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## Senior Citizens Go Back to School for the Day

In our annual event, community members walk a day in the shoes of students.

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Staff Writer

On April 1, 2010, the halls of Dallastown were filled with approximately one hundred and twenty senior citizens who went back to school for the day.

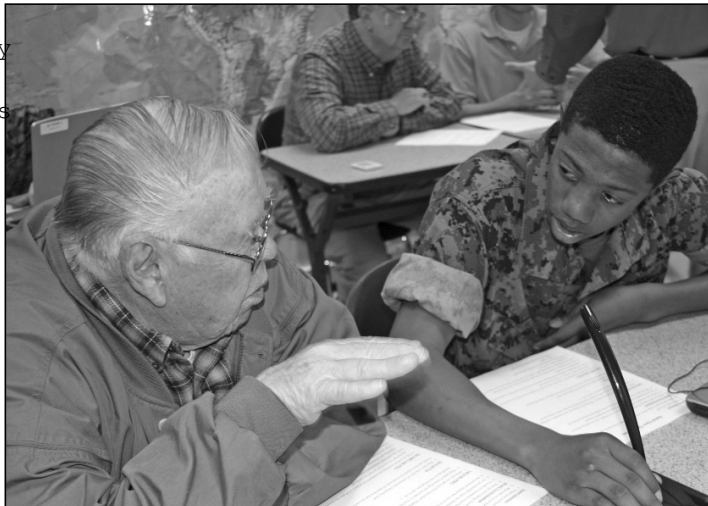
"The Senior Citizen conference is a way to give back to the community and keep them involved in what we are doing at Dallastown," Student Council Advisor Mrs. Turnball said.

The Annual Senior Citizen conference, sponsored by the Student Council, started with breakfast and was followed by speeches from the administrators.

"Dr. Fauth and Dr. Weinberg spoke basically about welcoming the senior citizens to Dallastown," senior Amy Jacobs said.

They then moved on to their classroom visits, which ranged from philosophy, English, math, science, Spanish, or history.

"I invited senior citizens to Shakespeare," Mrs. Raver said. "My former Sunday School Teacher Carl 'Red' Anderson was recruited to play the role of an unreasonable dad in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He had never read Shakespeare in his life, so he was reluctant. He was a good sport though; he perched on the reading stool and



A senior citizen explains his life experiences to freshman Will Culbreth in Mr. Robertson's class. photo submitted

provided the perfect gruff, older voice for the younger lovers to argue against."

Raver, like many other Dallastown teachers, tries to participate in the day each year.

"I had three senior citizens in my classroom this year," Mrs. Krantz said. "They enjoyed seeing our Wildcat Preschool operate and learning about our program. I participated every year because our program is 'hands-on' and there is a lot to share."

For some Dallastown teachers, it reminds them of their own experiences with the conference when they were in high school.

"I took part in the Senior Citizen's conference when I was in Student Council at Dallastown. I like to see the members of the community interact with students today," social studies teacher Mrs. Dallmeyer said.

Following the classroom visits, the senior citizens were broken into two groups and then to dance with Mrs. Werner, the gym teacher.

"The senior citizens learned three different dances. I had a blast teaching them and they enjoyed learning them," Werner said.

They also had participated in a trivia game called Turning Point with the student response clickers.

They then met in the band room to listen to student speakers discuss their specific clubs.

Karley Marquet spoke about Varsity club while Erin Kim discussed *The Spectator*. John Boddington talked about the Volunteer Club, Kristen Breen shared information about the National Honor Society, and Lauren Kaufman enlightened everyone about *The Beacon*.

The final student presentation came from senior Jordan

Nicholson on Student Council.

"I think they really enjoyed hearing about *The Beacon*, especially because one of the women I met was the editor-in-chief in the 1950's!" senior Lauren Kaufmann said.

After the group discussions, the senior citizens were served lunch by their designated guides and then watched a performance by members of the JROTC.

Senior Citizens' Day is a tradition that is enjoyable for the senior citizens of the Dallastown community, as well as the students who get to walk and talk with them throughout the day.

"I chose to chair this event because it actually involves members of the community as well as the school," Jacobs said.

Due to PSSA testing, the original date was changed for the conference last minute, which caused the musical not to be performed at the new date.

Senior Citizens' Day is a way for some former students and current students to bridge a gap between the generations. It is likely to continue to be a part of the Dallastown tradition for years to come.

"All of the senior citizens appeared to be enjoying themselves, and overall, the event ran smoothly. The senior citizens love coming into Dallastown and seeing all of the changes. They also really seem to enjoy interacting with the students and telling them all about how different everything is now compared to when they went to school," Jacobs said.

## Linking Hands to Help Incoming Freshmen

The Link Crew plans to help incoming students learn about the school.

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Staff Writer

The auditorium lights went down low, several hundred students became silent, and the first ever Link Crew meeting began to proceed.

The meeting on April 6, 2010, helped choose students who have the desire to assist incoming freshmen with their high school adjustment.

"We are looking for positive students to be a part of the program," science teacher Mrs.

Riddle said.

After comparing statistics from other schools, the Dallastown advisors proved that the program aides freshmen and makes the transition into high school easier.

"We hope to decrease disciplinary infractions," Lt. Col. Innerst said.

The program was started at Dallastown by Mrs. Riddle, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Downs, Lt. Col. Innerst, and Mr. Molin.

Students chosen to be in the group next year will be trained over the summer, and possibly taken out of classes to be instructed on their jobs.

Dates will also be assigned to students and they will be trained on those during that designated time.

The training sessions will vary in length and starting times.

There is a meeting on August 27, 2010. The meeting will also be the day all of the freshmen meet their Link Crew students.

Interested students will be in charge of a group containing about ten to twelve freshmen.

Students were first recommended by their teachers. Shortly after, any other interested individuals in tenth or eleventh grade were allowed to submit forms to be a part of the Crew.

"I am interested. I feel that it's a great way for kids to make their transition to high school and bring everyone closer together," junior Adam Lawicki said.

Many other interested students await approval into the program and their training sessions.

The advisors stated their excitement to work with the stu-



Mr. Schneider, Ms. Morrison, and Ms. Riddle speak to potential link crew leaders at their first meeting. photo submitted

dent members. "We want students to do something great, so join Link Crew," Riddle said.

As selections are made, stu-

dents are trained, and freshmen are introduced into the program, everyone will wait in anticipation to witness the success of Dallastown's new Link Crew.

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## Letter From the Editor



Next year, many of us will be starting over in a new school. How do you want to be remembered?

**LAUREN KAUFMANN**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Dear Dallastown,

From kindergarten to senior year, I have been a student here at Dallastown. I danced around the May Pole in fifth grade at Leader Heights, I distinctly recall standing on stage and looking across the crowd during the eighth grade awards ceremony, and I look forward to attending senior prom with my friends of the past thirteen years. In short, I have never had the experience of being "the new girl." With perhaps the exception of the first week of kindergarten, I have perpetually been surrounded by friends with whom I share priceless memories.

A few weeks ago, I spent a day at Red Lion High School as part of a "school switch" through our respective school papers. For the first time in my life, I was the new girl. I recognized no one, I drew curious glances as I walked through the halls, and I know I was under the ridicule of other students' first impressions.

In many ways, this experience has served as a "warm up" for my journey to college in the fall. I plan on attending The College of William & Mary, a school in Virginia where I will know no other students new or current students. The prospect of starting over, in a way, is pretty scary. But it got me thinking...

A very dear friend and I recently had a conversation in which we speculated about what our social lives in college will be. I've been very fortunate to have made some incredible friends during my thirteen years in Dallastown, but next year, I'm starting from scratch. How many people I meet will easily fit the roles left empty by my high school friends? Will I befriend the passionate artist whose free spirit inspires me to always, always stay true to myself? Will I find the hilarious friend who always keeps me laughing? The jock who talks sports with me between classes? The egotistical jerk who constantly makes absurd remarks in English class? My guess is that, for at least the more superficial roles, I will indeed find "replacements."

Then if this is true, who will replace me in the eyes of other graduating seniors? Am I the goody-two-shoes who has the reputation of being uptight and elitist? Do people perceive me as working so hard in school that my social life has been tossed aside? Or are my closest friends going to view our relationships as matchless?

For some of our peers, our roles are probably replaceable. But I truly believe that, for those with whom we have taken the time to forge honest, emotional friendships, we can never be replaced.

This month, Dallastown, as school winds down, try to fortify your strongest friendships. Soon we will all be leaving these halls, and the memories and friendships we have made during our years at Dallastown will be all we have left. Don't be expendable.

Signed,

*Your Friendly Neighborhood Journalist*

## Wikipedia: A Falsified Evil

Before you bash this helpful research tool, DAHS teachers and students, check your facts.

**BEN NAILL**  
Staff Writer



English teachers carrying lynch-ropes.

The persecution of this research website, created to be edited by the world, needs to come to an end.

But why is it that Wikipedia is shown no respect? Because of the fact that users are free to make any changes they want to

any article.

It is believed that this means that people could put things that are false or just as practical jokes.

However, Wikipedia has over 13,000 volunteers that review articles and the facts in them (most of these volunteers being experts in particular fields, according to BBC News).

Nature magazine conducted a study between Wikipedia and Encyclopedia Britannica to find mistakes. Four articles were used, two from each, with only a total of eight errors found, four per set.

Now with information like this, how can this website remain under such scrutiny?

It is my opinion that Wikipedia should be allowed to be cited in a research paper.

However, it should not be your only source of information, and, like with any source, information should be double checked to insure consistency.

"On a formal research paper, I wouldn't allow it. However, it is a good source for a quick reference," seminar instructor Mr.

Fickes said about this site.

A few years ago it would have been hard to find a teacher with such an opinion. The source has become more accepted as time and regulations on editing a Wiki Page have gotten stricter.

"Wikipedia is just a bunch of research sources combined; it makes finding the information that you need a lot easier," senior Kaylee Abend said.

"I just use the cited external links on the Wikipedia pages. They're more reliable and your teacher will never know you even used Wikipedia," sophomore Kevin Engman said.

Opinions on the site vary, but it is not uncommon to find students that wish that their teachers were more open to using the site.

Overall, I believe that Wikipedia is still a growing research source, though it is not perfect.

But technology is expanding and the ways that information is regulated is becoming more and more reliable. Wikipedia is definitely an example of this in our generation.

## The Great Climate Debate

Returning to the Opinion section with his last political comment of his senior year, Beacon writer Zach Einsig takes yet another hot is global warming.

**ZACH EINSIG**  
Staff Writer



storms appear to be getting stronger.

