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Student Life



Early Release on Wednesdays

For those of you who aren't so happy about the start of another school season, there's some good news for you. Because of the relatively little time teachers have to work together, the Madison Metropolitan School District has created a plan in which high school teachers meet on Wednesdays of every full week of school to discuss issues such as instruction and achievement in their classes. Students will leave school one hour early each Wednesday the teachers meet. Buses will accommodate the early releases, and the rest of the school year calendar will remain the same. Hopefully, this shortened schedule will help all of us better adjust to another hectic year.

--William Xiang

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The Sword & Shield Adds a Mission Statement

"The Sword & Shield is a student-created, student-run newspaper designed to give a voice to the Madison Memorial High School student body. The staff aims to create an informative and entertaining newspaper that focuses on issues important to our high school community."

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Do you want to write for the paper?

We are looking for students to write articles about clubs, sports, activities, student groups, etc. We need students wanting to review music. Come to the Sword & Shield Thursday meetings after school in the art department. See **Nancy Gu** or **Maya Dorje** if you have questions.

Madison Memorial High School Academic Calendar 2010-2011

September 2010						
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Early Release Dates	
12:30	November 11
2:31	September 15,22,29 October 6,13,20 November 3,17 December 1,8,15 January 5,12,26 February 2,9,16 March 2,9,16,23,30 April 6,13,27 May 4,11,18,25

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- E** Early Release
- Conferences**
(Half day 11/11 and full day 11/12)
- No School**

An Unforgettable Summer



When we start planning for summer, we think of road trips, vacations in exotic places, or just some “fun in the sun”. We do not think about learning or education. Heck! I think our brains are automatically turned off after our last final exam of the year. Well, I decided that this summer was going to be different. It was my last summer being a high school student, and my last chance to do something that would really “wow” the admissions office of whichever school I choose to apply to. I decided that this summer was going to be a little out of the ordinary.

Engineering Summer Program (ESP) is a prestigious six-week residential program for rising juniors and seniors. Selected students learn about the field of engineering by taking five rigorous courses: Technical Communications, Physics, Chemistry, Math (Calculus or Pre-Calculus) and Intro to Engineering. As the summer unfolded, we had the chance to conduct industrial visits of top companies in Milwaukee and Chicago, learn about the field of engineering and its disciplines, and have the pleasure of meeting 24 amazing students from all over the country through the program itself.

The strength of the academic courses is obvious right off the bat. Though it may seem challenging and gruesome to endure school during your summer vacation, classes were very academically enriching. During the weekdays I had a series of five classes of different subjects: Technical Communication, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus and Intro to Engineering. These classes expanded my education by challenging my knowledge and ability. Furthermore, they demonstrated the different ele-



ments that an engineering career consists of, and taught me the steps that is necessary for designing and building a prototype that actually works!

In addition to learning in classes, we received the chance to go on industrial visits of companies who are sponsors of ESP. These visits consisted of tours, and a chance to interact with a panel of employees, and interns. Making those connections was a great addition to the trips because one can use those resources later in life for jobs or internships. Moreover, we had the opportunity to interact with real engineers and learned that a



company does not hire just one type engineer. A plethora of different engineering degrees are needed to run a company, anything from Biomedical to Mechanical Engineers.

During the duration of the program, I had the opportunity to make long-term relationships with my peers. Although the academics were ideal, they would have been absolutely dreary without the remarkable people I spent the six weeks with. We spent, literally, 24 hours together 7 days a week. We had to like each other; there was no way out of it. Fortunately, we hit it off right away. I never thought it was possible to get become familiar with complete strangers in such a short amount of time, but it does happen! In the way we helped and encouraged each other, any outsider would think we knew each other our whole lives, and that is what it felt like. We did not just become friends, we became family.

It's amazing how much person can change and grow in a time period as little as six weeks. At last, the days spent on the application, the weeks spent waiting, and the hours spent in angst before moving in, paid off for me during my six amazing weeks, and resulted in one unforgettable summer.

-- Selma Aly

Italy & Greece-- A Trip of a Lifetime!

