



COLLEGE BOUND

After high school, Senior Mandy Burk plans to attend Baker College of Owosso to major in marketing. She will be living at home and commuting.

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THE REAL WORLD

Senior interviews prove to be a helpful part of preparing for life after high school. Senior Kevin Pettigrew will be attending Ferris State after graduation. Photo by Casie Decker

The real world approaches for Seniors and the choices seem confusing and overwhelming. Deciding whether to start college right away, work, join the military, or attend trade school are options that every Senior must face.

"I plan to work the summer after I graduate. I want to wait a year before I decide if I want to go on to college or not," said Senior Tiara Brya.

While some students plan to wait before going on to college, others are choosing to jump into the challenges that come with military life.

Senior Chris Melton plans to go into the army when he graduates.

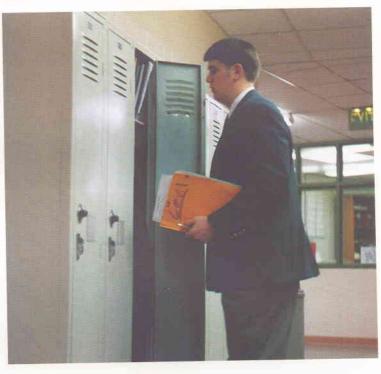
'I decided to go into the army because I want to go to college afterwards and they will pay for it,

plus I've always wanted to serve my country and this is how I can do it. It also gets me away from this little town," said Melton.

For some, the decision of what to do is just too close and they would rather work or just sit back and relax for the meantime. 'Right now, I am undecided about college. I'm moving into an apartment in May before we graduate, said Senior Traci Asher.

As Seniors eagerly await graduation, the options of what to do with their lives seem endless. Many are not going or are steering away from college for a year or two because of the increasing cost factor. Others need college as a requirement for their futures.

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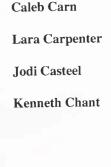




















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