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Learn "How to Succeed" and see a great show

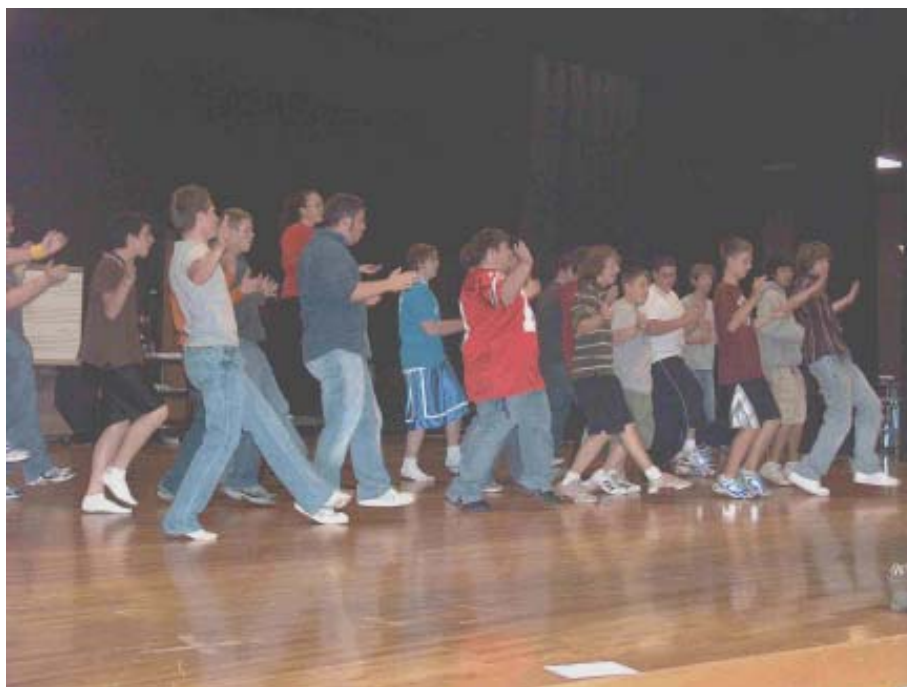


Brittney Dangler
Herald Editor

On November 17 and 18 the Harding Music Department will present the musical "How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," at the historic Palace Theatre.

A satire of big business, "How to Succeed" follows the rise of J. Pierrpont Finch, played by Matt Miller, a senior, to the top of the corporate world. Finch, who uses a "How To" book goes from a window washer to a high powered executive in a matter of days. Along his journey he tackles such familiar but potent dangers as the compliant "company man", such as Twimble (Nate Miller, senior), an inept CEO; J.B. Biggley (Daniel Spafford, sophomore); the office leech, Gatch (Viladate Chiale, junior); the boss's whiny nephew, Bud Frump (Mark Noel, junior); the self-made board chairman, Wally Womper (Ben Moore, senior); and the corporate man, Mr. Bratt (Cory Stevens, senior).

These characters are complemented by the bevy of



The boys practice their choreography for the song "Brotherhood."

faithful secretaries such as Rosemary (Michelle Bontems, senior), Smitty (Kali Creasap, senior), Miss Jones (Diane Clark, senior), Miss Krumholtz (Katie Miller, senior), and Hedy (Cassie Lama, senior).

The musical plays on the double standard of men and women back then, how businessmen considered their secretaries to be "toys", and how men do not always use their head to make decisions.

There are about 65 students in the musical this year. Practices started back in September. The musical is directed and choreographed for the second year in a row by retired Indian

Mound teacher Val Hedges, piano accompaniment is played by Elementary Music teacher Kathy Walczak, and vocals are headed-up by Elementary Music teacher Ruth Caldwell. The orchestra that provides music for the musical is directed by Rick Baird, and consists of student volunteers and community volunteers.

Although the humor of the musical is dated from the 60's, Mrs. Hedges feels the jokes are straight forward and students will get it.

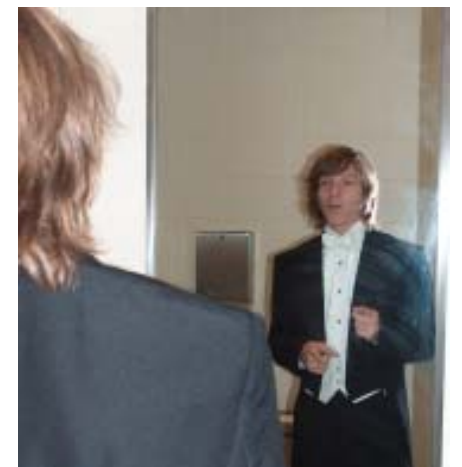
"Any student interested in going to college or interested in business

should see the show," says Mrs. Hedges.

