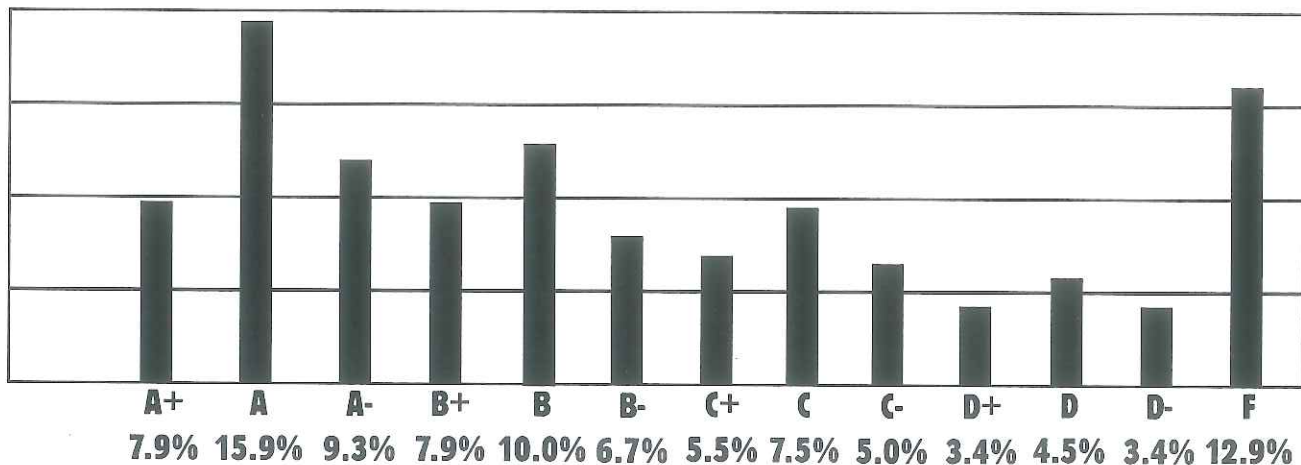
The attitudes change around the break and go back to normal shortly after the break, according to Scott and Keller.

However, students such as freshmen Heather Hague and Garrett said their attitudes do not return to normal until the next year.

"I don't want to come back after having fun during Spring Break," Hague said.

## Making the grade

Breakdown of all grades for every Delta student during the third nine-week grading period.



Source: DHS Guidance Department

Graphic / David Nickel

# What Would You Do With A MILLION? Dollars?

Lauren Austin / Staff Writer

As you're walking down the street, you see a man on the side of the road. He is having car trouble. He doesn't seem to have a cell phone to call for help. You offer him yours. He thanks you after the call and hands back your phone. He asks for your name and you gladly tell him. He starts a conversation with you until his ride gets there. As his ride is pulling up, he writes you a check, which he hands you as he pulls away. You look at the amount, stunned. You look at the signature, which is barely legible.

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"I would be a bit shocked, but relieved. I wouldn't have to pay for college," senior Nathan Brown said.

What would students do with \$1,000,000? Speech teacher Mrs. Angie Goodman has the answers.

"The three most popular things students want to buy are homes, cars and an education. Another popular thing, though, is investment. Most students don't want to blow the money all at once," Goodman said.

For her speech students' first assignment, the students give a speech over what they would do with a million dollars.

Education is one thing that seems to be popular to get if students had a million dollars. It also seems to be in the top three things that students would get if they could get anything, whether it's for themselves or for others that they know. Though education's one of the top three things, there are still two other things that have not been determined. What would those other two things be?



Photos / Christina Hurst

Sophomore Kristen Smith and senior Nathan Brown said they would spend a million dollars on education and family, respectively.

Although most students would use it on themselves, they still think about their families. Some students say they wouldn't think about the cost when they would buy things for their families.

Sophomore Kristen Smith said, "I would get my brother Super Bowl tickets, regardless of the price." Smith would also figure out what each family member would want and get it for them.

Families wouldn't be the only things students would use the money on. Some students would even give a portion of the money to the organizations of their choices.

"I would definitely consider donating some of the money to good organizations," freshman Aly Hopkins said. Hopkins and Smith

both would donate money to organizations, though Smith has decided to donate to Christian organizations if she could.

Students still seem to have ideas that would surprise most people. They would buy three things that would connect with each other so they could have more fun.

Goodman said, "The most creative speech I have ever had came from Brent Smith. He said he would buy a mountain and then a helicopter to get to his mountain."

While some students would donate the money, some would go crazy with the money. No one can deny that they wouldn't have fun with the million dollars.

# Do Big Changes Mean Less Money?

**In the next few years, Delta's enrollment is expected to decline.**

**David Whitehair / Copy Editor**

There are many things at Delta that are always changing, and the enrollment rate is one of them.

In the past couple of years, Delaware Community School Corporation has had steady enrollment numbers in each of the six school buildings, as shown by the numbers. The projected numbers are up in some areas and down in others.

Superintendent Mr. Pat Mapes says that he is not worried about the student population this year, but thinks that in the future the school could face problems.

The main source of decline could be traced back to the elementary schools but will be seen in the middle school statistics. Numbers are expected to be at their lowest with fewer than 600 students walking through the middle school doors next year.

One of the reasons Mapes thinks numbers will go down is that young families are not having as many kids as they used to.

Delaware Community Schools could face problems if the enrollment took a big hit. Funding is the most publicly known thing that is affected by the number of students in the school system. The state pays a per pupil amount of money that the school can use for needs. If funding were cut then other things would have to be cut.

Mapes said the first thing that would be cut would be after-school study programs for which the school provides transportation. It is not required that the school provide the program or the transportation.

Staff is another thing that is affected by the enrollment of students. Fewer students going to the school means fewer teachers will be needed. If it came to the point of firing, a process called RIF, Reduction in Force, would be used. Time teaching at Del-Com Schools and teacher evaluations would decide who would stay and who would go.

