



JACKET **up.**

A letterman jacket is composed of three things: thick material, buttons and patches. To some, it may just be another jacket that collects dust in their closet until the winter. But to others, it represents their achievements and dedication in academics and various sports.

On both sleeves and sometimes the back of a letterman jacket, there are patches that signify what classes, sports, or extracurricular activities that a student was involved in.

"My favorite patch is

the megaphone patch because it shows my accomplishments. Like 'Oh, I actually made it on to Varsity Cheer,'" Junior Ajanae Spence said.

Without many cold days in Texas, students typically take the first opportunity they have to show off their jacket.

"I think the whole school decides on a day and then everyone just starts wearing them. It's like some unspoken thing whenever it gets cold out," Junior Marie Cook said.

Although a letterman jacket may not be worn all

year and can be expensive, it is a constant reminder of one's accomplishments.

"I think that the jacket is worth your money because it's something you'll always have. You will be able to look back at it and remember the work you put into it to earn it," Sophomore Madalyn Raymond said.

ALL TOGETHER **ooky**

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

As the lights flickered in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m., the audience shuffled to their seats and the cast lined up backstage, to prepare themselves for the first show of *The Addams Family*. When the theater became black and the audience hushed, two hands emerged from the curtain, snapping the television show's theme song while the crowd joined in.

Before the curtains part to start the show, each cast member goes through their pre-show rituals for good luck.

"We get together in a group and share our thoughts about how we are doing and how the show will go [before the show.] We also do a thing called 'Squeezy Squeezy,' which is where you squeeze one person's hand and another

person's hand on the side and the flow of hand squeezing will go all the way around the circle until it returns to the original person," Senior Griffin Hogan said.

Through cast dinners, rehearsals and performances, the cast is given opportunities to create "lifelong" memories with each other.

"My favorite part was the rehearsal process because we had to change a part of our blocking since Alaina, who played Wednesday, was too short. She had to stand up on a step so we could be eye to eye," Junior Jesse Trader said.

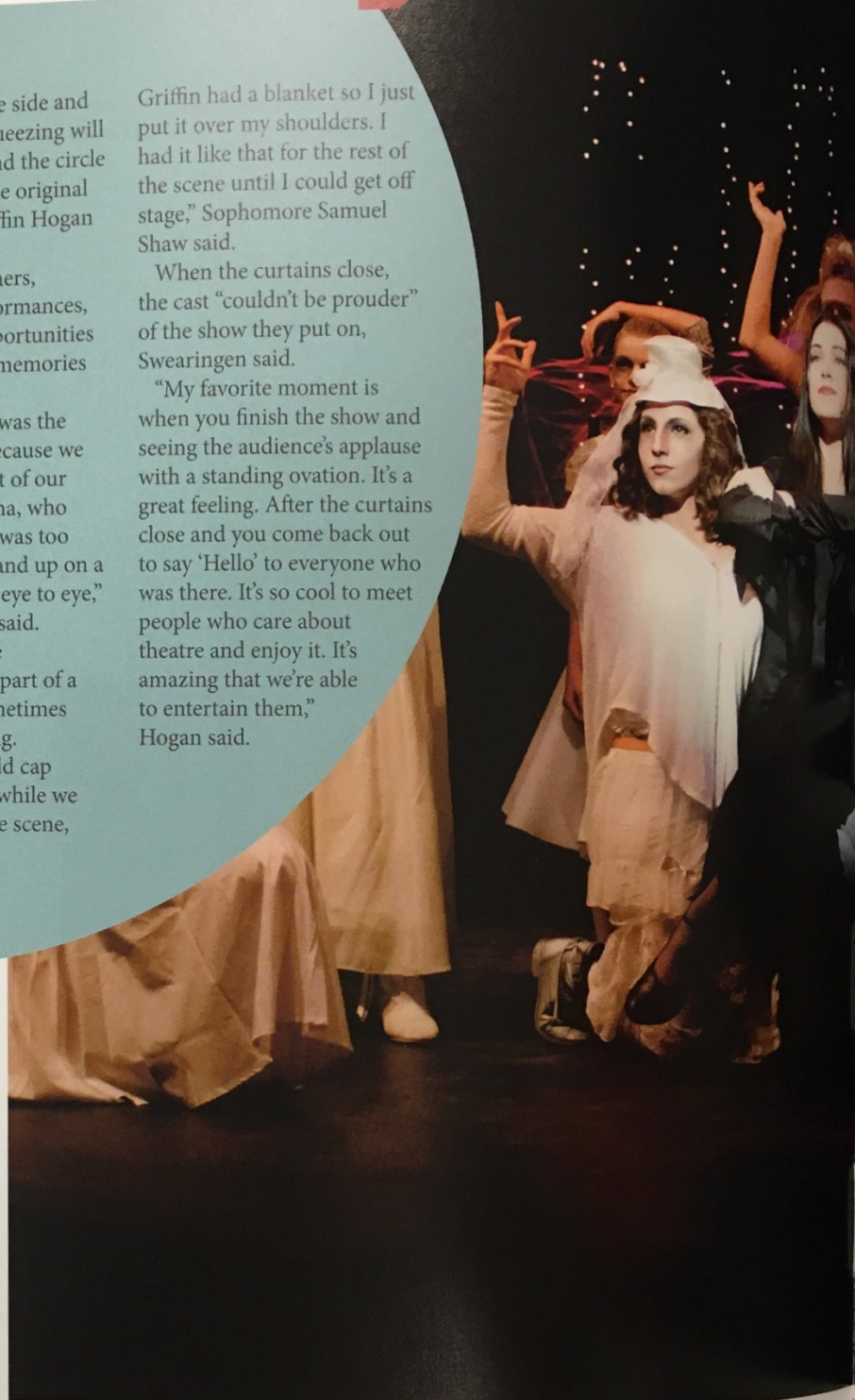
Costuming can be considered a major part of a production and sometimes things may go wrong.

