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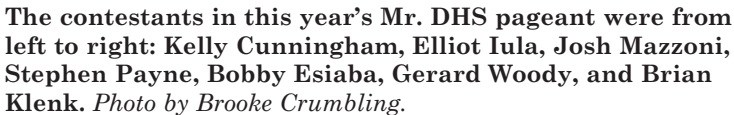
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In a night of fashion and fun, seven contestants raised money for charity.

The pageant started off with

Lastly, as all pageants have, the on-stage question portion

"I'm not sure that we can be matched next year; we'll have to see. I'm just so proud, as always, of the class of 2011," Payne said.



From posters to power jams to Privilege Passes, DAHS pulls out all the stops for Proficiency.

“The math department came up with the idea for the

"I think it's helping because I see kids in the hallway and

If students don't do well on the Keystone Exams it is a possibility that some students will not graduate so Administration is doing their best to encourage students to do well on these exams.

He has only been on the

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# No Dictators Deserve U.S. Support

Our country is inconsistent with its approach to corrupt foreign leaders.

KATE HEATH  
Staff Writer



After seeing the plethora of footage showing unrest in Egypt, many Americans learned that the protests

were caused by grievances over the following: police corruption, abuses, a lack of free elections, and economic issues such as high food prices, low wages and high unemployment. What many failed to recognize was the fact that our country ignorantly supported Hosi Mubarak, Egypt's ex-president/dictator, for three decades and provided \$1.3 billion a year to his iron-fisted regime. On the other hand, the U.S. deplores dictators such as Cuba's Fidel Castro. Why does our country pick and choose what makes a good dictator versus a bad one when they all seem to limit freedom



The Egyptin people start a civil uprising becuae of the newly instated 4pm curfew. The people are rioting an protesting because many years of having a harsh dicator in power. Photo from *hotelierrmiddleeast.com*.

and commit crimes against humanity? When looking at Mubarak with an American approach to foreign diplomacy, the Egyptian leader seemed as mystical as his country's ancient pharaohs. According to the U.S. Department of State, the strong relationship between the U.S. and Egypt was based on Mubarak's commitment to the Camp David Peace Accords, the countries' mutual interest in Middle East peace and stability, the revitalization of the Egyptian economy and trade relations, and the promotion of regional security. Over the years, Egypt and

the United States have worked together to expand Middle East peace negotiations while hosting talks, negotiations, and conferences between the Middle East and North Africa. U.S. assistance to Egypt's military modernization program and Egypt's role as a contributor to various UN peacekeeping operations continually reinforced the U.S.-Egyptian military relationship. Unfortunately, the U.S. failed to recognize the crimes against humanity that Mubarak was committing within his own nation. Egyptian police are known to use force to extract confessions

from criminals on a daily basis. There are literally hundreds of torture incidents every day in Cairo police stations alone. Furthermore, the government imposed restrictions on the freedoms of speech, protest, and assembly. Officials would often quiet the voice of the people and were known to take action against journalists, bloggers, and even an amateur poet. The regime possessed broad powers to arrest individuals without charge and to detain them indefinitely, to arrest and detain suspects or those deemed dangerous, and to search individuals and places without the need to follow the provisions of

the Criminal Procedure Code. Recent footage allowed the world to see extreme security force brutality, including recent arrests, torture, and assassinations of protesters demanding Mubarak's resignation. After understanding all of the crimes that Mubarak's regime committed over thirty years, the fact that our country rebukes un-democratic countries seems outstandingly hypocritical. Although Fidel Castro cannot be regarded as a better ruler than Mubarak in any way, the Cuban government did offer to send the U.S. 1,600 medics, field hospitals, and 83 tons of medical supplies to ease the humanitarian disaster that occurred after Hurricane Katrina.

Nevertheless, the U.S. has not had diplomatic relations with Cuba since 1961. The U.S. has no problem providing aid for a regime that commits crimes against humanity yet opposed terrorism. On the other hand, this country cannot accept assistance from a nation due to its pride and a rocky past. The U.S. simply cannot seem to make up its mind when it comes to relationships with undemocratic rulers. This confusion leaves me asking, "What is the difference between a good dictator and a bad one?"



To all of the girls that supported my newsletters. They are so fun for me as well as they are to you. Speical thanks to my advisor Mrs. Raver who helped me with the newsletters for my culminating project and to Mrs. Kashner who helps me this year! Love you guys!

Davina



Senior Davina Copeland says **THANK YOU to the girls of Dallastown and to Mrs. Raver and Mrs. Kashner for their help with the project.**

The Girls Room: More than just graffiti on the bathroom stalls

For her Culminating Project, senior Davina Copeland decided to put important information for the ladies of Dallastown in the girls' bathrooms. She updated these pamphlets each month on topics ranging from women's health issues to dating violence. Even though her project was over, Copeland continued to work with the project through her entire senior year.



Thank you, Davina, for using your Culminating Project as a way to help others. Your monthly newsletters address issues that teenage girls need to know but are often afraid to ask. Not only was your project super informative, but it also gave the girls of DAHS something worthwhile to read in the bathroom stalls!



The Girls of Dallastown say **THANK YOU to senior Davina Copeland.**

## Pence Ammendment = Poor Legislation

In an effort to cut the budget, key programs are being sacrificed by our government.

ALAYSHA CLAIBORNE  
Staff Writer



With new Senate and House majority leaders, the focus of American legislation involves a lot of anti-choice language.

