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# Senioritis sets in on Senior Students



by **WES JOHNSON**

Editor-in-Chief

Seniors have been working hard for the past three years taking tests, writing essays, and preparing to go to college. As the end of senior year approaches many seniors want to take it easy since they worked hard in the past. This leads to *senioritis*.

According to Wikipedia.com *senioritis* is a controversial syndrome attributed to students nearing the end of high school. Some symptoms include laziness, procrastination, lack of schoolwork, and truancies.

Although *senioritis* is considered an imaginary disease, many educators can tell when a high school senior is experi-

encing *senioritis*. Some things seniors can do to help cure *senioritis* include taking classes that will help you prepare for your

a physics test again? more essays?  
i'm going to need lots of scholarships!  
senior pictures are how much?!  
i need a transcript!  
how many credits do i need?  
CAN I TAKE A COLLEGE DAY?  
another application essay?  
will i get in?  
senioritis, senioritis, senioritis!  
how many more days?  
we're almost out of here!

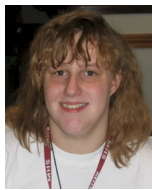
college career, not slacking off, staying on top of things, and filling out college applications.

What many high school seniors don't know is that if you have already gotten accepted into a college you can get turned down still. Most colleges require that your high school send an updated transcript and they can change their mind.

Most *senioritis* cases start around Christmas and New Years, or around Spring Break. Your senior year is not a time to slack off, fall behind, and miss out on opportunities that may come your way. You could use your senior year to broaden and strengthen your skills and experiences, in and out of school and prepare for the challenges that will soon come your way.

Staying involved with sports and other extra curricular activities help you stay focused. Some seniors also get internships that will help them get started on their career.

## Handicapped Accessibility: The Law, But Not Reality



by **FALLON KUNZ**

Guest Editor

When most people see someone with a disability, they might stop and think for a few minutes. But at the end of the day they go

home, and that person probably never crosses their thoughts again. With me, it's different. I've lived my entire life with Cerebral Palsy.

I was diagnosed with C.P. at 18 months, after being born three months early, and weighing in at an unbelievable one pound, eleven ounces.

So, what is Cerebral Palsy anyway? This is a question that I'm frequently asked, Cerebral Palsy, in a nutshell, is the direct result of a brain injury, which occurs either before, during, or within a few days after birth. Its affects are universal, and every child's case is different. I have diaplegic C. P., which means that mostly my legs are affected. I can do most of the things my peers can, but not everyone in my situation is so lucky.

By Indiana law, and according the Americans with Disabilities Act, every public place (unless protected due to historical value) must be accessible via a wheelchair, walker, or crutches. Being accessible means having ramps and/or automatic doors leading to entrances,

must be wider doorways, and public restrooms big enough for wheelchairs and equipped with railings. "Private businesses, open to the public... must make sure that people with disabilities are able to participate in the goods and services they offer. This includes making sure that all such buildings, new and existing, are accessible to individuals with disabilities." (IV: ADA: Part B; Title III: Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities, pg. 1)

Like most laws, this one isn't always followed. For example, my previous high school wasn't very accessible. There were several entrances to the school, yet only the front, main doorway had an automatic button so that the special needs students could enter the school independently. However, the special needs students weren't even dropped off at the main entrance. Instead, the non-handicapped students were dropped off at this door. This confused and upset me and many of my friends. Despite our numerous efforts to get the help we desperately needed, the school did nothing.

In addition to this, there were very few accessible restrooms on the second level of the school. The "handicapped accessible" stalls weren't even big enough for my power chair! Many of the restrooms the other students used had heavy, thick, wooden doors that were nearly impossible to open without assistance. Again, I

expressed my concerns. As I had expected, the school again ignored me. People at my former school were, in general, reluctant to help me when I needed it.

In contrast, MHS seems to be the perfect place for me. People here are eager to be of help, and it's much easier to get around. There are ramps everywhere, which makes it easier because I don't have to take a "detour" to get the stairs. This school is also smaller, with fewer students. This makes getting from class to class faster. Academically, MHS is much better. In the first six weeks, my GPA jumped from 1.8 to a 2.857!

In conclusion, according to law, every building, business and public place must accommodate special needs citizens. Accommodations include ramps, automatic doors, lower countertops, etc. If the ADA's regulations aren't followed, it makes life difficult for those of us who need them.



## Anderson leaves mark as Coach After 26 years this was his final trip to state competition



by **WES JOHNSON**

Editor-in-Chief

On November 14, 2005, Steve Anderson the legendary volleyball coach at MHS announced to his 2005 volleyball team that he was retiring. In his 26 years of coaching volleyball for the Cavemen he did some amazing things on the court with a 774-139 (.848) record. Anderson has done so many marvelous things for the Cavemen throughout the years.

In conference play the Cavemen have been practically unstoppable. Anderson's teams have posted a 214-9 (.959) and have won the N.I.C. trophy 23 times. Along with his brilliant conference record he has made



**Coach Anderson sits with his assistants John Himschoot (middle) and Sherry Keyser (right)**

it to state 16 times and won state three times in 1981, 1983, 1988. The biggest state win had to have been the year when they beat Munice Burris, they were ranked #2 nationally that year.

Anderson made his final trip to state

this year where the team lost to perennial power Indianapolis Cathedral in the semi-final match. The loss capped Anderson's stellar career. In his 26 year campaign he has gone to state 16 times.

Many people are sad to see him go, but Anderson will surely be remembered as one of the greatest coaches of MHS volleyball.

## Voice of the Students

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