Consolidation has not become a likely predicament either because the school's total population is almost 800

students over the 2,000-student threshold. If the corporation was under that number, the state could come in and pressure consolidation.

Even though the corporation is not fretting the enrollment right now, things have been done to promote the school. The school has a \$3,000 limit on promoting the school through various means.

Last year the school board tried hiring people from Minnetrista Cultural Center to shoot a video about Delta. A man from there came in and talked to one of Mr. Ford Clark's television classes about what sets Delta apart from all other schools. A list of some things that set Delta apart are agriculture classes, a radio program and dual-credit college courses. The problem was that it became too expensive to produce the video so the project was shut down.

The main way that the school board feels they should promote the school is by talking at social groups. The main reason for liking these is that they are free. The school board promotes success in athletics and academics, and they also tell people that paying tuition is a possibility.

Even though Delaware Community Schools are not being affected by enrollment currently, anything can happen in the future to the numbers. Mr. Mapes plans to tackle the problem head on through promotion of the corporation.



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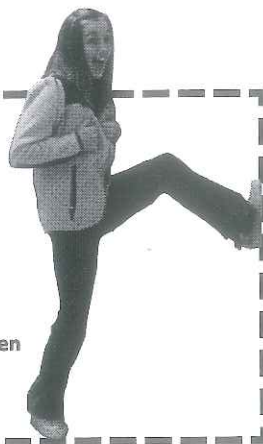
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## Here's to Your Sugar Coating

"In anything at all, perfection is finally attained, not when there is no longer anything to add, but when there is no longer anything to take away." - Antoine De Saint-Exupery



Christina Hurst / Photo Editor

**P**hysical Education locker rooms were devised with a cruel mindset, forcing awkward teenagers to reveal themselves in front of thirty-some people. It would seem that this would be a time of vulnerability, and it is.

Allow me to take you on a quick walkthrough of the girls' locker room. To your left (and probably your right as well), you will see the desperate pushing and shoving of girls fighting for a chance to stare at themselves in the mirror long enough to decide they just don't like the way they look. Listen closely and you'll hear the natural sounds of complaining about one's body, and ridiculous whining of comparing bodies to someone else's.

As wonderful as that sounds, what you are actually witnessing is the deterioration of the small bit of dignity the female sex has left. With lovely characters such as Britney Spears and Paris Hilton having ruined much of it for us already, it seems we are not far from reaching an all-time low.

But that's normal, right? Doubting yourself and feeling the need to obtain the nonexistent perfection we all strive for, that's completely understandable. Our society has raised the bar so high for the standard of appearance that almost no one is within reach.

I admit that I have strived for that perfection. I've tried ridiculous diets and attempted just about every beauty product you can imagine. I spent several summers wasting away in the sun with my hopeless attempts to get a tan. That was what I really wanted. I actually thought, "That's what's going to make me look good."

Unfortunately, last summer my dad was diagnosed with basal cell skin cancer. The cancer was treated and he's fine now, but there went my hope for looking good. I now treat sunblock like a life vest. For a while, it actually bothered me that I wasn't

allowed to tan. I found myself getting mad at my dad for getting cancer. That made me feel pathetic.

Of course as every good story goes, I learned something from this. Some people weren't meant to be tan. In the same way, not everyone was meant to be skinny, or have perfect skin or piercing blue eyes. We are all different.

It seems that people are so wrapped up in looking like clones of one another that we lose who we really are. We need to be more in touch with who we are instead of where we buy our clothes or how thick we can layer on black eyeliner.

So I'm never going to be tan. I'm okay with that. I'll be pale for the rest of my life and I'll love every minute of it. My body is the body I was given at birth. As long as we're together, we might as well be friends.

Sophomore Christina Hurst writes "Here's to Your Sugar Coating" for *The Eagle's Eye*. The opinions expressed here are her own and do not necessarily represent *The Eagle's Eye* and/or Delta High School.

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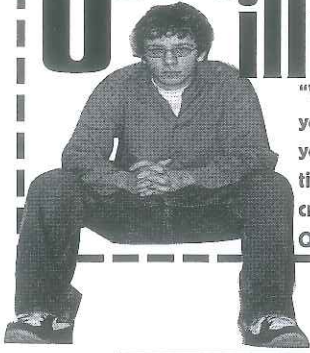
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# Use your illusion



"When your mother sends back all your invitations, and your father, to your sister, he explains that you're tired of yourself and all of your creations, won't you come see me, Queen Jane!" - Bob Dylan

**Matt Long /  
Copy Editor**

*When all the grand illusions of life and romanticism are torn down with experience, and the ideals of perfection have alas dissipated, only then can we learn to live life on its own terms.*

**I**t has taken me countless beatings to finally accept the illusions through which I've seen life are only that - illusions. I've existed over the years waiting for those *movie moments* - such as tear-jerking speeches perfectly articulated and given at the right moment, breath-taking and inspiring, or romance condensed desperately into mere days or weeks.

I went about life manipulating and destroying the people I came across, the people I cared for most - anyone who dared step into whatever illogical and destructive path I called my own. In a sense, they were all threats to the illusions in which I dwelled.

I wouldn't sacrifice these crazed fantasies for anything.

And I wouldn't accept anything or anyone that fell short of the expectations of perfection I placed on everyone (myself included), resulting in needless pain and perpetual disappointment. To further this self-induced suffering, I concluded someday I would grow calloused to the pain of disappointment, and therefore continued still to expect perfection. I vainly battled circumstance with attempts to build those movie moments, painting everything that fell short a failure.

I could never learn from my mistakes. I drifted, instead, among the days, nodding absently whenever this

notion was mentioned. In all actuality, this concept wasn't a reality to me.