As a result of such legislation Americans are seeing the end of programs that they so desperately need. The Pence Amendment is exemplar of the budget cutting legislation. But, like many of its

kind, the Pence Amendment has a hidden agenda behind its budget cutting propaganda. The amendment targets programs that cater to women and those short of the upper ten percent tax bracket. What are the rest of us left to do with a capital unconcerned with most of our needs? Of course, the national deficit needs to be slashed, but one must be inclined to ask why representatives are so fixed on cutting essential and beneficial programs instead of undoing tax cuts for the rich. In need of a fixed budget, the U.S. really has no time for hidden agendas behind the deficit. The United States has seen significant changes in the deficit from taxes on the rich. Such changes are more significant than basic program cutting. Cutting the funding from health care providers, explicitly

Planned Parenthood, can only be detrimental. Those who advocate such an amendment ignore the fact that over 5 million people receive STD information and treatment, counseling, contraceptives, and even opportunities to check blood pressure from Planned Parenthood on a sliding scale. A sliding scale is a payment system in which those with a lower income don't have to pay the entire price for their health care service. Although federal dollars are never allocated to help provide abortion, representatives supporting the legislation are single handily destroying the sliding scale health care provider and defending it with anti-abortion ideal. Those who need these programs will ultimately be the ones losing in the name of the deficit.

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#### Editorial Policy

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



# War of the Whoopie

If Pennsylvania can't call the Whoopie pie their own, then no one can.

KELLY SPILLANE  
Center Spread Editor



In the fifth grade, I took a field trip to Amish Country. We stopped at a little general store and the clerk told all of us, "Make sure you try the whoopie pies."

What's a whoopie pie, you ask? Chocolate cakes of heaven sandwiching delicious cream, that's what.

Whoopie pies are a Lancaster staple, native to Amish Country and a significant part of Pennsylvania Dutch culture. But try telling that to Maine.

At the beginning of this year, Maine state representative Paul Davis proposed a bill to make the whoopie pie the state dessert of Maine because of the treat's popularity in their state.

The idea didn't go over well in Lancaster.

Lancaster natives started the website saveourwhoopie.com to start a petition to object Maine's proposal that ignores the dessert's origins in Pennsylvania.

My name is on that petition.

When I first heard about this, I was shocked. I know a lot of people see York and Pennsylvania in general as a boring place, but I think there are some interesting aspects to our state.

Although my family doesn't live in Pennsylvania, I am proud



Pennsylvania makes an effort to hold on to its delectable state dessert the Whoopie Pie. Photo from gourmet.com.

of this area's culture, specifically of our Pennsylvania Dutch background.

I don't think Maine has a right to steal that part of our heritage from us.

Granted, state dessert isn't exactly a life-changing identity trait. Pennsylvania doesn't even have one, the closest thing being our state cookie, which incidentally is chocolate chip.

But the statement is more than what Maine's state dessert may be. This battle is turning into a clash of the cultures, each state trying to claim that whoopie pies are a central part of its identity.

Maine's arguments center around the treat's popularity.

Davis told the State and Local Government Committee that whoopie pies are sold virtually every place in Maine.

"A lot of our older alumni [of the Maine Whoopie Pie Association] said, 'Oh no, I remember whoopie pies as a child,'" said Amos Orcutt, president of the Maine Whoopie Pie Association.

Pennsylvania's arguments,

meanwhile, center around the treat's origins.

Amish legend has it that the dessert got its name from the Amish women that yelled "Whoopie!" when they first created the treat from leftover cake batter.

Furthermore, while Maine cites its Whoopie Pie Festival as proof that the whoopie pie belongs to Maine, Pennsylvania has its own Whoopie Pie Festival at the Hershey Farm Restaurant and Inn, which has been going on several years before Maine's festival.

Maine's arguments are shallow and their reasons are petty.

Davis said another reason Maine should make the whoopie pie the official dessert is that Pennsylvania is looking to lay claim to the sweet confection as well.

I think Maine should let this one go. There is obviously too much controversy, and the only thing that will be accomplished by making the whoopie pie Maine's state dessert would be bragging rights that were won by simple pettiness.

# Desperate Times; Desperate Measures

In the cold of the winter, some things just should not be sacrificed.

COURTNEY EDWARDS  
Opinion Editor



In the frigid winter months, students are faced with the difficult task of trying to stay warm indoors. Whether it's in their homes, their cars, or during school, it becomes a pain to always be so cold.

But when the inside is just as cold as the outside that creates a problem for students trying to focus on their work.

During our recent budget crisis, Dallastown Area School District has been forced to make come critical cut backs within the school system.

One of these cut backs, unfortunately, was the temperature inside the school.

While this may have been a practical cut budget-wise, I don't think that the comfort of the students and staff was taken into account.

One could argue that having the temperature a little lower will help keep students alert and

focused on their work, but on the other hand, one might say that this is a bad idea because students can't concentrate on anything else but how cold they are.

During the day, it gets to be so cold that I am forced to walk around with my coat on. In some instances I also wear a pair of gloves because I'm just that cold.

I think this is completely

absurd, if I wanted to wear my outside gear, I would just stand outside in the cold.

In an attempt to make their classrooms a little warmer, some teachers have resorted to placing wet paper towels over their thermostats. I guess desperate times call for desperate measures.



Seniors (from left to right) Rendie Banks, Davina Copeland, and Katie Bowser struggle to stay warm inside the classroom. Some students and staff have even resorted to wearing gloves to keep warm. Photo by Jovana Richardson.