It's not an everyday occurrence when you experience a taste of another culture and get to share that experience with a group. The JMM Art Department took a group of Memorial and West students to Italy and Greece this summer. No one in the group could have predicted the memories they'll now have for a lifetime. Most of you reading this have probably seen pictures of Italy or Greece, or perhaps had the lucky chance of going to one of these two places. I know the experience won't be the same for everyone, but if you ever get a chance to travel, you should do it. One thing is for sure, you're almost guaranteed a good time when going with a diverse group of people, especially a group like the Memorial art department.



Of course it's difficult to fit in the culture of two countries into a small ten days, but for the time we were there we filled each day until we were exhausted. Both Italy and Greece grabbed a hold of me. I especially loved Greece with its white washed houses, amazingly delicious baklava, radiant orange sunsets, and mountainous landscapes spread out before you.

I know

Greece and Italy haven't seen the last of me!

I felt very lucky that I got to go on the art department's trip to Italy and Greece. We had three meetings in advance to prepare for the experience, but I still wasn't fully aware of the treat I was in for. The first day with my group was a stressful time of delayed departures, and missing our flight by a mere five minutes, but once we arrived in Rome things settled and we were able to soak in the excitement.

It's hard to believe how old Rome is, yet still so beautiful. It's like the Romans placed and arranged everything just so a couple thousand years later people like us could come and breath it all in. In Italy we were able to see the Sistine chapel, which is indescribable and I think everyone should get a chance to see it for themselves. We were constantly walking and climbing slippery steps. They are slippery because so many millions of people had walked on the same steps. We were able to see the Oracle

of Delphi, the Acropolis, and explore the city of Athens. We even danced it out at the disco a few nights. We wouldn't have been able to see and do as much as we did without the help of our amazing tour guide Carmelo, who was extremely knowledgeable about Italy and Greece as well as very charming.

I believe the World Languages department goes to France and Spain every other year and the Art department is planning another student trip in two years. I know I am hoping to make it to at least one more trip before graduating. No matter who you go with, it is



sure to be a grand adventure.

--Jessi Ford



The art department is currently planning its next trip for the summer of 2012. If you are interested in going to India, Cambodia, Thailand, South America or Egypt you should see Mrs. Winker and let her know what country you want to visit!

PEOPLE Program in the Summer

Free tuition to the University of Wisconsin – Madison? From the PEOPLE Program? If you're one of the many wondering or have never asked what PEOPLE Program is, here is your answer: PEOPLE stands for Pre-college Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence. PEOPLE is a college scholarship program linked to the University of Wisconsin – Madison and targets low income students or minority students. The goal behind PEOPLE Program is to diversify the campus and give a tuition scholarship to students who stay in the Program through high school and are accepted into the University on their own.

Sounds pretty serious with no time for fun, right? Actually PEOPLE is probably one of the most engaging and unique scholarship programs around. During the school year, PEOPLE students at Memorial attend on-site tutoring/ACT prep at least once a week after school in the Rock Neighborhood Center. There we meet with volunteer college students to discuss homework and hear answers regarding common college questions: what classes to take prior, how to major, and similar food for thought.

The real thrills and meat of the program don't happen until the summer session begins. A week into the summer, PEOPLE students from around the state come to Madison and to stay three or six weeks on campus. We stay at the Witte Dorms right next to the Kohl Center. The three week students (sophomores/juniors) take classes in science, math, English, and ACT prep. This summer, we met with various faculty of the University and were able to have class in buildings across downtown, from Engineering Hall, to the Geology Museum, and outdoor classes around Lake Mendota.

While I'm sure none of us PEOPLE students will miss the long walks, hour and half classes and waking up early, there were some great memories. On weekends there were mini-trips to malls in groups of twenty or more, trips to Fast Forward, Ultra-zone and the movies. Every night we have the chance to stroll down State Street or chill at the Union. If we weren't in the mood, we would hang out and play cards, play "Ninja", watch the World Cup, football, basketball, volleyball, computers, wars between floors, go to the SERF [the college gym] and much more.

