



READY TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY, juniors Rylee Villhauer, McKenzie Fairfield, Gretchen Elmer and Eva Mysnyk arrive at the Marriott. "It's so much fun to see everyone dressed up," Villhauer said. "Getting to take pictures and eat dinner with your friends adds a lot to the night."

# Gettin' their groove on

Students hit the dance floor, ready to shake it up

The ballroom blared with loud music. Beats vibrated on the dance floor as students gathered in groups. Flashing lights bounced off the dancers' profiles. The Homecoming dance at the Marriott Conference Center on Oct. 5 drew 1,100 students, creating memories and breaking budgets.

"So far I've spent over \$1,000 at Von Maur on dresses only," Claire Keller '17 said. "I'll still need to get shoes and accessories."

Besides clothing, students incurred other expenses for that special night.

"My mom decided to splurge a little ... and rented a limo for my friends and me," said Mackenzi Marsh '16, who turned 16 Oct. 4. "It was a blast and a nice way to arrive."

Unlike Marsh, who went all out for Homecoming, others chose a simpler approach.

"I didn't want to spend a lot of money this year," Niki Asa '16 said. "My dress was only \$40, and I'm wearing the same shoes as last year. My group is just going to order pizza."

At the dance, students got their groove on and danced to the beat.

"My friends and I all got in a huge circle and starting singing to 'Wrecking Ball,'" Taelor Morman-Thein '14 said. "Definitely the best time of the night."

A packed dance floor posed an extra challenge to dancing the night away.

"I was psyched when my group finally made our way to the middle of the crowd because it was so hard to get in," Tyrek Allen '15 said.

For some seniors, the best part was sharing the night with others.

"Since it's my last year, getting all dressed up and looking nice while getting to dance with my friends was the highlight of my night," Maezz Khalid '14 said.

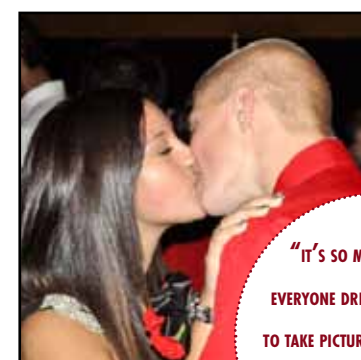
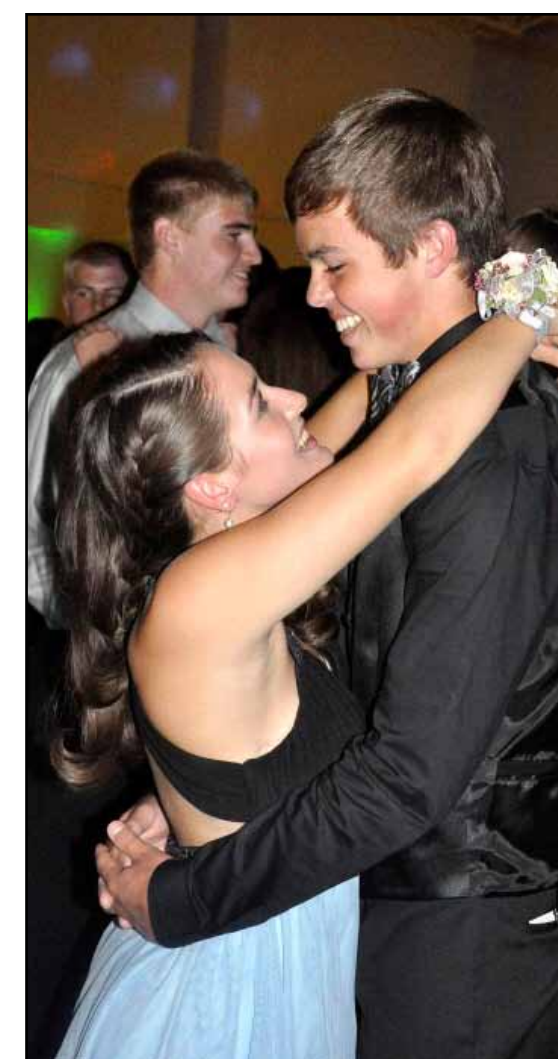
By 10:30 p.m., students had created a new set of memories. "This was the best homecoming yet," Amanda Duys '16 said.

—By Kenzie Greiner

**BOUNCE TO THE BEAT**, Paicheal Petty '14 dances the night away with her fellow classmates. "There is only one way to cheer. That'd be hard, which was my motto for the night," Petty said.

**A HAPPY ENDING** to Homecoming, Bridget McKenna '17 and Will Peterson '17 dance to "Remember When" at the Marriott. "I had a good time ... thanks to all of my friends," McKenna said. "I had a blast with my date and can't wait for next year."

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER**, Andree Oliver '17 tries to feel the rhythm of the music dancing beside Wyatt Phipps '17. "I just wanted to loosen up a bit," Oliver said.



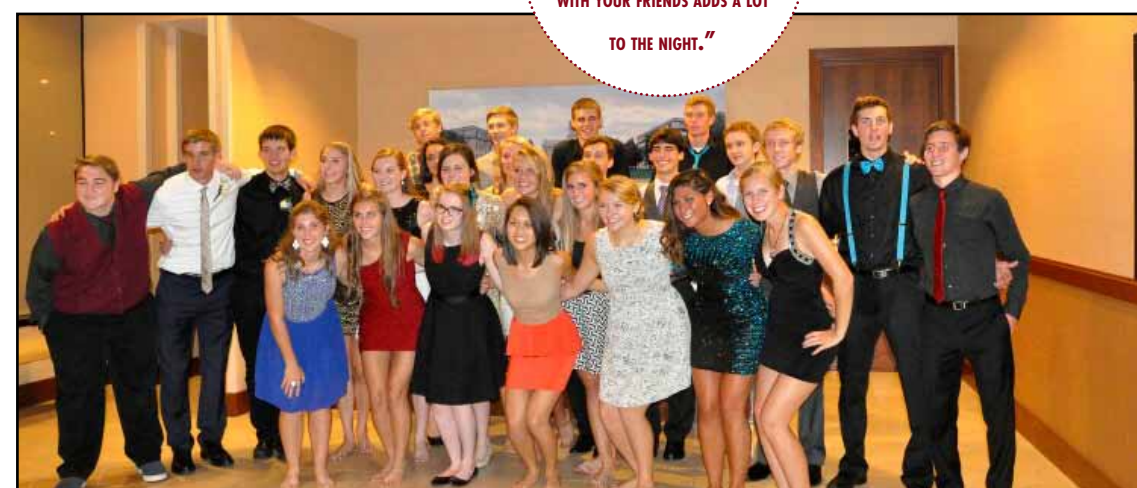
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**SHARING A MOMENT**, Ally Bauer '17 and Devontae Lane '17 dance to a Top 10 hit. "I don't actually like slow dancing, but everyone always does it," Bauer said.

**A HEART SKIPS A BEAT** for Hysa Rodriguez '17 and Tyler Yoerger '17 at Homecoming. "I had a really good night dancing with my boyfriend. He made it a night to remember," Rodriguez said.

**CONGRATS!** Fiona Armstrong-Pavlik '14 hugs Alli Peterson '14 after Peterson was named Homecoming queen. "I honestly had no clue who was going to win," Peterson said. "I was just really happy and felt very honored."

**THE HOMECOMING COURT** poses for a photo after results were announced Oct. 5. "I felt good that people recognized me as a good king and that I had made a good fashion choice for the night," Cole Hatzky '14 said.



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