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Getting to know Mr. Fetcho



Mr. Fetcho

Michaela Morlan
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Out with the old, in with the new is a phrase that has been taken to heart this year at Hamilton County Senior High as Mr. Jeff Fetcho takes the place of Mr. Marty Cox as principal.

Mr. Fetcho is from Eldorado; there he worked as a sports referee, a fifth grade teacher, and as the assistant principal. He worked in the Eldorado school district for eight years and for the past two years he was an assistant principal and the fifth grade teacher of the Eldorado Elementary School.

As the principal of HCSH, Mr. Fetcho believes that [HCSH] "Is one of the nicer schools in Southern Illinois." Still early

in the school year, his favorite part of being here would have to be the professionalism of the students, faculty, and staff members. It starts with the students and continues through the staff.

Along with the professionalism, another thing that sticks out to Mr. Fetcho is the differences between McLeansboro and Eldorado. One of the differences is the support the community and students bring forward to the athletes. "There's nothing wrong with a good rivalry, but I encourage our students to save their energy for cheering instead of booning the other team," Mr. Fetcho said.

In the opinions of many of the staff members and students here at HCSH, Mr. Fetcho is well liked and will do an excellent job this year as principal. "Seems like a very fair and reasonable person," Junior, Sara Veatch stated. When asked about the differences between Mr. Cox and Mr. Fetcho, Coach Rush said, "I believe that he has a little more relaxed demeanor."

Mr. Fetcho looks forward to the rest of the year; he's hoping to improve academic roles of the students. A personal goal for him is to learn the names and faces of the staff, faculty, and all of the students, not just the ones in his office.

Most changed seniors

Stephanie Hart & Rhet Vaughan
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Local heroes of HCSH

Of course, being a heroic warrior sounds amazing but when all the hard work and dedication required is weighed in, this may slip interest.

For Seniors, Marcos Castillo and Anthony Jenkins losing interest is not an option. Aches, pains, sores, bruises, or any other nagging and annoying excuses are all aspects that they are used to now.

When making the decision to enter the U.S. military, it is suddenly clear of all the sacrifices one must make. "Trust me, it's quite a bit harder than my last job, at McDonalds," said Jenkins. "Of course we both expected lots of work going into this, but we never imagined the amount of hard work and discipline."

Castillo and Jenkins were each inspired to join for similar reasons. Castillo wanted to do something that would change his life and joining the Army is something Jenkins has always wanted to do.

During times of war, those who step up and defend their country are those with courage and good character. Jenkins' feelings on the war in Iraq were "(its) a bit scary but I know if I go I will be ready because if I don't who will?" "War is an ugly thing but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse."

Surprisingly, those in noble positions face scrutiny. Castillo's attitude toward criticism was, "People have told me I'm stupid and I'm messing up m life... what they don't realize is that I am getting four years of college for free. Also, they ask me why I'm fighting for Bush... But it's not him I'll be fighting for, it's for you, my friends, family, and country. When I wear my uniform, people are quick to make fun of [us]. They don't understand what I went through to get my uniform. There is a lot of pride in it."

Many are altogether refusing to say the pledge and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year that it was "un-constitutional to say the pledge in schools." Jenkins said "Even though I don't agree with what they say, I'll defend their right to say it to the death," about unpatriotic people.

This gross lack of support reveals that the overall love for this country is deteriorating. "You cannot expect a soldier to be a proud soldier if you humiliate him, you cannot expect him to be brave if you abuse him. You cannot expect him to be strong if you break him. You cannot expect him to fight and die for our cause if your soldier has not been treated with respect and dignity which fosters unit esprit and personal pride." (was Castillo's opinion on unpatriotic people.)

There's no going back for Jenkins or Castillo but neither one wants to. "I love this job. You would have to be a soldier to understand the feeling I get when I look at a flag. When I was a civilian, I didn't understand what it feels like or why someone would fight, but now, as a soldier, I understand what the seven core values mean; Honor, duty, respect, selfless service, personal courage, integrity, and loyalty," Castillo concluded

Jenkins' definition of a hero was "a role model, someone you can look up to, [someone] courageous."

"A Hero is someone who does what they have to do no matter what. Someone who is always there for you is a hero. Someone who does things, not only for themselves, but for others. You don't have to be a soldier to be a hero; Mothers, fathers, doctors, firefighters and policemen are all heroes to me." Castillo's defined.

Senior, Tara Biggerstaff said "They're my heroes and I respect them." Jenkins and Castillo embody all the traits of a hero. Being a soldier is not the easiest job in the world but Castillo has a positive attitude about it. "I like everything about the military; I cannot choose what I like the most because I love all of it." American's should be proud with spirit like this representing them in the world.

After his service, Jenkins plans to go to SIU and hopes to be police officer in a large city. Castillo plans to get his Master's degree and wants to be a business marketer.

Fall into the fest



Brandon Miller
The Burrow

Upbeat music blasts through loudspeakers as children devour towering wisps of cotton candy. While rides begin to spin, an unattended balloon escapes a child's wrist and begins its heaven-bound ascent. McLeansboro's Fall Festival came again.

People visited the three-day Festival for a variety of reasons. But according to Junior, Rachel Campbell, the most popular reason didn't come from a ride and couldn't be purchased at a booth.

"I go to the Fall Festival to socialize..." she said. Campbell isn't alone. Junior, Jeff Robinson said, "I go just to hang out with people." Groups of kids, teenagers, and adults did the same as they stood around the courtyard with people they hadn't seen since last year's Fall Festival. Junior, Sara Veatch said, "I go for the social aspect, but more importantly I go for the food."

Food was in abundance at the Fall Festival. The walkways were lined with stands selling barbecued meats, sand-

wiches, taco salads and more. Those in the mood for a snack were also considered. Cotton candy, popcorn and the ever-popular pickle on a stick are staples in Festival cuisine.