The musical won the Pulitzer Prize and has music from Frank Loesser, and the music is witty and biting in its hilarious look at big city corporation.

Mrs. Hedges loves the music and says that it doesn't get out of your head. With fun songs with the chorus such as "Coffee Break" and "The Company Way" the show is sure to be a big hit.

What will draw students into the show, other than seeing all their friends and fellow classmate perform, is that Finch is a lovable bad guy, and watching someone succeed is a story line anyone can enjoy. Plus, with all the cute secretaries running around, who wouldn't love the show?



Matt Miller, as Finch, sings "I Believe in You" into a mirror.

Levy is important to Harding students and faculty



Nicole Scott
Herald Editor

Marion City Schools will again present the voters of Marion with the option on passing the school levy on November 7. Citizens to Save Our Schools co-chairman Herb Tillett, a former assistant principal at Harding, says, "This renewal requires no new taxes. It does not increase the tax burden for any resident."

The levy is a five-year renewal levy. It calls for 5.53 mills, which is

\$2.3 million a year. The money from this levy will pay for text books, property and all the materials needed to successfully run well educated programs. Since the levy is a renewal, it will not cost the tax payers more money.

"This renewal levy is crucial for the operation of Marion City Schools," said Becky Gilliam in charge of school/communication relations for Marion City Schools.

Marion City Schools remain in fiscal watch and many people do not

know what that means. If the school levy does not pass, the district will fall into a cash deficit of \$2.1 million by 2008. Cuts will be made for the 2008/2009 school year if this levy does not pass by next November.

Mr. Scott Weibling, social studies teacher at Harding said, "Classes may be stripped to the bare minimum if this levy is not passed. It may affect a lot of students who are taking AP classes and accelerated classes to prepare them for college."

There are approximately 5,000 kids who rely on the people of their community to pass this levy.

"The children need the tools to become successful, self-sufficient adults," said Gilliam.

The Ohio Supreme Court declared school funding systems in Ohio unconstitutional. Even though this is so, it will probably take many years to fix the funding issues that are being dealt with. Until then local communities have no choice but to help support education for children.

What's Hot?

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Sami Rowe
Herald Editor

School for Scoundrels (2006) *"Too Nice? Too Honest? Too You? Help is on the way."*
3 out of 5

BRIEF SUMMARY: A young guy (Jon Heder) that is considered to be a "loser" enrolls in a top secret school to gain confidence and win the girl he loves. However things go terribly wrong when he finds that his teacher (Billy Bob Thornton) is after the same girl.

PROS: Thornton was in his element playing the charming and cool jerk. He certainly stood out. There were several mildly humorous parts.

CONS: Somewhat of a disappointment, was not as funny as the trailer let on.



"Alice and Wonderland" (Work In Progress)
Jordan Robinson - Grade 12



Sami Rowe
Herald Editor

Private Radio (2001)
Billy Bob Thornton Record
5 out of 5

TRACKS: Angelina, Beauty at the Back Door, Dark and Mad, Forever, He Was a Friend of Mine, Lost Highway, Private Radio, Smoking in Bed, Starlight Lounge, That Mountain, Walk of Shame, Your Blue Shadow

PROS: Rich country/blues sound with some amazing lyrics. Thornton is almost a better musician than an actor. His Texas roots certainly show in all his songs.

Thornton gained acclaim for his songwriting ability and was compared to Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, and Tom Petty.

CONS: If you do not listen to country or blues this is not the album for you.



Jake Gyllenhaal: Story of a star



Sami Rowe
Herald Editor

For those of you who loved the twisted sense of Donnie Darko, smiled every time you saw Bubble Boy, and despite "Broke Back Mountain" still love Jake Gyllenhaal, here is the man beyond the mask. I conducted an interview with Jake a few months ago and here are his words of wisdom to all you crazy kids.

1. What got you interested in acting?

I kind of just grew up in the industry with both my parents involved with movies and everything. I just knew this is what I wanted to do.