# Hall Talk

In an effort to improve PSSA scores, Dallastown has added many "prizes" for juniors who score Proficient or Advanced on this annual test. One such prize is a new variation of the Privilege Pass.

The Beacon staff wants to know:

What do you think of the new PSSA Privilege Passes?

"I think it's ridiculous because I already work hard in class for one and now there will be too many people with them."



Julianne Berg  
Senior

"Hate it! Everyone is gong to have one!"

Maddie Bowser  
Junior



"I think it should only be for people who get Advanced. The way it is now is like giving it to someone who just passed a class, not someone who got an A."

Lauren Beck  
Junior



It's not going to last. Everybody's going to goof off and mess it up for everyone else.

Steven Boddington  
Sophomore



"It's a good idea. More students tend to get proficiency than a 5.6 GPA, so it will give more students a chance to experience a privilege pass before they graduate."

Ashleigh Pedone  
Junior



"I think it would be a good idea. It would be a good incentive to get students to do better."

Mrs. Haar  
Main Office

"I feel like it's one of those deieving commercials that always have a catch. Not Cool."

Bethany Lilley  
Junior



"They are unfair to the people who keep their grades up to earn them. They are a sad and desperate attempt that administration made to motivate students."

Kathryn Feehan  
Junior

"I think they are a good motivator but there's going to be way too many kids with them next year."

Ben Lehman  
Junior



"The privilege passes are good motivation."

Alex Eakins  
Senior





# Spring Is A Time For Field Trips

## York Township Authority

Our local government is invaded by seniors as they learn the different roles of this system.

ASHLEY CHAPMAN  
Staff Writer

Many students are given opportunities to shadow someone in their interested career field.

On February 8, approximately 38 Dallastown seniors went into the York Township Municipal Building to gain pure knowledge of what the different representatives in each department of our government actually do.

Along with learning for themselves, the seniors also talked with third grade students about the opportunities ,like this field trip, that they will receive in middle and high school

students an excellent opportunity to learn about the various services offered by York Township and to get a sense of the dedication of the employees who are responsible for them,” Jones said.

Some of the departments the students met with were management, finance, public works, recreation, zoning/codes enforcement, open records, engineering, GIS/IT, human resources/recycling, front desk/reception, township solicitor, and board of commissioners.

“The trip was goal oriented. It gave the students a glimpse of the future and what they can achieve,” Wood said.

“The trip was outstanding!” Stauffer said.

Based on the student responses, it will determine whether the trip should continue next year.

## Anatomical Discoveries

Bodies and brains and prehistorics, oh my!

JOVANA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

“There are four muscles in the Quadriceps Femoris group and they are in charge of hip and knee flexion.”

This isn’t Dr. Stork speaking to an audience member on a latest episode of The Doctors. This is the recent trip that Dallastown’s Anatomy and Physiology classes took to New York City.

On February 24, students hopped on the big yellow school bus and drove 6 hours for the field trip.

For the last two marking periods, the classes have learned the make-up of the human body as preparation for the trip and a future in any medical career.

Students visited two museums that gave them a little bit more insight on the human body.

The first stop on the trip was to the American Museum of Natural History. In this museum, students had the opportunity to see the Spitzer Hall of Human Origins.

The hall is dedicated to showing visitors how the prehistoric man looked and behaved.

“Even though our group got lost a million times, everything we stumbled upon was actually fascinating,” Anatomy and Physiology intern Rendie Banks said.

Students learned how the prehistoric man survived as well as how he compared to the 21st century man.

Students also saw The Brain: The Inside Story, which was a room modeled to match the exact hardwiring of the brain.

Throughout the exhibit, students were able to see how the brain works and how it sends messages throughout the body.

There were also challenging games set up all over the exhibit that tested brain power.

“I thought the trip was very

educational and helped me better understand the anatomy of the human body,” senior Derrick Mayfield said.

Next stop on the list was “Bodies: The Exhibition.”

This place is dedicated to showing visitors what it looks like underneath human skin.

Using the bodies of unclaimed individuals, the museum preserved and manipulated the bodies to show every muscle on the human frame.

“I liked how up close you could get to bodies. You could see every muscle, and it was better than seeing it on paper or the computer,” senior Sara Wagner said.

Not only was every muscle visible, but they were set up in positions so that the muscles could be shown from a contracted view.

“Being an intern this year, I got to participate in this field trip a second time. Seeing the Body’s Exhibit again was refreshing because I still got to learn and notice things I hadn’t before,” Banks said.

## French Students Discover Local Architectural Treasure

French IV students travel to local church to study architecture.

KATE HEATH  
Staff Writer

The church on 408 West Market Street might not mean anything to the average passerby, but the students of French IV had the opportunity to discover more about this architectural treasure of York City on February 8.

Some people might only associate stained-glass windows, organ music, and pews with a Sunday church service.

Students in Madame Botterbusch’s fourth year French class were able to bypass the sermons, incense, and wafers in order to focus on what many church-goers ignore: his-

torical architecture.

The French students had been studying Romanesque and Gothic architecture as part of the class curriculum.

Coincidentally, Christ Union Lutheran Church in York was built in a Gothic style and based off of the cathedral of Notre Dame de Chartres in France.

“ . . . I thought a visit to Union would provide my students with the perfect opportunity to read the windows in the same way that pilgrims of the Middle Ages read the windows of the great cathedrals,” said Botterbusch, the high school French teacher.

