

LOUD AND PROUD. “I think of Tiger Nation as amazing, dedicated, loud and clever. Some of the cheers they did towards the other student section made the whole team laugh on the court,” volleyball player Erin Hendrickson (’16) said.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



TOUCHDOWN. At the first game of the year, **Katy Moody (’16)** and **Annebeth Ahrenholz (’16)** cheer the football team on as they went for a touchdown against Iowa City High. “I would say just to keep the tradition of tailgating alive, get pumped for the games and come together as a class and cheer loud. You only get to be in high school once. Make the most of it,” Ahrenholz said. *Photo by Logan Cole*

ALL-AMERICAN. As he cheers on the team as they compete against Mason City, **Gus Marty (’16)**, goes above and beyond in his patriotic outfit. *Photo by Vanessa Kime*



Bleeding Red & Black

We cheer harder than your team plays

As the temps neared 89 degrees, the spirits of Tiger fans also swelled as hip-hop thumped through the tailgating party in Ames on Sept. 4.

Decked out in Hawaiian outfits, the Tiger Nation readied to face the Little Cyclones while battling off the intense rays of the sun.

"It was crazy humid. The wind was blowing pretty hard, and with the way everyone was dressed, it kind of looked like a luau," **Ben Terrell ('16)** said.

Getting rowdy and energized in the Ames parking lot, the students anxiously waited for the game to begin. The Ames event was just one of many rallies for school spirit this year. Other "outs" included the Patriot Out, Neon Out, White Out and one of the most famous ones, the Spirit Out.

"The most memorable game was the Spirit Out," football player **Marquise Jones ('16)** said. "It was well organized so that each grade wore a different color. It was by far the biggest student section since it was the homecoming game, and since West brought a really well-sized student section, it was pretty loud, which I really liked."

But football wasn't the only sport where fire for Tiger pride burned bright, and perhaps no other example showed this better than the volleyball team during tournament time.

"I have to admit it was very surprising to see how big our student section was," **Erin Hendrickson ('16)** said. "They almost filled two whole sections in the stadium. It also made me very happy because

AMERICAN OUT. During the American-themed football game at the UNI Dome, **Dalton Dickinson ('16)**, **Ben Louviere ('16)**, **Nate Llwellyn ('16)** and **Garret Geerdes ('16)** help create a spirited student section. *Photo by Logan Cole*

when you have that many people on your side and cheering you on, it made the atmosphere of the gym so exciting. Sometimes, Tiger Nation was cheering so loud I couldn't hear myself think or talk. It was amazing."

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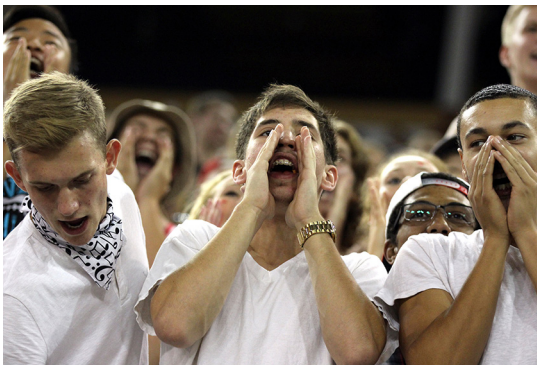
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Erin Hendrickson ('16)*

Tiger Nation even had a soundtrack whipped up by seniors **Aaron Heimbuck ('16)**, **Jacob Leisinger ('16)**, **Denison Harrington ('16)** and **Cole Murphy ('16)**. "They asked me to get on the track and write a little something about our girls volleyball team. Sure enough it was, in my opinion, the best anthem yet," Heimbuck said.

Their efforts not only made a huge impact on the student section but also toward the team.

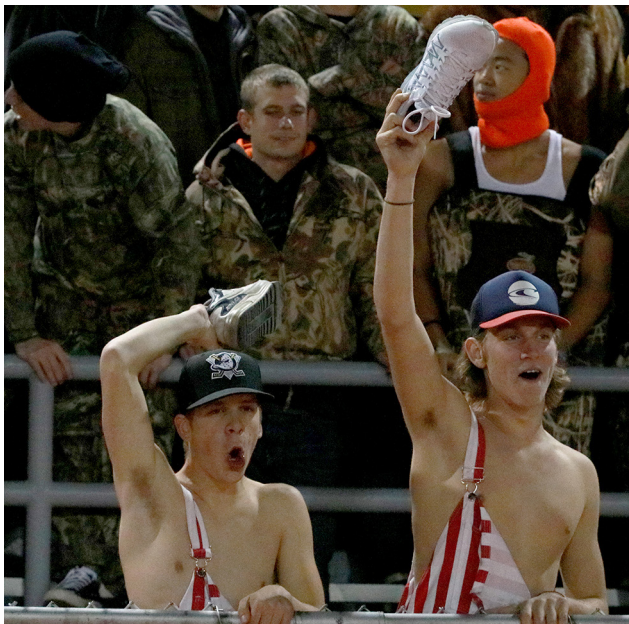
"I was really surprised how good of a job they did, especially because they made it in just one night. It was fun to listen to on the bus ride down to State and play in the locker room to get pumped before the game," **Emma Gerdes ('16)** said.

by Regina Galvez



HOMECOMING AT LAST. At their last homecoming game of their high school lives, **Aaron Heimbuck ('16)**, **Cody Kurth ('16)** and **Richard Horton ('16)** cheer on the football players as they compete against Waterloo West in the UNI Dome. *Photo by Logan Cole*

KICKS AND GIGGLES. As the team starts the game against Cedar Rapids Kennedy with the opening kick off, **Cole Murphy ('16)** and **Noah Hermanson ('16)** take off their shoes and wave them in the air. *Photo by Logan Cole*



BRING IT ON IN NEON. Gathered together at the semi-finals of the volleyball game are **Trevor Benson ('16)**, **Jacob Leisinger ('16)** and **Ry Martinson ('16)**. Martinson had the honor of leading the section. "My brother started Tiger Nation, so I guess that's how people knew me. It wasn't like a right of passage or vote, though. I just kind of took the lead. It was pretty lit," Martinson said.

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