2. What kinds of things did you do in high school?

All the normal things a teenager does in High School, but I did goof off A LOT!

3. What would you do differently in your life if you had the chance?

Probably nothing because you learn from mistakes and you shouldn't regret anything. It makes you who you are.

4. What were some of your favorite things to do during high school?

I liked to play sports and hang out with friends, read scripts, just have fun basically. We only live once right?!



5. What is your advice to high schoolers?

Stay there and GRADUATE! It is the best thing you can do right now! I will be proud of you if you do that!

6. Growing up what was one of the happiest things you can remember?

Just being able to live the life I want. I love what I do and the friends and family I have are unbelievable!

7. Do you have any fears?

I am scared of heights! I know being 6' 2 I shouldn't be but AHHHHH!! Also losing anyone

I love, that is what scares me.

8. What were some of your favorite roles to play and why?

I LOVED to play Donnie! He was such a complex character. I loved playing all the roles I've done. Hard to choose! I did love playing Jack Nasty. Everyone in all of the movies I have been in are awesome!

9. What are your future plans, movies, life, etc...

I can't predict the future but I hope it's a good one! *winks*

10. If you could be anything other than an actor what would you be?

Probably one of those hot dog vendors on a corner in NYC. HAHA, just kidding, although that's probably fun. I have no idea, maybe a car salesman.

11. What would be something you would like to accomplish in your life?

To keep making great movies that people enjoy and to keep all the Gyllenhaals happy, I just want to live a plentiful life.

12. Boxers or briefs?

How about commando just kidding!!! Boxer's definitely!!

Perspectives

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Electronics policy is partly ill-researched, over-reaching



Nate Heiser
Herald Editor

Schools like to maintain some order and discipline among their students. To do this, schools enact policies that govern the use of electronic devices such as cell phones and iPods. In administrators' efforts to do so, they have created a policy that is, in part, ill-researched and over-reaching.

Harding's policy on cell phones forbids their use between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30p.m.. Whether students want to admit it or not, this is a sensible policy. It is intended to minimize distractions and the dishonesty the cell phones' use could cause. Students should be able to concentrate on school work during their classes without hearing a cell phone ring, a phone conversation, students leaving class to talk on the phone, etc. Such distractions are simply not needed when anyone wishing to contact students can do so by merely calling the office to have a call slip sent to a student. Additionally, the ability of some cell phones to send and receive text messages could be exploited to aid students in cheating on tests, quizzes, and other work. Relying on a friend to text message the answers to a test is dishonest and ultimately unhelpful to students. People must learn to stand on their own two feet academically.

The policy regarding the iPods, however, is based on questionable conclusions and is over-reaching. One reason for the iPod policy is that administrators believe listening to an iPod distracts students, making concentration on class work more difficult. Some scientific research disputes this claim.

A study conducted by the University of Nebraska placed a group of undergraduate students in a room to take a math test



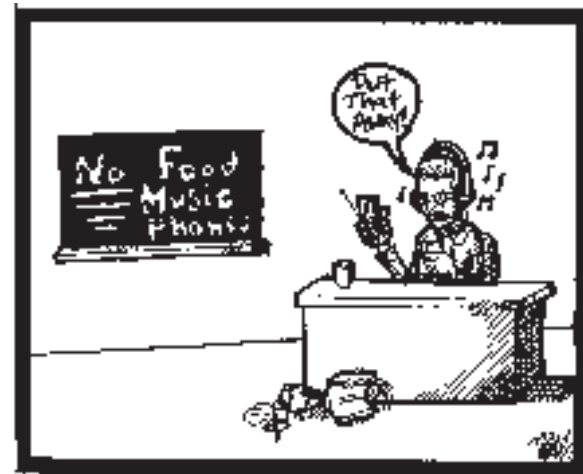
Freshman Ashley Huffman and Sophomore Tyler Christian share an iPod before school.

consisting of 16 questions. Students took the same test three times under three circumstances—listening to popular music, listening to classical music, and listening to no music at all. For the trials during which music was played, it was

played at what the students determined to be a comfortable volume. Analysis revealed almost no difference in the results among the three trials. Granted, individual results may vary, but the average difference in test scores between trials with music and without was an insignificant .1674. In fact, the largest difference in test score averages was only .2419.

