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New teachers join MHS staff

A familiar face in a new place

This year it just wasn't the freshmen that were nervous the first day of school. So were some of our first time high school teachers.

"When you change jobs you have to learn how the new place works, like knowing where the copy machine is, or what the passwords are," Mr. Varner said.

You might know Mr. Varner as an eighth grade



Mr. Varner

math teacher at the junior high.

He taught there for five years, and was transferred here by the administration. Mr. Varner said, "I didn't ask to be transferred here but was excited when I was

approached about it. I'm very glad to be here."

Before deciding to become a teacher himself, Mr. Varner received his education at Gallatin Co. High School, U of I, and SIU. In his free time, Mr. Varner enjoys following the St. Louis Cardinals and the Fighting Illini.

Mr. Varner teaches Business Concepts and Keyboarding. Mr. Varner has a two year old daughter named Ellie and another baby on the way! Congratulations Mr. Varner and good luck!

- Abby Landes

A big jump for Ms. Cadle

Not only did Ms. Cadle jump up from the junior high to the high school. She once jumped out of a plane. To celebrate getting her masters degree in May, she went skydiving.

She previously taught at the junior high for four



Ms. Cadle

years, and was transferred

here to teach English 1 & 2.

Ms. Cadle graduated from our own Marion High School and got her college degree from SIU.

In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors and loves anything adventurous or related to sports. "I attend all Saluki Basketball games and I love the Cubs baseball!"

-Abby Landes

The other 'Mr. Smith'

After Mr. Bleyer left to become a principal at the junior high, his position in the history department became open. Mr. Smith is now filling that position. And I'm not talking about the principal.

Mr. Aaron Smith, a previous student-teacher for Mr. Martin, was hired over



Mr. Smith

the summer to teach

Global Studies and American History.

He previously taught at Harrisburg High School after he graduated from SIU-Carbondale in December 2006.

In his spare time, he enjoys football and music.

-Riley Swinford

Mr. Tarlton gets a new experience

Every teacher at Marion High School knows what it's like to be new. They have been in that boat before, testing out the oars and feeling their way through murky waters. Challenges are just part of the job.

Nonetheless, we want them to feel welcome.



Mr. Tarlton

Mr. Jeff Tarlton is a new addition to the driver's education department. He has been teaching for three years. The time before was

spent teaching at Ewing, Lincoln and Longfellow Elementary Schools.

Mr. Tarlton spends his time after school hours coaching the freshman football team and when winter hits, he coaches the freshmen basketball team.

We hope you have a fun year here Mr. Tarlton! Go Wildcats!

-Kelsey Hentz

Movin' on up

This school year many of our former junior high teacher's are "moving on up" with us to the high school.

Ms. Armetta Beltz is one of the teachers joining us. Ms. Beltz is the new choir teacher at MHS. She teaches sophisticated, mixed chorus, madrigal and jazz choir. Mrs. Shore, the pre-



Ms. Beltz

vious choir teacher, has simply been switched into Ms. Beltz previous position at the junior high.

Ms. Beltz has been teaching for 35 years at both Carbondale Elementary and in Marion Unit #2. When Ms. Beltz isn't teaching her choir students, she enjoys walking "when there's time and energy" Ms. Beltz said, and playing with her grand daughter. Welcome to MHS Ms. Beltz!

-Abby Landes

McCall replaces Schoenecke

This year Mr. Schoenecke won't be joining us due to early retirement.

He will be greatly missed; but we should also be very excited about the new teacher filling his position.

Mr. McCall is two years



Mr. McCall

fresh out of college and has been hired at our school to teach Woods I and II, Exploring Technology, and

electricity.

Mr. McCall attended Roxana High near Edwardsville and then ended up in Southern Illinois after going to SIU.

Before coming to MHS to work he also worked in Johnston City. In his free time Mr. McCall likes to spend time with his family.

-Abby Landes

Editorial Cartoon



Cartoon by Kelsey Hentz

The halls of Marion High School are crowded again this year. The scene in the cartoon above is a fairly typical occurrence each day.

Mr. Marlo returns from Iraq safely to teach history

As you all know, one of our most adored

Social Studies teachers returned to us this June after ten long months



Mr. Marlo

serving in Iraq. We are absolutely ecstatic to have Mr. Marlo back safe and sound in the classroom again!

He shares our enthusiasm, excited to be starting the school year. He exclaims, "I'm grateful to be back in the classroom and interacting with our students again."

Since Mr. Marlo returned, he's been flooded with questions of his experiences. He has greeted every inquisitive—and even unusual—question that students and faculty have to ask, always smiling, always eager to answer them.

He states, "I truly



MHS File Photo

Last year, students were encouraged to wear red to show their support for Mr. Marlo. The participating students formed an 'M' for a photo that was sent to Mr. Marlo in Iraq.

believe it is my responsibility as a citizen to offer my perspective on Iraq when given the opportunity."

Mr. Marlo wants to extend a fervent invitation to anyone who maybe wants to ask more questions or discuss what is happening overseas.

Whenever students can or want to make time, he would be delighted to inform them of what is really going on.

While he was away, Marion kept him in their prayers, they emailed him, sent him gifts, and even sent him a picture of a big red "M" struc-

ture (picture above), which consisted of students lined up on the football field. Mr. Marlo was so touched by the love and support he received.

He also wishes to express how thankful he is for all the time, effort and dollars some spent to help him out while he was deployed.

"After inquiring about the support given by my fellow faculty members, I have a better sense of the American Spirit that has shown forth in all of you," he said. "I really do mean it when I say thank you. It just doesn't seem sufficient enough."

- Kelsey Hentz

Book Review: Breaking Dawn

On August 2, 2008 at 12:01 a.m., book stores all over the world were flooded with eager Twilights awaiting the final installment of the Twilight Saga, Breaking Dawn. In the first day alone fans purchased 3.7 million copies of the book.

Since the book was released so recently, I will not reveal any of the events that take place. Though, I will recommend the saga to anyone who has not read them. And for those of you that know nothing about the book, here's some background information.



The cover of Breaking Dawn.

The Twilight Saga is told from the perspective of Bella Swan, a 17 year old girl,

who moves from Phoenix, Arizona with her mom to Forks, Washington. Forks is the polar opposite of her home town. It is constantly raining and seeing the sun is rare.

Bella doesn't expect anything supernatural to happen when she arrives. But then again,

who expects to go to school with vampires, let alone fall in love with one of them?

Author Stephenie Meyer is currently re-writing Twilight (the first novel) from the perspective of Edward Cullen. The title is Midnight Sun and the release date has not been set.

Also, Twilight is being made into a movie. Its release date is November 21, 2008.

For more updates about the books or movie, visit www.stepheniemeyer.com

- Kaitie Powell

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