All of these events provide fuel to the over-hyped argument that the people of planet Earth are causing apocalyptic global warming.

While there is no doubt that humans affect the environment in sometimes negative ways, there is also no certainty that the Earth is undergoing massive man-made global warming.

The key in this prior statement is the phrase "man-made." If the science shows that the earth is warming, then the earth is warming. Plain and simple.

Whether the phrase "man-made" should be added to the equation is still, contrary to many media sources, up for debate.

For the entirety of Earth's existence, the temperature has gone through many changes and followed cooling and warming cycles. For example, before the earth cooled substantially during the period from the 14th through 19th centuries, the 8th century was even warmer than today.

One plausible cause of this temperature change is the change in the sun's temperature. Records indicate that changes in the sun's magnetic fields have led to direct changes in Earth's temperature.

During the last 100 years the Sun's solar energy has

increased; therefore the heating up of the planet that has since occurred is only logical.

The major problem of this global warming debate is that too many politicians and news sources have jumped foolishly on the "man-made" bandwagon.

Many individuals have exclaimed that the debate is over. What a stupid statement to make. In order for science to be science, debate is greatly needed.

Until we have more evidence that this warming is more than just a cyclical change caused by variables out of man's control, the debate will continue.

And this is an important debate, for at stake are many American jobs and quite possibly the future of American greatness.

Right now, Congress is considering legislation called, Cap and Trade, or what many call "Cap and Tax." In short this legislation would limit the amount of carbon emissions and tax businesses that went over this limit and would allow them to trade their emissions with a business that pollutes less than the carbon limit.

This system would make some goods more expensive to produce, which would cause these businesses to lower the supply of goods that they create.

The result of this will be higher prices and fewer American jobs. The decrease of jobs will come from the decrease in demand to create more goods.



The global warming debate has sparked much controversy and even some light-hearted political cartoons, as is shown. This image was printed in the *Philadelphia Examiner*. photo courtesy of examiner.com

This decrease in demand will come from the inability of people to pay the higher prices that the businesses would be forced to charge.

Right now, this very fragile economy cannot afford this legislation. America cannot afford fewer jobs and higher prices. This legislation may strangle businesses and worsen the current economic conditions.

While I believe that humans impact the environment, the "jury" is still undecided concerning the issue of whether global warming is "man-made" or just apart of the cycle of Earth.

Our nation must continue the debate, and scientists should continue to research this issue before action that limits our economy is taken.

The Congressional Budget Office alone estimates that the GDP of America would fall by 3.5% and our ability to purchase goods would drop by close to a percent.

I ask every one in this school to examine all of the facts in this climate debate before making a decision. Do not jump on the progressive bandwagon prematurely. Balance the facts with the costs that would come with legislative action. Be an informed citizen.

*Editor's Note:*

Though the "jury" may still be unconvinced, we should all be taking action to protect our environment. Use those recycling boxes, DAHS!

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Letters to the editor are encouraged and should be directed to any of the Beacon staff, Miss Gable in Room 116, or our email address, Beacon@dallastown.net.

Letters should be fewer than 300 words. Thank you.

**Faculty Advisor**  
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# The Beauty of the Madness

Sometimes even surpassing the excitement of the Super Bowl, March Madness sweeps the nation.

SEAN SPENCER  
Staff Writer



Many play-off systems in college and professional sports draw large audiences, but no one event can even compare to the epic appeal of March Madness.

March Madness gives 65 teams from across the country a chance to win the National College Basketball Championship. Both large and small schools can qualify for the tournament, which is what makes the tournament so entertaining.

"So many teams get a chance to win. That alone makes it worth watching," senior Travis Horan said.

Small schools are given the chance to upset the larger schools, which are viewed all year as dominant teams. Everyone loves an underdog story, and one can feel the crowd get behind the underdog.

In fact, many people had not heard of the team until they saw that they were playing a popular team such as Kentucky in the N.C.A.A. tournament. Everyone is fixed to the T.V. hoping that they can witness an upset.

For example, this year Butler, a number 5-seed, made it all the way to the National Championship game against Duke. In college football, Butler would not even have had a chance to play for the championship.

In the fall 2009 football season, Texas Christian University (TCU) and Boise State both went undefeated and neither had the chance to win the National Championship.

How can an undefeated team not be given the opportunity to win the championship? This just makes no sense, and takes away from the National Championship game.

Also, the most common item associated with March Madness is the bracket. People try to pre-

dict the winner of every game, which in many people's eyes is seen as impossible.

The outcome of every game just simply cannot be predicted due to the unpredictability of the tournament. However, fans still watch the scores of every game in hopes that they can at least win their office or neighborhood pool.

"I like how random the games can be. I never know who is going to win," senior Jared Gates said.

Many of the games are determined in the last few seconds. Plus, the first round consists of 32 games in a two day period.

Companies pay approximately 1.3 million dollars for a thirty second ad in the Final Four. In comparison, a thirty second ad for this past Super Bowl was three million dollars.

March Madness is truly a perfect tournament. It gives all deserving teams a chance to become victorious and gives teams seeds based on their regular season performance.

The excitement of this tournament is unmatched. It supplies entertainment for several weeks. Plus, no one can predict exactly what is going to happen.

## Put an End to the Drama

Though teenagers are certainly not alone in their dramatic ways, drama is running rampant in DAHS, and it's up to us to stop it.

JOVANA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer



I think everyone has at least one friend who is constantly involved in drama in one way or another.

It could be because she refuses to stop gossiping behind others backs. Maybe she starts fights with all of her ex-boyfriends' new girlfriends.

I know girls will be girls and have little tiffs, but it has to stop when the fights are over lip gloss and boys.

I recently watched a show called *Jerseylicious*, in which two grown women, who work with each other, are relentlessly at each other's throats for trivial reasons like dating one another's ex-boyfriends or scheduling their parties on the same day.

After watching this show I began to wonder why girls, or boys in some cases, crave drama. Will it end after high school?

According to Susan Carney of youthdevelopment.com, girls place a high value on their social relationships and status, and any person standing in their way of a high ranking position is treated as a threat.

As a result, they will do almost anything to maintain or increase their status in that group. This means they will take sides, shut girls out, spread gossip, and become involved in bad behavior to keep their high ranking position.

"There's always one girl in the group who is a gossip and a rumor-starter. She's usually full

of self-doubt and wants to make sure none of the other girls find out. It starts small and normally grows," Kate Apt stated in an article on helium.com.

Why is social status so important to women of all ages? Is it the ability to control others or the ability to control their own lives? I think one reason women crave drama is because they want to control the situation.

In the middle and high school age range, hairstyles, clothes, and social status are probably the only things we can manage to control.

Women and teenage girls are constantly being influenced by the media to be "perfect." One has to act, look and be a certain way. When girls don't feel they measure up to what they see in magazines and television, insecurity builds.

For most girls, if they see another whom she considers

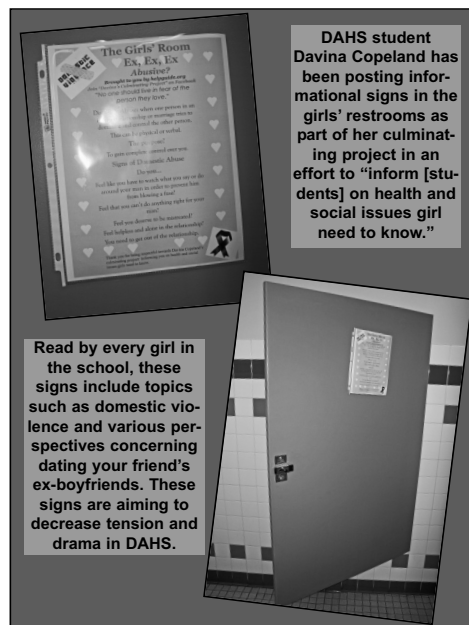
"prettier" than she is or a threat to her, she finds every flaw about her that she can so she can make herself feel better. Women say or think things along the lines of "She would be pretty if she didn't have a giant gap in her teeth."

Name calling, taunting and evil glares might seem harmless to some people, but for the person it's happening to, it can be a nightmare.

It only takes one girl to spread a terrible rumor around school, or get all her friends on the band wagon to make someone else life a living hell.

But it also only takes one person to stop this type of behavior from happening.

I know there's no way to completely stop this type of behavior, but malicious vindictive behavior over boys and vanity has to stop.



DAHS student Davina Copeland has been posting informational signs in the girls' restrooms as part of her culminating project in an effort to "inform [students] on health and social issues girl need to know."

Read by every girl in the school, these signs include topics such as domestic violence and various perspectives concerning dating your friend's ex-boyfriends. These signs are aiming to decrease tension and drama in DAHS.

## \* School Switch \*

The Wildcats and Lions square off and explore each other's territories...



Each year, local ambulance and police departments, as well as the hospital, volunteer to show the seniors of Red Lion the perils of drunk driving. The mock car accident was complete with student volunteers, who dressed in prom attire and were carried on stretchers to the waiting helicopter. photo by Lauren Kaufmann

Jordan says...

I've got to say, Red Lion Area High School is completely underestimated. Being there only one day, I was fully blown away by how the school defied its stereotype as Dallastown's rival.

I am proud of the strenuous curriculum offered at Dallastown because it fully prepares us students for college; but Red Lion's unique freedom did make me envious. I am not saying that Dallastown is not generous with our trust, but Red Lion definitely gives its students more independence, which is nice especially for seniors.

Students do not have to fill their class schedule, which, yes, means that study halls first period can become an extended good night's rest. They are not constantly checked for passes in the hallways, making one feel like a convict being questioned. Cell phones are allowed out at lunchtime, which is fifty-six minutes long and can take place in their cafeteria, outside in the sunshine, on the floor, in the hallways, or in classrooms.

Their new wings (the huge gymnasium that sparkles and cafeteria with ceilings fit for Jack, his beanstalk, and the giant) definitely out do our gray-colored walls and cattle shoot ramp. The Apple computers surprised me the most in all their white glory along with the fact that the school is three stories high.

Though those little things made me wish for just a second that I were a senior at Red Lion with more independence, I remembered my friends, our multiple array of class choices, and the unique desk arrangements (Red Lion's desks are the ones with the desktop attached to the chair, not good for comfort and movement). I also enjoy that we are not forced to wear ID badges daily or reverse in a parking lot with no pull-through spaces.

In closing, I am glad that I am able to watch the W-CAT announcements at 7:45 a.m., dine in the "cateteria" at a round table, and wear blue and white at our football games.

Ben says...