Those who conducted the experiment concluded that the presence of background music had no significant effect on test scores. The presence or absence of background music at a comfortable volume had almost no effect on one's ability to concentrate on school work. Another reason for the policy is that the use of iPods disrupts the learning that takes place because of interaction between students. Mrs. Bebout refers to this as "incidental learning." The idea is that a student listening to an iPod cannot be learning from conversations with friends. True or not, this reason simply misses the point.

Administrators should not attempt to regulate students' interaction with one another outside class or after teachers



--Jordan Robinson, Grade 12

have finished teaching. Those who prefer listening to music over talking to friends during lunch or a study hall should be allowed to do so without meddling from the administration. Unless students' pastimes disrupt the learning of their peers, they simply are not the school's business.

It's no secret that many students enjoy the convenience and amusement that iPods and cell phones offer. Regardless of the convenience that cell phones provide, their prohibition during school makes sense. The portion of the policy banning iPods is based on conclusions disputed by some scientific research and is unreasonably and unnecessarily intrusive.

Photo opinion: What do you think of the electronics policy?



Owen Oswald
Grade 10

"I think the school's new policy on electronic devices is terrible. iPods and cell phones should be allowed during lunch and study halls for students to use when there is nothing to do. Some students concentrate better with music playing and should be allowed to listen to it if not bothering anyone else."



Brandy Jones
Grade 9

"I think they should allow cell phones for entertainment purposes. They should allow them during homeroom and study halls."



Carolyn Bailey
Grade 11

"I think the electronic devices should be allowed to be used during times when teachers are not teaching."



Damien Coburn
Grade 12

"I think in certain classes you should be able to have music like in art, but just in the hallway or in regular classes it shouldn't be allowed."

Features

Harding welcomes new teachers to staff



Miss Lindsey Bombardier
Spanish I, World History
Grades 9-12
University of California/Davis



Mrs. Jenni Jury
Spanish II
Grades 9-12
Ohio Wesleyan University



Mr. Roger Jury
English II
Grade 10
Head Basketball Coach
The Ohio State University



Miss Amanda Krzystan
Computer, Social Studies
Grades 9-12
Bowling Green State Univ.



Miss Kara Kroeger
English I, II
Grades 9-10
Wright State University



Mr. Greg McClelland
Social Studies
Grades 9-10
Bowling Green State Univ.



Mr. John Mullins
Telecom
Grades 11-12
The Ohio State University



Miss Jennifer Packman
English I, II
Grades 9-10
Wittenberg University



Mrs. Mindi Reiter
Language Arts, Math,
Family Living
Grades 9-12
Bowling Green State Univ.



Mr. William Thomas Richards III
Vocal music education, music
theory, instrumental education
Grades 9-12
Bowling Green State University



Mr. Aaron Wilburn
Orchestra
Grades 9-12
Heidelberg College



Mrs. Michelle Whitaker
English
Grades 9-12
University of Findlay



Mr. Joe Witkowski
Band, music appreciation
Grades 9-12
The Ohio State University

Prexy Showcase

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Andria Lutz
Grade 12
Stoneware
(Mr. Miller's class)



Elizabeth Hostetter
Grade 10
Wrapping and Coiling (Mrs.
Kolb's class)



Jon Cato
Grade 10
Soapstone
(Mr. Miller's class)



Amanda Holland
Grade 12
Soapstone
(Mr. Miller's class)




Rachel Morris
Grade 12
Soapstone
(Mr. Miller's class)



Daphne Carter
Grade 11
Stoneware
(Mr. Miller's class)