It's pointless, however, to deny that much as been glamorized with forms of entertainment. Romantic relationships, funerals, dereliction, injustice, love, hatred, even death itself - all have been glamorized. Man has a need for illusions, for entertainment. It's as essential as shelter. There are some, however, have a more painful experience realizing the crucial difference between reality and illusions. I fell into this category.

I rejected my own experiences. I wouldn't believe in anything other than my illusions. I believed I knew how things were *supposed* to feel, and I denied anything that contradicted what was set in my mind.

False self-sufficiency was at the core of these illusions, running hand-in-hand with complete self-centeredness. I'd built up the belief that *my* world was all that mattered - I had to live with myself, I had to look after myself, I had to protect myself. I grew to believe emotions were merely obstacles, thorns driven into my side by others; that all emotions would eventually turn to overwhelming, unmanageable pain. Thus, I blocked off emotions, "good" and "bad." With practice over the years, I was fairly sufficient in existing mechanically and numb.

Acknowledging all the life I'd closed off - the emotions, positive or negative; the moments of clarity and undeniable happiness, to be carried as golden memories - initially left me bitter, with nostalgia. I vowed that if I could "go back," as they say, I'd change the decisions I made.

After some time, I was able to accept that the past is alas finished.

I turned to the future with fear, cowering in place at the idea of change. I was filled with a void - and for a lifetime in itself, the void only seemed to grow rather than begin to heal. Wounded, lying vulnerable to be carried away by the waves in this storm between birth and burial, I hadn't any hope or faith in anything.

However, I've begun living differently, changing the behaviors that produced tears and resentments. I've a profound sense of remorse and a burning desire for change.

It took me years of pain, frustration, dereliction and resentment before I was finally able to break through those illusions I once valued. I've begun to finally give myself a break. I've gotten to the point where I haven't a need to constantly apologize to people for my imperfections, and no longer do I expect apologies for theirs.

**Man has a need for illusions, for entertainment. It's as essential as shelter. There are some, however, that have a more painful experience realizing the crucial difference between reality and illusions. I fell into this category.**

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# DYNAMIC DUO

Purdue Coach Matt Painter remains true to his Delta roots and to his former high school basketball coach, Mr. Stan Daugherty. "Matt remained very humble and very accessible to me. He knows where he's from. He knows his roots," Daugherty says of Painter.

Shannon Washburn / Staff Writer

When Purdue men's basketball coach Matt Painter shows up on TV this month in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, one Delta viewer will watch with special pride.

Athletic director Stan Daugherty coached Painter at Delta High School in the 1980s.



"He was really fun to coach. He led us to 60 wins in just three seasons, which shows what a great player and leader he was. He was the type of player that made everyone around him better," Daugherty said.

Painter played guard at Purdue University from 1990 to 1993. He appeared in 109 games, with 50 starts. He averaged 4.5 points per game, and totaled 276 assists. He was team captain for the Boilermakers during the 1992-1993 season, the same year he was named All-Big Ten honorable mention. He helped lead the Boilermakers to three NCAA Tournament bids and one NIT appearance during his playing career.

Before he was head coach at Purdue, Painter served as an assistant coach at Washington & Jefferson (1989-93), Barton College (1994-95), Eastern Illinois

(1995-98), and Southern Illinois (1998-2003). He had his big break in 2003, when he was announced as head coach for Southern Illinois after assisting there for five seasons.

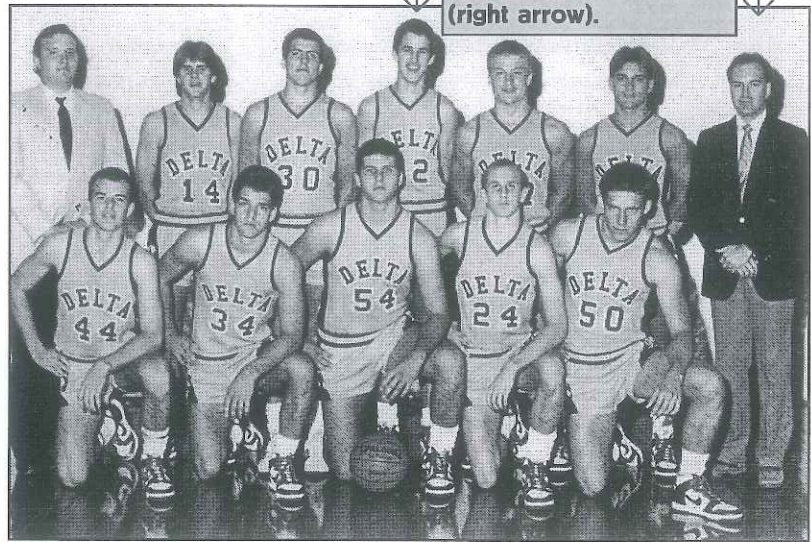
Painter was head coach for Southern Illinois for one season before he was offered the head coaching position for Purdue University. He was officially hired at Purdue on April 9, 2004.

"I was excited for him (when he was hired at Purdue), and I was proud that I was able to have a small part with his basketball experience," Daugherty said. "I knew Matt would one day be a college coach. He's an incredibly smart basketball player, and he really studied the game of basketball as a high school student."

Painter's Boilermakers have been assigned a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament this year. They will play against Baylor in the opening round in Washington, D.C.

Painter is a finalist for two major national coaching awards. He is one of nine finalists for National Coach of the Year. He also is one of 10 finalists for the Skip Prosser National Man of the Year, which is an award that goes to the basketball coach who most lives up to the highest standards of integrity in coaching.

This 1987 Delta team photo shows Matt Painter (left arrow) and Coach Stan Daugherty (right arrow).



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# Trips of Faith

Dasha Serbina / Staff Writer

How many of you have ever thought about going on a mission trip to help other people?

