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Marathon High School

Life After High School

By Vanessa Hernandez

Graduation is coming fast for seniors, but are they prepared? Most senior students are procrastinating doing the things they need before they enter the adult world. Mrs. Lynne, Marathon High School's CCAPS Counselor, says that there are many things senior students should be doing right now. Right now, they should be finishing visiting college campuses - and students have five days of excused absences for this purpose. They also should be taking the ACT and the SAT for the last time so that they can put their final scores in the application. Mrs. Lynne also recommends taking a personality test, which you can get from her, to help the student pick out a path for their future. This should all be done during the first semester so that students can be applying for college in December. A great site for help with the application process is FACTS.org. This site has an application that can be sent to most colleges in Florida and many other helpful tools to access school transcripts and help to choose the right college.

Seniors aren't the only ones who should start preparing for the

future today. Juniors also have a list of things that need to be completed before they leave their junior year. This year juniors should be taking the ACT and the SAT. Mrs. Lynne recommends that they take the ACT on Dec. 9th and the SAT on Jan. 27th. When they get their test scores back they should see Mrs. Lynne for a score analysis. This is also the time to work on their community service hours. Community service hours are not required but it looks good on a college application and many scholarships require having some. Students can pick up forms in Mrs. Lynne's office.

There are many ways for both Juniors and Seniors to get local and national scholarships. For national scholarships students should check out the site fastweb.com. This site has more than 1.3 million scholarship opportunities for all types of students. For local scholarships you should go to the Marathon High School, (<http://mhs.monroe.k12.fl.us>), website and click on the CCAPS link. Most local scholarships do not start until February.

This year's college fair is going to be on October 26. Over thir-



Robin Lynne, CCAPS Counselor

ty college representatives, from all over the United States, are going to be attending. This is a good opportunity for students to look at different colleges and help decide where they want to spend their college days. In December, Mrs. Lynne is going to be starting senior and parent meetings after school. These meetings will help students get financial aid and help register for Bright Futures. If you have any questions, ask Mrs. Lynne, who will be in her new office in the administration building.

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Senior Pranks?

By Whitney Dunham and Lyia Stuart

Every school year the seniors have some things to look forward to: prom, float building, their last year in high school, and the senior prank. A senior prank is when the senior class gets back at the school by performing a mischievous action on the school itself. The prank might be something that costs little or no money at all, while other pranks are more in depth and costly.

Over the past years some of the pranks on our school have been funny, while others have been damaging to the school. Some of the damaging pranks were putting fish into the vents which made some of the classrooms smell horribly. Another one was putting glue into the office locks so that they couldn't be opened. One class even went to such extremes as to put a grill on top

of a tower. It may not have damaged the school but the students could have been seriously injured. All of these acts were done with poor taste and in some cases even criminal. Seniors this year need to be wise in the decision they make when choosing the prank.

Parking a car in the middle of one of the wings was a favorite for some teachers. A favorite for most of the senior classes is going around and tagging all the underclassmen's cars. They like to write things such as their graduation year and "seniors rule." Another prank that wasn't damaging was leaving bread crumbs all around the school so that the seagulls would be attracted to the school.

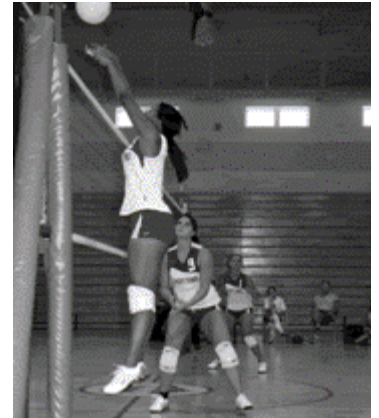
What will the seniors do this year? Only time will tell.

Lady Fins Volleyball

By Josh Frank

With a record of 7 wins and 4 losses, the Lady Fins volleyball team is off to a decent start. Considering their practicing situation they are doing considerably better than expected. Every day the team has to wait for the lunch tables to be moved out of the way so that they can start their practice in the "café-gym-atorium." The café-gym-atorium is where we eat our lunch in the middle of the day, and practice volleyball at the end of the day. Due to construction delays the team has no real gym and can't even play a home game until the new gym is finished. Until then they are stuck playing at Coral Shores.

