

DANCING IN THE MOSH PIT, Cole Palmer, senior, becomes the center of attention during the dance, Jan. 26. The students created a circle for other students to show off their dance moves while providing entertainment for everyone. "I'm a dance fiend," Cole said.

ERIN KILFOY, SENIOR, cheers on her friend, Brooke Callahan, through her walk across the gym. Brooke was excited to support Brooke in the event and enjoy the night of dancing with her friends. "It was great seeing a friend on court, especially since I knew she wanted it so much," she said.



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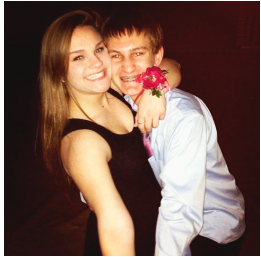
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Maddie Cummings, junior, and Joey Mundschenk, sophomore

Low Ticket Sales Don't Damper Dance

THREE HUNDRED FORTY. That was not the number of boutonnieres bought, group dinners eaten or pictures taken at Hatchet Hop.

It was the number of tickets sold. Less than one in five students bought a Hatchet Hop ticket, and less than that actually showed up. Early in the night, "Ratchet Hatchet" tweets flooded Twitter news feeds, and pictures of the empty David Holley Assembly hall clogged Instagram. While 80 percent (1340/1680) of the student body chose not to go, some students wanted to keep the tradition going.

"[My friends and I] decided we'd still go because there are only so many school dances we get to go to," Lucy Dwyer, sophomore, said. "It was less fun than dances where everyone goes, but it was still fun. We ran around and went crazy

like everyone else there. It wasn't awkward because there was hardly anyone there. It was weird to see [the gym] so bare."

Even though some found the atmosphere lacking, others were still able to have a good time. "If you went with a group of friends, it was still easy to have fun. It was better than Friendship because the DJ was much better," Paige Blasberg, senior, said. "I feel like some people think [Hatchet] is for couples. That's why not as many people went. Obviously prom is the best and Friendship is better because there's more people, but Hatchet was still fun."

The appeal of a school dance still lured freshmen to the David Holley Assembly Hall.

"The whole high school dance thing is still new to the freshmen, so everyone my age is still really into

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going. It was a lot like Friendship, but with a lot less people. It was a fun environment because it was so easy-going," Bella Boshara, freshman, said. "I went with my sister's friend group because another part of it was that freshman girls were too scared to ask guys. My thought is, 'The worst they can say is no, so why not go for it?'"

While some girls were scared to ask guys, the guys loved the opportunity to not stress about a dance.

"Girls are scared to ask guys, so Hatchet doesn't get as many takers as Friendship. It's a lot less stress for guys. We don't have to plan anything," Joey Mundschenk, sophomore, said.

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The Chosen Ones



LAUGHING TOGETHER, the rest of the Hatchet Man court pats Danny Smith, senior, for his win. James Bachman, Ryan McNamara, Jimmy McHugh, Andrew Bennett and Dan Weyerich were also on court. "Being on court was titillating as well as a huge honor," Ryan said. "Everyone on court had an abundance of fun, and it was awesome to have been nominated along with all my friends."



MIKE GAVIN, SENIOR PRINCIPAL, CROWNS ELISE TADROS, SENIOR, Hatchet Woman as the rest of the court watches. Megan McCarley, Emma Lawson, Brooke Callahan, Meghan Rintoul and Nikki Clodfelter, seniors, rounded out the rest of the court. "I didn't even know I was on the ballot until that morning," Nikki said. "We had a crazy group of people and were all lighthearted and supportive of each other. The whole experience as a whole was unforgettable."



Wardrobe Wars

50
dollar shirt

80
dollar jacket

40
dollar pants

20
minutes to get ready

190
total cost



Bobby Ceresia, junior, and Katlyn Kreie, sophomore

65
dollar dress

15
cost of jewelry

15
dollar shoes

30
minutes for hair and makeup

95
total cost



1 AFTER BEING CROWNED HATCHET WOMAN, Elise Tadros, senior, beams while Katherine Pope and Sloane Simmons, seniors, surround her. Elise was honored to win. "I was surprised I won," Elise said. "I always wanted to be on court, so it was really cool that all my friends were there supporting me."

2 DANCING WITH FRIENDS, TODD MCCULLOUGH, JUNIOR, makes the most of Hatchet Hop, Jan. 26. He went with a group of friends who met up earlier in the night to take pictures and eat pizza. "My favorite part was doing funny dances with my friends," Todd said.

3 KIANA FERMIN, NINA RAVENSBURG AND JULIA WILCUTT, juniors, dance with the few number of students who showed up to Hatchet Hop. The dance was hosted by Student Council, Jan. 26. "I thought it was really fun, and the dance circle was fun. It's the best part. Everyone got a good laugh," Julia said.

4 DITCHING THEIR SHOES, Brigid McNerney, Gabie Madej and Rachel Bruns, seniors, free-style on the floor. Rachel liked the small number of people at the dance. "We just went with a bunch of friends, and it was super fun," Rachel said. "Since not many people were there, we just went crazy and had a really fun time."

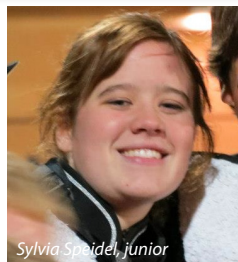
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What did you do instead of the dance?

» "I went to Universal Studios [in] Florida instead and met up with my cousin who lives there. I didn't go [to Hatchet] because it didn't sound fun."
- Sylvia Speidel, junior

"I had a movie night with friends."
- Kara Churovich, junior

"I didn't have a date, and I didn't ask anyone. I also didn't buy a ticket, so I just hung out with my friends."
- Paul Hazan, senior



"I don't really remember but most likely I was eating. It wasn't that fun last year, and I didn't want to buy shoes and a dress."
- Jen Comfort, sophomore

"I hung out with friends, and we talked about how little guts the girls at KHS have. Girls are indecisive and cannot deal with the risk of rejection. Nobody asked me, and you can't dance to the music they play."
- Brian Mackenzie, sophomore

"I babysat."
- Emily Harrod, junior
"I just didn't want to go. I can't remember what I did. Obviously it wasn't that great though."
- Kelly Nolen, senior
"I didn't go because I couldn't. Instead, I babysat."
- Alyssa Hilderbrand, freshman