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Spring dance remembers old Hollywood

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The annual spring fling, hosted by the Sophomore Cabinet, will be held on Saturday, March 7, in the Contest Gym.

“This year’s theme is [the] 1920s old Hollywood theme. We are trying to look at old black and white movies for some ideas from the old Oscars and glamour,” sophomore cabinet sponsor Jennifer Sipiera said.

Sipiera expressed the idea behind the dance.

“The spring fling used to be a freshman-sophomore dance [designed] to make them comfortable with a formal type of attire. Over the last couple of years, we decided to make it a whole school dance. It is just another way for students to have a safe environment, to come and have fun without having to worry about other outside pressures,” Sipiera said.

Student activities director Peter Geddeis agrees.

“The spring fling tends to be a dance geared towards the underclassmen that do not plan to go to prom. [The spring fling] is also a nice way to release stress after all the cold and snow, and for students to get a break from the blah’s of winter,” Geddeis said.

Geddeis believes that the spring fling is very different from other school dances.

“It is the most informal. In the past, sophomore cabinet has encouraged students to dress up if they want too, but [the dance] is not as formal as homecoming, and obviously not prom,” Geddeis said.

According to Sipiera, the preparation for the fling is important, because it will give the cabinet experience so that they are well prepared to plan out prom next year.

“As freshmen, the cabinet prepares the incoming eighth grade dance. The sophomore cabinet is in charge of the spring dance. The cabinets are given these opportunities to have an understanding on how to get a DJ, or [put together a] theme so that when it is time to plan out prom as juniors, they are used to it and prom can be run smoothly,” Sipiera said.

The spring fling not only gives cabinet members a chance to plan a dance in preparation for prom, but it also raises money to help junior cabinet pay for prom.

“The money that we raise from the spring fling will go towards deferring the costs of prom to help the junior class,” Sipiera said. “The reason we help is so that the ticket prices, for example, is not that expensive from year to year.”

The cabinet members will advertise the event throughout the school.

“I imagine that the sophomore cabinet will post fliers around the school and post video announcements during the morning announcements,” Geddeis said.

The sophomore cabinet also plans to publicize the event heavily in hopes of attracting more students.

“We are planning to publicize through signs, fliers and video announcements. We also hope to promote the spring fling with a preview day with the DJ we choose in the cafeteria,” Sipiera said.