The two most important things that I took from the PEOPLE Summer Residential Program were the friends and the drive for college. It's not every day someone gets a chance to meet other students from around Wisconsin. I've made friends from various races and backgrounds – even students from different high schools in Madison live unique lives. What was stressed throughout the Program was the reality of college and what it takes to get in. Our floor counselors were college students and they told us their experiences and the importance of education and that we were investments of the University. This added a little pressure to things, but like kids, we didn't let it get too heavy during our summer.

The adventures of PEOPLE this past summer and what it's all about are something I wish more people knew about, but I'll settle with this for now. Next year, the other seniors and I will stay for six weeks at Witte, have an internship in any field of our choice and earn a thousand dollars. There's definitely going to be some fun going on downtown next summer!

--Marco Dela Cruz

From the Windows at Kronshage Hall



This summer, I had the opportunity to work in a lab and live in the UW-Madison dorms for 6 weeks at UW-Madison. At first, I was a little hesitant. I usually spend my summers at the PEOPLE program with 182 students at the crazy Witte dorms. However, I decided to apply to the Summer Science Institute (SSI) to

further explore the careers in the science field. I was placed into the Biochemistry department and had the privilege of working in Dr. James Ntambi's lab. The lab project my partner and I were assigned was focused on a specific enzyme and how it was tied to the mechanisms that cause diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and atherosclerosis.

To be honest, I didn't have the greatest time of my life during the first week. There were only 16 people in this program versus the hundreds at the PEOPLE program. I missed all the friends that I had made during previous summers and found that I was actually more "homesick" for the PEOPLE program than my own home. In addition, I literally didn't understand half the research papers we were assigned to read. And lastly, the dorms we were staying in were far from welcoming. Kronshage Hall

does have a beautiful view of Lake Mendota. However, I found that being bit by spiders left and right, having moths flying around the room at 3 A.M, and finding random bugs in the corner of the room made the dorm a little unbearable.



Surprisingly, the summer started getting better after the second week. I started making new friends in SSI, ESP(Engineering Summer Program), the other program that we were sharing the dorms with, and SCE (Summer Collegiate Experience) (another program that shared our dining hall). As we got more into the lab research, I realized that I began understanding those gigantic words that I didn't understand in the beginning of the summer.

By the end of the 6 weeks, I didn't want to leave. To most high school students, research and statistics classes are not a fun way to spend their summer. But for me, this summer was a summer I will never forget.

From adventures at Ultra-zone, Mount Olympus, Devils Lake, and the Ropes course, SSI gave me many hilarious memories I will never forget.

Being a part of the PEOPLE program and SSI has meant a lot to me. I made so many new friends that I will never forget. Both of these programs have helped me get ready for college by exposing me to the college life. Although I took classes and spent most of my summer in school, I had so much fun that it didn't

seem like I was in school at

all. As high school is nearing an end for me, I realize that all the summers I spent at these programs are also coming to an end. These programs have been a huge part of my life and I highly recommend anyone to join. It may be "school" but you will never forget the memories and friends you make, as they will hopefully last for a life time.



--Naman Siad

Spartan Sports

This summer, the Memorial Poms squad accomplished more than we could have hoped for. Practices started up in early May with the addition of four new dancers who have definitely added to the team's talent. Our daily summer practices were a challenge, but they really helped the team in becoming better dancers and teammates. Throughout the summer we accomplished our goals of dancing as a whole and brought energy to each routine.

Poms: Summer Competition

In late July, we went to Badgerette Poms Camp, held at Carthage College, where we learned and competed in both new routines and routines we had been practicing all summer. We qualified for Midwest by placing second at our camp along with a special award for our senior kick and funk routines. The following week was packed with intense, two-a-day practices in order to prepare everyone for the Midwest Competition. At Midwest, the final competition of the summer that brings together the best of the Midwest, our squad competed once again. To

our pleasant surprise, we qualified for Florida as a team, which is something we've been working hard for all season. This means that our team will be joining Badgerette and the other qualifying squads in Florida in February 2011, for the 40th Anniversary celebration. There we will be dancing in a parade through Disney Theme Park, as well as performing on stage for a large crowd. As a team we are proud of what we have accomplished so far and are excited for this year and the surprises it may bring.

