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The New School: A Student's Point of View

By Vanessa Hernandez

The opening of the new building at Marathon High School has been an anticipated event for over a year. I've heard many people ask questions about the new building and the move. Questions like: What is the new technology going to be like? What does it look like inside? How do the teachers like it? Although these are all very important, most adults are missing another main question, which is the reason why the school was built. How do the high school students like the new school?

In my opinion, as a senior at MHS, the building is really nice and is a lot better than the portables that we used to be in. The new rooms are bigger, have more technological equipment, and there isn't a mold problem. Also on each floor there is a neat pod area that students can use

for a study hall or to make up a test when class is in session. Even though the building is large, it is set up in a way that makes it fairly easy for students to make it to class on time, unlike the portables which took a long hike to get from them to G-wing.

Even though I am giving good reviews about the new building, some students might disagree. Some say that the building is nice, but the school system should have waited until summer to relocate because of the class time wasted on packing and unpacking the supplies. Also they feel that it is too confusing to adjust to a new environment so late in the year. Some students also feel that the bathroom situation is a problem. In the portables, each class room had its own bathroom, which eliminated class disruption because the students

didn't have to ask to leave. In the new building they are not located in the classrooms, which makes it a bit more of a hassle because we have to deal with passes. Another problem that some students have (that most adults don't feel is a problem) is that the new building makes it harder for students to sneak out and get breakfast in the morning.

Besides those issues that some students bring up, overall many believe that the new building is a great addition to the Marathon community. Because of the new school, many students from all walks of life will have greater opportunities and a better high school experience. I think I speak for most students when I say to all the people involved in completing the building, we really appreciate it and a job well done.



(Left): Mr. Sutton teaches in his third-floor classroom, enjoying the new projector.



(Right): Mrs. Richard stands at her new podium and takes full advantage of her room.



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Learning Life

By Marion Armbruster

Life is like school. All through your life, you're teaching somebody else something. Ms. Sara Fabian, a Biology teacher at MHS, is a good example. She's been a teacher for two years at Marathon High. She picked biology because she really enjoys it and she thinks that it's fun to teach it to students. "I enjoy sharing knowledge and showing people how to think," Ms. Fabian said.

Ms. Fabian graduated from Villanova University in 2003 with a Bachelors of Science and Honors degree. She picked this college for several reasons. "It was out of my home state, it's a good school, it was small, and it had a community atmosphere," Ms. Fabian commented.

Ms. Fabian went to college for three and a half years. During those years, Ms. Fabian doubled in Honors and Biology. She also concen-

trated in Cognitive Science and has a minor in Psychology. Before being a Biology teacher, Ms. Fabian was a tutor in college. She taught some intensive math classes here in Marathon and taught mainly in the Middle School.

"I changed because I like teaching science more, and the older students can understand the more complicated material."

Ms. Fabian wanted to study Biology and be a college Professor of Biology ever since eleventh grade when she took an AP Biology class. After working in several research labs, she needed to take a break from university academics. That's why Ms. Fabian decided to come



down here to teach in the Florida Keys.

Ms. Fabian lives with her four pets, which include a Burmese python, two White Tree frogs (a male and a female), and a Beta fish. She also has two younger siblings: a brother, 21, and a sister, 17. Her brother lives in DC and her sister lives in Virginia with her mother. Ms. Fabian lives here in Marathon, right behind the airport. One of her favorite things about the Keys is the nice, warm weather.

Ms. Fabian is indeed a great biology teacher. She continues to teach because of her love for her subject and her love of teachable students.

Looking Forward to High School

By J.P. McCabe

Justin Kornetti is the typical middle school student here at Marathon High. He comes to school, goes to class, does his work and can't wait to go to baseball practice. He enjoys playing sports so much that he plays them every chance he gets. On the weekends, he and his friends go out to the park just to hit the ball around so they don't get rusty.

When it comes to schooling, Justin is a very good student and is in a few advanced classes. His favorite teacher is Mr. Phiefer because he considers him to be like a friend, not a teacher. His favorite subject is gym because it doesn't feel like work. When asked if he is looking forward to high school, Justin said: "I guess all I'm doing is looking forward to it because I really don't know what it is going to be like. I am, however, looking forward to having more freedom and being able to rely on myself more than other people." He is still young but he plans on going to college, though not sure which college he wants to go to or his major.

As most other kids in middle school and high school Justin listens to a lot of music, especially from the newest rap artist Lil Wayne. He likes songs such as "Stunting like my Daddy." When he's just sitting at home and there's nothing to do, Kornetti enjoys playing video games such as Halo 2 and NCAA. These games are mixtures of sports and action. Justin is a good kid inside and outside of school, and I wish him luck in his years to come in high school.

