

District at a Crossroads

Due to the school district debt, many changes will be taking place.

JOE BUCKEL
Staff Writer

As budget season starts in our school district, it could mean the end of the road for some programs, classes and staff.

“We are working to close a budget deficit of at least \$4.4 million,” Dr. Weinberg said in Superintendent's Weekly.

In the December 17, 2010 copy of Superintendent's Weekly, a few suggestions were made to help close the budget gap.

The biggest source of possible revenue is cutting teacher, administrator and support staff wage increases for the 2011-2012 school year, saving \$2,300,000.

The Dallastown Area Education Association voted on February 10, 2011 and decided not to take the pay freeze.

At the January 27 School Board Meeting, Weinberg announced that all administrators will be taking a one year pay

freeze, including himself.

“I’m not asking any staff member to do something I myself am not doing,” Weinberg said.

Dr. Weinberg suggested that closing either Leaders Heights or Dallastown Elementary would save \$464,000.

Also mentioned as possibly being cut to save money were Drivers Education, The Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center field trips, cutting all department budgets by up to 15%, and increasing class sizes saving a combined \$1,735,000.

Weinberg announced at the February 10, 2011 school board meeting that the district will no longer be printing *The News Digest* or the school calendar and copies will be made available online.

One suggestion for revenue was charging each student \$235 for behind the wheel Drivers Education, estimated to bring in \$84,000.

If all else fails, the district will have to turn to furloughing, or laying off staff.

Weinberg estimates 25 teacher/administrator positions and 50 support staff positions could be up for furlough.

The first wave of eliminated

positions was announced at the February 10 board meeting in the Personnel Report.

Eliminated positions are one Middle School Assistant Principal, Director of Community and Public Relations, Secretary to the Director of Community and Public relations, Director of Food Services, Secretary to the Director of Food Services, and District Courier.

In addition, the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction position and the Mathematics Supervisor position have been combined into one position resulting in the elimination of one staff member.

The district is also offering employees who meet certain criteria an Early Retirement Incentive Program in which 12 employees are participating in.

As of now, Mr. Robert Graf and Mr. Robert Moreland are the only high school employees participating in the Early Retirement Incentive Program.

Audio Visual Coordinator Mr. Keith Collier and Mrs. Catherine Amerman of the cafeteria staff are the only High School employees that will be retiring under regular conditions as of now.

School Board

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Changes in H.S. Curriculum

Dallastown Area High School will be implementing new courses and deleting others for the 2011-2012 school year.

In the history department, Macro/Microeconomics will be deleted due to low enrollment. Level 3 Economics will be opened along with Advanced Placement European History.

“This is just a closing of one course and opening of another,” High School Principal Dr. Alan Fauth said at the October 28, 2010 School Board Meeting.

In the math department, administrators will be doing a large overhaul of the curriculum to better align with the state standards and increase academic rigor.

“It’s Math, Math, Math for the high school,” Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ronald Dyer said at the December 9, 2010 School Board Meeting.

The department will be extending Probability and

Statistics from an elective to a major and adding an Algebra 3 / Trigonometry course.

Deleted math courses are Probability and Statistics elective, Computer Programming 3 and 4, PSSA Math, Pre-Calculus level 3, Applied Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry level 1, Algebra 2 level 3, and Tech Prep Math.

Algebra 3 / Trigonometry will cost the district \$51,000 and Probability and Statistics will cost \$15,300 for new textbooks.

Oral Communications and Computer Applications will not be a graduation requirement for incoming freshman.

Students who are already at the high school will still be required to pass the course to graduate.

“We believe restructuring the course selections will promote focus, raise expectations for all students and will result in increased achievement preparing students for a wide variety of post-secondary experiences,” Dyer said

JOE BUCKEL *Staff Writer*

Clogged Sewer Line Floods History Hallway

Some classes were relocated as DAHS cleaned up after its first ever “Code Brown.”

ASHLEY CHAPMAN
Staff Writer

The week after mid terms was full of unique distractions, including the flooding of the social studies hallway.

The begining of the third marking period and some new classes began with broken toilets and a foul odor.

On January 26, a day that started with a 2-hour delay, students began their new schedules like any other start of a semester.

“I saw Mr. Molin quickly moving down the hallway, opening each classroom door and telling people to move to the auditorium,” senior Joe Buckel said.

At the end of fifth period, an announcement was made saying students had to report to the auditorium for all afternoon social studies classes.

“I was in the writing center and saw all of the English teachers in a commotion. One called for the maintenance people,”

senior Margo Britton said.

The cause of the flooding was a drain clogging outside around the school’s main driveway. This part of the building has its own system.

Just how bad was it?

According to most teachers in the basement, Mr. Murphy’s classroom got the worst of the incident.

In his room, some students sat on the desk to avoid the water that crept under the door.

Other teachers further down the hall had less of a problem

“I was teachinga class at the time,but the flooding didn’t really disrupt anything. The water leaked into the door a bit but that’s all. We just left for the auditorium when we were told,” Mr. Noll said.

Assistant Principal Mr. Molin thought it was ‘gross.’

“I’ve never seen anything like that. It was unusual,” Molin said.

The water was only a quarter inch deep, but it flowed to the bottom of the staircase.

For some students, the situation became more interesting as they were trapped in the flooding basement.

“Approximately 6 classes were held in their rooms until it was safe for them to move in the halls,” Molin said.

After everyone had been safely evacuated from the basement, teachers and students had to make learning work in a more creative environment.

Social studies classes took to the auditorium for the afternoon.

Teachers tried to continue instruction as though they were in their regular classrooms.

While they were teaching, the clean up process began.

There were approximately 10 people cleaning up the aftermath.

“It took about an hour to clean water out of the hall way,” Molin said.

The cleaning crew used vacuums and fans to help insure the halls were spotless.

Later on, the maintenance team made sure all classrooms, desks and lockers were disinfected so students would not get an infection.

Even though everything was cleaned up and in working order by the end of the day, students were cautious about reentering the basement.

The following day students were unsure of going into their classrooms located downstairs,. but it was a normal day water and the odor was finally gone.



Members of the custodial staff and Buildings and Grounds work hard to clean up after the incident. This photo, edited by enior Stephen Payn, makes light of the flooding in the social studies hallway by comparing it to *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. photo by Stephen Payne

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Government Crosses a Line

At some point, we all need to recongnize when we've gone too far.

KATE HEATH
Staff Writer



"There was nothing provided which showed that [Mr. Martinez] had any ability whatsoever to carry out any kind of plan," Joseph Balter, a public defender, said.

The case to which Balter is referring involves a man who tried to kill military recruiters with a car bomb outside of Catonsville, Maryland, in December 2010.

Antonio Martinez, who was accused of the crime, is now pleading entrapment.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines entrapment as "the action of luring an individual into committing a crime in order to prosecute the person for

it."

The FBI went too far by indulging this man's angry impulses to the point where this case is very questionable.

The government became aware of Martinez's internet postings relating to his hatred of the U.S. in general. The FBI took action and began supplying him with controlled materials and information about bomb-making.

When the day came that Martinez was to detonate the device, he found that the bomb was fake. The FBI arrested him soon after he "ignited" the mechanism.

According to The Baltimore Sun, Martinez's mother said the following regarding her son's (Tony's) actions: "This is not Tony. I think he was brain-washed."

This case raises an interesting question: Since the FBI provided Martinez with everything necessary to make the device and encouraged the anger of a relatively-innocent citizen, can his actions be considered entrapment?

After carefully examining

the case, I do not believe so. Nevertheless, the FBI is going too far in their efforts to catch terrorists.

Since the agency has a monitoring system and is able to find something as trivial as people's hateful messages, why can't it simply continue to watch over suspects?

Martinez might have never been able to acquire everything necessary to create a bomb, but the FBI could have waited to see whether or not he was able to take the substantial step needed.

I'm sure that everyone has said, "I'm so angry, I could kill someone right now," but these thoughts have no true substance.

However, if someone were given a weapon in a moment of extreme anger, these thoughts could become actions.

Martinez could face life in prison if convicted of a plot to use a weapon of mass destruction on U.S. property.

If not, he could still spend a maximum of 20 years in jail for the attempted murder of federal employees.



Accused Michael Martinez awaits trial for an attempted homeland terrorist attack. The FBI went above and beyond their line of duty in trying to bait the young man's angry impulses and he now could face a long jail sentence. Photo From cleveland.com

The FBI was wrong to promote the extreme emotions of Martinez. In the future, the agency should limit itself to its strong monitoring system rather

than trying to catch terrorists in a manner similar to the TV show "Punk'd."

Show a Little Respect, Have Some Compassion

Other than oil, compassion is one thing we seem to be running low on.