--Aubrey Fisher

Arts & Entertainment

Horoscopes

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Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) - Your intelligence and incredible ability to organize should keep you out of trouble throughout the first few months of school, but don't let your meticulous nature get the best of you. Being a perfectionist can be a good thing if you keep it in check - don't let little, inconsequential details bother you.



Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22) - An easygoing, sociable person like you should have no trouble making new friends this upcoming school year. You're easy to talk to and everyone loves the stories you tell. Just remember to take it slow and leave some time in your schedule for yourself!



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) - You may have a tendency to be a little emotional this week, but don't let that ruin your relationships with others. The jealousy you're feeling is only your own paranoia, so trust your friends and don't let your raging emotions get the best of you.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) - Your own natural optimism is at its highest point this time of year. Keep up the positive attitude and don't let others drag you down! Instead, use your upbeat personality and share your optimism with anyone who might look a littledown today.

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Shocked... in a good way

Twilight was a disaster. New Moon was passable. Eclipse was shockingly everything I could have ever hoped for... and more. I am one of the most painfully precise people when it comes to book/movie crossovers. I reread Eclipse while in North Carolina last week to make sure I had every last detail straight before seeing the film in order to dissect it fully. I am used to being disappointed when it comes to films, so, naturally I was thrilled when this film surpassed my expectations. There were four main parts I wanted the film to include: The Quileute history, Rosalie's history, Jasper's history and the infamous tent scene. Much to my surprise, all four were integrated elegantly into the film. Even though all four scenes were much too short, they filled their purpose. Realistically, we could not have expected the director, David Slade, to show all four scenes fully, but with the time constraints taken in to account, it was done brilliantly. I can see the film being slightly challenging to follow if one has not read Eclipse, and if you haven't read it yet, you should really rethink your life choices thus far. The film captured all of the most important points and expanded on certain areas that were not explained in enough depth in the novel, such as the Volturi's inaction when it came to the debacle in Seattle which is explained more in *The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner*.

Even though it was not in the novel, I am pleased they added a scene where Bella sees a newborn crushing Jacob. This may seem oddly sadistic, but Bella needs to see how much pain she was putting Jake through mentally and physically. This scene helps demonstrate to the viewers how much pain Bella felt while she was seeing Jacob in the fight.

Another couple of scenes that were well done were both of the Bella/Jacob kiss scenes. The first was referred to as 'more of an assault' by Bella in Eclipse, yet was supposed to convey that a small, hidden part of Bella wanted it at the same time. And it did. Bella was caught off guard and for the shortest moment we could see that she enjoyed it. But, sadly, after she realized what was going on she resisted and 'punched' Jake in the face. Aside from being ridiculously accurate, it was also quite funny when Bella and Jacob returned to

the house later and Jacob had to explain what he had done. The second kiss was even better and I am not just saying this because I am a die-hard Team Jacob member. The pain in his face made it real for audience members. We desperately wanted Bella to kiss him, and ease his misery. The second kiss was better than any Bella/Edward kiss ever. Maybe that's just my bias talking, or maybe it is the truth.

Kristen Stewart (Bella Swan):

She was good. I have been fighting it for some time now, but I think it is about time to acknowledge the fact that she can act. She still stutters once in awhile, but she has evolved immensely since the first film. I have seen Kristen in more movies than I would like to admit to, and I have seen all aspects of her acting. She has come such a long way from her incessant head shaking in Twilight.



Rob Pattinson (Edward Cullen):

He was better than what I expected, but still not what I had hoped for. His anger was overdone given the character. Edward is supposed to be calm, cool and collected nearly 100 percent of the time. He wore his heart on his sleeve, something the book version of Edward does not do. As mentioned in previous articles, the make-up artists still need to sort out the make-up issue, because his skin tone isn't convincing, but over all, I didn't hate it.

Taylor Lautner (Jacob Black):

Taylor was fabulous. His performance was astounding. I felt the deep and tearing pain he went through throughout the course of the whole film. He made it real and pulled us into his world, showing us how much he loved Bella and how deeply it hurt him to see her with someone else. He showed us one powerful emotion after another. Love, hate, lust, betrayal, sorrow and defeat all in the course of two hours. If that isn't skill, I don't know what is. I always thought that Taylor was a nice, but useless pretty boy, but now I realize that I couldn't have been farther from the truth.

