

How did you ask your date to prom?

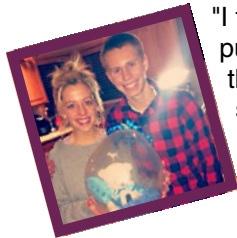


"I made a poster that read, 'Will you go "up" to prom with me?' I brought balloons and asked her in front of the cast before the musical."

- Cory Brannaman '14 with Alyssa Corcoran

"I remixed Hoodie Allen's 'Chase is On', recorded it, put it on a CD, and gave it to her."

- Paul Hines '14 with Taylor Sherman



"I took a stuffed bear and put it inside of a balloon that had a little sign saying 'Prom?'. The bear was holding nail polish because she likes to paint her nails."

- Tristan Rud '15 with Maren Jeppson

"I drove out to her house with her favorite food from Taste of India and asked if she would go to prom with me."

- Charlie Babcock '14 with Emma Conroy



Haley Smith is picked up by Nolan Teubel so that they can share a slow dance. "She is just too darn short," chuckles Nolan.



Prom Committee saves the day

By Hannah Wieditz

Chaos and stress filled the library as Prom Committee made frantic phone calls around the area. There was only one day left before prom, and a last-minute venue was needed to house the dance of the year.

So what was the reason that this inconvenient meeting was necessary? The original plan was to have the event at the Palmer House Stable in Solon, a venue that the committee had reserved months ago.

"Palmer House Stable unexpectedly canceled on us because they didn't pass inspection two days before our prom," said one of the leaders of prom

committee, senior **Gretchen Oelrich**. "We had no prior knowledge that a permit was not acquired previous to our contract. However, as a result, the high school will receive ten free proms from Palmer House Stable and will also receive \$300.00 towards decorations."

All's well that ends well, right? The Prom Committee, despite the time crunch, found a venue for students to dance and socialize just two miles away from good ole Mount Vernon. Many students actually preferred this convenient location as opposed to the Palmer House Stable. "I think it worked out a lot better to have the venue in Lisbon, because it was closer to post prom and people had more time to go

home and change into their post-prom attire. That is a stressful and time-consuming task for us ladies," said senior **Laura Deininger**.

Junior **Keegan Lamparek**, a member of the "Blue Crew," a group of ten guys who all wore blue shirts, also enjoyed the venue. "I think the Prom Committee did exceptionally well considering the circumstances they were under. However, I do look forward to next year's prom."

Prom is a highlight event of high school, and the beginning of the end for the senior class. Props to the Prom Committee for pushing through the unforeseen obstacles and making prom a night to remember.



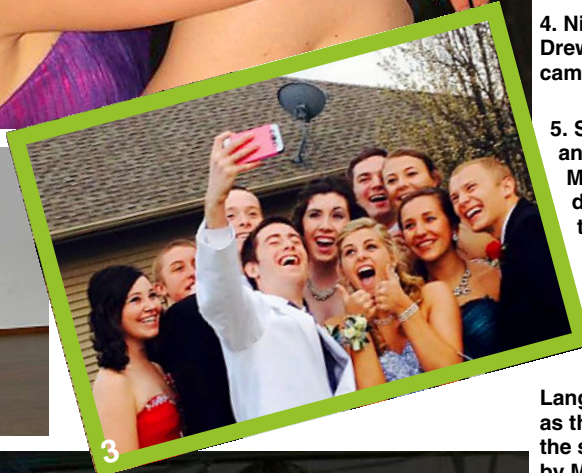
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1. Juniors Morgan Melchert and Johnny See share a slow dance together, April 26.



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2. Seniors Jacob Steele and Sonny Krob get crazy on the dance floor. These men were among the first prom attendees who were brave enough to start showing off their moves.



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3. Seniors take a selfie before they head off to dinner at Osaka in Cedar Rapids. They were trying to recreate Ellen Degeneres's famous Oscars selfie, but were unsuccessful.



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4. Nick Bowen, Liz Wade, and Drew Goetschius smile for the camera during the dance.

5. Senior Amanda Grunder and freshman Rory McCollum joust each other during post-prom. The theme was "tailgating" which also included karaoke, bingo, ping pong, and bags.

6. Seniors Gretchen Oelrich and Kyle Langhurst smile at each other as they share a slow dance to the song "She Will Be Loved" by Maroon 5.

7. Andy DeCamp and Anne Liberko peep their heads through a standee cutout of a Mount Vernon cheerleader and football player during post prom.

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By the Numbers

\$672.00 - Most expensive prom dress

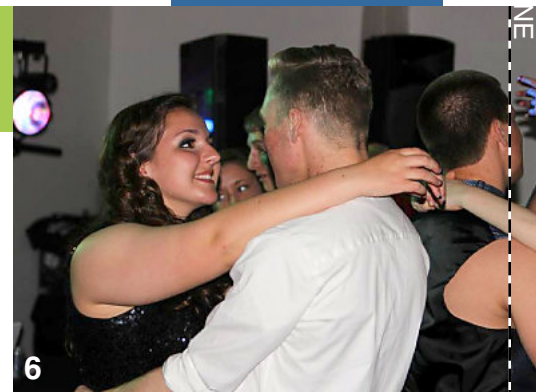
Number of students who attended prom: **152**

\$121.00 - Cost of flower adornments from Hy-Vee

Cost of food (cheesecake, m&ms, etc.) \$186.84



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