The biggest mainstay in the Fall Festival, however, is probably the parade. It always takes place on Saturday, the last day of the carnival and every year the parade has a different theme.

This year the theme was "Life in a Small Town." It consisted of the HCHS marching bands, political campaign parties, advertising businesses, church groups, local clubs and more.

Local churches, businesses and organizations were involved in the parade and were also responsible for funding the Fall Festival. They raised money for themselves as well with their food stands, raffle booths and clothing tents.

For over five decades people have been coming in crowds to the Fall Festival. Maybe it's the conversation, the food, the rides or just the atmosphere of the approaching autumn. But for whatever reason it may be, Freshman, Alex Lewis seems to have summed it up when she said, "The Fall Festival rocks!"

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STUDENT



Mathew Owen, Freshman

Freshman, Mathew Cody Owen was born on July 22, 1992. Fresh out of Junior High, Owen is experiencing the beginning of his High School career and says that his favorite part of being a student here is that "there are more people to talk to." While not spending his time inside these walls Owen enjoys such things as hunting, fishing and playing football for the freshman team. If Owen could change one thing about himself he would be able to type faster and better. Although Canada seems far away for some of us, Owen wishes he could travel there to be able to hunt the different kinds of animals they have to offer. His favorite movie is "Jarhead".



Lindsey Gaffney, Sophomore

Sophomore, Lindsey Nicole Gaffney, aka: "Hollywood" was born on June 27, 1990 and is currently 16 years old. Gaffney says that her favorite part of high school is "I get to see my friends." Riding horses, listening to music, and riding four wheelers are a few of the things that Gaffney enjoys doing outside of school. If she could change one thing about herself, Gaffney wishes she could be smarter. Of all the places in the world Gaffney wants to visit Hawaii. Her favorite movie is "Larry the Cable Guy, Health Inspector."



CJ Knight, Junior

Junior, Christopher Jacob Knight is known to many people as just plain C.J. Knight was born on December 23, 1989 and is 16 years old. Knight does not really care for school that much and therefore does not have a favorite part of being a student here. If you ever see Knight in the hallways you might hear him saying his favorite phrase "Yeah, about that." Just as most people in Southern Illinois Knight enjoys spending his free time four wheeler riding, mudding in his truck, and hunting. Knight is a fairly content kid and would not change anything about himself if given the chance. If given the opportunity to go anywhere in the world, Knight said he would go "anywhere but here."



Jake Welch, Senior

Senior, Jacob Don Welch has been a regular face around this school for the past four years. Jacob, or Jake as most people call him, was born on October 1, 1988. Welch's favorite part of being a high school student is the time spent away from the school known as the weekend. In his spare time Welch enjoys boating, fishing, and saying his favorite phrase, "Go play in the highway." Although he is a full time student at the moment, Welch will be a little busier this winter when he begins playing basketball for the Hamilton County Foxes. If given the opportunity to change something about himself, Welch wishes he could be taller. Welch also says that he would like to visit Jamaica just for the plain and simple fact that it is an island far away. Welch's favorite movie is "Bad Boys II".

P R O F I L E S

MVP race close yet again



With the baseball season coming down to the stretch run, there are few players headlining this year's MVP race.

In the American League, David Ortiz (Batting .282, 48 Home Runs, 128 RBI) and Derek Jeter (Batting .346, 13 Home Runs, 94 RBI) seem to be this year's front runners for the award. There has never been a designated hitter win the award. However with the stats Ortiz has had this year, many can see him winning regardless of how the Red Sox finish.

Jeter has the worst stats of the two, but has shined and carried his team while many of his teammates have been on the shelf this year. If these two falter though, look for Justin Morneau or Jim Thome to slip in for the award.

In the National League, reigning MVP Albert Pujols (Batting .321, 45 Home Runs, 120 RBI) and Carlos Beltran (Batting .282, 40 Home Runs, 114 RBI) seem to be leading the way.

Even though Pujols spent a considerable amount of time on the shelf this year, his stats are rather phenomenal. Many still consider him the man to beat since he carries his team year in and year out. Freshman, Justin Barnard said about the matter, "He's the man, it's unbelievable what he can do, he can't be a human."

Beltran's stats are rather impressive also, with his team leading the league in wins; it gives him even more of a boost.

If these two slip up, look for Lance Berkman and Ryan Howard to steal the show. Especially if the Phillies find the post season, Howard could potentially find himself an MVP Award in his sophomore season. Junior, Luke Bowman said, "I think Howard is the winner regardless of the way his team finishes the year, he means everything to the Phillies."

Freshman, Tyler Murphy stated, "I don't even know where to start, there are just so many good players out there". With less than a month left, expect an incredible run again this year that may leave many as confused as Murphy. With that much time, who knows what will really happen.

By Orry Taylor
The Burrow

Timeless, a modern convenience.



Many students and faculty have recently learned the basic luxury of the clock system here at Hamilton County Jr./Sr. High.

THE GOOD 

Mr. Fetcho


THE BAD 

Only three home football games

THE UGLY 

Skinny jeans

Emergency contraceptive

 **Stephanie Hart**
The Burrow

Women across the United States now have more contraceptive options. As of August 24th, 2006, Plan B may be sold over the counter.

However, the pill will be kept behind the counter at pharmacies and a photo identification is required for purchase. Girls 17 and under will still be required to have a prescription. In the past, women were told to keep prescriptions on hand, in case they had unprotected sex. Also, some health departments and clinics are authorized to sell Plan B.

Controversy surrounds this issue. Senior, Brian Redmon believed, "this may be a good thing because it will keep unborn babies from being killed....but on the other hand it could be bad because young people may buy the pill so they can have unprotected sex which may result in the rise of STD's."