"I realized life's changing. I wouldn't think about life without food, clothes or even a restroom," said sophomore Beth Ellcessor, who went with Selma's United Methodist Church on a mission to Belize, Central America. "I am blessed to live in America."

The main idea of the mission trip to Belize was to help with building houses, to witness to the people, and to pass out beans and rice.

According to Ellcessor, it was hard to see people living in tiny shacks that they made with their own hands.

There was a family named Martinez in Belize that has six daughters and they had only two beds for everybody.

According to Ellcessor, the most difficult thing for her was to see poverty and people with needs everywhere. "No matter how much the people from Belize have, they are open-minded and really love people," Ellcessor said.

Junior Caleb Austin agrees mission trips are useful.

"I will remember my mission trip to South Dakota for the rest of my life," he said. Austin and 30 people from Selma United Methodist Church went on a mission trip to South Dakota at a Native American reservation. "It was really hard to deal with it, because the weather was extremely hot and we tried to not get dehydrated," Austin said. "We tried not to complain about not having video games, a shower and all the goods we have in a regular life."

Caleb's sister, Lauren Austin, influenced his decision to go.

Lauren Austin has been on two mission trips. The first one was when she was 13 and she went to Belize. The second trip was when she was 15 and she went to North Dakota along with her brother.

Are mission trips popular now for teenagers? According to Sammy Green, the most difficult thing is raising money to be able to go. (They must do fundraisers to cover their expenses for a trip.)

There are many people, such as freshman Ashley Rawls and sophomores Sammy Green and Christina Hurst, who are going on a mission trip soon. All of them are going to Kingston, Jamaica this summer. The purpose of this trip is to help people out with different projects such as fixing youth camps and helping people in poverty.

Rawls thinks the most difficult part will be forgetting about herself and focusing more on other people. "No complaining!" Rawls said.



This mission trip to Belize in Central America was one of several mission trips that Delta students have taken.



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# FOUR YOU SHOULD MEET

## Every student has an interesting story to tell

Ashley Pierce / Editor  
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### Freshman

Freshman Brittany Dominick has a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Not only does she participate in basketball, soccer and track, but she also is in 4-H, FFA and Student Council.

When she becomes a senior, she will be a 10-year member of 4-H like her brother, senior Logan Dominick. In 4-H she shows sheep, pigs, goats and rabbits. Besides showing animals, she also does foods, sewing, gift-wrapping and scrapbooking.

"I'll be sewing up until the day they're judging trying to finish it," she said with a laugh.

Dominick said she starts thinking in April about what her sewing project will be for the year. She's been finding it hard to think of something creative while also experiencing her first year of high school and participating in track.

"It's been crazy," she said.

Last year Dominick's cake went to the Indiana State Fair and her salsa won a grand champion award at the Delaware County fair.

What exactly does one do for gift-wrapping, though?

Dominick said you have to decorate a shaped box



Freshman Brittany Dominick and Sarah Smoot hold a basketball quilt. Smoot assisted Dmonick in sewing the quilt for submission in 4-H.

and that last year she had to make her own paper for her project. That entailed also decorating it with stamps and various other creative items.

"I haven't started thinking about what I'll do this year yet," she said. "I probably should, though."

Dominick has also been committed to sports since she was little. She's played basketball since first grade, soccer since she was four, and thrown in track since seventh grade.

Her love of animals and the outdoors is obvious in Dominick's schedule next year. She plans to take animal science her sophomore year then advanced animal science and landscaping her junior year. She also plans to take the American Studies Block class the same year.

### Sophomore

Most upperclassmen have a hard time deciding what they want to do when they graduate. Sophomore Quinten Keihn, however, already knows what he plans to do. He plans to go into construction or architecture.

Keihn became interested in construction when he started working for his dad's business, Randy Keihn Construction, when he was 12 during the summer. This past summer he spent 10 hours a day, 5-7 days a week working.

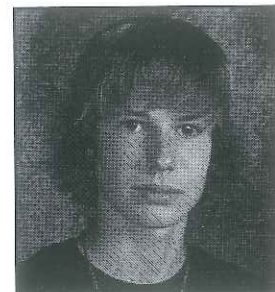
"I help him build houses, remodel them, paint, and put on siding," he said.

His love for design is obvious since one of his favorite classes is Mr. Randy Glaze's Integrated Engineering & Design class.

"We design and present items in there, like a puzzle cube," Keihn said.

Besides working for his dad, Keihn enjoys sleeping, basketball, and working on cars. He also competes in motocross races with his Kawasaki 125.

When he has spare time, Keihn likes to work out at the YMCA, hang out with friends and see his girlfriend.



Quinten Keihn / Sophomore



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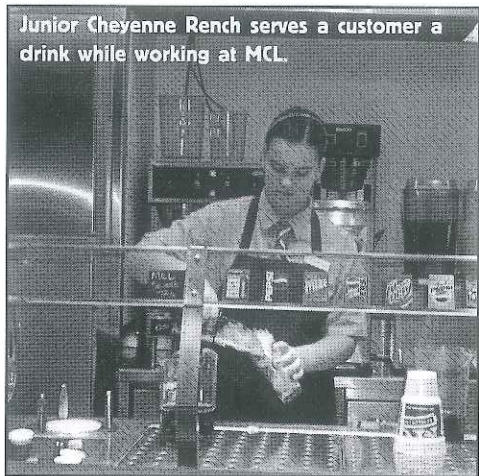
# Junior

Most high school students find it hard to balance one job and their school work. But junior Cheyenne Rench does this all while having two jobs.

Rench works 15 to 20 hours at MCL every week. While there she is either working as a cashier, hostess or line server.

But she also works at The Children's Place 10 to 15 hours a week. At The Children's Place she is a cashier and makes sure everything is straightened and orderly. If this isn't enough she also babysits on Saturday nights.