Football scheduling a tiresome task

 **Joseph Zucker**
Herald Editor

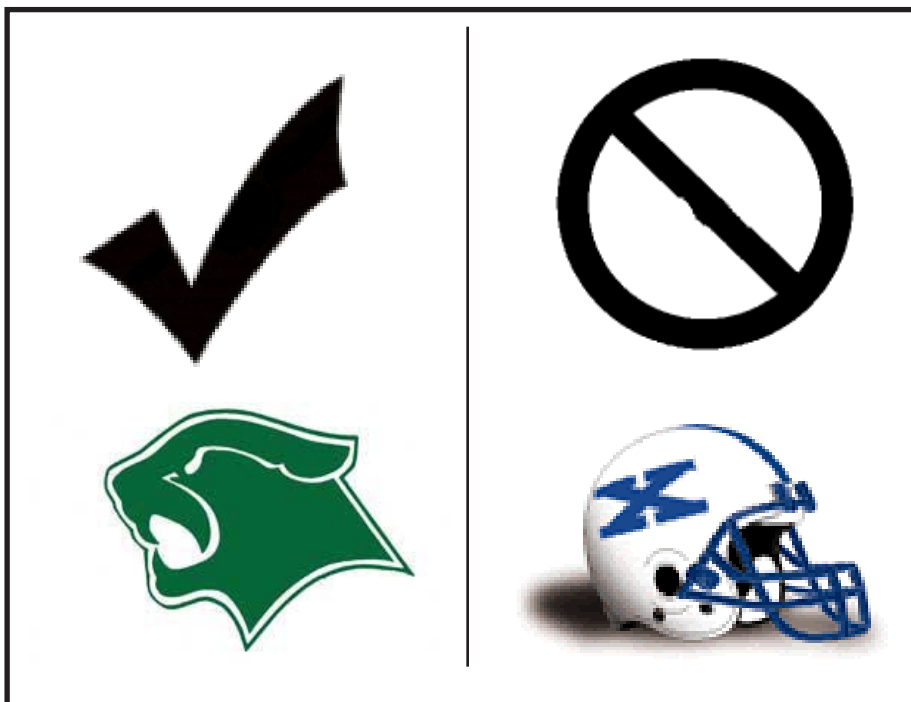
Many students at Harding High School can name the schools Harding plays in football, but they do not know how those teams were chosen.

Football scheduling can be a long and difficult process. Coach John Brady will tell Athletic Director Doug Kile the teams he would like to play. Harding tries to choose teams that are they can beat and also will help Harding's ranking if they beat that team. Kile will then talk to that school's coach or athletic director to see if they would like to play. Sometimes it works out for Harding, while other times it does not.

Kile says, "It is basically a matter of hit and miss. For instance, we don't have a game scheduled for Week 2 yet. But don't worry because it will get done."

The homecoming game is a little more complicated. Many factors go into the decision.

First, Principal Mike McCreary and the athletic director get together to see from which games they can choose. They want to wait at least until after the third game. Then, the two try to



Westland is on the schedule . . . while St. Xavier is not.

figure out which schools bring a band and which do not.

"We don't want to cut into the other school's halftime performance with all our homecoming festivities. We can't wait too long to have the game because then it gets colder," Kile says.

In the event Harding makes the playoffs, the scheduling is no longer in the athletic director's hands. Each

of the six divisions in football is broken into four regions. In order to make the playoffs, Harding must be in the top eight of the region. The games are determined by where Harding is seeded in their region. The team with the higher seed in its region gets to play the first round game in their home stadium. After that, all playoff games up until the state

championship are played at neutral fields. Stadiums that are located about halfway between the two schools are chosen. The state championship would then be held in Canton at Fawcett Stadium.

A lot of time goes into making a football schedule. It's not as easy as it would seem.



The football team gathers at the bonfire before the Findlay game.

This season in Harding fall sports

Boys Soccer

-Finished with 4-11 record

Girls Soccer

-5-8-3 varsity record on year
-Lost to Lexington in first round of state tournament

Golf

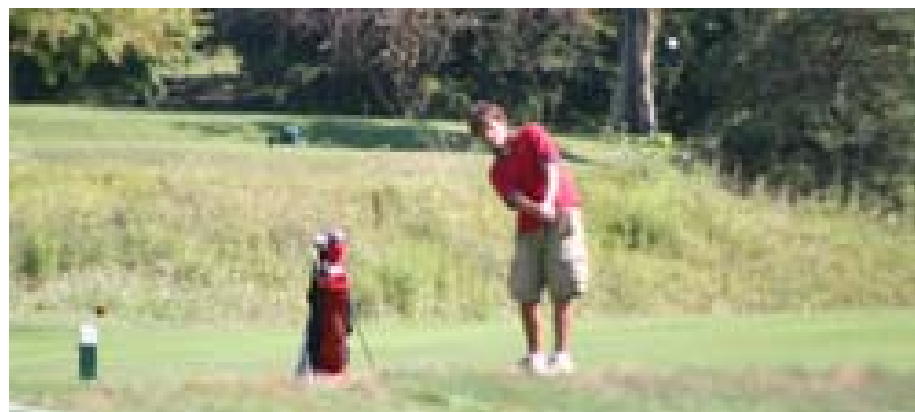
-Team record of 6-3
-Placed 3rd in GBC
-Finished 8th at Sectionals

Volleyball

-Finished with 11-9 record

Girls Tennis

-11-5 overall record on the season



Senior Heath Bending chips in a shot during the golf season.