Students were able to see and identify specific elements in the church such as pointed, ribbed vaults; stained-glass windows; flying buttresses; and elaborate pillars, entrances, and windows.

“The stained-glass windows were unbelievable. I was amazed

at what I was able to identify in the church, and the experience was unforgettable as a whole,” senior Komal Shaikh said.

In addition to making connections to this church’s elements with that of the cathedral in Chartres, students were pleased to hear about the church’s history and the sound of its melodious organ.

The church was designed in 1925 by J. A. Dempwolf, a well-known architect that created many other buildings in the area.

Dempwolf passed away before the building’s completion; fortunately, the sanctuary’s dedication was celebrated in September of 1929, just before the Great Depression.

Nowadays, the church is home to “one of the finest organs in York City,” according to Jennifer Noel, who enjoys playing the instrument at Union Lutheran.

The students had the rare opportunity to hear tunes such as “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Amazing Grace,” and “Happy Birthday” played inside of the acoustic-friendly church.

Many agreed with senior Nick Reed when he said that the organist was “an absolute delight.”

After being treated to a visit in Union Lutheran, the students ate at Central Market and noticed the neo-Romanesque architecture that the brick Dempwolf building had to offer.

Unfortunately, they returned to school but will always be filled with nostalgia from the memorable experience.

“Students love it. I always have trouble getting them back on the bus to take them backto school,” Botterbusch said.

# Students Compete at The 19th Annual Physics Olympics

Purple equation shirts came in handy as students worked together to solve problems.

RAYA COLE  
Staff Writer

On March 2-3, Dallastown held its 19th Annual Physics Olympics.

During this two-day event

24 five-member teams competed in ten different physics-related events.

The students represented Dallastown, Dover, and Spring Grove high schools.

At the event, the students moved from station to station completing certain activities, like the Myspace Void station, which Officer Barley hosted.

“I enjoy being with the students and watching them work through these problems,” Barley said.

The teams made sure to prepare for the Physics Olympic games beforehand. The teams came dressed in t-shirts they handmade.

“If you want to get a good score, preparation work is important,” senior Christina Fritz said.

On the second day, the Olympians were challenged with one of the favorite events of the games - the slow bike race.

For the third year in a row, a Spring Grove team took home first place.

The Joule Hunters won the championship by edging out Dallastown’s team Too Much Inertia. Inertia was made up of seniors Owen Fry, Jennifer Kearney, Nik Fritz, and Mike Turek, and junior Caleb Miller.

Spring Grove also took home third place with Team America: World Physicists.

In fourth place was Perpetual Brotion, and the fifth place winner was Antiperpetual Brotion.

First place prize is 50 dollars and second place prize is 25 dol-



Physics teacher Mrs. Ortman-Link carefully watches over the events taking place. Photo Submitted.



Senior George Christas concentrates on the task at hand. Photo Submitted.

lars. The top three teams earn trophies and gift certificates for one free lab report for each member of the team.

“I thought it was so much fun; I got to express my love for Physics,” junior Joanna Chen said.



# HOW IT WORKS: Cyber School

Cyber Charter School is a growing fad among students.

**RYAN DIETER**  
*Staff Writer*

Cyber Charter School is of the fastest growing educational programs, especially in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with more than 23,000 full time students in 2010.

Many districts have created their own Cyber Charter Schools, including Dallastown.

The Dallastown Area Cyber Academy is an alternative academy for Dallastown students, or anyone enrolled in another cyber charter school.

Students can enroll at anytime of the year, and will receive a computer, with Dallastown’s network connection, curriculum, textbooks, and technology support from the Instructional Technology (IT) department.

Doing the needed work on the netbook given by the school, or your own personal computer, the day is much different than a day at the high school.

As long as course require-

ments are met, students are able to work at any time of the day for various hours. Meaning, students may work more hours one day and less the following.

Because of being able to fluctuate your school hours, it is possible for one to finish a school year faster than attending a regular schooling program.

“One of the biggest reasons why I went into the Cyber School is because I wanted to finish my senior year faster,” senior Aurielle Schenk said.

While learning the lesson and doing the practice assignments one may find themselves lost, or confused.

In that case, Dallastown offers live interaction with instructors for help.

Students are also permitted to take the PSSA’s and Keystone Exams on-site in the district’s schools.

On the other side of the spectrum, senior Taylor Pearson, though loving the Cyber School, still finds a downside to it.

“For me, doing Cyber School takes longer. I have to make my own lunch, can’t eat with and see my friends every day, and can’t get The Beacon anymore,” Pearson said.

Outside of the school work, students still have the opportu-

nity for extracurricular activities.

“Students can access and participate in the districts extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics programs... as well as enrollment into regular on-site high school courses such as band, orchestra, chemistry, physics, and other courses,” Jason Harrison, Director of Information Systems and Technology, said.

In completion of four years in the Academy, students will earn a Dallastown Area Cyber Academy diploma.

“The best part about finishing early is that I still get to walk at graduation, and am able to graduate with my friends,” Schenk said.

In the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, only 12 students were enrolled into Dallastown Area Cyber Academy. Currently there are 52.

For the start of the 2011-2012 school year, there is projected to be 120 students enrolled into the Academy.

Hours you want to work, determination to finish early, and all the materials handed to you, is there at the Dallastown Area Cyber Academy.

# After School Language Program

High schoolers travel to the new intermediate school to prepare students for our world language department.