Rench manages to do all of this while maintaining all A's and just a few B+'s. But that is not to say that she is just



Junior Cheyenne Rench serves a customer a drink while working at MCL.

Photo / Ashley Pierce

taking easy classes. Rench is taking Child Development, Mass Media, Accounting, Algebra II, Spanish III, U.S. History and English 11. After high school Rench plans on going to Ball State

and majoring in Business and Accounting with a minor in foreign language. "I want to be a CPA," Rench said. A CPA is a certified public accountant.

Rench is driven to success by her dad, "If I get a B- or a C my dad tells me I have to get it up, and I am not allowed to go anywhere until I do," Rench said.

When asked what stresses her out the most Rench said, "Having two jobs and school put together. Not having enough time to get everything done. But money definitely stresses me out the most."

When Rench gets a break from her busy schedule she likes to hang out with her little sister and her friends. "We go Cosmic Bowling quite often," Rench said. She also enjoys listening to country music and she will occasionally listen to hip hop, too. Her favorite movies are *10 Things I Hate About You* and *The Notebook*.

"Family and friends are definitely the most important in my life," Rench said.

# Senior

Senior spring break is something that every student dreams about. But senior Josh Dyke is going on spring break twice.

Dyke already went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida recently, but he will be going back again over spring break.

The first time he went he stayed for seven days. He flew there with his dad, younger brother, and senior Ryan Bailey.

While in Florida Dyke went deep-sea fishing, rode scooters, visited the far Gulf side of Florida, saw the Everglades and many other things.

For his second spring break Dyke will be returning to Fort Lauderdale. This time he will be driving there with a bunch of his friends.

When Dyke isn't vacationing he stays busy with other things. He enjoys hunting, fishing and anything to do with the outdoors. He also plays football.

After graduation Dyke plans to attend Ball State University. He has not yet decided upon a major.

Dyke is driven to success by himself. "I want to do well," he said. This would explain why school stresses Dyke out the most.

Other than doing well, family is the most important thing in Dyke's life.

When Dyke isn't busy he likes to watch his favorite movie, *Talladega Nights*, and listen to music.

"I like country music and believe it or not, a little bit of rap," he said.



JOSH DYKE / SENIOR

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# ONE HIGH SCHOOL UNDER GOD?

## *Students voice opinions on separation of church, state*

**Christina Hurst / Photo Editor**

The first American school system, Boston Public Schools, was established in 1647 to ensure that children would grow up and be able to read the Bible. Now, it is illegal for teachers or administrators to promote a specific religion or to organize prayer.

It's likely that a lot has changed since 1647. So what do students today think of separation between church and state? Some Delta students share their opinions.

### **Do you think it is ethical for the Pledge of Allegiance to contain the words "Under God"?**

**Junior Steven Proctor:** "No. If you want to say it then go ahead, but it shouldn't be written down like you have to."

**Sophomore Jessica Hatcher:** "I can see how it offends people who don't believe in God, but does that mean you change a part of history? I say that if it offends you, then just don't say it."

**Senior Branden Downing:** "No, because our country is supposed to be based on freedom of religion."

**Sophomore Cody Freeman:** "Yes. Our nation is built on Christianity. If one does not agree with the Pledge, then it's out and get over it."

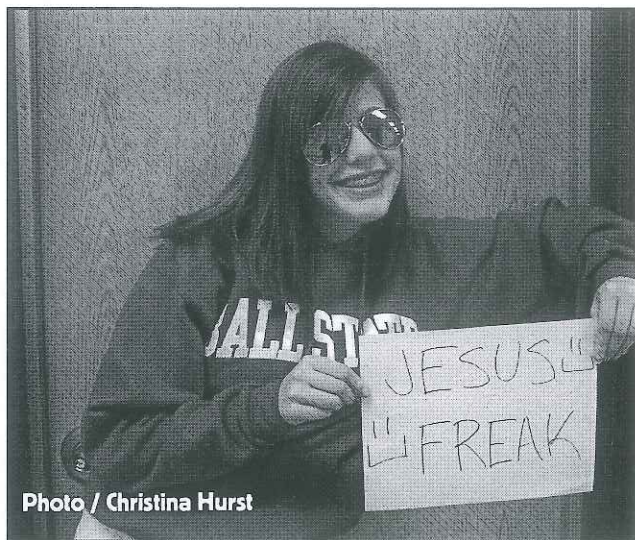


Photo / Christina Hurst

**Sophomore Jessica Hatcher gives us a little taste of where she stands on religion.**

"My interpretation of the Constitution says there is nothing wrong with voluntary reading of the Bible, Koran, Torah, or anything else that you want. When I taught (Biblical Literature) the Bible was treated as a text, not from the religious perspective but from the literary perspective... I really would like to teach it again. I enjoy it immensely. If we could get 20-30 people to take that class, that would be great."



-Mr. Kip Omstead on teaching Biblical Literature

### **Do you think school rules against religion are too strict or over-step their boundaries?**

**Hatcher:** "I wish (Delta) would show more interest in Campus Life and FCA. I understand they can't let us make huge speeches and pass out flyers just out of respect for other people."

**Senior Robert Dennis:** "Yes. People should be able to practice their religion freely, but not forced to."

**Sophomore Andrea Karch:** "I think Delta does a great job separating church and state, which is what needs to be done."

**Senior Loren Hedge:** "No, they really don't overdo religion."

### **How do you feel about science classes teaching "The Big Bang Theory" and Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*?**

**Senior Mallory Schwindt:** "I strongly believe that Darwin's theory should not be taught."

**Karch:** "Those are a part of science and they need to be taught. Teachers shouldn't be allowed to voice opinions on them, but they need to be taught."

**Proctor:** "That's fine with me. Sometimes that makes more sense than religion."

**Freeman:** "School is the place to learn about the world. If we restrict this, then we restrict people from finding who they really are."