-- Tia Das

Horoscopes Continued



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) - You're usually a patient, understanding person, but today that patience is wearing thin. Try to keep your cool even when friends or teachers start to get on your nerves. Be practical, look past your emotions and lay low for today.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) - Your drive for independence is admirable, but this week you may need to depend on others more than usual. Ask your friends and family for advice in any recent sticky situations. You'll find that depending on others can be the perfect jump-start to furthering your own independence.



Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) - Don't get too caught up in money or material goods this month and make sure to keep your spending habits in check. Your new job is fun, sure, but you might want to save up for something down the road. Good habits start now.



Aries (Mar 21 - April 19) - You're an adventurous, energetic person, always involved in sports, extracurriculars, or socializing with friends, but this month you'll encounter a bit of friend trouble. Remember to be loyal, but don't waste your energy on people who will only bring you down.



Taurus (April 20 - May 20) - You've got tons on your brain today but let that energy turn itself into a mind full of bursting new ideas! Let yourself run with these new ideas and share them with others. You never know what could happen.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20) - Others normally see you as a bright and social person but this week you may feel stressed and overwhelmed with all the new things coming your way; so give yourself a little time to relax, away from the chaos of your social life.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22) - You're usually the one all your friends choose to confide in, the secret keeper, but today your desire for gossip is a little out of control. Be careful what you say to others and stay true to yourself. You don't want to lose the trust of your friends.



Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) - The imaginative side of you is in full force this week so don't be afraid to let your inner artistic genius shine through. Make sure to harness that creative energy and use it wisely on any big projects you've been working on. Today is the perfect day to make progress.

Mock Trial

--Pam Gu

Of all the clubs and activities in which I have been involved during high school, mock trial has been my favorite for many reasons. The club is very close-knit because of its small size. This makes practice and competition enjoyable because of the shared bond amongst all the members. Small team sizes allow for close collaboration and friendship. In mock trial, members are a friend rather than simply 'a face in the club.'

In addition, mock trial strikes the perfect harmony between fun and work. While we know when it's time to get down to business, we also know when to relax and have a good time. The coaches know how to keep morale high with a plethora of delicious food and the occasional legal-themed movie. This willingness to have fun helps all members of the club with their preparation of both sides of a criminal or civil trial. For the competition, every participant receives a booklet labeled 'case materials', containing the affidavits and reports of various witnesses, including many experts. Members either play as an attorney, witness, or both, because each team must prepare to both prosecute and defend the case.

If you are looking for a fun and rewarding activity this fall and winter, then consider mock trial. Mock trial is not only for people who are interested in law; it provides opportunities for those with good role-playing and critical thinking skills as well. Our first meeting is Thursday, September 23rd in room 856 from 3:45 to 5:00 PM.