**EDIMA ENYONG**  
*Staff Writer*

For ten weeks, 30 students from the high school volunteer several hours of their time to teach students from the intermediate school a language during meetings after school.

This series of events is known as the Afterschool Language Program.

“I’m taking the opportunity to get experience because when I grow up, I want to be an elementary school teacher,” senior Ryan Dieter said.

Students in grades 4 through 6 are given the opportunity to learn one of six languages: French, German, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and American Sign Language.

“The students that I teach seem to enjoy it and some of them are really good,” junior(?) Elaine Zhou said.

The high school students—some being native speaking of the language that they are

teaching—meet every Tuesday from 3:00 to 3:35 to plan, practice, and prepare.

They teach the students from the Intermediate school on Wednesdays from 3:20 to 4:05 in the foreign language rooms.

“They don’t get homework, but they learn basics by playing games,” Dieter said. “They do their stuff, actually try to learn it, and they pay attention – they’re not disruptive.”

The Afterschool Language Program has been in place for a few years now.

“This is year 6 or 7,” Senora Garrett, coordinator of the program, said. “In the past, we taught two 10-week sessions: one at York Township and one at Ore Valley. Now, we only do one 10-week session at DAHS.”

Even though the 30 high school students volunteer their time to help the elementary students, many of them really enjoy it.

“I really like to see them learning. And to see them happy makes me happy,” Zhou said.

“It’s a win-win situation. The high school students use their language skills and get the experience of teaching with the elementary students learn a new language and have FUN!!” Garrett said.

# Hot Debates in States

Don’t mess with these debators; they have given some pretty convincing arguments.

**ALAINA HERBST**  
*Staff Writer*

This year, the Dallastown Forensics team is celebrating its 14th year of being champions in speech and debate.

Yet many don’t know what the Forensics club does, even though they have been around since the 1960s.

The Forensics team is a group of students that gets together and competitively debates different issues.

They also give speeches on topics they feel strongly about.

The most popular speech given by these students is the persuasive speech.

Many other speeches given on a regular basis are poetic interpretation and the dramatic or humorous interpretation.

In 1997, the team won their first district title. Since then, the team has blossomed, holding the district record for 14 years.

The most recent competition that the team went to was held on March 12, where the team took first place.

“This year, Dallastown earned the Pennsylvania High School Speech League District 7 championship title for the 14th year in a row. We have 15 team members who qualified for States, which will take place March 24-26,” Ms. Borger, the director, said.

After this victory, they

began preparing for states, which will be held at the end of the month.

States were held at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove.

On the winning team, there are about 24 members, including the current captain, Robert Wood.

“I always had an interest in politics, and this team gave an opportunity to express my opinions,” Wood said about his experience on the team.

The members of the teams heading to states includes the following: Jacob Winograd, Robert Wood, Brett Gemmill, Linda Wang, Ryan Schroeder, Megan Noll, Ethan Roth, Benny Berger, Jack Hafer, Jason Pepper, Mike Kobalchick, Aaron Gross, Sam Nickelson, Julia Levis and Katie Keller.



**Writing the color names in Spanish, junior Kathryn Feehan teaches the intermediate school students a little more about their language of choice. Photo by Alicia Inkrote.**

# Annual Dance Camp Coaches Youth on Dance Techniques

Members of the dance team mentor younger dancers.

**EMILY BEARD**  
*Staff Writer*

On February 26 the Dallastown Dance Team held its seventh annual dance camp for younger students.

“It started seven years ago when Lauren Julius created the camp as her culminating project. The camp was such a huge success that we’ve continued doing it every year,” Coach Cori Fetrow said.

This year, the camp was held at the intermediate school and was open to any fourth, fifth, and sixth grader.

Over 50 participants attended the camp this year.

The camp’s purpose is to introduce younger girls to the school dance team.

“We are trying to introduce

younger girls to the dance team, and shape the future for the team,” junior Kelsey Laird said.

Each grade throughout the day learns a specific dance and performs it at the end of the night. These dances are choreographed by all the members of the dance team.

“Making dances for each grade is really fun; it allows us to be creative,” sophomore Cierra Brown said.

At the end of the camp, a final show is held for the parents and anyone interested in coming.

This is usually the team’s last performance of the year.

The final show includes a get-together dance that is learned by all the campers, and all the routines the dance team performs throughout the year.

“Seeing the girls have fun while performing their dance for their parents is very rewarding,” said junior Erika Lee.

Not only is the camp held to share a love of dance with



**Members of the dance team assist fourth, fifth, and sixth graders with their aspirations of joining the team one day. Photo Submitted**

younger students, but it is also the only fundraiser held by the team.

Tickets for the ending showcase, baked goods, provided by parents, and raffle items all help

raise money for the dance team.

The money is used throughout the year to buy new costumes and accessories the team needs.

“The overall day was a huge

success and we had a blast!” Fetrow said.

The whole team enjoys sharing their passion for dance with future generations of the dance team.



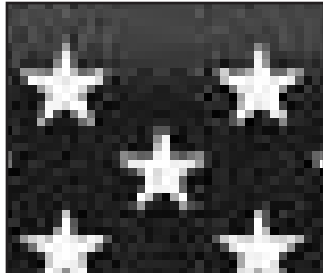
In February, Daren Hidalgo, a 2005 Dallastown graduate, was killed in action in Afghanistan. Hidalgo is just one of the many Dallastown alumni who have served their country in the Armed Forces. This month, *The Beacon* remembers Hidalgo and recognizes the JROTC program preparing students like Daren with an interest in serving in the Armed Forces.