Occasionally, Delta High School offers a one-semester English course called Biblical Literature. This class, taught by Mr. Kip Omstead, focuses on the literature angle of the Bible. Do you think that Delta should offer any classes about other religions' literature?

**Dennis:** "No, there's supposed to be a separation from church and state."

**Karch:** "Well, we would have to have someone qualified to teach a course in religious literature, but if people want it to be taught, then why not?"

**Proctor:** "Yes, they should, or they shouldn't offer any at all. We live in such an arrogant society that even schools seem to be run by religion, and if it's not yours that's the flavor of the month then that's too bad."

**Hatcher:** "If a kid wants a different class over a different religion, they should speak up and let someone know. I think all religions should be treated equally."

#### Should religious values be incorporated in school?

**Freeman:** "To an extent. I believe if a school gives one religion a chance on praying or anything, they should give the same opportunity to every religion."

**Schwindt:** "No, school should be a neutral place."

**Karch:** "No. There is separation of church and state and a line has to be drawn somewhere."

**Proctor:** "No, because it would just promote discrimination."

#### OTHER NEWS

A 17-year-old senior from Franklin Community High School in Indiana had a lawsuit filed on his behalf against the school after he was punished for refusing to stand during the Pledge of Allegiance.

The lawsuit filed by the Indiana chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union charged that the student's First Amendment rights were violated.

Teachers are responsible for maintaining order among students during the moment of silence before or after the Pledge. However, under state law, schools cannot compel a student to stand or to participate in the Pledge or moment of silence.

The lawsuit was settled between the student and the school before going to court. The school agreed to pay \$1,000 in court costs and admitted wrongdoing in assigning an after-school detention to the boy for failing to stand for the Pledge.

**Hatcher:** "I, of course, wouldn't mind, but I realize religion is touchy for some people. Some people strongly believe there is no God. Others strongly believe there is. I feel if too much religious value is out in school, it would cause too much confrontation."

**Downing:** "No, because kids who feel certain ways could feel suppressed by the values enforced in school."

## For some student-athletes, (extra) practice makes perfect

Jeff Dobbbs / Staff Writer

For many athletes their workout stops as soon as practice does, but for some theirs is just starting.

For instance, sophomore tennis player Taylor Cardini gets her family involved with her after-school tennis workouts. "I play with my brother Carl and the rest of my family at the YMCA on Sundays," she said.

These athletes who do that little extra do it to get that much better at that sport. They believe that extra practice will make them accomplish the goals that they set for themselves.

"I do extra after practices because I want to do the best that I can in all that I do," said sophomore Destiny

Hines, who runs track but also is a Delta Energy Dancer.

Senior Emby Duncan said, "I take my sports very seriously because I want to run in college and I want to make it to state."

What these athletes do does take sacrifice on their social lives. "Yeah, I don't spend as much time with my family and friends as I would like to, but that's what dedication takes," Hines said.

When some student-athletes get home, they just relax and hang out with friends or watch TV. Sophomore Alex McCormick said, "Sometimes if I don't think I did as well as I could at practice, I go run outside, around town or on the treadmill."

# BRAKE CHECK!

## Teens waiting longer to get driver's license

Chelsey Quakenbush / Staff Writer

In the past, one of the first things students did when they turned 16 was get their driver's license.

But according to a recent New York Times

### 5 STAR

- Name: 5 Star Driver Education Center
- Location: 303 N. High Street, Muncie; directly across High Street from City Hall at the corner of High and Gilbert.
- Opened when?: Approaching five years.
- Delta clients?: 5 Star has students from everywhere, but Delta students have been very loyal. Of the student-athletes on this year's basketball squad, all but one was a 5 Star student.
- Cost?: 5 Star costs \$350. The driver portion of the BMV testing can be taken for an additional \$20, if the student has a B in the classroom, and a B in driving, for the school.
- Sessions?: 5 Star has a class every month.
- The class usually begins on the first Monday of the month. Most classes are from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Classes are Monday-Thursday with no Friday or weekend classes. It does take most of a month to complete a class.
- Why was the age reduced for when someone can start?: The age went to 14 to help the private school to be more "in-line" with those programs offered at the public schools. Public schools needed some students to start the class at 14 in order to attend their summer programs.
- Are you getting students that young? And do you think it's good or bad for a kid to start that young?:
- 5 Star does have 14-year-olds, but really not that many. Instruction is most beneficial when the theoretical (classroom) is combined with the practical (driving.)

newspaper story, only 30 to 40 percent of 16-year-olds in the nation now have their license.

Three directors of Muncie driving academies have input on why fewer 16-year-olds are getting licenses.

"I think this is partially due to the increase of gas prices and insurance rates," said Jerry Hirons, director of Hirons Driving Academy. "Additionally, teenagers have more things to do now (at home) than they did in the past. X-box, PS2, MySpace, text messaging and "hanging out" tend to fill the entertainment slot, and the number of hours spent on homework was not quite as intense with those of the past. Past generations did not

have the electronic marvels of today, and much of their time was centered around a car."

Larry Hobbs, director of 5 Star Driving Academy, said some states require drivers to be 17 or even 18 before they can obtain a driver license.

"In Indiana, a parent must sign a form

declaring to be financially responsible for the young driver," Hobbs said. "Many parents do not choose to do this and wait, instead, until their young person is 18 years old."

Jay Wright, who runs 1 Way

Driver's Education, said sometimes the teens themselves choose not to get a license at age 16.

"I get calls about 17 and 18-year-olds that have not taken a course or obtained a license because they did not want to," Wright said. "The parents finally force them to go."

All three of the academies offer driver's ed for a fee of \$350. This covers 30 classroom hours of instruction and six hours behind the wheel.