-- Michael Reilly



NAME OF CLUB	ADVISOR	MEETING PLACE/TIMES
After School Collegiate Program		LMC - M/W - 3:35-5:00
Animation	Mr. Herman	Rm 508 - Tues - 3:45-5:00
Anime Club	Ms. Hoadley	Rm 762 - Thur - 3:45-5:00
Art Klub	Ms. Winker	Rm 508 - Wed - 3:45-5:00
Asian Council	Mr. Vang	Rm 506 - Mon - 3:40-5:00
Aspira		Fox NC - Tues/Thur - 3:35-5:00
Black Student Union	Mr. Brown Jr.	Wolf Meeting Times Vary
Break Dance Club		MSCR Wolf - Thurs - 3:45-5:15
Capoera Club	MSCR	Wolf - Mon - 3:45-5:15
Captain's Club	Mr. Frontier	Rm 508 - Wed - 7:45 am
Chess Club	Mr. Kolbe / Mr. King	Rm 754 - Tues/Thur - lunch
Chinese Club	Ms. Pierce	Rm 600 - varies - 3:45-4:45
Climbing Club	Mr. Holt / MSCR	Fldhs 4 - Varies (see Website)
Debate	Mr. Sheffler	
Dr. Who Club	Ms. Fitzgerald	Rm 815 - Mon - 3:45-5:00
Environmental Club	Ms. Piraino	Rm 665 - Thur - 3:45-5:00
FBIA or (see our Facebook site)	Ms. Wheeler / Mr. Thomas	Rm 514 - Wed - 7:45-8:10 a.m.
Fencing Club	Mr. Senson	Rm 250 - Fri - 3:45-6:00
Forensics	Mr. Hardin	Lower A - M-T - 3:45-7:00
Gaming Club	Mr. Vaughan	Rm 658 - Tue - 3:45-6:00
Gay/Straight Alliance	Ms. Calchina	Rm 853 - Tue - 3:45-5:00
HOSA	Ms Dindorf	Rm 607B - Tue - 7:45 am
HERO	Ms. Brechler	Rm 607
International Soccer Club	Ms. Knezevic	Gym - Times vary
JMM Singers	Ms. Pitt	Rm 200 - Wed - 7:30 a.m.
LaCrosse Club	Mr. Spencer	Spring Season
Latin Dance Club	MSCR WOLF	Tue - 3:45-5:15
Latinos Unidos	Ms. Barrientos	WED-Fox NC-1 st Lunch/WI NC 2 nd
LeClub CC	Ms. Ebert / Ms. Christen	Rm 604 - Tue - 7:45 am
Math Team	Mr. King / Ms. Yahr	Math Rooms Times Vary
Memorial Theatre Company	Mr. Hardin	
Mixed Martial Arts	Mr. Fields	Wolf - Wed - 3:45-5:15
Mock Trial	Ms. Burda	Rm 856 - Thur 6-8 / Sat 1-3
National Honor Society (NHS)	Mr. O'Shaughnessy	Rm 670
Student Government	Ms. Perez-Guerra / Ms. Geer	Wolf NC - Wed - lunches
People Program	Mr. Brown	Rock NC - Mon-Th - 3:45-6:00
Pep Band	Mr. Ulrich	Rm 201 - Mon - 3:45-5:00
Pressions	Mr. Rodriguez	Rm 800 - M-Th - 3:45-6:00
Pro Start	Ms. Brechler	Rm 607 - Wed - 3:45-7:00
Robotics	Mr. Senson	Café - Mon/Thur - 5:30-9:00

Forensics

No, we are not a cult. We are simply a group of people dedicated to improving our communication and interpretation skills. Events span across three categories: Public Speaking, Interpretation (Acting), and Limited Preparation. Practice for tournaments begins in the fall with twice-a-week coaching times. You could be a demonstration speaker showing people how to tap dance, a radio speaker announcing this week's weather forecast, or even a witty extemporaneous speaker evaluating political pragmatism. Anyone interested should come to the Tuesday meetings right after school in Theatre 300. Even if you're busy, you can still stop by to pick up half slips of paper near the door with the week's important announcements. Like in any other competitive activity, success is reached with more practice in and out of school, so get coached, win some trophies, and have some fun.

--Tenzin Lendey

Art Klub

Do you doodle on your math homework instead of figuring out the value of x? Find yourself making little sculptures out of dough in cooking class? Then Art Klub is the club for you!

"So, what do you do in Art Klub? Sit around a draw?" Well, sometimes, but not often. Art Klub is an energetic group of creative minds working together on all sorts of artsy projects, including t-shirts, calendars, papier maché masks, fabric bags, murals, ceramics, gardening, and much more!

Last year, students enjoyed working on making signs for the school to help students and anyone else in the halls to know where they are and where other main areas are located in Memorial. Casts of Art Klubbers' hands were created to help point the way to places such as the science wing, commons, cafeteria, music hall, and the ever-important art wing.

These signs are still in progress, but they should be up some time this year, so keep an eye out for them!

Members last year also participated in the print-

ing of 2009-2010 Art Klub t-shirts, featuring a humorous design about "Art Klub in a nutshell." Students learned about the process of screen-printing, how to transfer a design onto a screen and how to prepare the screen for printing. Art Klubbers also teamed up with Mess Hall Press to make t-shirts graced with the message, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts," where each letter was designed by a different member of the Klub.