MEGAN DURHAM
Staff Writer



Compassion is "a ten letter word meaning "sorrow for the sufferings or trouble of another or others, accompanied by an urge to help."

Opinion is a seven letter word meaning "an evaluation, impression, or estimation of the quality of worth of a person or thing."

Mercy is a five letter word meaning "in excess of what may be expected or demanded by fairness."

Why am I quoting Webster's and how is this relevant? It all starts with the halls of Dallastown.

Many of us, being high-

schoolers, have heard rumors about other people, especially distasteful ones, and have formed opinions solely based on these rumors.

Recently, I've had the experience of hanging out with someone who is more than infamous for having rumors spread about them, and true or not, I still gave them a chance.

I can honestly say now that I am not a huge fan of the person, but I'm definitely happy I could show some mercy to them, give them a chance, and form my opinion based on what I thought rather than what was said about them or what my friends think.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

It's not that I'm saying all of Dallastown is racist, but someone would be lying if they said they had never judged someone by what they look like or by the opinion of another.

My second biggest pet peeve

is when people don't like someone because their friend or friends don't like them. I feel that it shows that you can't form your own opinions, which ties into my first biggest pet peeve, stupidity.

One of the biggest supporters of rumors is tabloids and the media. People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive, many of Forbes' lists, and Facebook pages, such as all the ones created in January: York's Finest, Anti York's Finest, York's Fine Beings, and etc, are just people's opinions and should have no effect on our own opinions, even if Ryan Reynolds is the sexiest man alive.

Is every tabloid true? If one had the opportunity to meet their favorite celebrity, would it be fair to judge them based off what was printed in last week's US Weekly? Then why would anyone do it to the people we see everyday?

Show some compassion, Dallastown. I'm tired of the stereotypical cruelty of school children.

Beacon Chat...

What's on The Beacon staff's minds?

How do you feel about the way people at our school treat each other?

"Some people think they're cool when they pick on others. In reality, they look like jerks"

Edima Enyong
Staff Writer

"People need to think of others before they act or open their mouths. How would you feel if someone was talking negatively about you"

Emily Beard
Staff Writer

"Don't talk crap and expect not to get it back. If you can dish it out learn how to take it!"

Courtney Edwards
Opinion Editor

"A lot of people are rude for no reason. IT takes alot more effort to be a jerk than it is to be just be nice"

Kelly Spillane
Center Spread Editor

"Some people in this school are just ignorant for no reason. So what if your friend doesn't like someone, that should have an effect on you. Its 2011 people, grow up."

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The Beacon has been the student-run newspaper of Dallastown Area High School since 1929. Its content is the responsibility of the student staff and is not subject to direct administrative approval.

The newspaper, which is designed to be an open forum, serves to inform and entertain its readers as well as train students interested in pursuing Journalism.

The Beacon staff is comprised of juniors and seniors in the Print Journalism elective.

Letters to the editor are encouraged and should be directed to any of the The Beacon staff, Miss Gable in Room 305, or our email address, Beacon@dallastown.net.

Letters should be fewer than 300 words.

Faculty Advisor
Miss Gable

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Hey, Thanks!

“ Thank you to the JROTC cadets for all of the work they do for our School-to-Work programs - for example - setting-up, assisting presenters, and tearing-down for the Gold Collar Career Fair, and for escorting 85 inter-viewers to the Blue and White Café during our Interview Day! ”

Dr. Stauffer
School-to-Work Coordinator
says THANK YOU to the Dallastown JROTC Program.

Who do you want to thank?

Do you want to say, "Hey, Thanks!" to someone here at Dallastown?

The Beacon is starting a monthly place on the Opinion page for your to send your shout-outs to those who have made a difference.

Send your brief messages of thanks to The Beacon either by dropping it off with Miss Gable in Room 305 or by emailing it to Beacon@dallastown.net.

Televisions Serve No Educational Purpose

With school district debt, new TVs seem wasteful and unnecessary.

ALAINA HERBST
Staff Writer



The addition of four new flat screened TVs in the cafeteria has been a big topic of discussion at Dallastown for the past several weeks.

While few number of students say that they appreciate the addition, many like myself, would rather they not be there.

The addition of these TVs was not necessary. They may have been given to the school from the administration, but that doesn't mean the high school had to keep them.

These TVs in particular were bought while the intermediate school was being built as a "gift" to the high school.

The act of giving includes the assumption that the receiver will do with it what they please. They could have been sold while they were still in the packaging, which would have been a small profit for our plummeting debt.

As a person in the cafeteria every day I can say that very few members of the student body actually watch the TV's while eating lunch.

"They are just kind of there, I don't really watch them," sophomore Myra Edmonds said.

Frankly, it is insulting that the administration thinks we

need extra stimulus outside of our conversations with our friends, to entertain us during our lunch period.

I think I could be at least a little understanding if the TV's aired education channels like the History Channel or Discovery channel.

Instead, the TV's air sports channels such as ESPN, which have no actual application to our everyday lives.

"If I were part of the administration or had any say in what were on the TV's, I would put a slide show of the weather, school and news updates, along with W-CAT, not ESPN" senior Ryan Deiter said.

The argument presented to me, by those who defended the decision to have the TVs, is that

they can be used during teacher in-service days and for meetings.

This allows teachers to be less inconvenienced by having to drag a TV into the cafeteria.

But, the question becomes would the administration rather chose inconvenience or money?

Teacher in-service days are once in a blue moon, if they are not being used for an educational purpose the TVs should be off.

I understand that I can not change the fact that they are here, they are out of their packaging and would probably not sell well on the market.

All I ask is that we change the channel to air more applicable information. The last time I checked ESPN was not marked as an educational channel.



The new TV's in the cafeteria are met with mixed emotions. Some are thrilled, some are irritated, and some could care less. Whatever way your opinion swings they seem to be a decent addition to the cafe. *photo by staff*

Hall Talk

What do you think of the four new TVs in the cafeteria?



"As long as they keep the Versus (VS) Channel on, I'm cool with them."

Adam Wujick
senior



"They entertain you...it gives me the chance to prove Derek Pitzer wrong."

Zach Rittle
senior



"Definitely a big waste of money. Completely unnecessary."

Josh Perez
senior



"It's a nice idea, but no one watches them."

Katelyn Fitz
junior



"I don't have a problem, but I don't really watch them."

Jocelyn Pinkerton
freshman

Media Should Expand Their Coverage

In light of the Arizona shootings, some say everyone should get equal spotlight.

JOVANNA RICHARDSON
Staff Writer



What started out as a peaceful, exciting day for the dozens gathered around U.S.

Representative Gabrielle Gifford's, turned into a living nightmare.

With a gentle pull on the trigger of his Glock 9mm, Jared Loughner unleashed a swarm of bullets upon a defenseless crowd.

Not before he calmly walked up to Gifford's and fired a shot directly to her head.

After all was said and done 6 people died and 14 were left injured.

By now almost everyone has heard about the devastating event that took place January 8.

This tragedy has been transmitted all over the country through television, magazines, newspapers and the internet.

But have any of these media outlets given recent victims of other heinous crimes some of the same attention.

Every year an event happens and it completely overshadows the rest of the world.

Recently an elderly Staten Island couple was viciously attacked by two violent muggers after entering their apartment foyer.

When the heartless criminals only received a measly \$10, they beat the couple so severely it left them badly beaten and bruised.

75 year old Linda Naimo was attacked so brutally she was left with a broken finger, a wounded leg, a busted lip, a 2inch gash in

the middle of her forehead and swollen black and purple covering her entire face and neck.

I'm in no way saying that the victims of the shooting in Arizona don't deserve the media coverage they have been receiving.

What happened to them was unbelievably tragic and I hope the victims and their family receive the justice they deserve.

But what makes what happened to them take precedent over what happened to the Naimo family or other families who have recently suffered a crime?

What happened to this woman and her daughter was beyond terrible but not many



people were aware of this.

What happened in Arizona is not the only event that has been overexposed in the media.

In June of 2009 the King of Pop was pronounced dead at a Los Angeles hospital and the world seemed to come to an end.

Almost all music stations played music video marathons in his honor for that day and the following week.

Actress Farrah Fawcett died the same day within miles of Jackson and was not given nearly as much press as he was.

A couple of stations played Charlie's Angel and movie marathons in her honor but not

as much as Jackson received.

Michael Jackson was and will always be on of my favorite singer but his death completely overshadowed the rest of the world and Farrah Fawcett.

Both were famous but because he was a beloved musician his death seemed to take precedence over hers.

The media is fascinated with showing the public these stories no matter how serious or ridiculous it may be.

Stories such as the shooting in Arizona should be given air-time, and I know it's impossible to fit every store in but we can't forget about the rest of the world.