Rivalry can breed stereotypes and uninformed hatred. And I have to admit: I had fallen victim to these things.

The ongoing Dallastown vs. Red Lion duel has started rumors and bred other assumed shortcomings of each other's schools; I'm here to clear the air of this hear-say.

I recently had the opportunity to attend Red Lion Area High School for a school day.

I followed Brenna Buer, a senior and writer for Red Lion's *Leonid* newspaper.

First, some basics. Red Lion starts school at 7:38 a.m. The students report to homeroom for morning announcements, then to their first period class.

School is dismissed at 2:40 p.m. Lunch is not during a class. All of the students go to lunch at one time for a length of 56 minutes.

During lunch, you can eat anywhere you want, as long as you remain on school property.

The environment at Red Lion compared to Dallastown is much more relaxed.

However, all Red Lion students must have their student ID on them at all times.

Their school is organized by "wings." A, B, and C, are all parallel to each other and have three floors.

The new D wing is positioned perpendicular to A, B, and C and was only recently completed.

Seems complicated, right? It is. I found myself walking up and down more stairs than I ever want to in a single day.

The hallways are the same as ours. You have both obnoxious people and students just trying to go about their business.

Aside from the black and gold, Red Lion isn't as different as you would think.

Mechanically they run things differently, but no one is any trashier or more rich or more individual than anyone here at Dallastown.



## Revenge-seeking Robots

Dallastown finally got revenge after losing to Spring Grove at the Physics Olympics.

**NIR SINAY**  
**JESSIE RAMAGE**  
*Staff Writer*

After the devastating loss at the Physics Olympics to Spring Grove, Dallastown needed to pump up its reputation in the science department.

Junior Mike Kline and seniors Brandt Witt, Harsha Talluri, Matt Solatto, and Josh Van Hine were all part of this mission to get revenge.

The opportunity presented itself when Spring Grove held its Vex Robotics Invitational this spring.

"We were motivated to compete for two reasons. Revenge on Spring Grove and getting Lab Passes," senior Brandt Witt said.

Inspired by the movie,

Revenge of the Nerds, the boys named their robotics team, "Lambda Lambda Lambda"—to really pull through with the theme of revenge.

The team formed with the help of Mr. Illyes, the head of Dallastown's Science department.

Team member, Mike Kline had previously competed in the FIRST Robotics competition earlier this year.

FIRST means For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. He and several other Dallastown students were a part of Team 225 York-Adams United. The team was made up of approximately 10 students from our area and 8 mentors.

They worked together for six weeks after school and all day on Saturdays to create a robot named "O-lay."

The robot had to be able to, at minimum, push balls around and at maximum, kick them up to 50 feet, climb over barriers, and climb on a tower at the end of the match.

The team placed seventeen



Seniors Josh Van Hine, Matt Salotto, Harsha Talluri, and Brandt Witt and junior Mike Kline stand with their Vex trophies. photo submitted

out of fifty in a competition at the Baltimore Convention Center.

For Kline, it was worth the work.

"Being on team was the best part of it. It was hardwork, but it didn't seem as hard because it is something I enjoyed doing," Kline said.

So, when the Vex

Competition opportunity presented itself, Kline teamed up with the others to form Lambda Lambda Lambda.

The team built their base robot in three hours and then spent time figuring out the additional parts and how they would use them to compete.

Van Hine was the team captain, and Kline was the operator

of the Robot. Witt, Talluri, and Solatto were the crew members for the team. They changed batteries, strategized, reassembled parts and encouraged the team, as well as intimidating the opposing competitors.

The Robot itself was about 8 inches high and 10x12 inches at the base.

In the actual competition, the teams had to participate in 6 different challenges. Some of the challenges included racing through a maze, marble pick-ups, battle ball and bowling.

"My favorite part of the Vex Competition was when we were the last team to do the bowling and we bowled the only strike of the night. The team went nuts," Kline said.

The challenges were fun for the team because of their strengths in science. "We have a deeply rooted interest in physics," Talluri said.

At the end of the day, the goal of revenge was met, granting Dallastown a second place win at Spring Grove's Vex Robotics Invitational.

## Obsessions: Good or Bad?

Guilty pleasure may not be so guilty. In fact, may help with one's health.

**BROOKE BRACKETT**  
**ANGELA GIDDINGS**  
*Staff Writer*

Obsessions are something that everyone has. Not all obsessions are good, but not all obsessions are bad either.

There are a lot of misconceptions with certain obsessions that people have. Some of these obsessions include coffee, wine, and chocolate.

There has been a lot of

research done on drinking coffee and the benefits that come with it.

Harvard researchers have found that over 126,000 people over the course of eighteen years have benefited from coffee.

Thomas DePaulis, a research scientist at Vanderbilt University's Institute for coffee studies said, "Overall, the research shows that coffee is far more healthful than it is harmful."

Some benefits include lowering the risk of Type 2 Diabetes. By drinking at least one to three cups of coffee daily, it can reduce the risk by single digits.

But by drinking six or more cups, they have found it lowers men's risk by 54% and women's by 30% over non coffee drinkers.

There has also been evidence that shows it helps manage asthma and can even control an attack if medication is not available.

Furthermore, it can help to stop headaches and prevent cavities.

Evidence is very strong that drinking coffee regularly reduces the risk of Parkinson's disease because it is directly related to caffeine.

DePaulis said, "In fact, Parkinson's drugs are now being developed that contains a derivative of caffeine based on the evidence gathered."

Another obsession that is actually a healthy one to have, IF age appropriate, is drinking red wine daily.

The benefits include preserv-

ing memory. In studies done, it has shown that women in their 70s who drank one or more every day scored much better on memory quizzes than those who do not.

By drinking wine, it helps to prevent clots and reduce blood vessel inflammation which both leads to heart disease.

Another benefit to drinking red wine daily is to tend to have lower body mass and narrower waists and less abdominal fat than people who drink liquor or those who do not drink wine at all.

The third obsession that a lot of people tend to have is chocolate. Sweets and sugars can be bad for you, but not all sugars are bad.

Researchers at the 2004

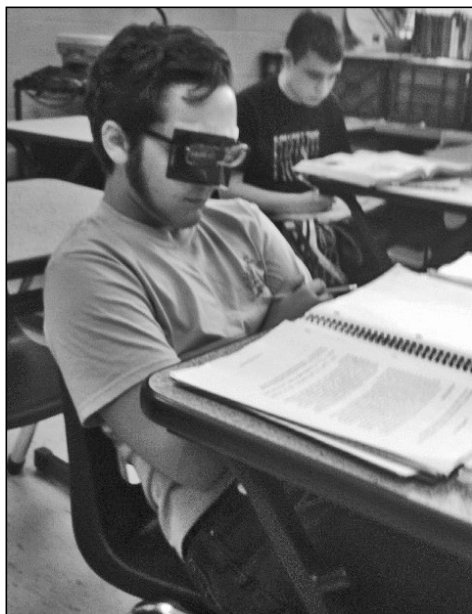
American Society of Hypertension Annual Scientific Meeting in New York have found that dark chocolate and cocoa improves the function of blood vessels.

Dark chocolate is also full of antioxidants. These are substances that protect cells against the effects of free radicals. Free radicals may harm cells and cause heart disease and cancer.

So just eating a piece of chocolate could save you the risk of getting cancer.

The next time someone says to you that one of these obsessions is something you should get rid of fast, you will be able to inform them of all the benefits that are involved with them.

## PSSAs are a Doozy



Junior Russel Torres takes a cat nap after he finished his PSSA test. He rests his head on his hands while wearing his handmade sleep mask. photo submitted

PSSAs terrorize the juniors at Dallastown but benefit the school.

**JORDAN NICHOLSON**  
*Co-editor-in-chief*

After the first day of essay writing for junior Russel Torres, he decided to take advantage of the PSSA Survival Kit's tips.

Torres took the black slip that had once covered the writing prompt and proceeded to create a sleeping mask by securing his glasses over it.

"It was right after the students finished. I went over and took a picture. He was snoozing," English teacher Mrs. Anderson said.

Some juniors said that although the material was doable, the schedule made it difficult for them to keep up in other classes.

"Because the test took more than a period, I was constantly missing time and work in my other classes. I had a lot of tests to make up," junior Jordan Mayer said.

## Into the Wild

Envirothon team places in annual competition.

**JORDAN NICHOLSON**  
*Co-editor-in-chief*

On April 26, 2010, from 9:30-1:30 p.m. Envirothon participants competed with seventeen other teams to win the Envirothon competition at John Rudy Park.

Practice for the competition consisted of visiting places that range from Nixon Park to tree farms.

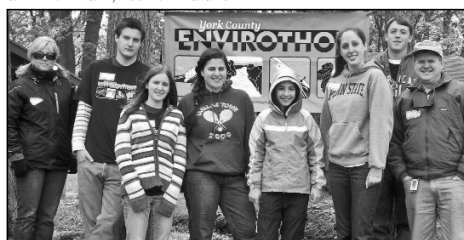
"I especially loved the hiking at Nixon Park," senior Natalie

Cox said.

The challenges consisted of tests from practicals to written answers. The categories in which they competed were as follows: aquatic, wildlife, current issues, soils, and forestry.

Groups were then ranked from first to third place. Dallastown's team consisting of Freshmen Lauren Hodge and Brett Gemmill and seniors Jeff Putt, Sara Yourist, Shelby Ampsacher, and Natalie Cox won third in wildlife.

"We did everything from identifying trees to determining soil quality," Cox said. "In the end, we brought home ninth place overall."



The Envirothon team headed by Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. Stauffer pose at the annual tournament held at John Rudy Park. photo submitted

## A "Nichol" For Your Thoughts

"Look for the bare necessities."

*Hey Dallastown!*

Antiquing with my mother months ago, I came upon a piece of hand-stitched needlework.

Stitched somewhat illegibly was a poem. By whom, I have no idea; but, for this issue, the only thing that has been on my mind is the **promise** of a scorching July day where I have nothing on my plate.

Sometimes as students we are completely stretched in all **directions** between family, friends, schoolwork, and extracurricular activities, but I for one always try to pause a **moment** and take a deep breath knowing that all of my hard work will soon payoff.

The poem that I found is simple and to the point. In fact, it is entitled "It's the Simple Things" to **remind** us that in our **fast-paced** world in which we live, it is always good to once in a while stop a second to let go of **grudges**, to stop **comparing** oneself to others, to stop **dwelling** on the items one does not have or the negatives, and to start **counting our blessings** and appreciating all that we do have for one day, they may only be a **memory**.