"One time, my bald cap started to come off while we were on stage. In the scene,

Griffin had a blanket so I just put it over my shoulders. I had it like that for the rest of the scene until I could get off stage," Sophomore Samuel Shaw said.

When the curtains close, the cast "couldn't be prouder" of the show they put on, Swearingen said.

"My favorite moment is when you finish the show and seeing the audience's applause with a standing ovation. It's a great feeling. After the curtains close and you come back out to say 'Hello' to everyone who was there. It's so cool to meet people who care about theatre and enjoy it. It's amazing that we're able to entertain them," Hogan said.



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THE KOOKY COUPLE

Sophomore Erin Swearingen and Senior Trent Tyson's characters, Morticia and Gomez Addams, discuss each other's secrets in the living room of *The Addams Family* set. Swearingen says she "loved playing her character" because it gave her a "chance to do a character" she "was not used to." "I always love the end product more than I do the process," Swearingen said.

Photo by Jesal Patel



THE MOTHERS-IN-LAW

Freshman Taylor Cooper's character, Alice Beineke, meets Sophomore Erin Swearingen's character, Morticia Addams, for the first time in the play. Ticket sales this year were higher than any previous year. "It's one of the best feelings in the world. Just to know that so many people engaged into one thing and that you've produced something that will entertain," Swearingen said.

Photo by Ashleigh Thornton



Junior Shelby Nester likes at the top of a pyramid at a pep rally to get the students excited about the Huskies versus Bourne football game. She said that while pep rallies are fun and she's been running for years, it's still pretty intimidating to be in front of everybody. "I get nervous anytime we start at a pep rally, because I don't want to fall. I don't want to look bad, but in the end, it's fun," Nester said.

Photo by Sydney Hamaker
Junior Alyssa Marinier laughs on the gym floor at the Mathletes versus Athletics pep rally. There was a competition of who was best dressed for spirit day and they pulled her from the crowd to be one of the contenders. "I wasn't even planning on getting ready for Spirit Day until the morning of. I was like 'come on Mom, dress me up,'" Marinier said.

Photo by Paxton Moore
Junior Ryan Reed plays with the drumline at the Huskies vs Bourne pep rally. He said that even though he isn't the most important aspect of the pep rallies, he still has fun. "At the beginning I would get nervous to play at pep rallies but once you realize that you know what you're doing, it gets better," Reed said.