Well wishers gather from across Arizona to show United States Representative Gabrielle Gifford's support in her time of need. Citizens create

Sweet Treats As the Bell Rings

Buying snacks after school has been wildly popular among students with mid-day cravings.

WES CROUCHER
Staff Writer

Many students are unsure of what to eat after eight long and stressful periods of school. That is why Mrs. Linnemans, head of the high school cafeteria, and Mrs. Ayers, director of all Dallastown Area School District food services, decided to start the After School Snack Program.

These two women talked to students and the food tasting committee and they felt it was a fantastic idea for the masses.

The program was created for athletes who wanted a snack or drink before practice or games or for anyone who wants to grab something before heading home for the evening.

Starting at 2:50 and lasting until 3:15, it's prime time to get your grub on.

"What I like about our program is its convenience for students; it's a great grab-and-go before your after school activi-

ties," Linnemans said.

Food and drink offered includes muffins, veggies, pretzels, ice cream, chips, water, popcorn, and any sandwiches not used that day.

Since its beginning on January 6, the snack program has been a hoppin' site. Open on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, herds of students find themselves making their way to the cafeteria for snacks and socialization.

One thing the cafeteria workers wish was that they could hold the snack program Monday through Friday, but they have some fierce competition with Tasty Tuesday. Plus, they would have a lacking number of attendees on Fridays since everyone just wants to get home and start their weekend.

"I go there before snowboarding on Thursdays to grab me a PB&J for my super steezy nutrition so I can pop some sweet gnar off the launch ramp," junior Cory Norris said.

In all, it seems to be a very well-liked function.

From athletes to common school folk, the After School Snack Program has a little something for everyone to enjoy.

"Prior to winter track practice, I like to go to the cafeteria to throw down some Gatorade and load up on complex carbohydrates," senior Josh Mazzoni said.

Model United Nations Takes A Stand At Dallastown

This newly formed club portrays modern day world issues from a student's perspective.

ASHLEY CHAPMAN
Staff Writer

In the United States, there is everyday news about what's going on in this very region.

But what happens about other countries? What's going on beyond the United States?

If someone is eager to know, The Model United Nations Club will answer these questions and more.

Located in room 14, monthly meetings occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00. All are invited regardless of age or gender.

This is the exact reason why senior Kate Heath started this club.

"Instead of learning of our own country, we learn about current events outside of this country and about foreign diplomacy," Heath said.

Model U.N. is an in-school

conference held to investigate and debate international issues and come up with solutions to help countries nationwide.

These students take roles as diplomats and must have a variety of critical thinking skills, such as public speaking, group communication, note taking, active listening, conflict resolution, and others to represent their countries' policies.

With the help of Mr. Lumsargis and Mrs. Dachaeux, the club was able to begin in September of last year.

"I have an interest in the United Nations and international politics. It's in my background, and I also teach international conflicts. Plus, Kate is a student of mine, so I decided to help her out," Mr. Lumsargis said.

The club itself is not necessarily structured like the actual U.N. It is patterned after the U.N. Security Council.

Each student represents a nation on the council and their perspectives on different conflicts.

In the real U.N., the Security Council, who plays a role as Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, discuss current issues regarding international relations to resolve con-

flicts.

In the club, the Security Council is made up of fifteen countries with five permanent members, who were the winners of World War II. Although only five countries have veto power, all fifteen vote.

Each permanent member "has the power to resolutions and can put pressure on the world leaders to act," Mr. Lumsargis said.

Everyone then assesses the Security Council and votes on an issue.

In this process, club members research three global issues about a week before the next meeting.

Then, they meet, discuss the conflicts, and try to come up with resolutions that lead to "peace and prosperity".

"We hope to act as a real U.N. one day," Heath said.

The club will continue on next year after Heath has graduated.

Officers for next year remain undecided but a new president and vice president will be elected for the 2011-12 school year.

Tennis Team Supports Novak In Fight Against Cancer

After junior Mara Novak was diagnosed with cancer, friends and teammates offered donations through Locks of Love.

MOLLY NORTON
Front Page Editor

The girls' tennis team is a very tight-knit group of girls. So when one of their teammates was diagnosed with cancer, the

rest of the team immediately came together to comfort her.

Junior Mara Novak was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a treatable type of cancer, a few months ago. It is not easy for any person to find out that they have a disease such as that, but good friends are some of the best sources of comfort around.

"She stayed strong through her diagnosis and accepted that she had cancer and then moved on. She said that she could deal with the pain, but she just didn't want to lose her hair. She is a great friend and I am glad

that I can be with her through this," junior Lizzie Anderson, one of Novak's best friends, said.

Mrs. Gable, the girls' tennis coach, called the whole team together to brainstorm ideas of things that they could all do for Novak. All of the girls took paper hearts and wrote inspirational or funny quotes or sayings on them. The hearts were then strunged together to make a garland for Novak to hang in her room and be reminded that her friends and teammates are always thinking of her.

Novak has always enjoyed and looked forward to growing

her hair out and then getting it cut for Locks of Love. Fourth grade was the first time she ever donated her hair for this cause. Ever since then, her goal has been to donate her hair so many times that there was enough to make a wig.

Novak has been going under Chemotherapy in order to beat her cancer, which will ultimately lead to her hair falling out. To help Novak in donating enough hair to make a wig, so two of her tennis teammates decided to cut their hair for Locks of Love and donate it in Novak's name.

"Hair will come and go, but

friendships last forever. I wanted to show my support for her and show her that I care and that she's not facing this alone," senior Jen Kearney said.

Senior Jen Kearney and sophomore Emily Westenberger both cut ten inches of their hair and donated it in Novak's name.

"I was happy to help. I needed a haircut and Mara needed hair, so it was perfect timing," Westenberger said.

Novak's tennis teammates aren't the only ones donating hair for her. Sophomore Megana Kalakuntla, Mr. Myers' daughter, Tessa Myers, and Mr. Graf's daughter, Christine Myers, gave their pony tails and braids that they had gotten cut off in the past to Mrs. Gable to have donated for Novak.

While many people would probably agree that being diagnosed with cancer is probably one of the scariest things any person could ever go through, having caring and supportive friends and teammates can make going through it just a little bit easier.

"I know from past experience that friends meant the world to me when I was going through tough times, so I hope this donation will mean something to Mara," Kearney said.

Lots of Love in These Locks



In third grade, current junior Mara Novak cut her pigtails, and donated the hair to Locks of Love to create a wig for those struggling with cancer. Photo submitted Returning the favor, senior Jen Kearney (above right) and sophomore Emily Westenberger (right) decided to help their friend and tennis teammate Novak by cutting donating ten inches of their own hair in her name.Photos submitted



HOW IT WORKS:

Gym Major

This fast-paced class is a combination of learning and athletic exercise.

EMILY BEARD
Staff Writer

Whoever has last lunch has certainly seen the large group of senior students sporting their gym clothes in the cafeteria. This group of students is part of Gym Major.

The Gym Major class is only available to seniors, and is taught by Mrs. Werner, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Smeltzer. This class is a lot larger than your typical gym class, this year there are about 80 students enrolled in Gym Major.

The class meets five times a week and is considered a major. Two of the days are gym activity days; the other two-day class is held in the theatre room; the fifth day is a flex period where students either meet in the the-

atre room or the gym.

“In the gym we do what regular Phys. Ed. classes do, we just turn it up a notch,” Mrs. Werner said.

Some of the games the students play are tcheuckball, trangleball, pickle ball, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and Ultimate Frisbee. It just takes longer to get through each unit because of the large class size.

One special thing the students got to do this winter after the snowfall was going sledding. Some were seen walking into school equipped with sleds and bundles of warm clothing.

When the students are in the gym though, it is not like a typical gym class. In a typical class there are groups of students who actually participate, groups that stand in the corner, and groups who use the class as a social period with their friends.

In Gym Major, everyone participates.

“One of my favorite games is four quadrant tcheuckball with the whole class. Dodge ball is fun too. You also get a harder work out in the gym each class period,” senior Chelsea Forry said.

Not only do students have to love gym class and participating, they also have to be willing to learn and do projects in the classroom portion of the major.

In the classroom, the curriculum focuses on health and athletic training topics. The students learn how to ACE wrap and correctly tape ankles.

“The students get certified in CPR and first aid,” Werner said.

Each student is given an Olympic sport that they must write a paper on and do an oral presentation. They also must chose a sports skill of their own choice and teach a 10-minute lesson to the class.

Another requirement of the class is each student must participate in a 5K race.

If you love participating in gym class and don’t mind studying and learning first aid then make sure to take Gym Major for your senior year.

“Gym major is for people who like to participate in everything and you also have to be willing to participate in the classroom portion too,” Forry said.