### It's the Simple Things

It's always the simple things in life that are best.  
The laughter of children and baby birds in a nest.  
A walk in the woods, smelling freshly mown hay.

Or a peak of the sun on a cold rainy day.  
It's a smile from a stranger while passing you by.  
Or the sight of a rainbow in a clear flawless sky.  
So accept all the little things that life has to give.  
Make the most of each day for it's simply, your life to live.



## Walk for a Cure

Dallastown students join together to get down and dirty and pet a llama help support Cystic Fibrosis

**MOLLY NORTON**  
Staff Writer

Last year one of the biggest and most talked about events at Dallastown was the annual CF fundraising event held by the Volunteer Club to help raise money for Cystic Fibrosis in support of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy's son, Shad.

With the Down and Dirty Challenge (D&D) added to the event last year, the expectations were higher than ever and the expectations were certainly reached.

"The D&D was a great addition to the CF event. The mud pit was a lot of fun. A little dirt never hurt anyone," junior Alicia Inkrote said.

Since the D&D was such a hit with Dallastown students, it only made sense for the Volunteer Club to make the D&D the focus of the 2010 CF

event.

"This year's D&D is going to be even better than last year. The Volunteer Club is putting a lot of effort into the D&D because it is the biggest part of this year's CF event," junior Volunteer Club member Emily Beard said.

To make this year even better, different events have been added to the challenge. And if anyone thought it was not possible, the events just may be even more 'dirty' than they were last year.

Some of the new events added are Blind Man's Basketball, a Slip and Slide distance challenge, Hamster Run, and even a Dunk Tank where students will be able to dunk their favorite (or not so favorite) teachers.

If you would like to participate in those interestingly named events, find a partner and sign up. Students can even choose who else they would like to have in their heats. That way it will be even more competitive and fun.

Although the D&D is the focus of this year's CF event, there will, of course, be many other activities. There will be a 5K run, pizza eating contest, fun run, an Ultimate Polka Contest, face painting, and lots of food and socializing.

Another activity taking

place to raise money for the CF cause is the fashion show. Juniors Hannah Lane and Bobby Esiaaba are holding the CF Fashion Show for their culminating projects. This is the third year a fashion show to raise money for CF has been held.

The actual show is June 3, but new or gently used clothing are being collected now so anyone interested in decorating can start.

"Everyone attending can bid on the pieces they want. The money obviously goes to the CF fund," Lane said.

At any major event, food is a major part. That is why at the CF event there is a food card that the people that pay to be a part of the event get. The food card allows everyone to get one of each type of food. Walking tacos, hot dogs, baked goods, and soda are among the different foods the card allows.

The CF event will be held on June 4, 2010 from 2 pm to 6 pm. That is one of the half days that finals are taking place. That way after a rough exam, students can let loose and have fun.

It is \$20 to sign up and be a part of the D&D Challenge. If students pay to participate in that, then they can participate in the 5K, too. Paying for one allows students to participate in both for only \$20.



Students participate in the "Down and Dirty" challenge, benefiting the CF cause. All of last year's students thoroughly enjoyed the mud experience and were glad that they were able to help out with a cause by having fun. photo submitted

## Debating to the Finish Line

Dallastown Forensics team, while being both lesser known act and the smallest team in the area, continues the tradition of suc

time preparing to do just that.

The team, coached by Dallastown graduate Stephanie Borger and lead by senior captain Lizz Crivaro, practices after school Tuesdays and Thursdays until as late as nine o'clock at night and participates in tournaments on the weekends.

Forensics is speech and debate organized into three major categories: interpretation of literature, public address, and debate.

A team member competing in the interpretation of literature would choose either a dramatic or humorous piece of literature that is acted out in front of judges for about ten minutes.

Public address consists of informative and persuasive speeches as well as extemporaneous speaking, an event where one is given thirty minutes to answer a current event question

using files and then present a seven minute speech.

The last public address event is Student Congress, a mock session of real Congress.

Debate is the last category, and there are three events in which DAHS participates: parliamentary debate, where teams of three address a certain theoretical issue and simply debate back and forth. "Forensics helps expand your knowledge, seeing that you're either closely studying literature, learning about current events, or exploring deeply philosophical issues," Crivaro said.

Public forum, a two-on-two debate in which teams must support the pro or con side of a resolution, which is usually a statement resolving current events.

Students get involved in Forensics for a variety of reasons.

"My parents told me from an early age that I would be a good lawyer, because I argue about everything, so when they heard that the school had a debate team they told me I should check it out. It turned out that I was pretty good at it," sophomore Ryan Schroeder said.

The Lincoln-Douglas debate is a values-based debate answering a moral or philosophical dilemma.

"It's rather empowering to wear a suit and make people cry," freshman Megan Noll, a Lincoln-Douglas debater said.

For the thirteenth year straight, Dallastown took home the Pennsylvania High School Speech League District 7 victory and qualified many competitors to the state-wide competition at Susquehanna University.

In addition to a strong finish at districts and states, the

Dallastown team considers their trip to another prestigious tournament as a highlight of the year.

"The team had an excellent showing at the University of Pennsylvania's Liberty Bell Classic," Crivaro said.

Other members of the team include senior David Trauffer, juniors Kate Heath, Jacob Winograd, Robert Wood, Linda Wang, Brooke Baldwin, and Ethan Roth, sophomores Ryan Schroeder and Alaysha Claiborne, and freshmen Benny Berger, Sam Nicholson, Megan Noll and Christina Haritos.

"The experiences I've had in forensics have yet to be matched by anything else I've done. The travel and exploration of new places were incredible, as were the friendships I've gained as a result of the community," Crivaro said.

**KATIE MATERO**  
Staff Writer

Imagine giving speeches similar to that of oral communications to a random audience every weekend and being judged for your performance.

While to most people this seems more of a nightmare than a fantasy, the Forensics team at DAHS spends most of their free



## When in Rome

by Lauren Kaufmann

Who ever thought that University of Venezuela sweat-shirts would be superfluous in a European country? Apparently, our beloved Dr. Fauth.

Hilarious moments such as this were abundant on the 2010 Latin trip to Italy, which occurred from March 10 to March 18.

Twenty-four students and five adult chaperones journeyed through one of the most beautiful countries in the world, stopping in the world-renowned cities of Rome, Venice, Florence, and Pompeii.

"Venice was probably my favorite city," senior Brett Jensen said. "The boat rides were awesome, especially at night."

In addition to putting their Latin to use by translating the innumerable monuments and gravestones, the students were able to experience Italia as fun-loving tourists.

"Watching [Westenberger] illegally film the Sistine Chapel through the top of his backpack was definitely a trip highlight," Jensen said.

"We climbed the Duomo in Florence, which was pretty horrifying, considering I was afraid of heights," senior Lee Putt said. "However, the view from the top was worth the climb."

As they glided across Venetian canals in golden gondolas, ate lunch in open-air markets in Padua, visited

Michelangelo's famous David in Florence, and uncovered the secrets of Pompeii by hiking to the top of Mt. Vesuvius, the students bonded over hilarious moments throughout the trip.

"I have my six," senior Izzy Spanswick said. "Additionally, I learned that Italian toast is not toast, and the Spanish steps are actually rather slippery."

Even though the students handled all of the unfamiliar experiences with panache, some slip ups occurred.

"Several restaurant owners laughed at my butchering of their language," Jensen said. "For example, I pronounced 'cattucci' like 'Kentucky.'"

"The best was probably when Amy [Jacobs] was made fun of by a gelato store owner," Spanswick said, "when she said, 'I'd like the four dollar cone...ah! crap the four euro cone!'"

Visiting Italy, though, was not all fun and games. The students bonded as time progressed, and the breathtaking spectacles served to remind everyone of the uniqueness of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"Playing soccer on the beach of the Mediterranean Sea was just awesome," senior Amy Jacobs said concerning one of the most poignant moments of the trip. "Overall, it was an amazing trip with an awesome group of people."

Doc Nel's soccer team celebrates after their victory. Mucho bend!



Seniors Lauren Kaufmann and Brett Jensen show tour guide Mauro how to pose, American style.



Senior Leah Beach samples the water from an ancient Roman fountain.



Seniors Leah Beach, Lauren Kaufmann, and Amy Whitesel enjoy another gorgeous Italian view as roommates.



Senior Amy Jacobs and chaperone Mrs. Godfrey spend a quiet moment in Italy.



Seniors Lee Putt and Izzy Spanswick goof off after climbing to the top of the Duomo in Florence.



Senior Sam Westenberger reps for America while filming in the center of Rome.



Junior Tia Bartha and seniors Sam Westenberger, Shelby Bleile, and Brett Jensen enjoy a moonlight walk through Venice.



This fearless Doc Nel shows how it's done by walking down the Spanish Steps, slip-free.



Senior Lauren Kaufmann pops the collar of senior Lee Putt, who conquered his fear of heights while climbing to the top of the Duomo.



Junior Russel Torres celebrates his triumphant climb to the top of Mt. Vesuvius and enjoys a panoramic view of Naples.



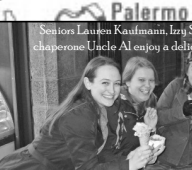
Doc Nel becomes the Deadliest Warrior during a friendly soccer game on the beach in Venice.



Senior Brett Jensen wins over the crowd as his alter ego, the Fonz, while modeling a leather jacket in Florence.



A group of Latin III students listens intently during a tour through Rome.



Seniors Lauren Kaufmann, Izzy Spanswick, and Leah Beach and chaperone Uncle Al enjoy a delicious tour-Euro gelato and some Latin Cakes.



## Italia Itinerary

### Day One: March 10: Travel Time

- Depart from Dallastown in the morning.
- Board United plane in the early evening, and prepare for takeoff!
- Fly "across the pond" to Italia.

### Day Two: March 11: Rome

- Buon giorno! Arrive in Rome at 7:50 AM local time.
- Meet the coolest tour guide ever, Mauro!
- Witness the flocking of street vendors around the group while visiting the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and the "navel of the world."
- Throw a Euro into the Trevi Fountain, and wish to return to Rome.
- Slip down the Spanish Steps on the way to dinner at the quirky White Hen restaurant.

### Day Three: March 12: Vatican City

- Munch on croissants and brie for breakfast before leaving Italy...and entering Vatican City.
- Tour the Vatican museums, and take pictures of the massive pinecone statue that, according to Dante, is guarding the underworld.
- Drink holy water from a fountain before visiting the famed St. Peter's Basilica.
- Peruse street vendors for souvenirs while eating a traditional panini and a yummy Nutella-filled cookie.
- Eat a traditional dinner of pizza cooked in a brick oven with the whole group as the perfect ending to Sweater Vest Friday, Roman style!