Photo by Sydney Hamaker
Senior Kendall Stovall sings at the Mathletes vs Athletics pep rally, as he has for the past two years. He said that the first time he sang was just a bet, and he sang "Aunt No Mountain" completely acapella. "I think every song time I forget a word or something, but usually everyone's singing along and laughing, so it's not a big deal," Stovall said.



BATTLE CRY

At any given pep rally, someone can look at the student section and see kids yelling along with the cheerleaders and showing their school spirit. Pep rallies can also give students many opportunities to get everyone pumped up for sports events, show off talents and represent and promote clubs since many students are in one place.

"I like dancing at pep rallies because it's a fun way to show school spirit and interact with the crowd. It's super fun to hear everyone cheering and going crazy in preparation for the night's game!" Junior Allison Stewart, Highstepper Lieutenant, said. For the past two years, Senior

Kendall Stovall has been singing at pep rallies. He said that for now, he doesn't think anyone has the guts to take up his legacy when he graduates, but there is still time for someone to step up.

"The pep rallies used to be really boring and no one liked attending them, so my friends bet me to sing at the next pep rally to spice things up... now I'm even worked into the pep rally schedule. There's a whole 'Kendall slot,' Stovall said.

Sophomore Sailor Mayberry also sang at a pep rally, but for a different reason. She sang with Kendall and said that she wasn't nervous because it was super fun and casual.

"I want to sing professionally and audition for The Voice, but my mom said that I had to prove that I could sing in front of a large crowd first. My friends thought it was really cool. Everyone was like 'Kendall's so cute! Look at you, singing with Kendall!'" Mayberry said.

Students can also utilize pep rallies to tell people about fundraisers and clubs. Junior Sofia Rojas got picked by the yearbook staff writer's 200th follower, Senior Megan Quetta, to promote the yearbook and its social media. Rojas said that she didn't regret agreeing to this, despite how gross it was.

"My hair and clothes weren't protected at all and I had to go through the rest of the day with hair that smelled like sour milk, but it was worth it. We have a lot of yearbook sales at the beginning of the year because of our Twitter and the pie helped us get more followers," Rojas said.

Every public school has pep rallies, but the opportunities students are given to get involved is something that not all schools may have. According to Stewart, they are a "fun" way to get students hyped up for games and "inspire school spirit."

RACKING UP MILEAGE **points.**

Summer, the warmest time of the year, the time of the year when the stress of projects, homework, the numerous exams and the overall stress from all school can finally get out of everyone's mind. It's the time to laugh, yell, sing, scream, spend time with the family, crazy friends, late nights catching up on favorite shows, tweeting to your heart's content and hopefully go on vacation.

For the summer of 2015 Juniors Sabrie Farrow and Kaeleigh Rausher and Sophomores Ashley Fitzpatrick and Gracelyn Graham said to have had a very busy yet enjoyable summer. From dancing in two big cities, volunteering, church camps and visiting seven different states they had numerous things to do.

Juniors Sabrie Farrow and Kaeleigh Rausher spent quite a bit of time together after spending several weeks together traveling to four different states by plane. They continued their summer their own traveling to three other

states and spending time with other friends and going to camps.

"I went on vacation with Kaeleigh to Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Arkansas. The entire trip took about two weeks. I also went to a journey camp for my church at Highland Lakes and I was able to let go of a lot of things I've been through. The best way to describe my summer is unforgettable, because if I hadn't gone to the camp, I wouldn't see the way I do now," Farrow said.

Although Rausher and Farrow spent quite a bit of time traveling to several different states and making memories, they still put dancing on their to do list. However, they were not the only ones dancing in these incredible states. From shopping for clothes, going to dance auditions and making new friends, Sophomore Gracelynn Graham visited and temporarily lived in two different cities.