Senior, Rachel Crow believed, "abortion is wrong, but I'm not sure how I feel on the plan [B pill]. I think that teens will use the

pill as a form of prevention, which is stupid because the only prevention that needs to be used is to wait until marriage."

The pill is criticized by some pro-life organizations and is considered to be abortion. According to the information on Plan B's official website and the packaging, it is not a form of abortion but emergency contraceptive, which literally means "A device, drug or chemical agent that prevents conception."

Plan B's packaging clearly states that "There is no evidence that Plan B would harm a pregnant woman or a developing fetus if the product were accidentally taken during early pregnancy." The pill is not effective if the fertilized egg is already implanted into the wall of the uterus, which is the medical definition of pregnancy.

Regular birth control acts the same way. It prevents ovulation and implantation. So many pharmacies across the nation refuse to fill birth control prescriptions because of this. Somewhere near 80% of eggs that implant into the uterus are discharged during menstruation by natural causes.



Plan B packaging

The Lebanon Question



 **Kent Kiefer**
The Burrow

Israeli Armed Forces conducted a 28 day offensive into Lebanon in order to drive out a Hezbollah terrorist cell acting in the region.

A junior believed "the actions of Israeli make sense, but no nation has the right to invade another nation without UN approval." After the 28 days of negotiations, Israeli backed a Franco-American resolution for a UN peace keeping force.

The resolution calls for 15,000 troops to be deployed as a buffer between Lebanon


and Israeli. The UN force will comprise troops from France, Italy and the United States. France has been charged with the task of managing the force until February 2007.

When asked the Question on whether France shall provide confident leadership in the coming months, senior Holly Reyleyng agreed "France has world opinion resting with it's resolve in Lebanon."

While senior, Samantha Rooney reminded us "that region of the world is very hostile to western ideas."

Therefore, until February France remains in charge of the UN forces in Lebanon, with the negotiations regarding the captive prisoners.

Survivors or Dividers?

 **Adrea Evans**
The Burrow

CBS reality show, "Survivor" has turned many heads with a new twist by separating teams by race.

This is a reality show about who can survive each mission and the winner walks away with one million dollars. During the season premiere on Sept. 14, the players were surprisingly placed on teams according to their race. Twenty cast members were divided into 4 groups: African American, Caucasian, Asian American, and Hispanic. Senior, Sarah Vallowe stated, "I don't think its really discriminating, they're just separating them."

Last year the show was divided according to age.

Probst explained that this year "It was conceived in terms of ethnic pride, not discrimination." A Senior, Erin Prince watches the show and disagrees with how people are being treated. Prince stated, "It is taking us back to the civil rights protest days."

Others agreed. A Wall Street Journal editorial accused the show of "playing up identity-politics in a crude and potentially rancorous way."

Senior, Lindsay Meadows stated, "It kind of makes me not want to watch the show because of the way they are dividing people, but on the other side you can't just stop watching a show you like."

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What's "Healthy"?



How do you measure?

 **Veronica A. Shelton**
The Burrow

Healthy; a: the condition of being sound in body, mind, or spirit; especially: freedom

from physical disease or pain b: the general condition of the body <in poor health><enjoys good health>.

Webster, like many others, has its own definition of the controversial word. With all the diet plans out there, it is hard to define what "healthy" or "being in shape" really is.

With so much emphasis on super models, it is hard to decide how thin is too thin. According to the New York Times, the average supermodel stands 6 feet tall and weighs around 120 pounds. The average woman is around 5 foot 4 inches tall and tends to weigh around 150 pounds. With odds like these, some females are often intimidated to try and match the standards.

Celebrities such as Jessica Alba, Gwen Stefani and Scarlet Johansson often are as-

sociated with having the perfect body. Yet even celebrities struggle. The latest in the magazines has been about Nicole Richie and how the petite, 5'2" star went from a curvy 125 pounds to a shocking 92. Some think she went too far and others think she looks better.

Today, more and more people are trying fad diets that change the way they eat and feel. Diets such as South Beach, Atkins and NutriSystem are becoming more and more popular for adults. When asked about her opinion on diet fads, Junior, Ann Marie Wiggins said, "You lose weight and if you quit, you gain it back plus more." Her health motto would be, "Eat what you want and exercise to balance it."

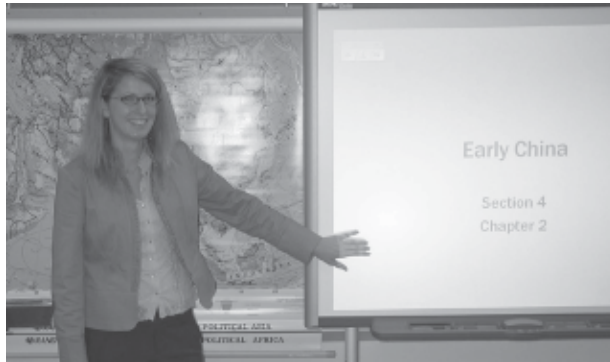
Some teens think that crash dieting or fasting makes you lose weight. According

to netdoctor.co.uk, this is just another diet myth. Even with the myths busted, some people still feel cautious about their weight. Then again, "Who hasn't?" answered Senior, Katie Kimble when asked whether or not she has ever felt the need to diet.

She has never dieted, but admits to soda as being one of her bad habits. Kimble balances out her diet by participating in Cross Country. Junior, Amanda Harrawood's health motto is, "Everything in moderation." She eats what she wants (in moderation), and counters that with Pilates and yoga.

Many people follow this pattern; considering fad diets "unrealistic." Others approve the diets, seeing them as a healthy way to lose weight. So the definition of "in shape" or "healthy" seems to depend on the person.

Trying new things with Ms. Crain



Ms. Crain


Brittney Heil
The Burrow

Students are discussing hot topics in a new class called Current Events and World Affairs, taught by Ms. Katie Crain.