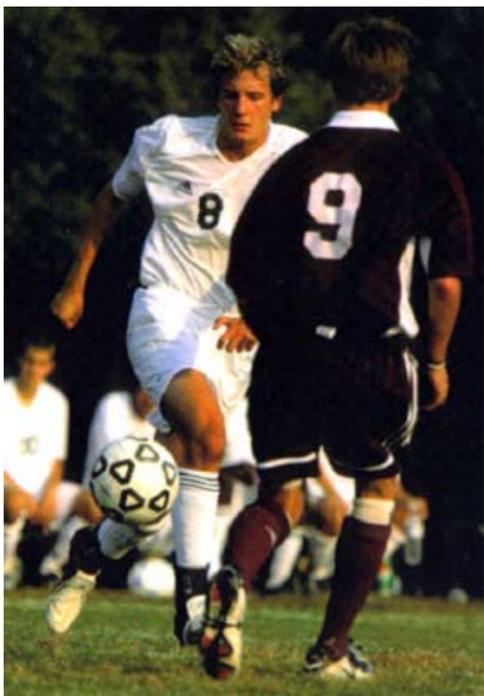
In reality, this is your club. Whatever projects we take on this year are presented and chosen upon by students. Do you want to carve pumpkins? Make magnets out of old bottle caps and newspaper clippings? Design a 2010-2011 Art Klub t-shirt? Then speak up! The sky's the limit when it comes to your imagination. Join Art Klub, where anything art-related is possible!

The Art Klub kick-off meeting this year will be held on Tuesdays from 3:35 - 5:00 p.m. in the art room (located near the Wolf Neighborhood Center). Please join us, new members and old, for a fun and exciting time!

-- Kat Bunke

Celebrate the Life that was Lived;

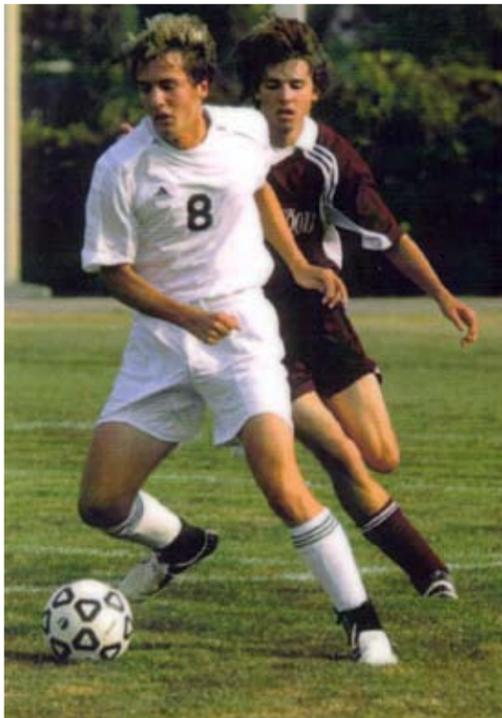
A Tribute to Matthew Thomas Dykes



In a school as large as Memorial, it is not uncommon to hear about alumni who pass away. The past few summers have been especially tragic for Mr. Voss and our soccer team. There have been 3 fatal accidents the past 3 years with the loss of some really wonderful people. Michael Sheahan (class of 2007) was killed in an automobile accident in Illinois in August 2008; he was 20. Sarah O'Connell had a horrific car accident and lost her parents at the beginning of last summer, 2009. Then this summer, Matthew Thomas Dykes (class of 2006) died in New Mexico while exploring the Sandia Cave in the Sandia Mountains. He leaned

over to take a photo, lost his footing and fell roughly 80 feet to his death.