Setting up for a spectacular play, Gym Major students enjoy an intense game of volleyball. *photo by Colleen Witkowski*



Playing a round of pickle ball, senior Josh Luckenbaugh doesn’t let anything touch the floor. *photo by Colleen Witkowski*

Two-Hour Delays: Where Have They Gone?

Since the intermediate school is completed, the monthly two hour delays from last year have ceased.

COURTNEY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Waking up at 6 a.m. every-day can be quite a challenge for most high school students. Last school year, students were overjoyed at the fact that they would

have a two hour delay on the first Tuesday of every month.

But that joy and excitement came to a screeching halt when it was learned that those two extra hours of sleep would come to an end for the next school year.

“The delays were originally planned so that the intermediate school teachers could meet with the teachers from the elementary and middle schools to reconfigure grades one through eight and lessen the need for a full day of in-service for teachers,” principal Dr. Fauth said.

Since the new school has ended construction and is now

up and running, the delays are no longer needed.

“I was mad because I couldn’t go get breakfast in the morning, and I couldn’t stay up late on Mondays anymore,” senior David Cox said.

For the time being, two hour delays are only reserved for inclement weather situations as they always have been.

But many students wish for nothing more than for those monthly two extra hours of sleep back.

“I wish we could have them again because it was relaxing to just get a little more sleep and be able to go out to breakfast with

your friends,” senior David Naylor said.

Even though the monthly delays are no more, Dr. Fauth insists that having them back in the future is not completely out of the question.

“If it were up to me, I would have high school starting at nine o’clock in the morning everyday and all other schools starting at seven,” Fauth said.

Even though it is nice to dream of when and if this day will come, if the delays were to be reinstated in the future, they would likely be for the same reason they were in place before: to lessen the need for a full day of in-service.

Computer Issues Mean Free Lunch at DAHS

Compiled by Staff

On Thursday, February 17, a power outage to the computer server caused some lunchtime chaos at DAHS.

It started around 10:00 a.m. while students were in their Advisor/Advisee class period working on Culminating Project Portfolios on Moodle.

Assistant Principal Mrs. Heffler came over the announcements to tell staff and students that the campus was experiencing computer issues and would not be able to access Moodle or the internet.

The problem continued through fourth period.

At the end of the period, Principal Dr. Fauth announced that the cafeteria would not be able to use the computers to track lunch purchases.

The school had no choice but to offer a free lunch to all students and staff.

Students could only opt for a full meal - no ala carte and no double lunches were allowed.

Power to the server was restored before the end of the day and things returned to normal.

The computer issues affected all of the districts eight buildings.

At press time, there was no word on how much the power outage and free lunch cost the district.



Admiring the different projects, sophomore Justin Barnett obtains exciting information from the various displays. *photo submitted*

Science Fair: More Than Just a Competition

Interesting and unique projects spread throughout the science wing in hopes to win a ribbon.

RYAN DIETER
Staff Writer

After most of the students of Dallastown filed out of the building the afternoon of January 28, many stayed to set up their long-term projects for the science fair.

The Science fair was held January 29 and 30. Many people attended the event to admire the hard work many students put into their projects.

“For most projects it takes about a month to collect enough valuable data to make a successful project,” sophomore Dawn Manns said.

That time commitment is only the research. Students yet have to plan the project, buy their materials, run experiments, collect the data, and put everything together for their presentation.

Honors Science students are given the class assignment in

September and have until January to complete it; however, they still have papers for it due in between.

For other science level classes, it is an optional project.

During the awards ceremony on January 30th, there were many awards and cash prizes handed out to numerous students. There were hundreds of winners between honorable mention, third, second, and first place.

First and second place had an automatic entrance into the County Science fair later in the year.

Of the first place winners, four were chosen for grand champions.

The Junior Reserve Grand Champion was Lauren Kovalchick. The Junior High Grand Champion was Mason Godfrey.

Ashley Lindo took the Senior High Reserve Grand Championship, and the Senior High Grand Champion was Lauren Hodge.

“Science fair isn’t just a competition, it’s a great opportunity for students to invest time and effort into learning new things,” Manns said.

DIVERSE Heroes

di·ver·si·ty \dī-'vər-sə-tē\ (n) being composed of differing elements

From DAHS students of different faiths to famous musicians, people from all over the world prove that we don't have to be defined by race, gender, socio-economic status, or sexual orientation.

he·ro \ 'hir-ō\ (n) any person admired for courage, nobility, etc.

Out of the almost seven billion people on this planet, only a few stand out as heroes. These people are diverse in their background and in how they are changing the world. Without them the world would most likely be a different place.

All graphics by Anna Ort



RACHEL TAYLOR
Sports Editor

On January 15, 2009, **Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger** successfully landed a passenger plane on the Hudson River after suffering from engine failure. All 155 lives on board were saved because of his heroic act. Captain Sully, as he is now known, stayed calm and landed the plane after a bird hit one of the engines. He is a hero to everyone who survived and an inspiration to other pilots who can now see that the impossible can be done.



In Taitung County's Central Market, in eastern Taiwan, **Chen Shu-chu** sells vegetables out of a small stall. Shu-chu's contribution to the world is simple. Out of her modest living, Shu-chu has managed to donate over \$320,000. She contributed \$32,000 to a children's fund and \$144,000 to build a library at the school she attended. She also supports three children at the local orphanage where she donated another \$32,000. Shu-chu's greatest gift to the world is her example. If we all donated a little bit more maybe the world would be a better place. As for her response to the attention she said "Money serves its purpose only when it is used for those who need it."



Will.i.am. is most well known for being a member of the popular music group The Black Eyed Peas. But what many people don't know is that he grew up in the projects of East L.A. He came from basically nothing and is now one of the most successful artists of today. Through his success he has never forgotten his roots. And now he is giving back. In early May 2010, he appeared on Oprah and saved two families who couldn't afford their mortgage due to the recession. He announced his creation of the i.am home fund. "I don't dream of being mega, crazy rich. I just wanna be

able to create, make music and help people. Doing this isn't gonna leave a dent in my house, but it could help somebody that really needs it. It's something that means a lot to me." Will.i.am said to Oprah while appearing on her show.

When a child loses a parent in a developing country, school is no longer a possibility and there is no one else to provide the basic needs for them such as food. Poverty is the only certainty. Cancer is the world's leading cause of death. In developing countries, it is becoming the hardest hitting disease. **Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** is cancer's main opponent in these countries. After creating a biotech company in her garage in the 1970s, she became very successful as she was way ahead of her time on biotechnology. The startup, Biocon International, today is a \$1 billion dollar corporation. In her battle to help

the poor, Shaw donates \$2 million dollars to help cover 100,000 Indian villagers health insurance. In Bangalore, India, she devoted over \$10 million to create the Mazumdar-Shaw Cancer Center. The center will treat the poor in the evenings, which will allow them to continue to work during the day.



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DR. DYER SAYS...

Our Assistant Superintendant Dr. Dyer is an integral part of DAHS diversity. He is part of the Diversity Initiative and developed the Dallastown ROCS program. Dr. Dyer had interesting facts to share about DAHS diversity, particularly when it comes to socio-economic status.

Set up in the 2006-2007 school year, Dallastown ROCS:Respect Others, Care for Self, is the guide for the teaching of ethics and social-emotional learning in DAHS. It serves as the umbrella for other diversity programs in the district.

"Every student deserves the best. People may not always accept others, but you must respect them."

We occasionally have homeless students in the district. Sometimes they are in transition or just trying to find somewhere to live.








DASD works with agencies to get any support we can for families, whether that support be in the form of getting food or finding a tutor.

22% of students are part of the free and reduced lunch program.

"There is a lot of pride in our community, which keeps some from applying. We do not publicly identify who is in the program to maintain their honor."

Teachers are sent to workshops such as the Diversity Awareness Plan to help them find ways to reach out and to make sure they are sensitive to diversity.