In better news, the team recently went undefeated in their Key West Tournament. One of the teams they beat was Coral Shores. Mandy Ibsen said, "We killed them." The game's final score was a painful 25-19 the first match, and 25-9 the



second. Mr. Freeman is very satisfied with the Lady Fins' performance. "This was the first year we played as a team," he said. A couple of players that stood out in the tournament were Alexis Culver and Abi Meyer.

The Lady Fins still have a long season ahead of them and they're only getting stronger every week. Plus, when the new gym is finished the team is due to be at the peak of their performance and will continue raking in the wins.

New School Construction Update

By Anthony Delillo

Everybody has questions about when the new school is going to be done. This reporter emailed project management liaison Fred Simms to get the latest information.

As of the time of publication, the administration building was up and running with our Marathon High School staff already at work in a sleek, modern office setting. Even with hurricane delays, the construction workers were still able to get the building up right on time. Other buildings are still in the process of construction, but Mr. Simms says they're still aiming for the scheduled dates of completion.

The classroom building should be completed and occupied by Jan 1, 2007. The remaining buildings should be com-

pleted by early August 2007 with the exception of the auditorium which should be complete by December 2007. Project manager Fred Sims says, "We will be able to remove about 60% of the portables." The gym will remain our lunch room for the rest of 2006-2007 school year.

Simms understands the disruptive nature of being in a construction zone, but some things can't be avoided. "Because we have to utilize the phased construction method of building the school (tear down and build), it is naturally disruptive. Although we are trying hard to minimize the effects it has on the teachers, students and staff I know it does impact all. We will continue to work with Dr. Pertner to coordinate the construction to help reduce the overall impact."



Ms. Allen enjoys her office in the new Administration Building at MHS.

Get Involved!

By Gaby Brossard

Marathon High School has always offered a wide variety of clubs for students to join as extracurricular activities. Most of these clubs are service clubs, meaning they contribute to the community and the people in it. Interact is a club sponsored by the Marathon Rotary Club, it focuses on contributing to the community after school hours. Members of this club must have leadership qualities and be willing to work together on community projects. Contact senior Suzie Greenman, or teacher Mrs. Davis in room G104 if you are interested in joining. MHS SGA or the Marathon High School Student Government Association is an organization responsible for any activities within the school, such as homecoming and field day. Mrs. Doll is the sponsor of SGA, and they meet everyday during 7th period in room P28. Students with any ideas or issues are encouraged

to attend the meetings. National Honor Society or NHS is a club sponsored by Dr. Elizabeth Bayerl, and membership is invitation only. In order to be eligible for this club, students must have a 3.5 weighted GPA and attend Marathon High School for at least a year. Students must demonstrate qualities such as leadership, scholarship, character and service. This group does not only volunteer services, but also tutors fellow students, and helps needy families. Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA is sponsored by Mrs. Fulcher. This is a club that focuses on the development of business skills and succeeding in business related activities. For more information on this club contact Mrs. Fulcher in P6, or attend the meetings on **W e d n e s d a y**

Golf Season Concludes

By Alisha Anisko

Though golf season has come to a close, the Marathon High School golf team was off to a busy start this year. The team has played ten total matches against Miami Country Day, Key West, Curley, Gulliver, Palmer, and Westminster. They had a smaller turnout this year with the following six members: Alisha Anisko, Josh Gratton, Jay Hegland, George Hoffman, John Jackson, and Michael Kuck. Josh and John were the only sophomores on the team, the rest were juniors. Coaches and Sombrero Country Club pros, Dean Carrigan and Clint Clement, tried some new strategies in teamwork this year, and hope to see them pay off when the team plays districts on October 9th and 10th.