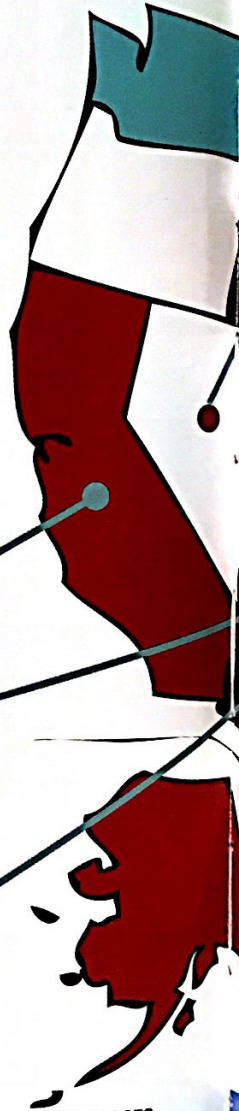
"This summer I went to New York for Joffrey Ballet

School, then I went to LA to dance and to The Edge dance studio and do an audition for a dance company. The most memorable moment was probably when I got a letter in August before school started saying I made it into the company. The most unique thing was, when I went to New York and basically lived on my own, it was fun to get on the subway and go shopping for groceries and get to go to Time Square and be independent." Graham said.

Summer of 2015, would seem as if it went well for these three girls.

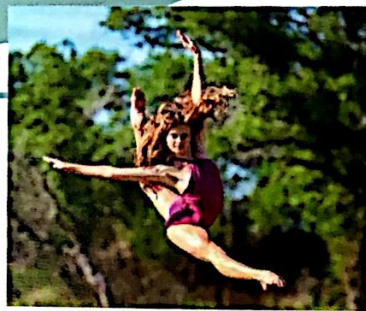
SEVEN STATE SUMMER

Junior Kaeleigh Rausher and her family take time to pose for a picture during their travel. Rausher traveled to seven different states through out the summer and traveled to three states in a week with one of her friends. "I got to do it all with one of my best friends. This summer was fun and unforgettable," Rausher said.
Photo courtesy of Kaeleigh Rausher



DANCING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Sophomore Gracelynn Graham performs a leap for the camera. Graham went to LA and New York over the summer to attend a dance program. "Summer to me is a chance to relieve all my stress and not worry about school, so I can focus on dance," Graham said.
Photo by Chris Reilly



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Juniors Hannah Hatch, Camille Dickson, Kristen Lindsey, Meghan Ballinger, Lexie Hinnenkamp, Ananna Salas-Porras, and Jaden Williams dress up for Christmas night at Younglife camp. They traveled to Crooked Creek Ranch in Colorado to attend the camp.
Photo courtesy of Camille Dickson



DISCOVERING THE ROOTS

This summer, Freshman Trevor Perez visited France and Germany for a vacation with his family. He went to France to visit his sister, who was going to school there, and to Germany because his mother found cousins of her who lived in Germany. "When we were in Germany, we went to my family's old farm house. It was really cool because there were pictures of my mom's great-grandparents there," Trevor Perez said.
Photo Courtesy of Trevor Perez

NO WEDGES **between** us

The Varsity golf team took place in a tournament at Star Ranch course in Round Rock, on February 22. The team faced twelve teams during this tournament, they played through wind and wet weather, but the team played awhile as a whole and senior Chandler Roberts places fifth overall.

"The tournament was a tough one, but I played through it. It had a lot to do with the weather not being

so great. The hardest part was the wind and the wet ground. Other than that, I had a fifth place turn out which wasn't bad," Roberts said.

Along with Roberts, Senior Gerardo Diaz placed third overall after starting back up in golf the second semester, because he didn't play the first semester.

"I came in third, but was on a close run to win the whole thing. I messed up on my last

hole, but third is still a good outcome. I wasn't expecting to play that well, but I played with some other people I really liked and had a lot of fun playing," Diaz said.

The boys and girls Varsity golf teams both ended off the season well, and continuing put in hard word in and out of season.

Photo By Brooke Sandoval

CONCORDIA BOUND

Senior Gerardo Diaz committed to carry on his golf career college at Concordia University in Austin. Diaz has been playing since the age of seven, and has loved it ever since.

"It's definitely a blessing to see how far I have come, and I'm more than excited to carry on my golf career," Diaz said.

Photo By Shuana Gola



IN LOVE WITH THE GAME

Senior Jackson Gola has been playing golf since the age of 12 and plans to always keep golf as a hobby throughout his future. Gola claims he fell in love with the game on day one and met some of his best friends through it.

"I fell in love with golf the first time I ever played and it's a hobby I plan to continue even when I'm older. It'll never get old to me, I'm thankful for the friendships and opportunities it has brought to me," Gola said.

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