Another Heisman heist



Joseph Zucker
Herald Editor

The Heisman Trophy race in college football is usually a tight one. This year is no different.

The award is given to the most prolific individual in football. It is the greatest individual award in sports. For the first time in a decade, an Ohio State Buckeye is a legitimate contender. The media have hyped up guys like Ted Ginn Jr., Chris Gamble, and Maurice Clarett. All of those have floundered because of their unspectacular performances on the field, or, in the case of Clarett, the fact that he didn't touch the field.

This year is a different season. Following last year's wins over Michigan and Notre Dame, quarterback Troy Smith garnered much

Heisman hype for this year. Next to Notre Dame's Brady Quinn, Smith was #2. Quinn, though, has fallen since Notre Dame's loss to Michigan. Smith,



Photo: Marion Star

player in the nation is Northern Illinois

on the other hand, has led the Buckeyes to a 6-0 record and a #1 ranking. He seems like best choice for the award, right? Well, in the words of Lee Corso, "Not so fast, my friend."

The best

running back Garrett Wolfe. Ohio State fans should be familiar with Wolfe. He ran for 171 yards and caught five passes for 114 yards and a touchdown in the Huskies' loss to the Buckeyes.

In a game against Ball State, Wolfe ran for 353 yards and three touchdowns. Through seven games, he has rushed for 1,368 yards and 13 TDs. He was on pace to run for 2,834 yards, which would break Barry Sanders' record of 2,628 yards in 1988. To add, Sanders won the Heisman in 1988. Garrett Wolfe is also on pace to break the record for career rushing yards per game.

In comparison, Troy Smith has passed for 1,495 yards and 17 touchdowns through seven games. That begs the question, since when did averaging 214 yards and two touchdowns a game win you the Heisman?

Those numbers certainly won't break any records. Is Smith a contender

because Ohio State is number one? If so, where would Smith be if Ohio State lost to Texas? Even if he threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns, chances are, he would not be a contender.

Just look at Brady Quinn. He was the favorite before the loss to Michigan, in which he passed for 234 yards and three touchdowns. Now people act as if he doesn't play football any more.

It is true that Troy Smith has played against tougher defenses than Garrett Wolfe.

After Ohio State, the next five opponents for Northern Illinois are Ohio University, Buffalo, Indiana State, Ball State, and Miami (OH).

On the other hand, Wolfe does not have the luxury of playing with guys like Anthony Gonzalez, Antonio Pittman, and Ted Ginn Jr.

Ladies and gentleman, your 2006 Heisman Trophy Award winner is Garrett Wolfe.

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ONE PERSON FROM EACH CLASS WILL BE RANDOMLY CHOSEN TO SPOTLIGHT IN EVERY ISSUE

FRESHMAN



NAME: MCKENZIE MILLINGTON
WHAT CAME FIRST - THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG? CHICKEN
DESCRIBE YOURSELF TO A STRANGER: SHORT, DARK HAIR, AND POLITE
WHAT IS THE MOST PLAYED SONG ON YOUR IPOD? "FAR AWAY" BY NICKLEBACK
WHAT IS THE BIGGEST COMPLAINT ABOUT YOU? I AM LOUD
WHAT IS YOUR WORST AND BEST TRAIT?
WORST: I CAN BE MEAN
BEST: POLITE TO MOST PEOPLE
WHAT'S THE BEST PRANK YOU'VE EVER PULLED OR HAD PULLED ON YOU? MY NEIGHBORS MADE MY SISTER LOOK LIKE SHE WAS DEAD, AND LEFT HER IN THE FRONT LAWN. I FREAKED OUT AND ALMOST CALLED 911
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HIDDEN TALENTS? I CAN PUT MY FOOT OVER MY HEAD
IF YOU COULD SOLVE ONE WORLD PROBLEM, WHAT WOULD IT BE? POVERTY
BEST NEW T.V. SHOW OR MOVIE YOU'VE SEEN: "THE GRUDGE 2"
WHAT IS THE MOST DARING THING YOU'VE DONE? JUMPED OFF SOMEONE'S ROOF