Big Man on Campus

By Josh Frank

Marathon High School has many respected figures. Most of these people have been around the school for many years. Coach Jason Frank, however, has made quite a name for himself on campus in only three years. Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Marathon was a huge culture shock for Frank. Moving to Marathon in 2004, Frank's biggest surprise about the town was "how small the community was." With his



wife being a teacher and having such a knack for coaching, Frank fell right into place at MHS.

Growing up in Louisville, Coach Frank had the chance to witness many great teams that passed through his high school, Valley Station. He never really had the opportunity to play in an organized league and "always felt like something was missing." Determined to become involved in sports, Frank coached and refereed many Little League teams throughout the years. "Even though I didn't get to play, I still loved the

game," he said. After high school, he attended a college in Iowa called William Penn University. Shortly after his arrival, Frank became assistant coach of the football team and the assistant girls' basketball coach. William Penn may have been a small college, but Coach Frank gained the knowledge of coaching that he needed to succeed. He specialized in coaching the offensive line.

Since Frank has been at Marathon he has been involved in varsity football, girls' basketball, and fast-pitch softball. The teams were lucky to have such an experienced coach like Frank assist them in their seasons. "He is a good coach, he knows what he's talking about and he knows the games," says Marathon athlete J.P. McCabe. Frank has definitely worked his way up in the sports organizations of Marathon. In only his second year he was head coach of girls' junior varsity basketball, and this year he became head varsity softball coach.

Frank has also made a name for himself in other ways besides sports. Starting out as a substitute and then moving to hall supervisor, Jason Frank now does the data entry for Marathon High School. When asked about his future plans at MHS, all Frank had to say was, "what-ever happens, happens."

Get Psyched

By Gaby Brossard

Growing as one of the most popular majors for college students, psychology is now known as the second most popular major students enter in the United States. Here at the school some of the students get a firsthand chance to understand and learn about psychology in Dr. Lancaster's DE Psychology/DE Human Growth and Development class. First semester was the DE Psychology class, and this semester they are learning about Human Growth. In the Human Growth and Development class the students learn about the ages and stages of human behavior throughout their lifespans.

The students learn about the development and theories of psychological development and emotional development during infancy, development and play during childhood, moral development and biological and psychological changes during adolescence, aging, and death. Senior Arielle Taylor Manges says about the

class, "It is very laid back, yet structured. Mrs. Lancaster is very open to ideas and suggestions from us." Other students in the class such as Molly Dillingham and Javier Rodriguez agree that it is a very interesting and rewarding class.

They have had a few guest speakers,



Junior Javier Rodriguez and his sister and guest speaker Haley Rodriguez, who came in to speak to the class about life from her point of view.

including recently a pediatric nurse from Children's Medical Services. She came in to speak about handicapping conditions that affect

newborns. They also had a teen parent come in and bring in her one and a half year old daughter, to speak to the class.

They also had Javier Rodriguez's sister Haley come in to speak to the class. Haley is five years old, and the students had a chance to ask her questions about her and her family, what makes her happy, and what makes her sad. By having Haley come in to the class, the students learned about the physical aspects of her life, like body growth; her social interaction with others; her emotions and feelings; and her cognition and learning, or how she understands concepts and applications of learning.

For students interested in pursuing a career in psychology, or just interested in learning about psychology and human growth, Dr. Lancaster's class has proven to be a very successful and rewarding class to many. For more information on this topic, or learning about this class, see Dr. Kathy Lancaster.

College-Bound

By Anthony Delillo

Getting into a good college takes much dedication, devotion, and a good education. Doing well in high school is the most important aspect of getting into a good college or being successful. Most colleges focus on your GPA and SAT/ACT scores, but most importantly they look for students with a well-rounded attitude and lifestyle. They favor students that participate in sports, extra curricular activities, clubs, and honors classes. Some people use their athletic abilities to get into good colleges; however, the competition is high when a massive number of students are all competing for the same goal. The best way to get into a good college is just to work hard in school and keep your grades up.

To successfully get into an Ivy League college, you must meet certain scores. SAT score minimums differ throughout different schools but usually must be at least 1200. The SAT score is the hardest of the requirements. A good GPA is also required to get

into a good college. Most colleges require a minimum of a 3.5 GPA, but a lower GPA will be accepted with good SAT scores and good recommendations. The tuition to get into a good college differs. State residences always get a discounted price. An Ivy League college costs around \$32,000 per year. Other fees may apply for various services, but the money



spent to get an Ivy League education will be well worth it for your future.

Going to an Ivy League college after Marathon High School is not out of the question. There are several students that have accomplished this goal. With dedication and hard work, getting into your dream college is possible. Choosing a college is a difficult decision and must be well thought out. For help deciding what college is best for you, you can visit www.collegenet.com, or see Mrs. Lynne.

