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Principal Shaner - another year, even more goals

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It is a new school year and Principal Robert Shaner is back again patrolling the hallways of Sterling and more determined than ever. He has many goals for this year and primarily is hoping that Sterling makes AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress).

Shaner faced many obstacles last year during his first year as principal and, like anyone, would do things a little differently.

"I want all students to be proud of where they go to school," Shaner said. "I want to drive student achievement up. There are always mistakes, so I am just looking forward to the future."

His past jobs include being a police officer and he was in the marines. Those jobs prepared him for being a principal.

"Being a police officer and in the marines taught me to have compassion for people and discipline," Shaner said. Shaner was also a social studies teacher as well as an



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assistant principal in the district. Along with bringing a positive attitude and outlook to Sterling, Shaner has also brought discipline. "If discipline doesn't have a purpose then it is sadistic," Shaner said. "Discipline has to have a purpose."

One thing that he is keen about is giving the freshmen advice about their time in high school. "Time flies, enjoy everything while you're here," Shaner said. "Don't let things pass you by." That advice is something that all students

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should keep in mind. He enjoyed his first year at Sterling. He is a husband, father, and he still maintains being in charge of hundreds of students. He can be found, quite often, supporting students after school at games and school club activities. "I love to work with young people," Shaner said. "I live close so that helps and I can come back for games."

Leadership lock in

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Learning to lead. Seniors Katie Starkey, Stacey Capobianco, and Fadi Cholagh talk about their positions for the upcoming year. All three Warren Consolidated high schools were able to exchange ideas for the upcoming year at the lock in.

On the evening of August 27, Leadership students from all three Warren Consolidated high schools walked into Cousino High School geared up for a night of learning, bonding, and for some, sleep deprivation.

The second annual leadership academy included icebreakers, a motivational speaker, swap shops, skits, and a dance, began at 7 p.m. and ended at 5 a.m.

"It was an excellent way for all three schools to collaborate ideas about events and how to be a role model," senior leadership student Afroze Ahmed said.

Students from each high school were chosen to run different "swap shops" (stations where students learned about certain events such as office positions), community service, and senior choice awards.

Senior Senate Treasurer Fady Cholagh said, "Everyone learned a lot from the presentations."

Towards the end of the night, the schools were broken into groups to work on music routines which were later performed. Groups performed songs such as "Baby Got Back" while others were given "Old McDonald" and "Take

MSU taken over by journalism students

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Life at college may seem far away for those still fighting in the trenches of high school, but for a group of journalism students from Sterling a week at Michigan State was all it took to bring the campus life closer. Arriving on campus August 5, the students spent four nights and five days at Shaw Hall to learn more about student journalism.

"I love the campus and it's a college I am definitely considering," senior Lauren Adamek said.

The week at State was not a breezy vacation; instead the students partook in a variety of classes relating to journalism, all sponsored by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA).

"MIPA was a wonderful learning experience that I remember from high school," newspaper adviser Jennifer Wilson said. "It was tough battling the heat and finding my way around campus, but I learned so much from the teachers and other students that I was able to come back and apply to my high school. I'm glad our students are now able to experience the same thing."

The camp, aptly titled MIPA '07, brought professionals

Me Out to The Ball Game."

Cholagh thought the speaker was "the most enjoyable" while senior Nick Novak thought "the dance was the best."

"Overall, people got a lot out of it," Cholagh said. "It was exciting," added Ahmed.

School started early for leadership class. The advisors, Ashlee Schoen and Kelly Lucas, passed out the class syllabus, appointed Homecoming co-chairs, and gave forewarning about an upcoming test on the senate constitution.

"It created this sense of preparedness for the school year," Ahmed said.

and respected teachers from around the country to State in an attempt to educate teens from writing to technology.

"I was in a class to learn tricks and shortcuts with Adobe InDesign, but I also heard some interesting ideas (aside from design) from the people in my class," senior Kayla Krautner said. Senior newspaper students Adamek, Krautner, Katy Lindemann, and junior Shammi Farook also took Adobe



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Sterling's representation was far more robust than most schools, with six students (five from newspaper and one from yearbook) attending MIPA. Seniors Lauren Adamek, Josh DeFour, Kayla Krautner, Noelle Kerr, and Katy Lindemann, and junior Shammi Farook. In addition, Raegan Riley attended the summer journalism camp as a chaperone, which also allowed her to take an Adobe Photoshop class while she was there.

InDesign. Newspaper student Josh DeFour took entertainment writing while newspaper and yearbook student Noelle Kerr enrolled in Sports Photo.

While MIPA is technically an educational experience, it's no secret that half the fun involves living on campus. MIPA students stay in Shaw Hall and eat in the cafeteria just as they would if they were Spartan freshmen. Depending on the circumstances some MIPA students might even room with a complete stranger.

"I was assigned a roommate who was from Iowa, and at first it was awkward because I didn't know how living with a complete stranger would play out, but then we started hanging out and everything felt normal," senior Noelle Kerr said.

Kerr, Krautner, and Lindemann all received individual 2007 Excellence Awards in an awards ceremony at the end of camp.

Sports Schedule

Sept. 13:

Varsity & J.V. Volleyball away at Ford 5:30/7:30 p.m.
Freshman Volleyball away at Ford 5:30 p.m.
J.V. Football away at Eisenhower at 7 p.m.
Varsity Swimming home vs. Lakeview at 6 p.m.
Varsity & J.V. Tennis away at Avondale at 4 p.m.

Sept. 14:

Varsity & J.V. Soccer home vs. Mott at 4/5:30 p.m.
Varsity Football away vs. Eisenhower at 7 p.m.