

# Senior Slump or Comeback of the Year?



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Each of us had our own idea about what senior year would be like. Easier schoolwork (yeah, right), dances, sports events, memories... time after time again we have seen our fun squashed

by the weather, "lack of interest", or other such kill joys.

Purse regulations, Share Joys tickets, Powder Puff scheduling problems, Homecoming being early, Hoe-Down being moved, Sadies on a Sunday, and Mr. Moline getting cancelled have all changed what we thought senior year would be like.

Michelle Kutsunis says that one of her favorite (and unexpected) memories of senior year is "having my pencil case searched". One major disappointment on the first day of school was the no-purse rule. What are we supposed to do with our lip gloss, gum, wallets, school ids, pens and pencils... and oh, so much more? Some students feel that the administration should have worked harder to enforce smaller purses as well as the no cell phone rule. Oh well, I think most of us have adjusted.

As for schoolwork, it seems that it's gotten much harder. Although, admittedly, senior year testing is a lot easier than the ACTs and SATs we experienced junior year, we still have a LOT to go. With A.P. testing still to go, it seems like it's not going to let up anytime soon. Also, several seniors have college entrance exams as well as SAT IIs still to go.. so don't rejoice yet!

Being "Snowed in at Sadie's" was fun... until we realized that we had to go to Early Bird gym the next

morning, because it was on a school night. Hoe-Down in the Wharton parking lot completely killed interest... but for everyone who went, the seniors were determined to make it as fun as previous years.

When you look at the big picture, it looks like seniors this year have been cheated out of a good time. Call it being unlucky, or call it fate, seniors have been disappointed time and time again by the weather, scheduling difficulties, and an apathetic student body.

As we steadily approach the end of the year, I am forced to reflect upon senior year.

In general, I think our senior class has done an excellent job of making the most of things. Rocking out while float building (even though we got second place ...), and enjoying the Fall Sports Rally are some of the ways that we have made our senior year fun. Also, we enjoyed the football and basketball senior nights, superfanning... etc.

It is not only the big moments we cherish, but the little ones. Watching the senior boys dance with the contemporaires, walking onstage for coronation, and sitting here at this computer month after month writing articles for all of you to read are some of the memories I will never forget.

Also, we have a lot of senior year privileges to look forward to - Senior Prom, mid - day frisbee on the senior patio, Graduation, After-Graduation, Operation Prom, Spring Break, grad parties, and looking back on all of this year's fun.

We have yet to don our cap and gown, say our goodbyes, and go our separate ways.... we're making the most of our remaining time at Moline because it is only a matter of time before we are gone. Forever.

"Are we growing up or just going down?" I think we're on our way for a great comeback.



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### ROSES

Texting  
2007 concerts at the Mark  
New York City  
College acceptances  
Rice cakes  
Oragami  
The King and I  
Heart shaped pizzas  
Arctic Monkeys  
Ramen noodles  
Reese's Pieces  
Chamber orchestra  
Advisory treats  
The return of Entourage (04-08)  
"24"  
Knowing where you're going to college  
Beastie Boys  
Primal Zappage

### THORNS

Lack of snow days  
Advisory discussion topics  
Memorizing  
The fan in the pub  
Not having senior pictures taken yet  
Not knowing where you're going to college  
Packers Fans  
Your car getting dirty right after you wash it  
Leprechauns  
Prank calling  
Sunday Dances!!!  
Working overtime...at school!!!  
AP test preparations  
Celebrity gossip  
Chihuahuas  
Too many things in one day!  
Power Points  
Receiving financial aid info