

To the Editor:

Recently I was caught in a situation that I shouldn't have put myself in. During the Boys' State Basketball Tournament I went down and stayed in a hotel with some friends. There was alcohol in our room. The cops showed up at our hotel room during the night. The next day three other people and I went to Mr. Kuehl and told him what had happened the night before. I didn't receive a "possession" of any kind, but the consequences of my choices were still great. I put myself in a situation that I shouldn't have. We were all thankful that nothing else happened and that no one got hurt.

Since this incident, I have had to go through many things that I had not planned on going through in my last few months of high school. I also thought that everything that I would have to deal with would be over in a week or two, but it's now six weeks later and I'm still having to deal with things. I have to deal with the fact that the choices that I made were not good ones and I have had to deal with the consequences. I was planning on traveling to Mexico with Mrs. Temple and many other Spanish students, but now I am unable to attend due to my actions that night. I was also "kicked off" of National Honor Society, an excellent society in our school that holds high standards of its members. This means that I no longer have any involvement in the activities in which the National Honor Society participates in. I had been a member of this group for over a year and was crushed when I found out that I was being dismissed, but I realized that my actions were the reason for the dismissal. The things that happened that night do not reflect my leadership skills or my true character, which are two things that are highly regarded in NHS. Since then I have had the chance to appeal the decision. I had to tell a group of teachers why I thought I was still worthy to be in this organization. This was hard for me to do. Sitting in front of those people, recalling what happened that night, and then trying to convince them that I was worthy of a second chance took everything I had. Everything that I have gone through is a result of the choices that I made that night. All that it has done is make a lot of extra work for me and others. I am sorry for all of the trouble that I have caused for the other members of this group, as well as Mr. Smith and Ms. D.

I have served my punishment and dealt with the consequences of my actions that night. I had to do ten hours of community service which I had on Mr. Keuhl's desk first thing the next Monday morning. I also had to meet with the school substance abuse counselor. I did both of these things as soon as I could. Along with community service and talking to the counselor, I am not able to go to Mexico this summer and I've had to deal with the being dismissed from NHS, and going through the process to get readmitted, which has taken six weeks so far.

It is important to think about choices before you make them. Sometimes we don't realize how the things that we choose to do affect others. I got lucky, and no one got hurt in the ordeal. I have become a stronger, better person from everything that has happened. I realized that the stupid choices that I make are not worth it. I have gone through a lot since this has happened and can't wait to put it all behind me.

—Carrie Goldsmith

## Graduation to be Held Wednesday Night

by Maggie Seibert

Yes, it's that time again where everybody is getting ready for graduation. This year's graduation will kick off at 7:30 PM Wednesday night in the Middle School Multipurpose room.

This year's graduation ceremony will be filled with speeches, band music, and also some vocal performances. Speeches will be given by Blake Humpal and Kathie Palmersheim. The band will be playing two pieces for the seniors. Not only do the band members get to play these two pieces, but also the seniors will join them to play two other pieces that they have played during band this year.

Vocal performances will be sung by Smooth Harmony jazz group, singing "In My Life." Mike Salow will also be singing the seniors song, "Time of Your Life" by Green Day.

A slide show will also be presented. Kathie Palmersheim, Jen Schooley, Kelly Prier and Tiffany Dunlap have all worked on the slide show together.

Congratulations to all the seniors who have made it this far. It's a very good honor and now you'll be stepping out into the new stage of your life. to honor all the seniors.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of May 16, 2005

MONDAY, May 16, 2005

1. Deadline for June/July Newsletter Articles
2. HS Girls District Golf at Backbone State Park - 8:00 AM
3. FFA P.A.L.S. to Johnston Elementary
4. JH Girls Track to Starmont - 4:30 PM
5. First Practice for Middle School Softball - After School
6. Auditions for HS Fall Musical "Into the Woods" - Auditorium
7. Athletic Boosters' Fundraiser - JH Boys Track Meet - HOME
8. Dollars for Scholars Senior Awards Night-MSMPR- 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, May 17, 2005

1. HS Life Skills Class to Field of Dreams (Leave at 11:00 AM)
4. First Practice for HS JV/V Softball - After School
5. HS Speech & Drama Awards - Auditorium - 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2005

1. Commencement - MS Multipurpose Room - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, May 19, 2005

1. State Girls and Boys Track in Des Moines (Vans Leave at 11:00 AM)
3. MS Band & Vocal End-of-the-Year Concert - Middle School Multipurpose Room - 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, May 20, 2005

1. State Girls and Boys Track in Des Moines

SATURDAY, May 21, 2005

1. State Girls and Boys Track in Des Moines

MONDAY, May 23, 2005

1. Last Day of Classes (Make-up Day for January 12th)
2. EARLY DISMISSAL - 2:00 PM in Delhi / 2:10 PM in Earlville & Hopkinton
3. End of 4th Quarter (52 Days) and End of 2nd Semester (92.5 Days)
4. NO ACTIVITY BUSES