### Day Four: March 13: Pompeii

- "Wakey wakey, Dallastown!" Under the watchful eyes of the epic Guisepppe, drive through the Campagna region on the way to Mt. Vesuvius.
- Enjoy a panoramic view of Naples after climbing to the top of the still-active volcano.
- Tour the ancient city of Pompeii, whose foundations and menus are still intact.
- Return to Rome for the day's last gelato.

### Day Five: March 14: Assisi

- Drive to the beautiful medieval town of Assisi, home of the gorgeous St. Francis Basilica.
- Explore the city's winding streets while

- munching on a cannoli and window-shopping in the small boutiques.
- Board the bus and continue to Florence (Firenze in Italian!)
- Tour Florence by foot, and visit the Academy of Fine Arts, which houses Michelangelo's David.

### Day Six: March 15: Florence

- Have a mozzarella and prosciutto breakfast before hitting the streets for an extensive tour of the city.
- Visit a leather factory and participate in a fashion show (realize that Brett is, in fact, the Fonz!)
- Learn about the Baptistery's golden mosaics and Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise before climbing to the very top of the Duomo, providing for an incredible panoramic view of the city.
- Enjoy two of delicacies of the region for dinner: crostini and wild boar.

### Day Seven: March 16: Padua

- Board the bus and travel along the famed Alta Strada past breathtaking views of snowy mountains on the way to Padua, the location of several Shakespearean plays.
- Tour the magnificent St. Anthony's Basilica before continuing on the bus ride to Venice!
- Play soccer with Doc Nel and Uncle Al on the banks of the Mediterranean Sea after arriving at the hotel in Venice.
- Take a boat ride to St. Mark's Basilica and see the infamous Bridge of Sighs.

### Day Eight: March 17: Venice

- Take a private boat ride to the world renowned Murano glass workshop.
- Tour the Doge's Palace on the main Venetian island before having yet another yummy panini for lunch.
- Ride a gondola through the winding canals of Venice while listening to the singing of the gondoliers.
- After having a final Italian dinner at the hotel, enjoy a long walk at night while enjoying the last authentic gelato!

### Day Nine: March 18: Back Home

- Say ciao to Mauro before boarding the plane ride to Frankfurt.
- Do some much-neglected homework during the layover in Germany before finally hopping back across the pond and heading home!



Ashley Reeder, Alex Barley, Allie Seufft, and Lizi Royer show down on Europe's finest gelato.

The Spanish students take a moment to preserve their memories of Barcelona on film.

Senior Ashley Reeder is on a boat.

Senior Bobby Doorn jumps with the ladies who cheered him on during his lifetime trip.

All of the Spanish III and IV students stop their busy sightseeing for a quick photo op at the beach in Barcelona.

## Bull Fights in Spain

by Brenna Cooper

From the jet lag to the different culture, nothing can stop the Dallastown high school Spanish students from invading Spain.

"The trip was a great experience; this was something we wouldn't be able to experience back at home," junior Lauren Striebig said.

The Spanish students of DAHS had the chance to go to Spain for ten days from March 30 through April 8.

The students had to board two different planes. The first flight was a nine hour flight from Pittsburgh to Amsterdam, Germany. Once in Amsterdam they boarded yet another plane that took them to Spain.

"The plane ride was long but good; Getting through the Germany airport was probably the most difficult because we had no idea what they were saying because no one could speak German," Striebig said.

With only ten days in Spain, they had lot of sight seeing and learning to do.

"My favorite city was Barcelona," senior Erin Grothouse said. "It had so much culture and opportunities to explore; however, Toledo was gorgeous and took you right back into the culture of Spain hundreds of years ago."

Senora Garrett was one of the many chaperones that attended this event to Spain.

The trip to Spain was full of sight seeing and educational information, and the students had the chance to visit the top two tourist's spots in Spain.

"We went on a bike ride through Barcelona and rode by a completely naked man riding a bike," Striebig said.

Barcelona is known not only for being the first in the world to play and invent soccer (*futbol* in Spanish) and also their famous talented soccer players but is also known for the beautiful landscape that attracts people from all over the world.

"Barcelona, Granada, Toledo, and Madrid were all awesome!" said senior Bryson Shultz. "As soon as I graduate college I'm moving there, no question about it."

Madrid also has great attraction for tourists but it is most known for its museums and plazas during the day and its nightlife during the night.

"Even though Barcelona and Madrid are close to each other, it was cool to see how they each expressed their culture," Striebig said.

As time narrowed down from ten days to one day, hours to minutes before the Spanish students of DAHS came home, the stakes are high for the interests of going back to Spain.

"Literally the best time of my life," said senior Bobby Doorn.

"I would love to have the opportunity to go back to Spain one day and explore the other cities Spain has to offer," Striebig said.

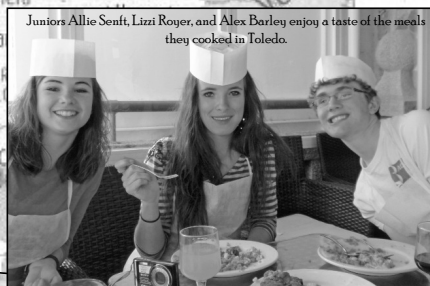
"Well, what can I say? [The trip] was life-changing!" Shultz concluded.



Senior Bryson Shultz tries his hand in bullfighting. Luckily, he came away unscathed.



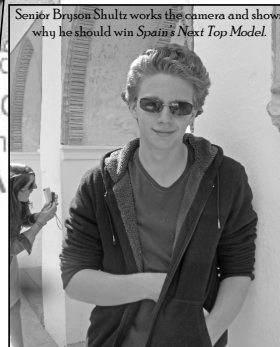
Senior Ashley Reeder cycles her way through the side streets of Barcelona.



Juniors Allie Seufft, Lizi Royer, and Alex Barley enjoy a taste of the meals they cooked in Toledo.



A traditional flamenco dancer struts her stuff.



Senior Bryson Shultz works the camera and shows why he should win Spain's Next Top Model.

## Espana Events

### Day One: March 30: On the Way

- Leave school after sixth period and head to the Philadelphia Airport.

- After much commotion and going through security, board plane and begin long flight.

### Day Two: March 31: Barcelona

- Meet tour guide Miguel and walk to Las Ramblas.

- Explore the *Mercat* ("market" in English) with the challenge of finding the most disgusting food product.

- Enjoy dinner at a local bar while watching a football game.

### Day Three: April 1: By Bike

- Visit Gaudi's *Parc Guell* and walk the *America's Next Top Model* runway.

- Take a two-hour bike ride tour through Barcelona, and stop at several famous buildings and the beach.

- Learn to make a mosaic masterpiece at a studio lesson.

- Explore the town with free time in the evening.

### Day Four: April 2: Exploring the City

- Complete a scavenger hunt in the gothic quarter of the city.

- Buy yummy chocolate and pastries at *Dulcinea*.

- Tour the Picasso Museum.

- Experience one of the many Holy Week processions.

- Take an overnight train to Granada.

### Day Five: April 3: Granada

- Go to the square in Granada and walk through the many Arabian-influenced side streets.

- Take a bus to La Alhambra.

- Learn to flamenco during dance lessons!

- Have a delicious dinner accompanied by a professional flamenco performance.

### Day Six: April 4: Easter!

- Ride to the bus to Cordoba to see *La Mezquita*.

- Head up to Madrid.

- Celebrate Easter in style and then walk around Madrid in the evening.

### Day Seven: April 5: Toledo

- Have breakfast at "The Ham Museum."

- Explore Toledo for the day.

- Prepare our own gourmet lunch.

- Go to a sword smith and steel workshop.

- Discover the exquisite Royal Palace.

- Shop at the *Plaza Espana* and *Puerto del Sol*.

### Day Eight: April 6: Bull Fight!

- Go to El Prado to see many artistic masterpieces.

- Travel to a bull farm to have a BBQ lunch and learn to bullfight! Watch a demonstration from the matadors.

- Head back to Madrid and watch another football game in a local bar.

### Day Nine: April 7: Madrid

- See Picasso's *Guernica* at the Reina Sofia Museum.

- Visit the memorial at the Madrid Train Station.

- Enjoy some fun in the sun and have a blast rowing on the lake in Retiro Park.

### Day Day: April 8: Back Home

- Leave for the airport at 3:45 AM.

- Sit through a short flight to Frankfurt before heading back to the USA.

- Adios, Espana!

# The Queens of Kings Dominion

DAHS cheerleaders do more than spur our teams to victory; they take home championship onships.

**COURTNEY EDWARDS**  
Staff Writer

We've all seen Dallastown Cheerleaders on the sidelines at football games or leading the crowd at a pep rally, but an activity that sometimes flies under the radar is competition cheerleading.

The competition cheerleading squad of 27 girls competes against other high school cheerleading squads.

Although they travel to many locations, for the girls, the biggest competition of the year is always the YAIAA Cheerleading Championship.

Each year, the teams from the area gather to see who is best. This year the competition, was held at Dallastown on March 20.

The competition has existed for seven years, and Dallastown has taken home the second place trophy every year.

This year was different.

The Wildcats went up against 6 other schools in the large varsity division and finally captured first place. York Suburban won in the small varsity division.

Senior Bri Welsh stated, "It was one of the best feelings ever. Especially, because it was my senior year. We worked so hard, and we finally got what we



The Dallastown Competition Cheerleaders pose with their trophy by the fountain at King's Dominion in Virginia. This competition was their last of the year and the third time they took home first place this season. *photo submitted*

wanted."

Welsh, along with fellow seniors Mariah Little and Hannah Potter, were team captains.

At the championship, senior Jera Scott won the Tumble Off. Participants had one tumbling pass to deliver their best gymnastics skills.

The cheerleading squad has been coached by Miss Gable for the past 16 years.

The cheerleaders also competed at Cumberland Valley, the Harrisburg Farm Show Arena, and the Lancaster Convention Center this year.

To complete their season, the squad traveled to Kings Dominion on April 24. Here, the Wildcats took home their third championship of the year.

"It's a lot of fun to compete and travel to different places.

It's even better when we win though," sophomore Damani Johnson said. "Competition cheerleading takes a lot more work than regular cheering for any other sport."

"It takes a lot more work. We constantly go over the routine to make it better," Johnson said.

In addition to preparing for football games, basketball games, and wrestling matches, the squad endures many additional practices to make sure that their routine is ready.

Each year the routine has a theme. This year's theme was Superheroes, and their music mix for their routine incorporated that theme.