SOPHOMORE



NAME: BRAD FLINCHBAUGH
WHAT CAME FIRST - THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG? EGG
DESCRIBE YOURSELF TO A STRANGER: CAUCASIAN, MALE, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, PALE-ISH, HANDSOME SOME SAY
WHAT IS THE MOST PLAYED SONG ON YOUR IPOD? "PIANO MAN" BY BILLY JOEL
WHAT IS THE BIGGEST COMPLAINT ABOUT YOU? SARCASTIC AND NOT EMOTIONAL
WHAT IS YOUR WORST AND BEST TRAIT?
WORST: I DON'T TALK ENOUGH, AND I AM ALWAYS STUCK AT HOME DOING NOTHING, EXCEPT FOR SUNDAY DATE NIGHTS
BEST: PRETTY EYES
WHAT'S THE BEST PRANK YOU'VE PULLED OR HAD SOMEONE PULL ON YOU? NONE
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HIDDEN TALENTS? I AM A SPECTACULAR DANCER
IF YOU COULD SOLVE ONE WORLD PROBLEM, WHAT WOULD IT BE? AIDS/HIV
BEST NEW T.V. SHOW OR MOVIE YOU'VE SEEN: "IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA"
WHAT IS THE MOST DARING THING YOU'VE DONE? WROTE BRITTNEY DANGLER A POEM ABOUT...

JUNIOR



NAME: EDGAR SILVA
WHAT CAME FIRST - THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG? DEFINITELY THE CHICKEN
DESCRIBE YOURSELF TO A STRANGER: I AM TALL, HANDSOME, A RADIATING STALLION
WHAT IS THE MOST PLAYED SONG ON YOUR IPOD? COCAINE BY ERIC CLAPTON
WHAT IS THE BIGGEST COMPLAINT ABOUT YOU? I AM IDIOTIC
WHAT IS YOUR WORST AND BEST TRAIT?
WORST: I CAN'T THINK
BEST: I AM A PEOPLE PERSON
WHAT'S THE BEST PRANK YOU'VE EVER PULLED OR HAD PULLED ON YOU? WHEN I WOKE UP AND SOMEONE PAINTED MY NAILS, PUT LIP STICK ON ME, AND WROTE PROFANITIES ON MY FOREHEAD.
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HIDDEN TALENTS? I CAN MAKE A COOL MONKEY FACE
IF YOU COULD SOLVE ONE WORLD PROBLEM, WHAT WOULD IT BE? HUNGER
BEST NEW T.V. SHOW OR MOVIE YOU'VE SEEN: WELL, I SAW "EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH" AND "THE GRUDGE 2" BUT THEY WERE NOT VERY GOOD
WHAT IS THE MOST DARING THING YOU'VE DONE? JUMPED OFF MY GARAGE ROOF

SENIOR



NAME: JACEY COBB
WHAT CAME FIRST - THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG? CHICKEN
DESCRIBE YOURSELF TO A STRANGER: TO A GIRL- 5' 11", CAMEL AND SEXY, AND ON THE SLENDER SIDE
WHAT IS THE MOST PLAYED SONG ON YOUR IPOD? I LISTEN TO EVERYTHING
WHAT IS THE BIGGEST COMPLAINT ABOUT YOU? I AM SILLY, IMMATURE
WHAT IS YOUR WORST AND BEST TRAIT?
WORST: DON'T HAVE SOME
BEST: EVERYTHING
WHAT'S THE BEST PRANK YOU'VE EVER PULLED OR HAD PULLED ON YOU? WHEN I WAS ASLEEP SOMEONE PUT MUSTARD IN MY FINGER NAILS. IT CLEARED MY SINUSES, AND IT WAS THE WORST FEELING EVER.
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HIDDEN TALENTS? I CAN TURN MY ARM 360 DEGREES BECAUSE I AM DOUBLE JOINTED
IF YOU COULD SOLVE ONE WORLD PROBLEM, WHAT WOULD IT BE? THE WHOLE AIDS THING
BEST NEW T.V. SHOW OR MOVIE YOU'VE SEEN: EVEN THOUGH ITS OLD, "FAMILY GUY"
WHAT IS THE MOST DARING THING YOU'VE DONE? USED MY FRONT BRAKES ON MY BIKE WHILE GOING DOWN A HILL