In this one-semester class, students will have class discussions on what's happening in our community, country and the world. They will talk about celebrities, any type of entertainment, government and students will voice their opinion. This is the first year that this class has been offered. Ms. Crain was asked a variety of questions such as how she thought of the class and if she enjoyed it. "I have been incorporating Current Event Fridays into my classes since I began teaching. The students seemed to enjoy these days, so I decided why not create a class where we discuss current events on a daily basis? I wanted to create a class where students would be free to share their ideas. I also wanted them to learn to not only consider their own views and concerns on issues, but also to appreciate the viewpoints of others."

Crain said.

Many students have already been responding about how this is their favorite class, including senior, Maggie Karcher. "It's one of the best classes I've taken in high school. It has a more relaxed environment than most others, and you are free to speak your opinion on whatever the subject is," Karcher said. Senior, Dylan Bowling, took this class "because there is not much paperwork and we get to argue with each other." There is more to this class than arguing and debating. Students will be expected to write two current event essays each week, and every other week write a position paper.

This class looks like it has great results and hopefully it will continue that way. "I will definitely be willing to continue to teach this class. I hope students continue to show an interest in the class and continue to sign up for it!" Crain said. If students like to voice an opinion, and consider other's viewpoints, Current Events and World Affairs should be taken into consideration for future classes.

The forgotten rock star


Rhet Vaughan
The Burrow

With all of the attention and publicity of rock from the early 90's focused on the suicide death of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain, it is often forgotten or overlooked that there was another super-talented musician that died around the same time. He's one who a lot of people have probably never even heard about, Blind Melon's, Shannon Hoon.

Born September 26, 1967 in Lafayette, Indiana, Hoon began singing and playing music as a teenager, in addition to being a star high school athlete and troublemaker. He left Lafayette in 1990 for Los Angeles, where he soon after formed Blind Melon with Rogers Stevens, Christopher Thorn, Brad Smith, and Glen Graham.

While the music in L.A. at the time was mostly just 'hard metal,' Blind Melon rebelled against it. They went for the back to early-70's classic rock. Their sound reflected bands such as Led Zeppelin, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and The Grateful Dead. Hoon's unique voice was often compared to Janis Joplin's, and the group was a quick buzz in L.A. Although the band toured as part of an MTV 120 Minutes show tour in early '92, their debut album wasn't be released until later that year. Hoon also was a backing vocalist for Guns N' Roses. He was even included in the video for "Don't Cry."

After the release of their debut in '92, they were on the road for nearly 2 years. While there they opened for acts like Lenny Kravitz, Soundgarden, Neil Young, Ozzy Osbourne, Guns N' Roses, and the Rolling Stones. After being on tour for nearly a year in '93, the album became a major hit, eventually selling 3 million copies in the U.S. alone, mainly because of their hit single "No Rain."

Despite their sudden success, rumors got around that Hoon was developing a drug problem. This was based on the several arrests around this time. Hoon was in and out of a few drug rehabs before the release of their second album, 1995's Soup.



His girlfriend also gave birth to a baby girl on July 11th, which revived him, as he told friends at the time that he hoped to get his life in order so he could be there for his daughter. Despite it being a fine album, Soup wasn't a big hit in the U.S. In fact, it was disliked by most critics.

Either way, Blind Melon began a tour in support of the album in September of '95. The members asked Hoon if he was in shape to tour so soon after his rehab, and he said that he was. Unfortunately, this didn't prove to be the case. On the morning of October 21, 1995, Hoon was found dead on the band's tour bus in New Orleans, from a drug overdose. As expected, the band broke up, but not before coming out with one last album as a tribute to Hoon 1 year later titled Nico.

Hoon's death remains one of rock's greatest tragedies. He obviously had plenty of great music still to create and explore.

Sophomore Ben Scattono said "Not only do I remember Blind Melon, but still listen to them to this day." However, even he has to admit that even though he likes the band, the name Shannon Hoon doesn't immediately ring a bell.

The question was asked to Junior Tim Hodges and he replied, "I've heard the song No Rain, but I had no idea who sang it or who Shannon Hoon was." The two different comments prove the point that Shannon Hoon's death is definitely overlooked and forgotten by many today.

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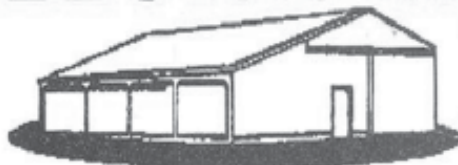


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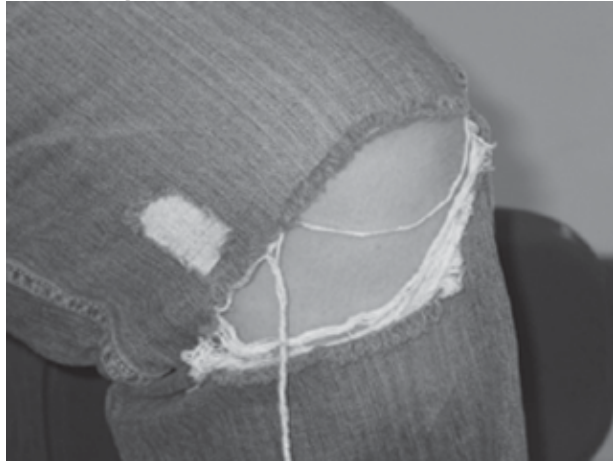
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Dress code changes yet again



Ripped Jeans. Guess whose knee.



Orry Taylor
The Burrow

Earlier this year, the School board passed some new rules to the already controversial school dress code.

With some new changes in our school dress code, some students have had to change their attire on a daily bases. The popular style of holes in jeans, and a new in-seam rule have been a little hard for some to adjust to. Junior Alicia Schell says "It is ruining our chance to be unique." Others agree with Junior Justin Williams when he says "I feel that many students push the moral limits of society when they dress in

public."