Back row from left: Jay Hegland, John Jackson, and Alisha Anisko
Front row from left: Michael Kuck, Josh Gratton, and George Hoffman

John Dick Elected to Seat 4 on MCSB

By Sandra Day

Following the school board election, Mr. Randy Acevedo, Superintendent of Schools, announced that Mr. John R. Dick will complete the term for seat 4 that was vacated by Anne Cohan. Mr. Dick is a Marathon resident, former CCAPS counselor at Marathon High School, and married to MHS art teacher Lourdes Dick. When asked about the election results, Mr. Dick said, "I am very humbled by the election process."

Mr. Dick feels that we are not focusing our considerable financial and personnel resources to where they would be the most productive, which is in the classroom, and decided that it is time for a change and ran for a seat on the school board.

With the support from his family, friends, and residents from Key Largo to Key West he decided to run. They all felt that his views were directed properly and they felt he would be the one who could change they way the school spends its money.



MONEY TO THE CLASSROOMS

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Bring Your Game!

By Whitney Kamerzel and James Joseph

Marathon High School will be holding its annual Homecoming on October 13th and 14th. This year's theme will be "Bring Your Game". Spirit Week is highlighted by daily themes starting on Tuesday, October 10th and ending that Friday. The themes this year are Couples Day, Twin Day, Tacky Tourist Day, and on Friday the oh-so famous Spirit Day. The Homecoming Parade will be taking place on October 13th at 2:00 pm. It will run down US1 from Boot Key to Publix. Each class will be building a float to display to the Marathon community. Anyone wishing to enter a group in the parade can pick up applications and waiver forms in the High School office. All applications are due back to school by October 6th. That evening, at 7:00 pm the Marathon High School football team will be playing Palmer in a head to head match for victory! The introduction of Mr. and Ms. from each class and the crowning of the 2006 King and Queen will be presented at half time. Show your spirit by attending the annual Homecoming Parade and football game.

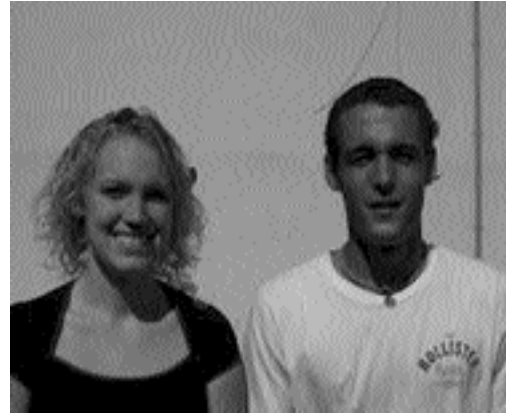
MEET THE EDITORS

By Cassie Dickson



This year the Dolphin Pride welcomes two new co-editors, Reggie Paros and Cassie Dickson. We, along with the rest of the staff, will do our best to put out interesting and relevant news in the paper. If you would like to contribute any information or a letter to an editor, you can e-mail them to parosr.mhs@keys-students.com or dicksonc.mhs@keysstudents.com, or drop them off in P5.

2006 Homecoming Court



Mr. & Ms. Senior
Alex Donaldson & Natalie Johnson

Mr. & Ms. Junior
Cody Stricklin & Melanie Boyd

Mr. & Ms. Sophomore
Matt Mulligan & Bianca Stuart

Mr. & Ms. Freshmen
AJ Freeman & Emily Perez

Nominees for King
Zak Badawy, Stephen Joseph, Stephen Pape, Kyle Rife, Adam Ross

Nominees for Queen
Sarah Allen, Sandy Eigner, Joy Lucey, Abi Meyer, Sandahl Stevens

Pride of the Florida Keys

By Aaron Chernavsky

Over the racket of construction, there is the Marathon High-School band playing proudly, made up of some of the school's best musicians. The Marathon High School band is being taught for the second year now by Robert Raymond. With only 12 students, the marching band is a tight-knit group, held together by strong camaraderie. In addition to band class, there is now a Jazz class, in which Mr. Raymond teaches Jazz literature, music theory, and improvisation skills that make up the style of Jazz. The Marching band will later this year be competing in the Florida Bandmasters Association state



Mr. Raymond plays along with the band at a pep rally.

adjudications. With a new marching season coming up, and FBA competitions in the near future, Marathon's marching band is up for the challenge full steam ahead.