### 1 WAY

- Name: 1 Way Drivers Education
- Location: 1904 W. Royale Drive, Muncie IN 47304
- Opened when?: I have been open in Muncie for approximately 6 months.
- Delta clients?: Yes, a few who have taken it or are taking it at the moment.
- Cost: \$350, with discounts and coupons in the paper.
- Sessions: Begin the first week of every month typically and end after 3 weeks of class. The state allows 5 days at 2 hours per week for the classroom.
- Why was the age reduced to 14 when someone can start driver's ed?: The age was reduced I believe so that young people could obtain a driver's education permit, take the course and then gain experience with their parents or guardians for up to a whole year. This gives the young person valuable experience in driving.



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## HIRONS DRIVING ACADEMY

- Name: Hirons Driving Academy
- Location: 425 N. High Street Suite 9, Muncie IN 47305
- Opened when?: We will soon begin our 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- Delta clients?: Yes.
- Cost?: \$350 (payable in one or two installments).
- Sessions?: They generally begin at the first of each month. The classroom meets for two hours per day, 5 days a week, for 15 days. We are flexible with students who have to miss a class for sports or other school activities. There is no penalty, but classes must be made up in another session.
- Sign up?: By dropping by our office (we are open 9 to 5, 12 months a year)
- Rules for kids who do NOT take driver's ed?: They will obtain a Learner's Permit (instead of a Driver Education Learner's Permit), and wait until they are 16 years and 6 months before applying to get their operator's license.

What are the benefits of taking driver's ed?

"There is a significant reduction of crashes and an increased knowledge of the rules, laws, and physical, mental and social aspects of driving a vehicle," Hirons said.

Hobbs said the first 100 hours of driving can be the most dangerous time for a young driver.

"Through driver education, the student can get 100 hours of driving with his or her parents. Driver education further helps in teaching the student the rules of the road, what to do in an emergency, how to handle emotions, and many other aspects of driving," he said. "Insurance companies do sometimes reduce rates for students who have taken driver education."



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**Good Luck, Eagles!**

# DROP, STOP, AND DRIVE!

Emily Campbell / Staff Writer

If you're a first-time car buyer, in some cases fresh out of driver's ed, you probably aren't going to think of a 1957 Chevrolet Convertible as your first choice. Or even a second, third, or fourth choice. That's the used car math teacher Mr. Steve Scroggins got in 1960.

In fact, several teachers got their first cars used or as hand-me-downs. English teacher Mrs. Julie Blakely got her car, a 1967 Corvair, after her parents and sisters used it. Math teacher Mr. Steve Wray received a Pontiac T100, his parents' old car, which he shared with his two brothers. Math teacher Mr. Scott Herring also got his first car, a Nova, from a parent.

On the other hand, Scroggins got his first car from a car lot; he described the salesmen as helpful.

Business teacher Mr. Joe Lacey received his first car, a 1988 Mercury Topaz that had 144,500 miles on it, from a "friend of a friend." Lacey had to pay for his car, and at the time he got it, he was working three jobs and going to school full-time. Lacey said he has had a job since he was 14 years old.

While most choose not to name their cars, Lacey named his "Tizzopizzaz" and Herring named his "Old Blue."

At times, these cars weren't the most reliable, either. Blakely said her car would sometimes shut off when going around turns. Herring's car had bad brakes and no air conditioning.

Blakely's advice for students buying their first car: "Don't buy a new or nice car because almost all kids wreck or trash their first car." Herring also said that you should buy a used car with low mileage.

These days all you have to do is search your desired car on one of the many car websites. At [www.edmunds.com](http://www.edmunds.com), you can write reviews of auto dealers, search certified pre-owned listings, and look at car tips and advice from car salesmen and customers. Or try [www.cars.com](http://www.cars.com), you can buy new and used cars, research prices, sell your car, and find auto and dealers in your local area.

All the teachers agree that their overall experience with receiving their first cars was good.



**"SOMETIMES, THE BRAKE  
ASSEMBLY WOULD FLY APART  
WHILE I WAS DRIVING." -  
MR. JOE LACEY**

# TWO PEAS IN A POD

Some student couples have been together for over a year while others choose not to date for various reasons.

**Kaitlynn Licht / Staff Writer**

School, work, athletics and a relationship are a lot to handle, but many students manage it just fine. Or do they?

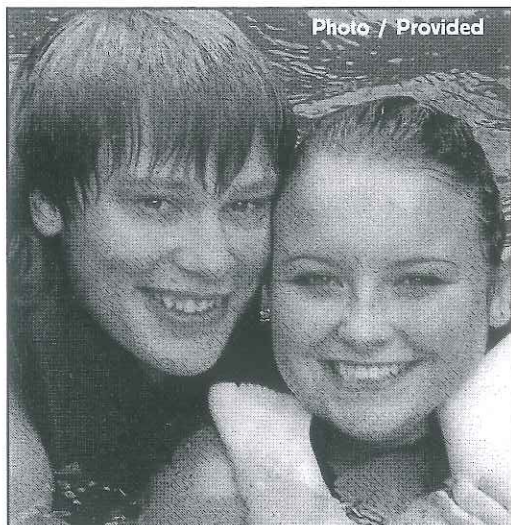
Senior Krystal Frazee has been in a relationship with Delta graduate Jack Bradshaw for three and a half years.

"I'm very busy with school, work, and trying to spend all the time I can with him," Frazee said. "My relationship doesn't really interfere with school. I still get all my homework done."

When Frazee and Bradshaw have time they like to go to the movies, out to eat, and spend time with both of their parents.

Senior couple Sarah Miller and Nate Jennings have been together for one year and three months. "I think we go together like two peas in a pod," Jennings said.

"I choose to stay in a relationship because I feel the longer you are with someone the better you know



**Delta graduate Jack Bradshaw and senior Krystal Frazee smile while swimming at Dell Hollow, Tennessee last summer. They've been together for 3 1/2 years. "My parents think it's great (that we're together). They love him just like a son," Frazee said.**

them, and the more you know about them, the more comfortable you feel," Jennings said.