Others are having trouble figuring out why two-piece bathing suits and no shirts are ok at P. E. class, but students can't have holes, short skirts, and a bit of cleavage. Junior Jeff Robinson may represent many people when he says, "I think they are contradicting their rules by changing them for P. E. classes, not the smartest thing I've ever heard of." Senior Luke Thomas says about the matter "It's kind of logical for people to wear these outfits swimming, you don't wear them to the mall, and you don't wear your mall clothes to go swimming." The whole school seems to have an opinion on the matter.

Finding your future



Adrea Evans
The Burrow

In today's society, we are taught that we can become whatever we wish to be. Surprisingly though, we are not encouraged enough at an early age to pursue our dream job.

More or less we are encouraged as a junior or senior. By this time, your plans change because of the simple fact that money is an issue. This is the very reason why there should be more of an impact on young people to job shadow or look into a possible career.

Our minds seem to believe that time is not an issue. Students don't feel as if they need to look into a job at an early age or they trick themselves into thinking they will suddenly be placed into the position they desire or that they will make enough money as needed.

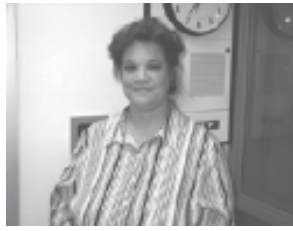
Senior, Jonya Stephan believes "Not very many people are happy with their jobs." Others agree. In 2005, a survey found that 57 percent of employed adults do not think they are reaping the benefits in their work life.

Senior, Josh Spangler, a senior said "No, if you're going to do something for the rest of your life it might as well be something you like"

A report last year by the International Labor Organization showed that the U.S. worker averaged nearly 2,000 hours of work every year. That is a large portion of your life, and a large influence for some who wish to pursue a career that they aren't very interested in, but will see the profits of.

As a child, pretending to be somebody you're not is pleasurable. This in turn results in pursuing that career or letting that fantasy go. As an adolescent you are carefree and do not fully understand the real world. Some choose to stay in that dream world and not go anywhere, while others pursue and work for what they want. Senior, Dylan Bowling, a senior was asked "Do you plan on moving away someday for a future career elsewhere?" He replied, "Yes, more than likely, because there isn't much offered in Southern Illinois." Whether it means moving away or staying in a small town where everybody is familiar, the choices that are made today reflect tomorrow.

"Nueva Maestra Español"



Callan Howton
The Burrow

New Spanish teacher, Mrs. Darla Brown, is excited about teaching at a new school. With many years of Spanish and teaching experience she is sure her teaching career will only continue to bring her more success.

Brown attended University of Illinois at Chicago for four years. She has taught Spanish and English in a variety of areas including: Chicago, Vienna, Carrier Mills, Zeigler and many years at Illinois Department of Corrections Juvenile Division. "Teaching has been my profession for a total of ten years," Brown stated. Those ten years have obviously allowed her to learn how to appeal to students. Junior, Andrew Hargrave said, "Ms. Brown is very patient and she makes Spanish easy to comprehend. She can be strict

but that keeps the class under control and makes it easier to learn."

Her experience with Spanish reaches beyond her years at U of I. "I visited Nuevo Laredo, Mexico in the late 1970's. Our group took a bus from San Antonio in Nuevo Laredo. It was a very busy tourist town, full of street vendors," Brown said. While teaching in Chicago she also helped Spanish immigrants learn English as a second language.

Now living in Harrisburg and teaching at HCHS she is happy with the school and has set personal goals for herself. "I like the new building, new accommodations, and the cleanliness. The administration is also very easy to work with. The staff so far seems to be very nice, friendly, and helpful. I have also noticed that the students are well behaved, eager to learn, and many of them are very studious," Brown commented. "The difference in Spanish class last year and this year is that we learn more. She puts out an effort to teach us," senior, Samantha Rooney said.

Brown's goals this year include many things. "I hope to help students learn about the Spanish culture and how it has an influence in the United States. I also hope to introduce them to, or continue their learning of the Spanish language," Brown said.

High School Musical



Jennifer Smith
The Burrow

Let the tale unfold as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs grace the stage at Hamilton County Senior High School. This play is slightly different from those in the past years because it involves students from the junior high school and almost an all girl cast, with the exception of Slowpoke the dwarf and Prince Robert.

Director, Marvin Carlton said "The play has a lot of potential for being super. All of the kids are very dedicated and seem to really enjoy the script and the music."

One of the most comical toe-tapping numbers is "I've Got This Apple" and it will be performed by sophomore, Linda Wheeler, the old Crone. The crone is one version of the wicked Queen. "I absolutely love my part," Linda said. "It is the most comical and I get to act like and be something entirely different than what I am. It is a lot of fun. The show should be amazing."

Sophomore, Kyndel Shreve, who plays the wicked queen, jokingly said, "It's not easy being royal."

Senior, Ashley Pedigo, who plays Snow White, is excited about the play, but is apprehensive about singing to someone so



much younger than her. "I'm just afraid that I will burst out laughing while I'm singing because Joseph, who plays Prince Robert, is in Junior High and I'm a senior. I think that it will be great though. I'm really looking forward to becoming Snow White."

If interested in seeing this wonderful musical it is going to be on Friday, October 13th at 7:00pm in the Hamilton County Senior High School's Commons Area. Tickets will be \$3 for students and \$4 for adults. Please come and support our school.

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Dirge of Cerberus



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Square-Enix's newest game "Final Fantasy VII: Dirge of Cerberus" is a sequel to "Final Fantasy VII" according to senior, Colton Flannigan. "The Greatest Final Fantasy Game ever."