Senioritis

By Lyia Stuart

"Senioritis" is a term used for a feeling that most high school seniors get once they've completed college applications and feel that grades don't matter anymore. Typical characteristics of a senior in the "senioritis" stage are: showing up to class five minutes late, not turning in papers, getting underclassmen to do your work, missing class events, skipping certain classes, or not showing up for school at all.

Senioritis can strike you at anytime of your last year of high school but most seniors start to slack off around the middle of the school year. In the beginning of the year you make a promise to yourself that you're going to keep up your grades and show up on time and senioritis is never going to catch up to you, but suddenly once you've been accepted to college you think your high school grades don't matter anymore. Or maybe not even that, maybe you decide that you want to go to a community college, and they accept anybody, so you feel like

you can take a breather this year. Office manager Ms Baker said, "All my seniors are wonderful but I have noticed fewer and fewer of them showing up for school lately." Taking a breather now, even though you've prepared for college in your freshman, sophomore, and junior years, can hurt you.

Collegeboard.com says: "According to recent reports, incomplete high school preparation can contribute to academic problems in college." They suggest, "senior year is your opportunity to strengthen your skills and broaden your experiences...a successful senior year can help launch you on the path to a successful future."

To insure that your senior year isn't wasted some good advice is to set goals and stay focused. If you prepare correctly in your senior year, your freshman college year should go by easily. Senioritis is no excuse for not preparing for your college experience.

Class of '07

OFF TO COLLEGE

By Gaby Brossard

After high school, students have many choices of what path they are interested in following. Whether it be going to a four year university, joining the workforce, attending a community college, or joining the armed forces. One of our seniors who has made her decision already is Cassandra Dickson.

Cassie Dickson is one of our seniors who has decided to attend Florida Keys Community College. She plans on attending the Key West campus, and ultimately pursuing an Associates of Science degree in graphic technology. Cassie says that she wanted to major in something that is very broad, so she can take her time and decide

what specifically she wants to do.

Cassie is very bright and intelligent and undoubtedly could attend any state university she wanted, but last summer she decided that a state school was not for her. Cassie says that, "I wanted to attend college, but I'm sick of being in the fast lane. Now that I'm getting out of high school, I want to relax for a change while I decide what to do next."

Cassie's ultimate goal is to achieve a happy and successful lifestyle that she enjoys. She loves the Keys and doesn't plan on leaving anytime soon. Years from now, she says she plans on living down here still, in Key West or Marathon. She says that opening a book store would be a dream job for her, but acknowledges that it would be a very challenging feat. Whatever path Cassie decides to follow, we know that she will be successful, and we wish her the best of luck with her life's endeavors.



OFF TO UNIVERSITY

By Ruby Bielik

Senior Jessica Arielle Taylor-Manges is one of the college-bound students that Marathon High is proud of. She has been accepted to, and plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Meyers in the fall semester of 2007. Her decision to pursue a major in either Educational or Environmental studies goes along with her childhood plans for seeking further education. FGCU is an appealing school for her because the atmosphere is friendly, and the beaches are close. "That was my top thing to look for in schools I applied to: how far away is the beach?" The beach is exactly where she plans to stay. In ten years, Arielle hopes to be living comfortably and happily near a beach, working on something she's passionate about. She expects to

have her master's degree in her field by that time. However, ten years seems like an eternity. Like many of this year's graduates, time is really flying for Arielle. Making long-term plans are hard for her at this point. "Everything is happening so fast right now. I'm more concerned about the next six months than the next ten years," she says. Being a hardworking and dedicated student in high school and beyond will definitely pay off for Miss Taylor-Manges.



MHS Football Player Wins Award



Officials from The South Florida Touchdown Club Foundation present Adam Ross with the 2006 Fame Award, recognizing Adam as the best football player for the 1A to 3A Divisions in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.

OFF TO WORK

By Steven Perry

Graduation, a time that all high school seniors dream of, but what happens after is what really counts. Some students go off to major universities, some to community colleges, and others to the Armed Forces. Some students choose a different path though, they elect to join the work force. That is exactly what Dimitri Bologna is doing after he graduates.



After high school Dimitri will be staying in Marathon to work with his father at their family-owned body and paint shop. Dimitri has always had an intense passion for cars and works on them constantly. When I asked Dimitri when he decided this was going to be his profession he said, "well I was in eighth grade and was sitting at the shop, I was watching my dad work and decided this is what I want to do with my life." In ten years Dimitri sees himself still working at the body shop fixing cars and trucks. Dimitri's ultimate goal is to one day take over the shop and be able to restore old cars. Right now he and his dad are restoring two old classics, a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle and a 1969 Ford Mustang.

So college isn't for everyone and it shows in Dimitri's case. He is following his passion and will one day be able to own his own shop. But for the next couple years you will be able to find Dimitri at his dad's body shop doing what he loves to do. Hey, maybe he will be working on your car or truck someday.