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NAME	AQSA SIDDIQUI	DIMITRA SKOURAS	MARISSA NEWBERGER	NICK WILSON	KIRAT BHANGU	SHELBY ODUM	RACHEL BRAGG
GRADE	Freshman	Junior	Junior	Senior	Freshman	Senior	Junior
I am...	Muslim	Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Buddhist	Sikh	Mormon	Pagan, unspecified
Since...	Birth	Birth	Birth	Four years ago	Birth	Birth (Baptized at 8)	Four years ago
Why?	Family's religion	Family's religion	Family's religion	Personal choice	Family's religion	Family's religion	Personal choice
Services, practices, celebrations, and holidays	Mosque every Sunday Eid-Al-Fitr Eid-Al-Adha	Sunday services at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (the one the Gyro Fest) Easter (usually on a different day than Protestant Easter) Same holidays of other Christians	Occasional Friday night service at temple High Holy Days: Yom Kippur Rosh Hashanah Passover Hannukkah	Daily meditation	Temple every Sunday Lohri (Thanksgiving) Bhakshi (creation of Sikhism) Diwali (festival of lights)	Church every Sunday for three hours Wednesday night youth group Occasional dances or service projects on Saturdays Seminary, a class for which Odum wakes up at 3:50 every weekday	Yule (Christmas) Ostara (Easter) Samhein (Halloween) Solstices Equinoxes
How it affects daily life	"People define Islam as a way of life, not a religion. By my wearing the head scarf, my religion is with me all the time."	"We are supposed to fast every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Fasting in Greek Orthodoxy involves abstaining from meat, dairy, and oil. We also have long periods of fasting before big celebrations like Christmas or Pascha, which is the Greek name for Easter."	"Being Jewish doesn't affect my life too much because my family does not keep Kosher and we are not too strict. However, we still observe the holidays and I am in a Jewish youth group called BBYO. Although I do not get to go to youth group as much as I'd like, it is still a fun thing to do and I have many great friends in it."	"Buddhism champions for the preservation of all life and leads me to live a very anti-violent lifestyle. It has caused me to resent war and feel sorrow for the millions of lives lost to frivolous fighting. I feel like a bad Buddhist when I eat meat. I also feel guilty when I play an occasional Grand Theft Auto."	"It affects most of my daily life. Most Sikhs, like my family, are vegetarian. Sikhs don't cut their hair, and at home I speak Punjabi and eat Punjabi food."	"Getting up so early prepares me for the day... There are a lot of rules that come along with my religion like "No drinking or smoking", "No dating until you're sixteen!", "No rated R movies!", "No cussing!" and "No doing anything except going to church on Sundays"... There is no part of my life that my religion doesn't cover."	"Frequently, just in admiring the earth and what's around us... [Pagans] believe in the worship and beauty of nature, and what we take we give back. The female presence was the most important focus, as they were the ones who gave life."
What don't others understand?	"People take me as a terrifying person because I wear the hijab and they recall me as a terrorist. I think they should understand that a true Muslim like me has no relationship with people relating to terrorism."	"Sometimes when people hear that I am Greek, they assume that I worship Zeus, which is kind of a big misconception. That was practiced in Ancient Greece, and it is a lot different than Greek Orthodoxy. "	"I believe that people should know that celebrating the holidays, such as Purim and Hannukkah, are tons of fun!"	"Buddhism is a very unknown practice and I feel people should educate themselves on its principles. It has truly shaped the way I live a life that I am proud of."	"They think since we wear turbans, we are Muslim. Men wear them since they can't cut their hair. We believe in one God. Jesus, Mohammed, and Moses are prophets to us. Our holy book respects other religions and considers them equal."	"Mormons are not polygamists! We aren't Amish. We use electricity and wear trendy clothes. Shows like South Park, Big Love, and Bones sometimes do not accurately research our religion, so it is best to ask just to clarify."	"Most people don't understand the basis of Paganism. It's a broad religion, like Christianity, with sects."

New Clubs

Two new clubs formed at DAHS for the 2010-2011 school year. These clubs help to illustrate how diverse our school has become.

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Gay-Straight Alliance Finally Forms

ALAYSHA CLAIBORNE
Staff Writer

For at least the past five years, students have been trying to bring a club to DAHS that emphasizes a positive relationship between gay and straight students.

As part of this year's accelerated effort towards diversity, the Gay Straight Alliance was finally born as another effort to cater to the diverse needs of Dallastown.

Dallastown's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is a new club that focuses on the problem with Dallastown's heterocentric habits and homophobic views.

The club hopes to be a safe place to discuss things from all points of view and to eliminate unfair judgments and biases in the school.

"Our job is to focus on how we can make a difference in our school in regards to homophobia, bullying, and diversity issues," club advisor Miss Dressell said.

During the national "No-Name-Calling Week," the GSA hung posters and shared daily announcements with a comical twist.

With a common theme to "knock it off," the announcements used the example phrase "that's so gay" to display misuse

of the statement.

Miss Dressell, Mrs. Riddle, and Ms. DiPiano advise the GSA club and every other Day 3 the group meets in the library to discuss relevant topics and future events.

The GSA club hopes to create open minds within the Dallastown community. The club hopes to create minds open to not only race and culture, but all life styles.

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The Black Student Union Integrates Students

RAYA COLE
Staff Writer

This year, Dallastown Area High School was introduced to the very first Black Student Union (BSU).

BSU is an organization for black students to voice their differences, goals, and ideas.

Miss Coleman had the idea to start this club, and with the help of Dr. Fauth, the BSU had their first meeting on December 14, 2011.

Coleman decided to start this club because she noticed there were issues and separation amongst the black students.

"I wanted to do something about that separation," Coleman said.

The major focus of this club is to get Black History Month appreciated.

When people hear "Black Student Union" they may think the club is limited to black students only, which is not the case.

BSU does not discriminate against any other cultural

group, meaning others are allowed to join, too.

BSU is about uniting everyone and allowing them to understand where black people stand in society.

"I joined because it is a great idea to have a club for the minorities in our school. It is about the unity and a lot of time we don't have that," junior KimCopeland said.

Since there is no other type of "African American Study" at Dallastown, BSU helps Dallastown become aware of the culture.

"The meeting can get a little rowdy, but most of the time it is serious and we get whatever needs to be completed, complete," Darrington said.

General BSU meetings are every other Tuesday.

"It's a good place to come and learn about African American culture. There are always new things to discover," senior Courtney Edwards said.

50 years of Wrestling

Alumni come back for pre-match ceremony to look back on fifty years of Dallastown Wrestling.

KAITLYN SCHNETZKA
Staff Writer

Generations, tradition, pride, family, and success are all words that lump together the true meaning behind Dallastown wrestling.

In a pre-match ceremony on Saturday January 24, 2011 former wrestlers, coaches, cheerleaders, and supporters of Dallastown wrestling from the past fifty years returned to DAHS to celebrate one of its most successful sports programs.

“People can always achieve more when they’re doing it as a whole rather than by themselves,” former head coach Dave Gable said.

Dallastown wrestling dates back to the 1960-61 season.

Head coach Murray Davidson and assistant coach Jim Beck rolled out mats in the lobby and that is where the first team held their practices.

Throughout the past 50 years the wrestling program has had five head coaches and many assistant coaches.

During the 60’s Davidson had a record of 42-19-1.

During the 70’s assistant coach James Beck took over as head coach and led the Wildcats to a 23-0 record and earned two

more league titles.

The third coach was Mr. Bill Bence who was inducted into the District III Hall of Fame as a coach. Bence had a remarkable record of 278-11.

Dallastown Biology teacher Dave Gable was head coach for a twenty year stretch.

He led his team to win twelve league titles and three District III team titles. Also his team finished in the top six state championships which was the highest finish recorded for a Dallastown team.

“There is a collection of people, individuals, wrestlers, parents, and community who gel together to make it work. I’m lucky to just be a small portion of Dallastown wrestling,” Gable said.

Current head coach Matt Striebig was an assistant coach under Gable for fourteen years. During Striebig’s short time as head coach, he coached 2010 state place winner, Phil Sprenkle.

Over the past 50 years Dallastown has won 29 league titles, five District III team titles, had over 40 state place winners, and five PIAA state champions.

Currently there are eleven members of the one hundred win club, the most recent being senior Phil Sprenkle.

“It was awesome to see all the past wrestlers and cheerleaders that were involved in the past fifty years, but more importantly, the past coaches that taught and led those teams. It was a good feeling to be part of



The original Wildcat wrestling team of 1961 smiles for the first team photo. They were led by coach Murray Davidson, who had a record of 42-19-1 by the end of the ‘60s. Photo from Spectator 1961.

the tradition and strong wrestling program Dallastown has to offer,” Sprenkle said.

Among the former wrestlers who came back many former wrestling cheerleaders came back too.

Tammy Morrison was just one of the cheerleaders from the 80’s that came back to support the Wildcats in their match against Dover and look back on her cheer days.

“As part of the wrestling family I felt like I was part of something big,” Morrison said.

To this day Dallastown

wrestling is still important to her and her family because she came from a wrestling family. Her son, junior Brooks Morrison is one of the varsity starters.

Along with the Morrison family many other generations of fathers and sons have come through the wrestling program such as the Druck family.

Over the years a lot has been learned through Dallastown wrestling.

“Without a doubt the hard work and dedication learned through wrestling can be applied to so many other things in life,”

former Coach John Myers said.

All alumni who attended this historical event were invited to a social gathering in the cafeteria after the match where refreshments were served to the public as many reflected on the past fifty years and to also celebrate the big win over Dover that night. Medals were also given to commemorate the fifty year celebration.