The "Dirge of Cerberus" takes a rest from the classic linear role-play style for which the Final Fantasy series is known. It takes up a third person shooter style, instead of a party style focusing on a single character throughout the game.

Vincent Valentine is the main protagonist of "Dirge of Cerberus" following his

story four years after the events of "Final Fantasy VII". The game's tagline is "Midgar died, something survived." Deep Ground, the Shinra Corporation's secret army, is that something.

The game starts with Vincent quietly observing a festival in the city of Kalm. He is waiting to speak with Reeve Tuesti. The festivities are quickly ended when the hi-tech troopers of Deep Ground arrive. They begin shooting, and rounding up untainted souls, mostly children.

Vincent, despite his cold personality, cannot just stand and watch the massacre taking place. Armed with the triple barreled Cerberus, he sets out to stop the flamboyantly evil army. He soon learns that Deep Ground is looking for him, wanting something that he possesses.

Vincent Valentine guns his way through twelve chapters and several hours worth of cinematic cut scenes. During the game he will obtain experience, and gil (currency) to improve his stats and purchase upgrades for his weapons.

The game-play is unlike the traditional "Final Fantasy" game. Vincent Valentine, a secret character in the original who has grown into a fan favorite, is the only playable character. Vincent can shoot his various guns, summon elemental spells, fight hand to hand and transform into a wolf-like monster.

The game has plenty of surprises, known to gamers as Easter eggs. For example collecting all 3 G-Reports during the game obtains a special ending scene that sets up future installments of the "Final Fantasy VII" series.

The game is fun and fast paced at first,

but soon the enemies, levels, and even the boss fights become all too familiar. There are some sniper, and stealth elements, which make the game feel like a "lumpy blend of Metal Gear Solid, and Devil May Cry" Freshman, Chris Zarek said.

"The Storyline is solid, and Vincent is an awesome character, but it's way similar to a Metal Gear Solid game" said Flannigan. "You infiltrate Deep Ground's hidden base,

and take on extraordinary humans in elaborate real-time boss fights, just like any Metal Gear Solid game" backing his claim.

However the graphics are the saving grace of this game, the in game graphics are smooth and detailed, and the CGI scenes are like watching a high-budget movie. This game is made for Final Fantasy VII fans, and a way to fill the space between now and Final Fantasy XXII's

A terrifying night



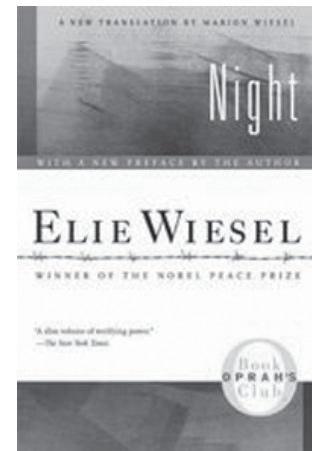
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Many have learned of the tragic events in the early 1940s of the Holocaust. Millions suffered and died during this time period.

In the book, *Night*, Elie Wiesel was a teenager when he and his family were taken from their home in 1944 to the Auschwitz concentration camp. He and his father were separated from his mother and sister when taken to the camps. Amazingly, Elie Wiesel survived to tell his terrifying story. He tells of what he saw, felt, how his family suffered. While many people lost faith and belief in God, he remained strong through prayer.

Night is the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and apart of Oprah's Book Club. Recently a new translation by Marion Wiesel, Elie's wife, has been released to make it easier to understand. The New York Times calls it, "a slim volume of terrifying power."

"I think the Holocaust is interesting, and I am going to consider reading this book," senior, Erin Morris said. Reading this 115 page book it will give a new understanding of the hardships and hurt of the Holocaust. "I did my research paper on Auschwitz last



year, and I really enjoyed reading this book for one of my sources," senior, Jonyla Stephan said.

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Walk America



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March of Dimes was held at East Side Elementary School on September 23rd. These walks are the biggest fund-raiser for the March of Dimes cause. Sophomore, Kait Sloan said, "I think the March of Dimes is a great benefit to premature babies and everyone that participated in it should be proud."

The cause of March of Dimes is to "prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality through research, education, community services and advocacy," according to the March of Dimes website. The leading cause of newborn death and disabilities is premature birth

in babies. Last year over 25,000 walkers raised over \$3 million for premature babies. "Walking to make money to help the special babies is a good thing to have in our community," Senior, Travis Johnson said. This year our community made \$3,000.00 to contribute to the fundraiser, according to March of Dimes leader, Katrina Roberson.

Some people are walking to help the cause for all children but others are walking for a child that is or was close to them. Junior, Jayla Stephens said, "I was really excited about walking in it. I walked for Dacin Roberson, a little boy I babysat." Whether you know a premature baby or not, by walking in the March of Dimes, everyone there helped save a life.



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USA Basketball is Back



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After a shaky performance in the 2004 Olympics in, USA basketball put an amazing run together in their first FIBA appearance. Coach Krzyzewski had the team on a winning streak, having won 7 of their first 7 games this year in the FIBA International Championship and advancing to the semi-finals.

The semi-finals game was played on September 1st and it was the United States against Greece. Greece ended up winning the game 101-95 over the United States to advance to the finals that was held on the September 3rd.

"I never thought that the United States

would lose a game in this tournament" said junior, Brady Mitchell. "The United States has the best team in the world with the best talent" Brady Mitchell later said. The United States played Argentina in the third place game and they had no trouble beating them with the final score being 96-81. After beating the US to advance to the finals, Greece had to face Spain in the finals, and Spain came out with a 70-47 victory over Greece to capture the first ever FIBA World Championship.

This was not the first year that head coach Mike Krzyzewski has been involved with USA basketball, he also coach them in the Olympics in 2004. "The only reason I watched any of the games was because I like Coach K" junior, Jason Waier said.