"My favorite part of the routine is the stunt sequence. It is the hardest one we've ever done and we nailed it," Gable said.

The routine, which is two

and a half minutes long, includes a number of elements, such as dances, cheers, stunts, tumblers, jumps, pyramids, and basket tosses.

"Every year we try to add difficulty and top what we did the year before," Gable said.

It has proved to be a great year for the squad.

"This year was pretty sweet because we got new uniforms to kind of go along with our super hero theme," Welsh said.

With their first place trophies as reminders, the team will be working very hard to win another one.

"We want this to be just the beginning. We want to defend our league title next year and be even better, so we have a lot of work to do," Gable said.

## The Great PA Cleanup Commences

Football players and cheerleaders come together to spruce up the community.

**NIR SINAY**  
Staff Writer

The Dallastown community is involved in everything Dallastown students do; they attend games and events, help with fundraisers, and show a constant stream of support.

As a way to give back, the Dallastown football players and cheerleaders participate each year in a community clean-up close to Earth Day.

Football coach Kevin Myers organizes this event, which has become a yearly tradition. Myers loves seeing the teams come together to help the community.

"This event gives the players a chance to give back to the community, and the kids really like it. They look forward to it every year," Coach Myers said.

On April 17, athletes and coaches gathered for a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Football Boosters. Afterwards, their community service began.

Wearing bright yellow cleanup shirts sponsored by Modern Landfill, the group was broken into smaller groups to walk the streets of Dallastown picking up trash. The event spawned from a statewide initiative, The Great PA Cleanup.

A theme this year during football season was "Two Squads-One Family." The idea of family certainly impacted the clean-up event.

"Everything we do is together—for each other, with each other. No matter what we take on, football is a team sport and we are a family," Myers said.

Cheerleading coach Miss Gable agrees. "It's something they can do together. It's amazing to see how much they can accomplish in a few short hours."

Junior cheerleader Danielle Schriver has participated in the event twice.

"I got a great feeling by knowing I helped in the community and made a difference,"

Shriver said.

Junior football player Nick Reed agrees.

"Having fun while giving back to the community was great. It's one of the memories I'll remember for a lifetime," Reed said.

Sophomore cheerleader Nikki Geldmacher also got a lot out of it.

"It's all about giving. Being together made it feel like it wasn't even work; it was a lot of fun being with everyone," Geldmacher said.

The participants filled two large dumpsters in the school parking lot during the two hour event, but more importantly, they showed support for the community that supports them.

## Smokin'Aces Dominate in Dodgeball

The annual tournament gets the masses pumped.

**CASSIDY SHEARER**  
Staff Writer

Dallastown's gyms were a frenzy of intense competition on March 23 when ten teams entered a dodgeball tournament in hopes of earning the championship prize.

This was the second year for the event and Student Council event chair, Brett Jensen, had high hopes when he set up the tournament.

"I thought that this year's tournament went well. The tournament ran smoothly and it was very entertaining to watch. It was a success," said Jensen.

The teams got the chance not only to play some extreme dodgeball, but also to have some creativity with their teams, ranging from Morgan State FTW, The Black Panthers, and Junior Mafia.

"I really enjoyed it. It was fun playing with people who aren't always in gym class," senior Joe Malinsky said.

The bleachers were packed with fans, and each team's section would burst into a roar to support their friends.

The Black Panthers were just edged out in an exhilarating game to earn the third place title.

"Our team was poppin' mad domes, but in the end we still owned!" senior Zach Mohar said.

The Smokin'Aces took home first place this year. The team consisted of Ben Kline, Ryan Leader, and Davy Naylor.

Last year's dodgeball tournament was a big hit, so it would be expected to be even better this year.

With more teams and more rivalry, the tournament was a huge success.

The standard JCC rules applied to the tournament, as well as the generous cash prize at the end. This year's tournament, although, was a strict dodgeball event, and a dance was not held with it.

The players, as well as fans, received a free drink with their two dollar admission.

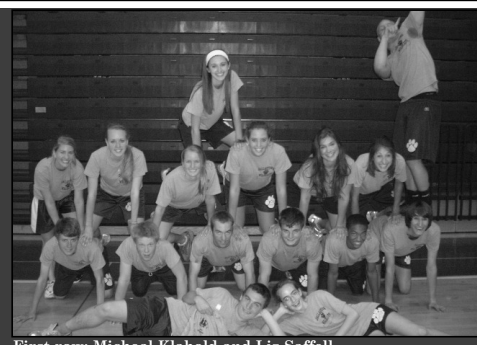
"I am hoping that this tournament continues to grow. The past two years it has been a very successful event. Everybody seems to enjoy it," said Jensen.



First row: Nick Wilson, Carly Henry, Sally Trout, and Damian Miller. Second row: Courtney Golden, Jordan Houck, Jordan Donaldson, Brandt Witt, Kenny Steinbaugh, Brynna Kilshek. Third row: Bonnie Arbittier, Tori Davis, Katelyn Fitz, and Chuck Lockwood. *photos submitted*

## GYM CLASS HEROES

POLKA! This year's polkaers were so spectacular that we couldn't just choose one class. With the days 1 and 4, period 4 gym class on the right and the period six, days 2 and 4, gym class on the left, these students could not be beat when it came to strutting their stuff on the gym floor.



First row: Michael Klahold and Liz Saffell. Second Row: Josh Mazzoni, Wes Croucher, Peter Bezek, Ryan Behrmann, Derrick Mayfield, John Berthold. Third row: Andi Gingalewski, Kara Emig, Trail Linton, Mackenzie Groff, Mariam El-Maghrahi, Hannah Bressi. Fourth row: Maggie Seitz, and Phil Sprengle



# ~Spring Sports~

## Kurek Defends the Goal in Boys LAX

MILES TROUT

Dedication is not a question for the starting goalie on the Lacrosse team. Senior Kyle Kurek has defended the goal for the varsity team since freshman year.

Getting to varsity as a freshman was easier for Kurek than you might think.

"In our first game, the goalie never showed up," Kurek said. "So I stepped in the net with a short pole... I have been the goalie ever since."

"Every year Kyle gets even better," senior defender Kyle Strous said. "He pulls through in a clutch and has made a lot of really good saves this year."

His confidence knows no bounds as far as LAX is concerned. "I play the entire game," Kurek said, "I don't even go out for injuries... last year I played

three quarters of a season with a broken foot."

Constantly being battered and bruised is somewhat of a reward for Kurek. "It only hurts for a few seconds and it typically looks pretty cool," he said.

This year LAX is having its best year yet.

"We have lost twice now," head coach Andrews said. "Both losses were nondivisional, so we are still first in the division."

This season is far from over for the team. So far most of the members seem to agree that the highlight for them so far was "Thrashing Redlion."

"They are our backyard rivals and had not lost in over a year. It felt pretty good to give them their first loss."

The team is having a great year and is really pulling together as a team.

"We all have good chemistry

and play well together," senior Ben Pettit said.

"Like Sam Westenberger, Tyler Imhoff, Johnny Hyman, and me, the defense has stepped it up. We're looking forward to districts."



## Setting Records in Track and Field

JOHN BODDINGTON

As the 2009-2010 school year comes to a close and the weather warms, the Dallastown track team is in full gear.

One student in particular has broken the status quo and her previous record. After making it to states last year, junior thrower Margo Britton has moved onto higher goals.

Being involved in middle



school track, and presently high school varsity track, Britton has been improving for years. She participates in shot put and discus.

Britton has many goals for her season.

"My distance goal for shot-put is forty feet. In discus, my main concern is mastering my spin. I know if I master the technique, the distance will come."

Varsity track coach Mr. Barshinger agrees.

"Margo is a great thrower, but she is still just scratching the surface of her potential. With more hard work and greater consistency, she could be among the best throwers ever in the YALAA," Barshinger said.

Aside from Britton, Barshinger points out other members of the track team that go the extra mile.

"I wish we could recognize all of the kids. We are fortunate to have great kids in track and field," Barshinger said.

Among these stars are

seniors Chuck Lockwood, KC Abakporo, and juniors Edema Enyong, and Bobby Esiaba

"Track and field this year is amazing. I love being a spectator as much as being a competitor," Abakporo said.

Along with Britton and Abakporo, the other members of track seem to be enjoying the spring season too.

"We are having a very successful year. The track team this year is really solid," seniors Alex Leman and Staci Stayer said.

With Dallastown Boys' losing 77-73 to Red Lion, and the Girls' losing 78-69 to Southwestern, the coaches remain positive and are proud of their students for giving it their all.

"We can't change the fact that we've lost; we can only try to make ourselves better and learn from it," Barshinger said.

The Wildcats look forward to the Dallastown Invitational on April 30, and the YALAA Championships on May 14.

## Girls LAX

ZACH EINSIG Staff Writer

Led by Coach Young and captains Katie Barbato, Jillian Hartman, Hannah Lane, and Hannah Seitz, the DAHS girls Varsity Lacrosse Team currently has a win loss record of 4-3. As the team explained, these three losses represent the hardest teams they expect to play; therefore they hope to go undefeated for the rest of the season.

Varsity goalie Sara Wagner said, "The team definitely has district potential."

JV Players Morgan Dygert and Christine Kapterian describe this year's team as "Giving 110%, they deserve all of the wins they have coming."

This hard work has led to DAHS defeating its rival Red Lion 10-8. So far, this has been a highlight of this season.

## Softball

LAUREN KAUFMANN Staff Writer

The Lady Wildcats of the DAHS softball team have been in full swing since the beginning of their season this spring. Senior team captain Leah Beach and junior captain Josie Legere have led the team through several successful tournaments and to individual game victories.

"We placed second in the Hanover Tournament," Beach said. "We had a solid defense and kept the bats going for the tournament."

According to Beach, the most unique facet of this year's team is the fact that "there are both five freshmen and five seniors."

Though there are lots of fresh faces this season, "it allows for the beginning of a strong team," Beach said.

As the freshmen members, including pitcher Kelsey Collins, gain experience in the coming seasons, great things can certainly be expected from the ladies of DAHS softball.

## Boys Tennis

JENA PRATS Staff Writer

The DAHS boys tennis team is serving up yet another successful season. The team currently boasts six wins and three losses, with five matches left.

While the stats are relatively the same as years past, this season does have a few distinctive characteristics.

Unlike last year, seniors dominate; Teddy Rittase, Max Lilie, and Ethan Boyle fill the first three ranks on the team.

"We have more good competition in our league [this year]," Boyle said.

The highlights of the season of the season are sure to be the big matches against South Western and Central, according to players.