# Dallastown's Military History...

## A BRIEFING ABOUT JROTC

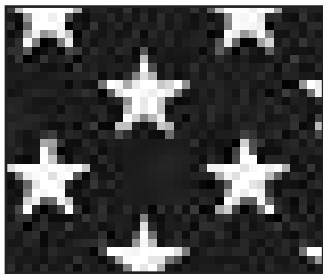


The program started on July 1, 2005.

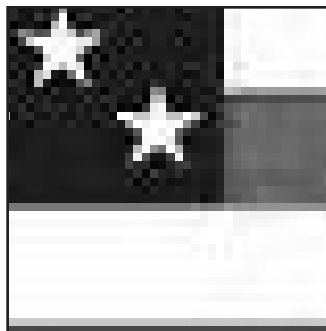


JROTC is an elective major. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, cadets receive classroom instruction. Thursday is drill or personnel day. Friday consists of a wide variety of physical activities.

Since the program began, 47 students have gone to recruit training, and 11 have received national scholarships.



JROTC manages a \$200,000 supply from the Marine Corps for equipment, supplies, and uniforms.

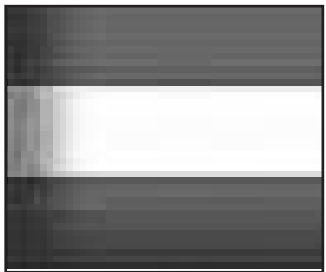


The program does not directly recruit for the military, but it is extremely involved in finding scholarships for cadets as well as educating parents and potential candidates on how to get into the Armed Forces.

Lieutenant Colonel Innerst worked for three and a half years to get the JROTC program to DAHS. He had school board and administrative approval, but the Marine Corps did not approve until April, 2005. Congressman Platts and Senators Specter and Santorum were involved in this process.



Lieutenant Colonel Innerst stands in the Phys. Ed. hallway in remembrance of his mother, who used to stand in the same spot when she taught Phys. Ed. at Dallastown.



There are three JROTC-related extra-curricular activities: the marksmanship team and physical training team, both of which are nationally ranked, and the drill team.



## JROTC AT DALLASTOWN...

First Sergeant Corwin walks through the ranks of JROTC cadets in the Region 1 Olympics held the weekend of March 25th and 26th at DAHS. *photo by Joe Buckel*



Color guard members 2010 graduate Taige Snyder, senior Kyle Richards, senior Lane Berrevoets, and 2010 graduate Timon Davis hold the flags for the Region 1 Olympics at Gloucester in March 2010. *photo submitted*



The 2009-2010 armed regulation drill team marches with their rifles in competition. *photo submitted*



Battalion Commander Senior Benjamin Demandante salutes while being inspected by a Marine Corps Drill Instructor. *photo submitted*





# Serving With Honor

## DAREN HIDALGO

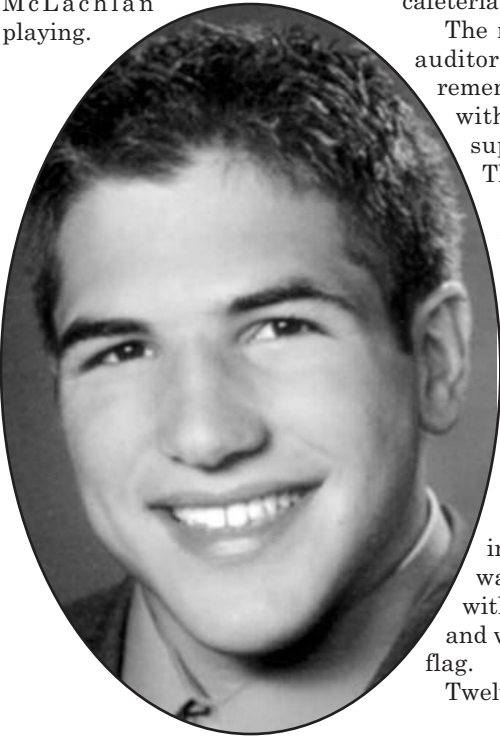
### Dallastown Community Honors Fallen Wildcat

A memorial service was held on Sunday February 27 in honor of Daren Hidalgo.

**JOE BUCKEL**  
*Staff Writer*

As friends, alumni, teachers, and military members passed through the line of JROTC members standing at attention by the front door of Dallastown High School, they were greeted by two big pictures of Army 1st Lieutenant Daren Hidalgo sporting his famous smile. Hidalgo was a 2005 graduate of Dallastown and a 2009 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was assigned to G Company, 2nd Stryker Calvary Regiment, Rose Barracks, Germany.

In the lobby, faces of people showed shock as pictures of Hidalgo with friends scrolled across the TVs with the song, "I Will Remember You," by Sarah McLachlan playing.



JROTC members freshman Austen Kruhm (left), and junior Brandon Culp-Henise (right) flank a picture of Daren Hidalgo, who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan. Photo by Staff.