“Dallastown wrestling has great tradition not just on the mat but in real life.” “It builds good people, not just wrestlers,” Myers said.

Freshman Smashes Stereotypes

One of the junior high wrestlers for the 2010-2011 school year brings one thing to the team that none of the other wrestlers have—a ponytail.

KELLY SPILLANE
Staff Writer

Survivor’s “Eye of the Tiger” begins after the cheerleaders perform. The Dallastown varsity wrestling team walks out, circling around the mat with their hoods up as the opposing coach’s forehead wrinkles in concern.

Many of the girls that show up to varsity wrestling matches are there to support a friend on the team. Freshman Jenn Summers, however, is there to learn.

Last year, Summers would have been wearing a cheerleading uniform to the matches, cheering on the wrestlers. This year, the squad is cheering for her.

“We actually talked about wrestling a lot when she was cheering, and she said she would always like to try it,” freshman Taylor Daugherty said.

Summers, the former captain of the junior high cheerleading squad, is now a contributing member of the junior high wrestling team.

“I always wanted to wrestle,” Summers said. “My parents just didn’t want me to.”

But time was running out for Summers to fulfill her dream.

“This was the last year I could join because on varsity,

they don’t teach you the basics,” Summers said.

She needed a year on the junior high team to teach her the fundamentals of wrestling, and her freshman year was her last opportunity to do so.

By joining the team, she would become the first girl wrestler at Dallastown since the early 2000s.

“I miss Jenn a lot at cheer, but I’m happy she’s doing something she has a passion for. I give her props for doing it, I know most girls wouldn’t,” Daugherty said.

Teammates, meanwhile, don’t seem to think this new addition is strange.

“It’s not any different,” freshman Mike Anderson said. “It’s just like having any other teammate.”

Junior high coach Mr. Jansen had similar thoughts.

“She used a different locker room and weighed in at a different place. That was about the only difference,” Jansen said.

While Summers is certainly not the first girl ever to step out onto a wrestling mat, some of her opponents are not always prepared for her in an otherwise male-dominated sport.

“Sometimes the other person is hesitant, but when I make a move on them, they see I’m not joking,” Summers said.

As this year’s season comes to an end, Summers realizes her time on the junior high team is over. She plans to continue onto the high school team, a decision which is not met with opposition from her coach.

“She works very hard. She’s a model team member, she doesn’t complain a lot, and she does what she has to do,” Jansen said.

If all goes as planned, in a few years Summers will be wearing her hood up and walking around the mat to “Eye of the Tiger,” ready to wrestle on the high school team.



McGlynn Sets New Scoring Record



Rutecki congratulates Four McGlynn after breaking the record. Photo Submitted.

On February 2, Patrick “Four” McGlynn, senior point guard on the Varsity Basketball team, broke the school’s record for all-time highest scorer.

Before the game began, there was a special ceremony to honor the 1975-76 YAI AA championship basketball team.

Along with former coaches and players was the former title holder, Bill Rutecki.

Rutecki held the record of 1,616 points for over thirty years. McGlynn, who has played on the Varsity team since his freshman year, was only seven points away from breaking the record at the beginning of the game.

Averaging about 25 points per game, McGlynn was bound to break the record sometime during the game.

That time came just before the end of the first quarter when he made a perfect three pointer against York High.

Rutecki proudly presented McGlynn with the game ball, in a sense passing on the baton to a new leader.

McGlynn will be headed to the University of Vermont this fall and will continue to play basketball.

McGlynn and the Wildcats finished their regular season on February 8. At press time, the team played a qualifying game that would put them into State play.

BY RACHEL TAYLOR
Sports Editor

Catching up with KJ



Keith Matthews talks to former Dallastown athletes about where they are now and where they’re going in the future.

After much success in her high school years, 2008 Character Counts award winner, Chelsea Shearer finds herself performing at the collegiate level in a Lycoming Warrior basketball jersey.

The former Lady Wildcat has been a successful athlete at the collegiate level. DAHS, along with the Dallastown girls’ basketball program, have been a huge part of her success.

Before making a final decision as to where she wanted to play basketball after high school, there were many factors that she had to consider before choosing Lycoming.

“I visited so many schools and Lycoming just seemed to be the right fit for me; I loved the girls on the team, the coach was nice, the campus was beautiful, and it was not real close to home but not too far away from home.”

Shearer wasted no time becoming an important role player on the Warriors’ basketball team as she made key contributions in 16 games as a freshman.

Shearer has used her ability to work hard and dedicate herself to the game as an important tool to become the athlete she is today. She goes into every practice and games with a purpose.

“Coach Gerber used to always tell my team that ‘you can do two things at practice: get better or get worse.’ I always remember that quote whenever I go to practice because it motivates me to work really hard.”

Dallastown athletics obviously helped Shearer on the court, but Dallastown also helped her in the classroom.

The various courses Dallastown has to offer gave Shearer an upper hand in the college classroom.

“I definitely felt well prepared for college especially when it came to writing essays – Advanced Comp with Fulton prepared me a lot!”

While a lot of high school students find themselves with flustered priorities, Shearer was able to keep her head straight for four years at Dallastown.

She focused on her future by getting commendable grades in the classroom and by staying out of trouble beyond the classroom.

“What seems important to a high school student, like being popular or being the jock or whatever, really doesn’t matter once you get out of high school, so focus on the more important things like academics because that’s what matters in the long run.”

Shearer did well in her normal academic classes, but her best Dallastown memories came in her favorite class, which was more of a physically inclined course, gym major.

When asked what things she wouldn’t forget about high school she responded, “Probably my gym major field trips when we went to the ropes course in Millersville and the bike ride to Lake Redman.”

Shearer is currently a junior psychology major at Lycoming College and has a good idea of what she wants to do after college.

Regardless of where life takes her, she will never forget Dallastown and the people she met during her time at Dallastown.

“I miss my friends and some of my teachers that had a huge impact on me.”



The Lycoming warrior smiles for her junior year roster picture. This is Shearer’s third year on the team.

Photo from Lycoming College website.

A Sticky Situation

What happens when two buddies make a Super Bowl bet?

BY EDIMA ENYONG
Staff Writer

Most bets consist of money or other items that are viewed as valuable. But for junior Blake Barshinger, what began as fun, harmless gambling ended with the painful loss of one of his manliest assets: leg hair.

It all started just a few months ago.

“Blake and I were comparing leg hair and were trying to figure out whose was more grotesque,” Dillon Ketterman, junior and close friend of Barshinger, said. “We came to the conclusion that when the Super Bowl came, one of us would have to shave our ‘man’ hair.”

The pair decided that if the AFC (American Football Conference) team won, Ketterman would shave his legs, and if the NFC (National Football Conference) team won, Barshinger would shave his legs.

But at some point, the bet intensified and the guys decided the loser would have to wax his legs.

So during the game, while Ketterman cheered for the Green Bay Packers, Barshinger rooted for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Though they were unable to watch the game together, the two managed to stay in touch throughout the duration of the game.

“I would send him a text when Green Bay would score and say something like, ‘Don’t you love hot wax on your legs?’ He would reply with some not nice words,” Ketterman said.

After the game, many of Ketterman and Barshinger’s close friends were anxious as to when the hair removal was going to take place.

The event was even publicized over Facebook. “Blake Barshinger, time to face the music and wax those legs of yours. A bet’s a bet,” Ketterman challenged.

Ketterman later shared with the Beacon staff that “[Blake’s] actually taking it quite well. He accepted the loss and decided to go through with it.”

The date was set for Saturday, February 13. The boys went to Wal-Mart to buy the supplies. Ketterman could not find the wax, so he had to settle for some shaving cream and a razor.

A small group of close friends gathered in Ketterman’s house for the event. It was a light mood as they watched Barshinger’s leg hair disappear.

“He just took it and laughed about it,” junior Hayden Moore said. “Then he started freaking out about how weird it was for

his legs to be so smooth.”

According to Ketterman, “he was crying the whole time I was shaving them, saying ‘he’s losing his manhood.’”



The grin on Dillon Ketterman’s face says it all... Victory! He basks in the glory of winning the bet as he shaves Blake Barshinger’s legs.

Photo Submitted.

Signing Day



On February 2nd, senior Ben Kline, along with his family, coaches and principal, signed his letter of intent to Penn State University. Last year, Kline was verbally committed to play for Pitt but changed his mind after a visit last summer to Penn State. Kline, who plays the position of linebacker, is ranked 25th in the nation. He also helped lead the Wildcats to a perfect season in 2010. Dallastown wishes him the best in his future as a Nittany Lion. Photo Submitted.

Storage Closet Becomes Fitness Cardio Room

The Dallastown Phys. Ed. Department offers an alternative to expensive gym and health club memberships.

COLLEEN WITKOWSKI
Photo Editor

There is an inexpensive solution to getting and staying healthy without emptying your wallet right here at Dallastown.