When Miller and Jennings first started talking about

getting together it was awkward for Miller because they were really good friends, and she didn't want to lose that friendship.

"We go to a lot of movies and hang out with our families; we are kind of like a really old couple," Miller said.

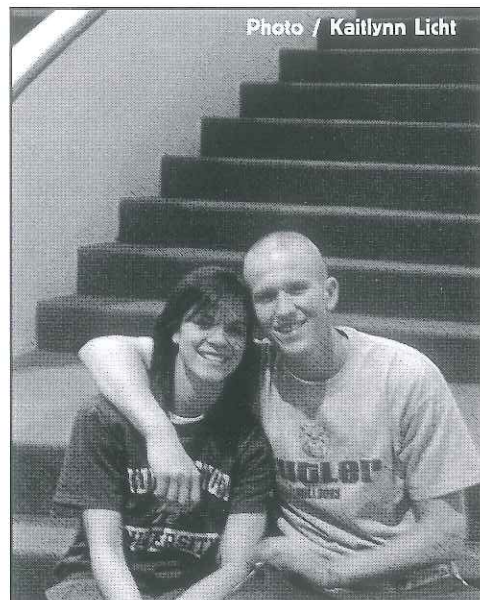
Miller and Jennings both agree that their relationship doesn't interfere with school. "I've had better grades this year than I ever have," Miller said.

Seniors Nathan Brown and Lindsey Moore have been in a relationship for 13 months.

"Why date around when I have already found someone?" Brown said.

They both agree that their relationship doesn't interfere with school. "It actually kind of helps. If one of us doesn't know something the other one does," Brown said.

All three of these couples plan on staying together while going to college. Jennings and Miller are both going to Huntington University and playing basketball. Frazee is going to attend college at Ivy Tech so she will be close to Bradshaw. Likewise Brown and Moore are both going to attend Ivy Tech.

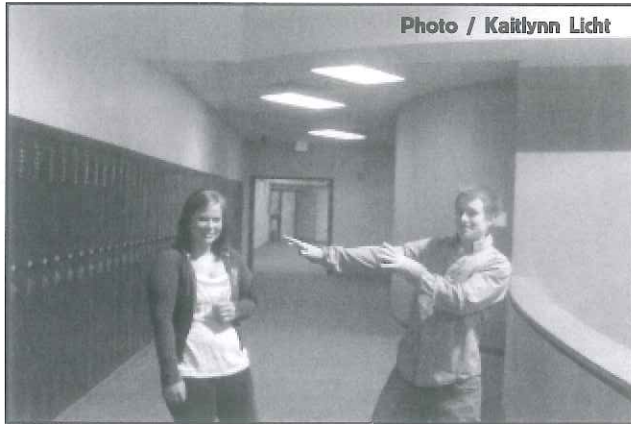


**Seniors Sarah Miller and Nate Jennings pose for a picture on the freshmen staircase. They've been together for 1 year and 3 months. "I think we go together like two peas in a pod," Jennings said.**

While there are many students who choose to be in a relationship there are just as many who choose to date around.

"I choose not to be in a relationship because I am going off to college in Chicago, so I don't feel the need to have a girlfriend that won't be there," senior Austin Hill said.

Hill does go on dates, though. Most of the time he goes to dinner and a movie. He meets girls at school, at church activities and through friends.



**Seniors Amanda Jensma and Austin Hill illustrate how Hill doesn't want to be in a relationship. "I choose not to be in a relationship because I am going off to college in Chicago, so I don't feel the need to have a girlfriend who won't be there," Hill said.**

"It's really kind of hard to spend time with someone while going to school and working," Hill said.

Senior Brady Young chooses to not be in a relationship because, "I'm busy with football and basketball and girlfriends can get expensive sometime," Young said.

"I choose to not be in a relationship so I can try to focus on getting my education. I want to wait so I can dedicate myself to the relationship," senior Chris Allen said.

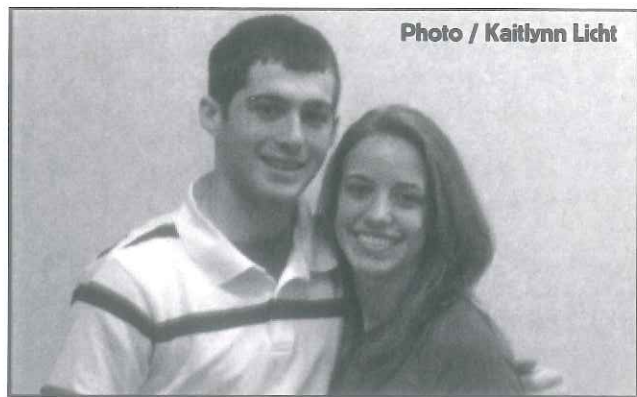
Senior Holly Morris chooses to not be in a relationship because she will be leaving for college in the fall.

Although there are a lot of students who are in a serious relationship, it may not always be the healthiest thing to do.

"I think certain aspects of it can be healthy, as long as it is a positive relationship and both students are happy," media specialist Mrs. Amy Lewman said.

"You must know yourself and what you want out of life along with your goals to have a good relationship," counselor Mrs. Connie Stinson said.

"It gives teenagers a chance to see what marriage is like because we have our struggles



**Seniors Nathan Brown and Lindsey Moore pose for a picture during class. They have been together for 13 months. "Why date around when I've already found someone?" Brown said.**

with school and athletics and adults have their struggles with work and kids," Brown said.

"It can be good in some cases but it depends on how committed someone is willing to be and if they are ready to be responsible," Jennings said.

Lewman and Stinson both agree that relationships interfere more with school when they aren't doing so well.

"When there is a conflict that is where their mind is, their body might be in class but their mind is focused on their relationship," Stinson said.

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