"I didn't know him, but I remember serving him lunch. When I saw his picture in the paper, my heart broke," a former cafeteria worker said. The memorial service in the auditorium honoring and remembering Hidalgo began with silence as former superintendent Dr. Thompson took the mic. "What he has done for us shall remain with us forever," Thompson said. But when senior Brooke Baldwin sang the national anthem, noses started to blow and cries rang out as the reality of what has happened set in. One elderly veteran in pain and struggling to walk proudly sang along with the National Anthem and waved a small American flag. Twelve people consisting of

local politicians, school teachers, administrators, and a few of Hidalgo's friends stood up and talked about the impact he had on them. Representative Stan Saylor thought very highly of Hidalgo, whom he knew through political and personal activities. "No matter how boring the meeting was, Daren always had that smile," Saylor said as he glanced at the picture projected at the front of the auditorium. "I know he was doing what he loved." Biology teacher and Hidalgo's former wrestling coach Dave Gable stepped up to say a few words. "He could talk world politics with the principal just as well as Pokemon with a 6-year-old," Gable said. Three of Hidalgo's friends, Phil Bayliss, Levi Mattas, and Ali Merrifield, shared memories of Hidalgo. Mattas told the story of how

he let Hidalgo borrow his beloved motorcycle. Hidalgo ended up crashing it. "I asked him if he was okay and he said, 'Don't worry, I'm 24 and we are invincible until 25.' Sadly, he wasn't invincible," Mattas said. "What Levi forgot to mention is the reason Daren was borrowing his motorcycle was because he burned the clutch on my Subaru the week before," Bayliss said as the crowd's tears turned into chuckles for a brief second. The three friends held each other as they took turns saying their final words to their late friend. "This is not goodbye, but see you later, Daren," a choked up Merrifield said. The ceremony ended with juniors John Hudish and Michael Klahold echoing Taps on their trumpets as two JROTC members slowly folded and saluted an American flag in Hidalgo's honor.

## Staff Remembers

Members of our staff share how Daren has impacted them.

**Mr. Rojahn**  
*Spanish and Philosophy*

"Daren was a rare student: disciplined, intelligent, athletic, moral, super-sociable, kind, and funny at all at once. And he was one of the few persons I have known in my life who almost instantly made the people around him feel better and more excited about being alive."

**Miss Newcomer**  
*English*

"Daren graduated from Dallastown the same year I graduated from Northern. That makes him the same age as me and his loss hits a little close just because he could have been one of my classmates."

**Mrs. Werner**  
*Phys. Ed.*

"When I walked past his picture in the lobby, it sums of the kind of person he was. He was always smiling, no matter what time of day it was."

**Lieutenant Colonel Innerst**  
*JROTC*

"We met in October 2004 at Congressman Platts's office when he and my son were waiting for an interview for part of his staff. In May 2005, I met him again at the memorial service he helped organize with Mrs. McKinney for all fallen vets, arranged in honor of Marine Lance Cpl. Richard Warner. Daren was a great patriot and hero"

**Mr. Myers**  
*Social Studies*

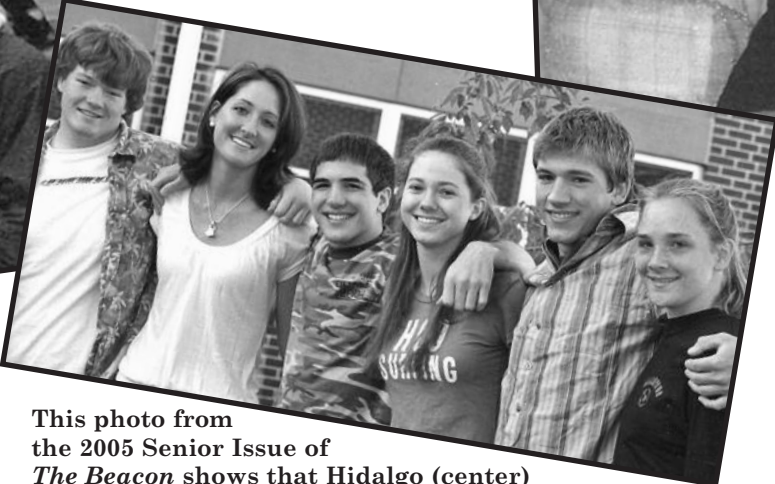
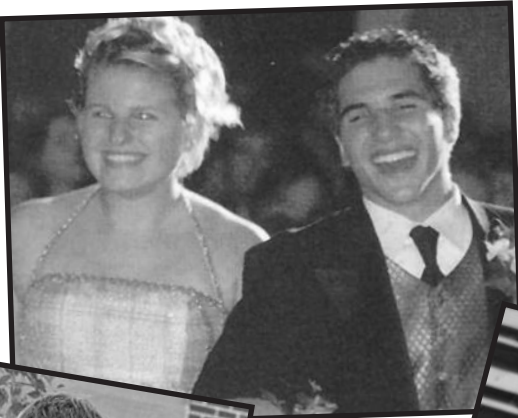
"If anyone had the ability to truly 'light up a room' with their personality, it was Daren. We all have the opportunity to honor Daren's memory by carrying his optimism with us everyday and sharing it with as many as we can."

## DAREN AT DALLASTOWN

Hidalgo (right) sits with teammate Cody Kemper on the bench at a home wrestling match. Although he was a gifted athlete, he is most remembered for his smile and laughter.