Health and Phys. Ed. Department Chair Mrs. McKinney runs the high school

Fitness Cardio Room. This new edition to DAHS offers three rowing machines, two steppers, eight ellipticals, two stationary bikes and two treadmills.

“I want the students to know how to do cardio, it’s not just walking in the halls; it’s sweating and working out,” McKinney said.

Most of the machines are reused machines from the old cardio room off of the weight room, but there are five new additions that were made just last year.

One was donated by Mr. Good when he won the Teacher Impact Award, which gave \$1000 to the school.

The machines can help students who want to join a gym decide if it would be something they like. Students can also try the machines out first if they are looking to buy one in the future.

“It’s a good way to get in shape and challenge your will power to stay fit and feel good about yourself,” participant junior Devin Chaney said.

McKinney came up with the idea of staying after school with students when she was approached a couple of years ago by a student who asked for help.

He struggled with a ten minute mile, but decided he wanted to become healthier.

“He said he wanted to lose

30 pounds and he wanted to be able to run a 5k,” McKinney said

Although the room is the former storage closet attached to the wrestling room, McKinney plans to renovate the room with a rubber floor, and she is also hoping to add televisions and posters for the walls.

“The biggest challenge [with the room] is keeping out all the junk. People still think this is a storage room and they probably still will for 2 to 4 more years,” McKinney said.

The size of the room is perfect for the average number of students that show up is about three to five.

“No one’s watching you here.

The threat of being in a health club where everyone’s wearing tights and leotards isn’t here,” McKinney said.

Another great amenity about the fitness cardio room is that by staying after school with McKinney, it can count for gym make-up and can get rid of demerits.

The after school program is open to anyone who is willing to work out until 4 or 4:15, but interested students should stop by room 294 to check in with McKinney first.

It’s a no cost and no commitment gym, so come whenever you want!

Stringing Up for a Cause

Four members of the Dallastown orchestra use their talents to help families mourn the loss of loved ones in the battle with cancer

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Cancer. This six-letter word elicits many emotions ranging from fear to sadness. Most DAHS students and staff know at least one life that has been touched by the disease. On Sunday, January 30, four Dallastown students helped to comfort those who have lost loved ones to cancer by performing at the Service of Memory and Hope. The Dallastown High School String Quartet provided the music at this non-denominational service at the Apple Hill Cancer Center. The string quartet, made up of the first chair players from

the string section of the orchestra, practices weekly one their own and with Mr. Diehl, usually before school on Wednesdays at 6:50 a.m. This year’s quartet is made up of senior Nick Wilson (Violin I), sophomore Claire Kim (Violin II), junior Jennifer Boyle (Viola), and freshman Daniel Blumhard (Cello). The group plays various functions throughout the school year both in and out of school. York Hospital Chaplain Jenny Williams invited the quartet to take part in the Service of Hope. They were excited to have our musicians. “Dallastown has a great musical program and we appreciate the musical talents as these young men and women,” Susan Crimmel of Wellspan Health said. Friends and family of those who passed away in 2010 were invited to the service to share stories, memories, and grief. Clear messages from the speakers included helping families to realize that they are not alone in their grief and to realize that remembering is part of the healing process.



Senior Nick Wilson (Violin I), sophomore Claire Kim (Violin II), junior Jennifer Boyle (Viola), and freshman Daniel Blumhard (Cello) perfomring one of their beautiful pieces at the Service of Memory and Hope. Photo by Staff

There was a candle lighting ceremony in which names of those who were lost were read aloud as a candle was lit for each. The quartet provided five musical selections during the event. This is only one of several events for which they have performed this year. In November, they group played for the reception of the consecration of the Greek Orthodox Church on Dew Drop Road. In December, they supplied the music for the administra-

tion’s holiday lunch located in the administration offices. In the spring, they play during the reception for the Dollars for Scholars banquet. According to Diehl, they are sometimes booked for weddings and private events as well.

Dallastown’s Future Martin Scorsese

He picked up the camera in 10th grade and hasn’t put it down since.

WES CROUCHER
Staff Writer

Not many students are given the opportunity to be in charge of all the live productions at a nationally broadcasted football game. Tyler Smith was one of five high school seniors handpicked from NewTek, a major graphics, film, and TV production company, to be part of the 2011 US All-American Video Crew. The students were to help film the 2011 US Army All-American Bowl football game held at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, Texas. Of the five total finalists,


Smith was the only student selected from east of the Mississippi River. For the weeklong camp, Smith learned about and used NewTek’s equipment and on the day of the game, he rotated to different stations using the company’s new technology including the sideline cameras, TriCaster video switcher, 3Play slow motion machine, and other various products. “It was an exhausting experience but at the end of the day. I learned a lot more about filmmaking than I ever have before,” Smith said. On top of that, Smith was a personal assistant to one of the cinematographers for MTV’s new reality show called “The Ride” and also helped with the production of the game’s half-time show using Newtek’s Tricaster.

“The whole week wasn’t like a vacation or anything but more like learning and working with live production and there was never a dull moment,” Smith said. But, Smith’s passion for film didn’t all start with this football game. His interest all began when he signed up for Mr. Klinedinst’s Television Production 1 class as a sophomore. He instantly fell in love with the camera but wanted to become more involved in the field of television mass media. So, during the summer following tenth grade, he enrolled at a summer camp called Camp STN (Student Television Network) out of Springfield, Missouri where he picked up more editing and storytelling skills. It was also here that Smith decided indisputably that he wanted to make films for the

rest of his life. “I knew at that moment I wanted to show the world what I see through my lens,” Smith said. Smith thought he still needed more knowledge with broadcasting and production, so he took Television II here at Dallastown. As the school year passed, he decided to do more out of school projects like wedding DVDs, music videos, and film reels. Due to the success of his film reel, he was placed on the 2011 US All-American Video Crew. He also went to Rock the Campus this past summer, another weeklong camp, held at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. There, he was able to see firsthand what it would be like to study at a film school. As if Smith’s future in film doesn’t look promising enough, a fellow video crew member’s

father, who owns his own production company that works alongside ESPN, offered him a position on his team to help film behind the scenes at the Winter X Games 15 held on January 27-30 in Aspen, Colorado. Due to prior obligations, Smith decided he couldn’t afford to miss school and was unable to attend the event. “He has a natural ability to frame video in an artistic way that draws your eye in,” Mr. Klinedinst said on Smith’s talents. Wherever life’s road will take him, his knack for videography will follow suit. “I’m not much of a storyteller but my passion is telling stories through my videos. I like music. I like painting. I love working with cameras. I’ve learned I can combine all of that into one art form: video story telling,” Smith said.

Hugs



79%

“I can accept them from so many more people; kisses are seriously limited”
Mrs. Erhart

“Hugs are underestimated, they can mean a lot more than a kiss”
Sasha Fagello
Senior

Beacon Battle

Each year, romatics across the globe are in anticipation of the most “lovey dovey” holiday of the year, Valentines day. Roses, chocolates, and diamonds are some of the ways people show their love and appreciation for one another. But on this day you can’t travel anywhere without seeing people of all ages engaged in some form of PDA. We took to the halls of Dallastown to see which you prefer, hugs or kisses?

“A hug says I care without nauseating your friends.”
Becca DeCowsky
senior

“You can hug everyone. Kisses are for special occasions. Hugs don’t discriminate”
Maddi Zoller
Senior


“They’re both super rockin’ on different levels”
Jarik Hieronymus
sophmore

“Neither, No PDA!! They spread germs. Give candy or cards instead”
Miss Kowaleski

“ You can hug anybody, but a kiss shows your feelings toward them in a special way”
Hannah Derrick
Freshman

“ You can hug anyone if you want but you can’t just kiss anyone...unless you’re dirty.”
Gabrielle Darrington
Senior

Kisses



21%

“It’s way more powerful and has more meaning to it than a hug”
Justin Updegorge
Senior

“ There is more spark in a kiss you connect better with the other person”
Michelle Babka
Senior

Teacher Talk
What's Your
Favorite Love
Song?



My new favorite love song is "Marry Me" by Train. Every time I hear it, I end up in tears!

Miss Robertson
English

"Somebody"
by Depeche Mode
Mrs.Yuninger
English



Eagles: "The Best of My Love". Saw them do it live in concert in 1976

Mr.Stager
Math

"Far Away" by Nickelback

Mrs.Wislon
Math



C'est si bonperformed by Eartha Kitt. When I show this video to students, they are ready to fall in love on the spot (and most of the boys do fall in love with Eartha Kitt).

Madame Botterbusch
French

"I Don't Want To Miss A Thing" by Aerosmith
Mrs.Boyd
Math



Always and Forever by Heatwave. An oldie, but so true about love. Danced to it at my wedding and it has-n't let me down yet.