USA Basketball's official logo

Polo: It's Not Just a Shirt



Brandon Miller
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"Football, baseball, and basketball," are the most popular American sports according to junior, Jeff Robinson. Polo is among the most well-known of the unexplored sports.

People may "know of polo from the clothing brand" Polo Ralph Lauren, senior, Katie Kimble said. Or maybe they "have watched the Princes of Whales play on TV," junior, Jennifer Rodgers said. In whatever way Americans have heard of polo, according to Rodgers, they don't know how to play it.

The concept of polo doesn't differ too much from America's favorite sports. The game is divided into 7 minute periods called

chukkas. 6 chukkas is the most common length in a polo game, but four or 8 chukkas is also acceptable. Two teams of four players, each with their own horse and polo mallet, try to score points by getting a ball through the other team's goal post on the opposite side of the field.

As in other sports each player has an assigned duty. The first player, Number One, is usually the weakest player on the team. Number One's job is primarily to score, while Number Two's job is to get control of the ball from the opponent.

Number Three, generally the most skillful player on the team, must hit the ball long distances across the field to Number One or Two. In this respect, Three's job is like football's quarterback. Number Three is also the team strategist.

Number Four is the defensive player for the team. As the goalie does in hockey, Number Four must try to prevent the opposite team from scoring.

Although polo is played as a team, it is only played professionally in a few countries. A few of which are Argentina, England, Pakistan, India, and even the United States. And while America does have both a men's and women's polo league, the sport is simply beyond what many budgets will allow.

"Let other people play other things, the King of Games is still the Game of Kings," says a verse inscribed on a stone tablet in Pakistan. This refers to polo and its exclusiveness and expense. Players are responsible for their own horse, their own mallet, their own riding boots, etc. Also, few public polo fields exist, so players must pay membership for a polo club.

Rodgers said, "We aren't as refined as citizens of other countries..." and Robinson said, "Our interests are different..." Whatever it may be, for some reason polo in America is staying unknown and unplayed.

"The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"



#1 Ranked Ohio State



Caleb Kirsch
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Without a doubt, Ohio State is the team to beat this year," Sophomore, Caleb Miller said. Miller obviously isn't the only person who thinks this way, as Ohio State is ranked #1 to start the 2006 college football season.

The weather is turning cold, the leaves are falling and the boys are coming out to play football. Television ratings for college football are strong again this year,

as it seems more and more people are tuning in to watch college football. "I like college football better than the NFL. These guys are playing because they want to be out there not because they are being paid millions of dollars," Junior, Tanner Spiczuzza said. With ratings high, extra pressure will be put on the top teams to perform to their fullest this year.

One of those teams is #1 ranked Ohio State. There were some arguments as the season began as to who should really be #1. Some thought that the defending champion Texas Longhorns should be the favorite, but an early loss to Ohio State quickly vanished their hopes at a #1 rank. In a disappointing loss to Texas in last year's national championship game, USC is looking to return strong this year, and make it back to the championship.

"This year will be pretty exciting with how equally matched some of the top teams are, it should be fun to watch," Miller later added. As the season continues, only time will tell who will withstand the road to the national championship.

Cy Young Race



Last Year's American League Cy Young winner Johan Santana



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The National League Cy Young Race is still up for grabs. There are at least three or four pitchers still in contention for the coveted award. The American

League Cy Young is practically in the hands of Twins pitcher Johan Santana.

Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Brandon Webb and Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny are the two front runners for the award, there are still some great pitchers trying to put together a strong finish to the season for a chance at the award. "I think that Brandon Webb will win the award, because he has a great ERA and he has a lot of wins." Sophomore Ben Scattone said. Chris Carpenter of the St. Louis Cardinals and Roy Oswalt of the Houston Astros are two more pitcher guys bidding for a shot at the Cy Young.

The American League Cy Young award is most likely going to the 2004 winner Johan Santana from the Minnesota Twins. "Johan is definitely going to win the award this year; he is the most dominant pitcher in the American League." Junior Levi Link said. Roy Halladay of the Toronto Blue Jays is currently in second place for the award. Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers close behind Santana trying to move up with some big wins in the next few weeks. "Verlander is a great pitcher and I think that he should win the MVP, Cy Young and Rookie of the Year for the American League." Freshman, Duke Griemier said.

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The skinny on the skinny



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An ignited interest in "80's chic" is taking over the fashion magazines and television shows.

At first glance, leggings underneath skirts or shorts were a nostalgic touch done by those cute "emo" kids who push the fashion limits. Even Yoko Ono is ahead of the game, she was photographed wearing tights and shorts in the August 2006 issue of Vogue.

After this spring, however, leggings are everywhere, while skinny jeans are trying so desperately to reclaim its throne. Skinny jeans have been frowned upon by many through the past few years, commonly referred to as "Mom jeans."

Although they are considered "all the rage" by Vogue and Good Morning America, they haven't quite regained their popularity with the typical Midwestern kid (because Diane Sawyer is usually such the fashion icon).

Out of 150 students at HCSH surveyed, 16% Love skinny jeans, 34.3% hate skinny jeans, 33% had no opinion and 16.7% didn't know what they were. Surprisingly so, since the skinny jean's cousin, the wrangler, has been quite popular in the area for years.

Senior, Colton Flannigan believed, "Clothes are meant to cover up and leave



The epitome of skinny jeans.

imagination to what is underneath, not make a big blue target around your legs."

Skinny jeans are renowned internationally. Target's "Paul and Joe" line passes them as semi-authentic French clothing. "Right now, in Germany, a lot of people wear them; it's more of a rock star style though.... They aren't very flattering on most people" Junior, Charlotte Naujoks said. Only time will tell what fad will come back; the line must be drawn with the poodle skirt.