"Including ourselves, we are the three teams fighting for the County championship," Rittase said.

However, what distinguishes the season the most is not the internal or external competition but its meaning.

"We are dedicating our season to Sebastian Eisele, a foreign exchange student from Germany who played number one on the team last year. He has been battling with testicular cancer which he was diagnosed with earlier this year," Rittase said.

## Baseball

Compiled by Staff

The Dallastown baseball team heads into the second half of their season with a 4-8 record, but that doesn't fully represent the talent of the team.

"We have a ton of talent this year, more than in the past, but we just have to find a way to make it mesh," senior Mark Fyock said.

The Wildcats are coached by Mr. Trout and are led by seniors Fyock, Mike Munoz and Chris Miller.

For Miller, his senior season is bittersweet.

"I've been hurt and its hard to just sit there and watch and not be able to contribute," Miller said.

With key games left against Red Lion and Southwestern, the team still has a chance to end strong.

"Going into the second part of our year, we're going to be a tough team to beat," Fyock said.

## Boys Volleyball

WES CROUCHER Staff Writer

The boys volleyball team has a 3-1 record this season and just came off of an exciting win against Dover, winning 22-20 in the fifth game.

"We had a pretty shaky start to the season, but we keep progressing everyday," senior Joey Castriota said.

The Wildcats still have to take on some big league matches against Central and Northeastern back-to-back, known as "Hell Week," and Spring Grove and York Suburban.

"We're a pretty young team because we lost seven starting seniors from last year, but we expect to be playing at a higher level by the end of the season," Coach Bishard said.

The boys will also participate in the Koller Classic, an invitational held at Central. Later in the season, Dallastown will hold our own 25-team varsity tournament on May 8.

"We keep getting better and learning more with each match. I think we just have to take as many teams as possible and see what our standings are like at districts and go from there," senior Peter Shuey said.

## Girls Soccer Hopes to 'Defend and Extend'

Compiled by Staff

All you really need to know about Dallastown girls soccer is that they are more than a team; they are a family.

Just ask any of the players who spend their time together both on and off the field.

"You would think that we would get tired of each other, because we are literally together almost everyday, but we don't. There's no drama," senior Katie Austin said.

Austin and the other nine seniors – Katie Alban, Shelby Bleile, Melissa Stewart, Tory Hill, Jackie Ketterman, Liz Berger, Mia Duffy, Sam Smith, and Emma Sweitzer – came in to this season with specific goals for the team.

Led by Coach Barbush, the team lives by the phrase "Defend and Extend."

Last year the Wildcats won counties for the first time in school history. This year, they hope to defend their county title and extend past the first round of district action.

"We've made it to districts, but we've never made it past the first game. We really want to do that this year," Austin said.

In addition to their success

on the field, they also pride themselves on team unity.

This season they have participated in a variety of activities from fundraising dinners to running the Donor Dash to raise money for organ and tissue donation awareness.

The Donor Dash is just one event in which the team participates in honor of Zac Sweitzer ('07).

Zac, brother of soccer players Lauren ('08) and Emma, was killed in a car accident last year. He was an organ donor. Knowing that their loss helped others has helped the Sweitzers to deal with their grief.

"The whole soccer team really comes together to support the Sweitzer family. I announced that I was selling the t-shirts and I was overwhelmed with orders from the team," Jackie Ketterman said.

One unique event is the team study hall held each Wednesday in the cafeteria.

"We have dinner and work on homework together. I have gotten help on math. It's more fun when you do it together," Austin said.





This month, Eric opens our eyes to fun spring sounds *Discovery*

#### ERIC CHESTNUT Staff Writer



Spring is in the air, young love is blossoming, and the murder rate around these parts is at an annual low (unsubstantiated).

With this sunny weather I need some sunny music, so this week I'm choosing last year's mid-summer sleeper *LP* by Discovery.

I have been wanting to choose this album since October, but this album dies with the setting sun.

The first rule of *Discovery* is that you only listen to *Discovery* when the sun is shining.

Recommended to me by current senior Chuck Lockwood and 2009 graduate Ross Walter, this is definitely an album to obnoxiously blast on any main street.

Formed in 2009 by the confluence of Ra Ra Riot vocalist Wes Miles and Vampire Weekend keyboardist Rostam Batmanglij, *Discovery* mixes indie vocals and funky electronic beats.

*LP*, their first album, is a heck of a way to begin a career.

Track one, "Orange Shirt," is about a modern relationship: steamy roller coaster romance, furious texting, and miso soup.

I have to pause here to relate this song to the rest of the album. Many of the songs on the album are about fly young honeys and significant others and so fourth. I must say, for a scraggly white guy and teeny little Persian American, they sure do lay down some funky stuff.

Back to the album.

"Osaka Loop Line" mesmerizes with its simultaneously lightly twinkling tones and dirty digs, but because this sentence makes no sense you'll have to hear it for yourself.

In "I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend" (ft. Angel Deradoorian) Batmanglij chops and mixes Deradoorian's vocals into a strangely seductive sounding hot mess that feels oh so right.

Definitely one of the highlights of this album is "So Insane." Every time the tempo changes, Chuck and Ross spazz out. It will blow your mind.

Following that gem is another of the album's best songs, "Swing Tree." If you can resist playing the air-keyboard to this one you have no soul.

The seventh track, "Carby," features Vampire Weekend's lead vocalist Ezra Koenig. It starts off sounding like some sort of 90s junior high club jammer off of the Space Jam soundtrack, but soon evolves into Koenig channeling both a man and a woman hitting the discotheques.

The lyrics read like a Young Money hit.

If you're looking for a light to guide you out of winter's dark night, let *LP* be your torch.



## Drumline Dominates KIDA

Indoor Drumline gets the gold and have become the KIDA grand champions.

#### KATIE AUSTIN Staff Writer

Starting in November and going till the last week in March, the Dallastown Drumline practices twice a week for three hours; maybe this is why they are undefeated.

"Drumline is not about winning, although that's a great bonus. Drumline is about the passion we have for the things we are good at, and the things we do. We love it, so we play our best," senior Sharon Bracken said.

What happens at a competition?

First the team arrives early at Dallastown and starts to load up a big moving van. After arriving at the school where they are competing, the team unloads the van and waits to perform. When it is their turn, the team has ten minutes to set up, perform, and tear down all their equipment.

The drumline placed first in every competition they attended this year. Having a repeat from last year, the team scored 91.9/100 with their next rival scoring 91.6. Dallastown won championships...again.

"I'm happy we won championships again," senior Morgan Romesberg said.

Competing in the standstill category in the blue division,



Reigning victorious at the KIDA championships, DASD Drumline celebrates the finale of the 2010 season. Photo Submitted

this is the highest division and consists of the best drumlines, the team won the K.I.D.A. championships. K.I.D.A. stands for Keystone Indoor Drill Association. This consists of indoor drumlines and indoor color guards from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware.

"With drumline, we do not perform very often, especially in the indoor season, so it's even harder for people to come and realize what talent students at this school possess," Bracken said.

Dallastown Indoor Drumline has become a well-known competitive school in the tri-state area (Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware).

This year the show was entitled, "If it Ain't Baroque," features Bach, and Pachelbel.

"We took songs from them and switched it up a bit,"

Romesberg said.

"We must 'move and groove' during our shows. This year, we added dances, snaps, and many different sections such as a jazz, Taiko, and rock out," senior Bracken said.

There are a total of 29 members, seven of which are seniors.

"To be a senior, it feels pretty nice because you are the oldest one there. You have had the most experience, but at the same time, it is kind of sad, because it is your last year and you will not be able to do it again," senior Jared Miller said.

"I'm going to come back and watch everyone," Romesberg said.

The season has ended, but the memories will last forever.

"It means a lot to us, because we know that all our hard work has been worth it in the end," Miller said.

## Amanda Brown Goes For Junior Miss

Junior Amanda Brown participates in the Junior Miss competition this year.

#### CAROLINE NEWBERGER Staff Writer

Seeking to recognize, reward, and encourage excellence, The Junior Miss Program awards

thousands of dollars in scholarship money to contestants for scholastic, fitness, talents, self expression, and interview competitions.

Along with the other 27 contestants, DAHS junior Amanda Brown has been practicing four hours each Sunday to be a part of the competition.

"At practice, we go over each routine a million times, have practice interviews, and perform

our talents for one another. Our big sisters (mentors) provide us with a snack each practice, and we get a chance to get to know the other girls," Brown said.

Brown originally heard about Junior Miss through a friend who has been a mentor for the program for numerous years.

The pageant will take place at Central York High School on May 1st at 7:00 p.m.

42%



"Southern brewed iced tea can't be beaten on a hot summer day, not even by lemonade."  
Junior  
Robert Wood

"It's super refreshing and better for the entire year."  
Senior  
Sean Spencer

"It goes better with vodka than lemonade does."  
Mr. Murphy

"You can get iced tea with lemons in it, but you can't get lemonade with iced tea in it."  
Junior  
Lindsay Kober

## Beacon Battle

Spring is in full swing and the Beacon Staff wondered "How is everyone keeping cool?" As always, the votes were tallied and lemonade turned out to be the drink of choice. Bottoms up Dallastown.

"Arnold Palmer 50/50 lemonade/ iced tea is what I enjoy sippin' on!"

Senior  
Chris Nolt

11%

### Arnold Palmer



"Tea is for pansies."  
Sophomore  
Kevin Engman

"The sweet taste is always a great way to quench your summer thirst."  
Senior  
Erin Grothouse

47%



"It gives you reasons to make funny faces!"  
Freshman  
Erin Taylor

"It's the perfect blend of tartness and playful lusciousness that blows tea out of its glass."  
Junior  
Eric Thomas

## PICK THIS!



The DAHS Staff recommends their favorite from the world of Arts & Entertainment

### To Watch...



#### Deadliest Warrior

DR. NELSON *Latin Teacher*

I was going to tell you about The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson, if for no other reason than he's recently gotten a Robot-Skeleton sidekick by the name of Geoff Peterson, but I shan't. Nay rather, the show you should be watching is The Deadliest Warrior on Spike TV. Each week they match up two different warriors from history, doing scientific tests on their weaponry and armor and then running the results through a simulation program to see which warrior would likely win in a fight. The first season contained such classics as Ninja vs. Spartan, William Wallace vs. Shaka Zulu and Knight vs. Pirate. A new season begins on April 20th, where we'll see such things as Al Capone vs. Jesse James, Mongols vs. Commanches and Alexander the Great vs. Attila the Hun. It's entertaining, it's educational, it's horrifying! What else could one want in a TV show?