Miss. Dallmeyer
Social Studies

"Wedding Song"
by Rawlin's Cross
Miss.Kowalewski
Art



"I Can't Fight This Feeling Anymore"
By Reo Speedwagon

Mrs.Beck
Guidance

Passion For Poetry

Students face off in the annual Poetry Out Loud competition.

EDIMA ENYONG
Staff Writer

To most, the thought of memorizing poems and reciting them to an audience is anything but exciting. To a handful of students, this is seen as a thrilling opportunity.

On Wednesday, February 2, Dallastown hosted the 3rd Annual Poetry Out Loud. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, Poetry Out Loud offers its participants chances to win scholarships, all-expenses-paid trips, and to gain literary and public speaking skills.

To enter the competition, contestants must choose two poems—one with no more than

25 line and another with no less—from a list of eligible works on the Poetry Out Loud website.

The shorter poem was to be recited in the first round; the top five contestants chosen were to recite the other poem of their choice in the second.

Seniors Becca Decowsky and Kelly Spillane and sophomore Jacob Arbitter placed first, second, and third. Each was awarded a gift card to Borders, which was sponsored by the Dallastown Performing Arts Club.

"I have always enjoyed poetry," Decowsky said, "I've been reciting it since I was in grade school."

The school competition is organized by English teachers Mrs. Yuninger and Miss Harper. Yuninger, a former teacher at Central High School, brought the idea of the event with her upon entering the district.

"It is incredibly helpful for students to recite. It helps them understand the importance of literature in our lives," Yuninger



Sophomore Julia Levis recites one of her two memorized poems for the judges and many contestants of Poetry Outloud. Photo by Kelly Spillane

said.

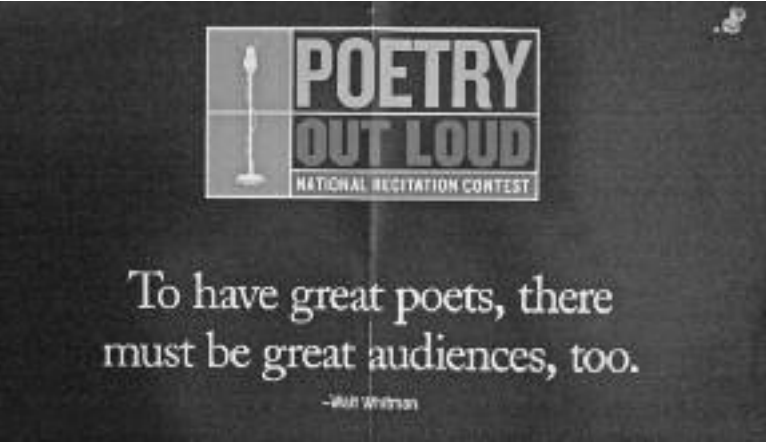
Decowsky, the winner of the Dallastown competition, went to Gettysburg on Wednesday, February 16, to compete at the regional level. She was required to learn a third poem in addition to the two that she had memorized.

"I'm ecstatic to be able to represent Dallastown and express myself.... (Poetry Out Loud) is fun and allows you to be creative by using other people's work rather than your own," Decowsky said.

Julia Levis, sophomore and fellow competitor, seemed to agree with Decowsky's view of the competition.

"I loved it. I thought it was great just to get that experience and see a lot of talented people perform."

"Students have told me after being forced to do this competition , that once they took it into themselves, the poem became part of their identity. Someone said, 'I never knew what it was like to have something no one can take away,'" Yuniger said.



Would You Like Fries With That Take?

The audience members of the Winter Dinner Theatre enjoy a hearty serving of spaghetti, salad and comical relief.

ALICIA INKROTE
Feature's Editor

Chuckling gleefully, the audience enjoyed the comedy and dedication coming from the actors onstage.

These actors were none other than students participating in the Dallastown Drama Club Winter Dinner Theater on February 4.

Typically, the club performs a fall play and a winter dinner show each year.

This year, junior Megan Anderson created the script for the winter show.

Titled "Sillybands, Shakespeare, and Spring Formal Dresses," the play ties together different situations in which teenagers can relate.

Some of the scenes include boyfriend/girlfriend drama, striving toward goals, and unfortunate consequences to science projects.

Anderson did not know that she would be sitting as director of one of her shows.

"I have written short stories all my life, but I never thought of actually doing something with them until now. All summer I worked on producing a manageable show with the right number of people that would fit the unique needs of a show in the cafeteria," Anderson said.



Members of the Dallastown Dram Club in character at the Winter Dinner Theatre audience. Sophomore Julia Levis, senior Kayla Frederick, sophomore Cierra Heilman, freshman Emily Horn and freshman Kitty Delaney give a great performance in "Sillybands, Shakespeare, and Spring Formal Dresses"Photo by Alicia Inkrote

Not only did the audience see a show, but they were provided dinner: spaghetti and salad.

There were also improvisation acts before the show in which included audience participation.

The actual show consisted of fourteen different scenes in two acts.

These scenes were portrayed in the four corners of the cafeteria and all the characters and their events came together in the end.

It all started with a girl and her obsession with sillybands.

Adding some Shakespearean sonnets and spring formal

dances, drama ensued with fellow characters entering some sticky situations.

The show ended with the girl and her sillybands living "happily ever after."

"The play is adorable. It has its corny moments, but I think that's what I love about it," senior actress Madi Zoller said.

Fourteen performers and assistance from the eleven crew members made this production come alive.

"The best part was having one of my friends be the writer and director, it made a different type of experience not having an adult run the show. There were definetley up and downs, there

always are. Acting can get frustrating, you start and have to stop and fix this and that. It's all worth it in the end though because you improve as a performer with every show your in,"actress Kayla Fredrick said.

Anderson completed this as her Culminating Project and was satisfied with the result.

"The support I received from both my advisors and the studetns was overwhelming. There are so many people that are a part of this process that go unseen, and the work that everyone contributes is just phenomenal. I could not have asked for a more rewarding experience," Anderson said.

February of the month



Celebrity Look-A-Like



Kaitlyn Schnetzka
Senior
Dallastown Area High School



Maria Canalis Barrera
Actress
Wizards of Waverly Place

Lunch Box of the Month Keepin' it Old School



ALAINA HERBST
Staff Writer

Most students at Dallastown sit down to eat lunch with a tray in hand, and others come with a generic lunch box filled with goods and treats to eat. One student in our school, however, has a lunch box worth protecting. Sophomore Kenneth Hughes, used to carry a collectable lunch into the treacherous cafeteria every day. He stopped taking it to lunch when he found out that this metal box might be worth something in twenty years. The lunch box is made of titanium steel and has the Batman logo across the front of it. "I almost chose a superman lunch box, but then clearly decided that superman was dumb and batman was much cooler," Hughes said. In twenty years this simple metal box will be worth anywhere from thirty to seventy dollars.

Trend of the Month Hip Hydration

Mr. Fulton

Kaitlyn Winters

Christina Fritz

Sara Wagner

Chelsea Forry

Megan Durham

Wes Croucher

Emily Beard

Stephanie Le and Ashlyn Bailey

Rachel Taylor

Couple of the Month Maggie Seitz and Johnny Hyman



COLLEN WITKOWSKI
Staff Writer

When junior Maggie Seitz and senior Johnny Hyman were 6 years old on the same soccer team, they probably never dreamed that they would be dating in high school. After their early start, the pair sort of lost touch. "We just started to talk again last year," Seitz said. This couple enjoys seeing movies, going to dinner, and hanging out together, but they also share a common sport

they love to play and watch: lacrosse. Seitz loves watching Hyman play because the games are always intense and fun to watch. Besides lacrosse, they also love the other's personality. "She is so nice and she accepts me for who I am and tries to work with me," Hyman said. He also called her very "down-to-earth." "She has been though a lot with me and understands and listens to me." Seitz mirrors his comments. "He is really easy to talk to and is a very caring guy." She also enjoys many of the drawings Hyman makes for her. "I love receiving cute drawings from him," Seitz said. Drawings aren't only way that Hyman surprises Seitz. Earlier this year Hyman came in late to first period Chemistry with a sports bag in his hand. He tried to sneak it by Mrs. Eshenour's desk, but Seitz noticed it. After class, she questioned him, but he just referred to it as "sports clothes." Since Seitz had a study hall with Eshenour the next period she was eager to see what was really inside the bag. She sprinted back down the hallway to her first period room, looked in the bag to find there were no sweaty gym clothes. Instead it was a half a dozen red roses for their six-month anniversary. "I couldn't stop smiling all day!" Seitz said. "We've been through so much together, some good, some bad. She may not be perfect, but she's perfect for me," Hyman said.