Cruisin' a Different Direction



Actor Tom Cruise in "Top Gun"



Caleb Kirsch
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"Cruise should be punished for his off camera actions," Junior, Kyle Ragan said referring to Paramount Picture's recent decision to dismiss Tom Cruise from any future movies.

Paramount Pictures and Cruise have had a relationship for over a decade, in which they have produced many popular movies,

such as "Top Gun" and the "Mission Impossible" trilogy. "Paramount won't be as popular without Cruise anymore," Junior, Jason Waier said.

In a country that stresses freedom of religion, one of the main reasons why Cruise was asked to leave, is because of his active belief in Scientology. Paramount believes that Scientology is not the message they want to send out to fans.

With "Mission Impossible 3" bringing in poor ratings, it gave Paramount another reason to part ways with Cruise. Cruise's movies have slowly declined throughout the years, and have left some fans wondering what is causing the poor ratings. Paramount says that Cruise simply isn't as new and popular as he once was, and it is time to take a different direction with their movies.

"I will still watch Paramount Pictures' movies, because they are such a popular company," Ragan later added. Future ratings will prove whether or not Paramount made the right decision with cutting Cruise from their movies.

Real life only in shades of grey



Jennifer Smith
The Burrow

Life is messy. This is exactly what ABC's hit show, Grey's Anatomy is about. It combines a group of 5 interns with the drama of working with the surgical team at Seattle Grace Hospital, relationships, friendships, and trying to stay human while working with some of the best surgeons in the country.

Junior, Sara Veach said, "I absolutely love Grey's Anatomy!! I didn't watch it first season, but second season I got hooked. I am really excited about the new season."

"I don't see what the big deal about it is. It's just a stupid T.V. show," says Junior Justin Williams about Grey's Anatomy.

On Thursday, September 21 the new 3rd season of Grey's Anatomy will premier on ABC. Junior, Jayla Stevens is not happy about the switching of days. "I wish that it was still on Sundays after Desperate Housewives. I have volleyball on Thursday so I won't really get to watch it."

This season the surgeons at Seattle Grace will have to deal with the fact the Isobel (Izzy) Stevens quit the program after her heart patient fiancé dies soon after he re-



Once in a while, people may even take your breath away

ceives a new heart. Preston Burke will have to deal with his relationship with Christina Yang and trying to recover after a gun shot wound that has damaged the nerves in his hand.

Of course the ever popular question for Grey's Anatomy fans will be "Who will Meredith choose? Will she choose Derek 'McDreamy' Shepherd or her sweet vet, Finn Dandridge? Will Derek choose the needy, heartbroken love of his life since he moved o Seattle. Meredith or his salmon colored scrub wearing adulteress wife??"

Whether you love it or hate it, are obsessed or could care less, everyone has a little grey in their life.

Bittersweet in the Bahamas



Veronica Shelton
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Hollywood is known for its drama, mystery and fame. Celebrities portray all of these things. Sometimes their personal lives are centered on these attributes. This seems to be the case for Anna Nicole Smith.

Anna Nicole Smith is known as many things; Playboy model, actress, spokesperson, model, and reality TV star. No matter where she goes, drama goes with her. For instance, at the 2004 American Music Awards when she turned her job as a presenter into a strange concoction of swinging arms and babbled words. It was strange; but no one could deny the fact that all the attention was on her.

The latest drama about Smith has come in a whirlwind. On September 7th, Smith gave birth to a baby girl, Hannah, whose father is rumored to be photojournalist Larry Birkhead. Three days later, Daniel, 20, was found dead while visiting his mother's hospital room. People have mixed feelings about the way he died.

Some suspect murder or suicide. Junior, Alicia Schell said, "I think it was an overdose." This seems to be the most popular suspicion amongst the media. Anna Nicole Smith has always created drama but now people are wondering whether or not she will be able to handle it. Junior, David Tennyson answered, "I think she will be able to handle it [the drama]."

In earlier times, Smith worked at a fried chicken joint, where she fell in love with one of the cooks, Billy Smith. They married in 1985, with the birth of their son Daniel "Danny



Anna

Boy" Smith, a year later. The following year, Billy and Anna divorced.

In 1994 she married her second husband, billionaire J. Howard Marshall. Marshall was 89 at that time, where Anna was only 26. According to Junior, Allison Duckworth, Smith "wanted his money; she wanted to inherit it when he died." When Marshall died the following year, lawsuits went up over who should get the money; Smith or Marshall's son.

Smith is more commonly known as the spokesperson for TrimSpa. TrimSpa is a diet pill that supposedly "blocks fat." Some people find this diet "superficial," but Smith reportedly lost 69 pounds on it.

Anna Nicole Smith's drama in life is constantly changing. The death of her son, the birth of her daughter, and her wild lifestyle are all clashing. And as the attentive audience, people will have to wait for the story to unravel.

Fashion Week Follies



On the prowl



Jennifer Smith
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Fashion week in Madrid, Spain is one of the most looked forward to events of the season. The famous fashion show that was held on September 13th, in Madrid and several young models were turned away because they were, as the mayor of the city said, "too thin and sickly looking"

This recent ban has caused quite a stir

because normally models are abnormally thin and some people feel that it is discriminating towards the models. Sophomore, Stephanie Smith said, "It's not fair that the models were banned. The skinny ones are the same as the normal sized ones. They can't help the fact that they are smaller than the others."

The reason for this ban was because some of the "big-wigs" in Spain felt that the "heroin chic" models were promoting eating disorders and that "Fashion is a mirror and many teenagers imitate what they see on the catwalk," said regional official Concha Guerra.

Juniors, Jenni Rodgers thought that "It's about time to get regular looking people in fashion."

Amanda Harrawood said that "It is really cool because models are way too skinny. I never thought that models would actually be banned from the catwalk."

Fashion may have taken a wild turn. Time will ultimately tell whether the future of fashion will include the "normal size" of the population.

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