### To Rent...



#### Il's

MISS THEOFILIS *Student Teacher*

Although most French films include ample amounts of cheese, smoke-filled cafés, and crepes abound, the French thriller "Il's" has nothing of the sort. "Il's" translates to "Them" in English, and includes subtitles for user-friendly viewing. Although not in English, the film translates its horror and suspense perfectly to any viewer. Main characters Lucas and Clementine live in a rugged old mansion in the middle of the woods and far from any civilization. Although a French film, it takes place in Romania—where Clementine is a teacher at a French school. The night begins with horrific noises and terrible screams and cries, Clementine and Lucas's journey begins in their home and ends with them fighting for their lives. The audience sees the couple's relationship tested countless times as they try to tag team the source of their torment. With a surprise twist at the end, "Il's" provides a suspenseful set up for any movie buff. A lot of the movie relies on directors David Moreau and Xavier Palud's ability to lead the viewer's eyes to certain areas of the frame. They frame each shot beautifully and the completely-did-not-see-that-coming ending will shock and amaze all! I encourage you to broaden your horizons and check out "Il's."

### To Read...



#### The Shack

MISS DRESSEL *Librarian*

The Shack by William P. Young was a book that I could not put down. I know that sounds like a typical line from a reader but it is true! The book touched me spiritually. It is the story of a father, MacKenzie Allen Phillips, who loses his youngest daughter in a brutal murder. While out on a camping excursion, Missy is kidnapped and her remains are later found in an abandoned shack high in the mountains. Four years later, as the father still wrestles with the age old question "Why did God allow this to happen to my daughter?" and great sadness, he receives a mysterious note in his mailbox. The sender invites MacKenzie for a weekend back at the old shack. There was no name or address as to where the note originated. Is the note from the killer or from God? Keeping the note and the destination a secret from his family, he decides to go to the shack to confront whoever sent the note. The experience will change his life forever...will it change you?

### To Download...



#### Ingrid Michaelson

Miss Harper *English Teacher*

If you've ever been addicted to Grey's Anatomy in the past, then you've probably heard songs by NYC-native, indie-pop sensation Ingrid Michaelson. Perhaps her most well-known track "The Way I Am" gained popularity through an Old Navy commercial in 2007, sending Ingrid into underground pop stardom. Her newest music includes a single by the same name as the album itself "Everybody" an upbeat ode to humanity's common need for affection which repeats the easy-to-sing-along-with lyrics "Everybody, everybody wants to love. Everybody, everybody wants to be loved." Conversely, "The Chain" features a few feminine voices harmonizing and singing in rounds, sending a more serious message than other songs on the album. If you've never heard Ingrid's music before, check it out! She looks and sounds a bit like Lisa Loeb, has a great sense of humor, and has the original, singer-songwriter quality that makes her seem smart and quirky at the same time. If you tire of the local radio station's top 40 each week, then perhaps Ingrid can offer you some fresh lyrics to belt out in the car to wake you up on those early school mornings or to energize you on your way to hang with friends.

## Les Misérables Was a Hit

The curtain closed on Les Misérables yet it stands as one of the great school plays in DAHS history.

KATIE MATERO  
*Staff Writer*

"Les Misérables is such a special musical; it's the kind of show that doesn't come along that often," director Mrs. Anderson said.

Les Misérables is based on the novel by Victor Hugo about an accused convict, Jean Valjean, who turns his life around and realizes that helping other people brings him closer to God.

"Participating in the musicals here is like being in a family whose only purpose is to entertain and to change people's lives. But, of course, we have huge amounts of fun along the way," senior Lyle Hieronymus said.

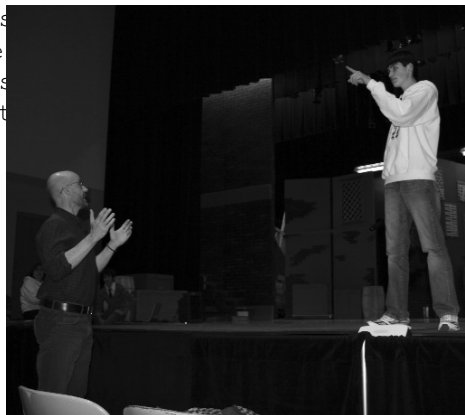
Any student interested in being a part of the show had an opportunity to audition in December, and practices were held every day after school until the first show in April.

The four months of hard work that the cast and crew dedicated to the show paid off in the long run.

"It was incredible to see the transformation we made," junior Kyra Buleza said.

Performed on April 8-11, Les Misérables sold over 2,500 tickets and almost sold out for the Saturday performance.

"The cast really delivered. There's only so much that



David Masenheimer from Broadway came to assist the DAHS acting troop to really get into character for Les Misérables. Also featured in this picture is sophomore Ryan Creedon. Photo by Katie Matero

Mrs. McCleary and I can do," Anderson said.

"The musical was definitely a project from the very beginning. As a first timer, I was amazed at the ability of the cast, crew, and pit to come together to make such a difficult and beautiful musical a success," freshman orchestra member Jenna Dell said.

To help the show come together, the cast of Les Misérables had a special treat on March 26, 2010.

David Masenheimer, a York Suburban graduate, came from his home in New York City to speak to select students about his experience working for a traveling production of Les Misérables as Inspector Javert.

"I was a twenty-five year old with no hair. There

really was no place for me in the show," Masenheimer said when describing his audition to the students.

Masenheimer also spent the afternoon working with the leads and the rest of the cast to help the directors, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McCleary, to put finishing touches on the appearance of the show.

While there were a few mishaps along the way, the production came together in the end and received standing ovations each night.

"It was the greatest experience of my life thus far," junior Madi Zoller said.

"The show leaves a mark on anyone who sees it or participates in it; I have 'a heart full of love' for the cast and crew," Anderson said.

## The Reviews Are In!

### Faculty Members Give Les Mis Two Enthusiastic Thumbs Up

The casting was great...all the parts were played well. My personal favorite was Marius - played by Emilio Pichardo (one of my students). I never knew he could sing like that. He was great! I haven't seen a Dallastown Musical since I was in school and this production blew me away. The music by the pit orchestra was wonderful, the cast of the musical was terrific and I loved seeing it and was proud to be a teacher at a school with so many talented people.

Mrs. Dallmeyer  
*Social Studies*

The musical was amazing. To watch so many talented young people come together after many weeks of hard work was a rewarding experience.

Mr. Myers  
*Tech. Ed*

Amazing! I saw it on Broadway, I have the soundtrack, and it was simply amazing from the lead characters to the ensembles. I wanted to give a standing ovation a number of points. The songs that had two or three characters singing counterpoint were breathtaking, as was the closing of the first act which had that dynamic and the choral component.

Mr. Rojahn  
*World Language*

I have been attending wonderful musicals at Dallastown for over 25 years and performed in four during my own high school years here. I have laughed at and cheered for many hard-working, talented casts. However, in this production, the voices, the passion, the music and the messages moved me on a deep level far, far surpassing anything before. I was never so proud as I was following Les Misérables to teach at a school with such talent in its staff and its students.

Mrs. Raver  
*English*

I saw Les Mis on Saturday evening. They did a fantastic job! It's not an easy musical to sing and the students were totally prepared and very talented vocalists. My favorite parts were those done by students I have in class or know from leading People to People. It is great to see their other talents and their enthusiasm for a project like this. Everyone involved worked very hard to make a first class production. DAHS should be very proud of this musical! Way to go!!

Mrs. Krantz  
*FACS*

The musical was phenomenal. I've seen it professionally done in NYC, London, Hershey, and Baltimore. What Dallastown showed at their Thursday night performance was every bit as emotional and dramatics for high school talent. That was the BEST high school performance I have seen, anywhere. Fast-paced, strong, absolutely amazing tavern scene, actually, I'd say the best I've seen of all shows performed.

Mrs. Murphy  
*English*

My favorite part is seeing my students, past and present, in their shining moments on stage. At one point, the three leads were all former students and I was so proud. From the music to the set transitions, it appeared to be flawless. Congratulations to everyone.

Mrs. Riddle  
*Science*

Les Misérables!! C'était fantastique, sensationnel, superbe, merveilleux!! The talent and commitment of all the participants was so apparent that I could not get enough of the show. I came all three nights. Congratulations to those who were a part of this outstanding production.

Madame Botterbusch  
*World Language*

## couple of the month

by caroline newberger

"Cool beans!"

This is what freshmen Jarik Hieronymus and Nicole Gurreri describe their relationship as.

The summer between seventh and eighth grade proved to be worthy for this couple; it was during this time Hieronymus met Gurreri at a summer camp.

Currently, this couple enjoys partaking in an epic variety of intriguing activities such as riding an old bicycle built for two, going out for tea, playing the "Guess Who?" board game, and baking Nutella brownies.

Of course, Hieronymus and Gurreri have special memories together.

"Having a hard day at the slopes and just skiing with Nicole for her birthday is one of my favorite memories," Hieronymus said.

But Gurreri looks most affectionately on a different gift of Hieronymus.

"Jarik learned how to play my favorite Bob Dylan song. He played it for me as my Christmas present," Gurreri said.

They celebrated their one year anniversary on February 25.

Certainly, the halls of Dallastown Area High School would be incomplete without this adorable and unique pair.



## car of the month

by courtney edwards



Now that the weather is starting to warm up, DAHS students are putting away their jeans and boots for shorts and flip flops.

But this warm weather brings another trend: convertibles. This is something junior David Cox knows all about.

Cox drives a navy blue 2001 Volvo C70 convertible which he calls "Bessie, his pride and joy, his best friend."

His parents surprised him with it for Easter.

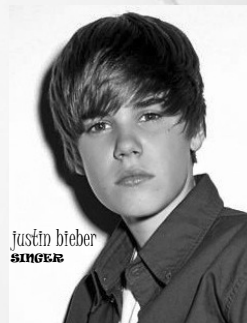
"They blindfolded me and took me to the car," Cox said.

He always takes the car out to his favorite restaurant Friendly's and uses it to hang out with his friends on the weekends.

"Without it, I'm nothing. With it, I'm something," Cox said.

# april

of the month



## look-a-like of the month

They bend, they twist, and they're on your wrist. In making the discovery of a new fashion statement roaming the halls, students have grown a liking to brightly colored animal-shaped bracelets.

"I like the bracelets because I am easily amused, and when my co-worker showed me, I started freaking out," senior Danielle Frederick said.

Available in numerous fun animal shapes and having a low cost, these bracelets are beginning to show up everywhere.

by john boddington



## trend of the month