Matt Dykes was a very talented photographer, film maker and soccer player. He was born in England, lived there until he was 11 and moved from Boston to Madison when he was 15, starting Memorial as a sophomore. He made Memorial's varsity soccer team and was the starting forward his senior year on JMM's Fall 2005 State Quarterfinal team. Unfortunately for Matt, midway through his final season with Memorial he broke his toe which resulted in ending his soccer season prematurely. JMM lost his talent on the field, but he stayed involved in the games using his humor and



film skills to produce a team video that "wowed" everyone. According to Mr. Voss, "Matt's skill set was very unique and as a forward he could find many different ways to score. He was very coachable and fun to be around because of his attitude and the way he could make you laugh."

I met Matt through Gabrielle McBride (class of 2007), who had been my middle school art student at Spring Harbor and in my drawing, painting and photo classes at Memorial. Matt was interested in film



throughout his years at Memorial High School, making many personal films. Matt participated in the first annual Memorial Film Fest organized by Alex Jacobs (class of 2006). I recall him having the audience laughing during the Q&A time. Matt was the kind of student everyone liked because he was outgoing and a bit of a class clown. His good looks, confidence and British accent made him quite the catch for Gabe. During her senior year, she dated Matt from afar while he attended The University of Leeds in Leeds, England; he was majoring in aeronautical engineering. Gabe was in my photo class and gave me advice on how to keep up a long distance relationship using a webcam while my husband was stationed in Afghanistan at Bagram Air Base. Her final exam photo (shown) was a beautiful illustration of her life in high school having him as her boyfriend. I gave her an A+.

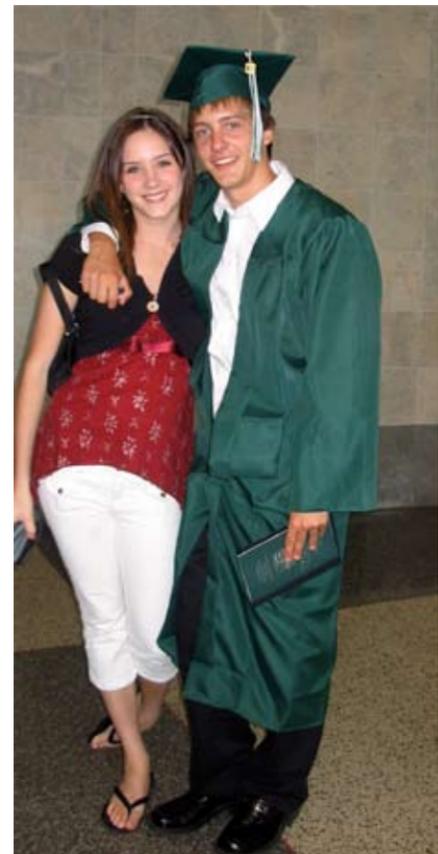


Because of Matt's love of film, he transferred to Columbia College in Chicago. He had decided to take a semester off from school this past school year and moved to New Mexico where his parents had relocated. Matt decided to focus on his new passion: photography. He loved New Mexico and was inspired by its beauty and scenery. In the last year of Matt's life he became a vegetarian and had become very passionate about the environment. He was a wonderful cook and also became interested in meditation. He was an animal lover, fostering troubled dogs while living in Chicago. Matt was a truly loving human being who had so much to give to this world and will be remembered for his sense of humor, his passion for animals and the environment, his talent in soccer, his creativity in film and photography, his intelligence and sensitivity, as well as all the love he gave to his family and friends.

Matt's funeral was held in Liverpool England because his family wanted to take him home. They have been truly devastated by this loss, of course-- Matt's father, Colin; mother, Chris; older brother, Stuart; and older sister, Laura. Gabrielle McBride, who had dated Matt for four years, and Nick Lombardino (class of 2006), one of Matt's closest soccer buddies, hosted a candlelight vigil for Matt at Breakaway in August. Over 100 friends attended to remember Matt and together they donated \$350 to Madison's Henry Vilas Zoo, where Matt had volunteered last summer. In lieu of flowers, his family and friends have donated \$700 to the World Wildlife Fund in his honor.

It is so hard to lose a loved one and so difficult to understand why young people die so tragically. I know Matt will never be forgotten because he touched so many lives. He lived a full life for only 22 years. All that knew Matt at Memorial sincerely mourns the loss of this fine Spartan.

--Teri Parris Ford



Gabrielle's photo final exam, 2007