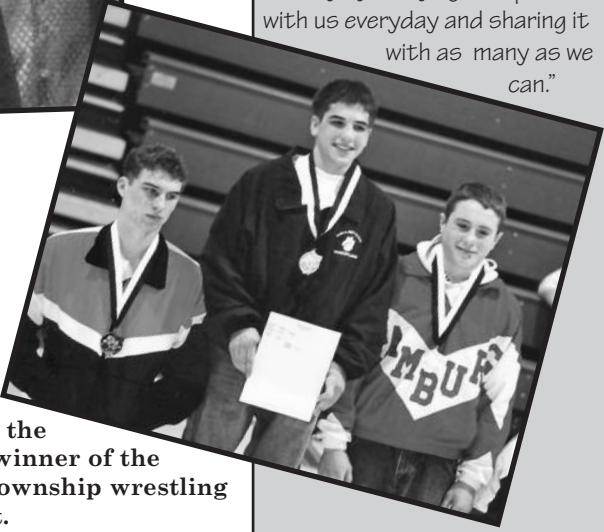


Hidalgo was a member of Dallastown's Homecoming Court in 2005. This was the first year that Dallastown selected a King as well as a Queen at the dance.



This photo from the 2005 Senior Issue of *The Beacon* shows that Hidalgo (center) was voted as one of the students with the Best Personality by his senior class.

Hidalgo stands atop the podium as winner of the Manheim Township wrestling tournament.





# Pro Athlete Stresses Importance of Academics

NFL player Coy Wire talks to DAHS students about their future in academics and athletics

**KEITH MATTHEWS**  
*Freelance Writer*

Going into his ninth year as an athlete in the National Football League, Pennsylvania native Coy Wire made a visit to Dallastown on February 11, to talk to high school athletes and parents about their futures in sports.

Wire was a hard working student and athlete throughout high school which is the reason he is living the dream he has had since he was 9 years old, to become a professional football player.

Throughout his presenta-

tion, Wire expressed how important academics and intelligence are to athletes. He also expressed the demand for everyone to have goals and to know where they are going with their lives.

"I remember when I was in high school, I had countless specific goals. I wrote them down on post-it notes and put them everywhere. Life is too short not to have aspiring goals," Wire said.

On average, an NFL player only lasts three years as a professional. Wire has lasted eight and it's not all because of his athletic ability.

"I'm like 87 in football years. I'm like a dinosaur, but they keep me around because they think I'm smart. I understand the game and know what I'm doing," Wire explained with a laugh.

The Cedar Cliff High School graduate was steadily pushed by his parents to be the best that he



After the presentation, Wire met with audience members like junior football player Jesse Davis. Wire also sold books designed to help athletes plan for the future. *Photo by staff.*

can be. He calls them the two most influential people in his life.

Wire said, "My parents by far, had the most influence on my career. They set standards, values of being a good person, and core philosophies. They helped me build my character and become the person I am today."

Along with being a 2nd team all-state linebacker, Coy Wire was a state champion wrestler and ran track during the spring. He mentioned how important relationships with coaches are, regardless of the sport you are playing.

High school coaches have a huge impact on college recommendations in the modern world. A bad relationship with a coach could be the difference

between having a scholarship and being a walk-on.

"Always think of co-workers and coaches as friends. You respect them and they will respect you. With everyone on the same page, daily operations go much smoother," Wire replied after being asked about his past coach-athlete relationships.

The one thing in the lecture that Wire deemed the most important was realizing your odds. Academics will take you to success much easier than athletics will.

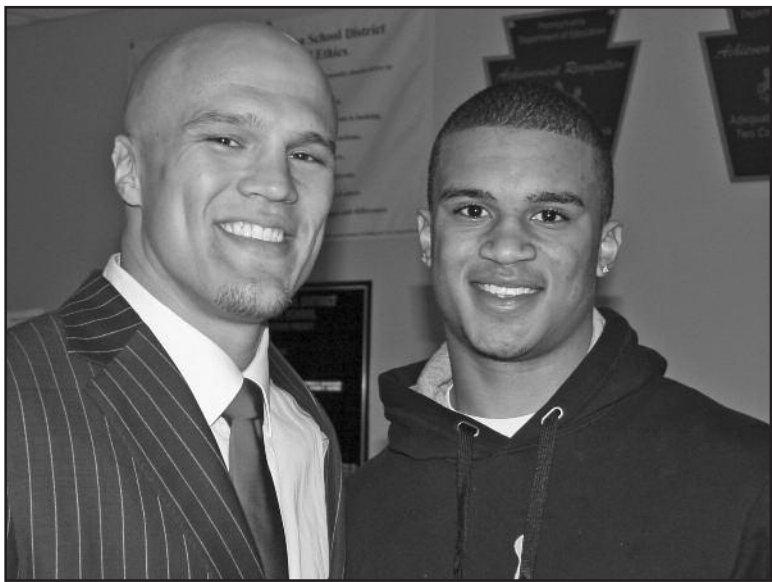
"I was realistic about my odds throughout my years in high school and college. I had to be a fool to not focus on grades and depend on football. I hope to use my education towards a new profession after football," Wire said

Realistically, academics are part of athletics. According to Wire, they will help you excel in a sport just as much as athleticism. Possibilities are endless in life and everyone has the opportunity to be successful.

"Believe in yourself. Work harder than you think you can. You are more powerful than you know," Wire said.

The attendance was overwhelming even on a snowy night. The crowd seemed to be intrigued throughout the lecture and Wire was praised as everyone left the building.

"It was pretty cool. It was nice having someone who could relate to us as high schoolers and answer all our questions. I took a lot from his visit," said Dallastown sophomore Josh Chronister.



Wire (left) stayed after the event for an interview with Beacon writer Keith Matthews. *Photo by staff.*

## Hitting The Bullseye in New Mexico

Dallastown JROTC scores high marks, finishing 8th in a recent national air rifle competition.

**RACHEL TAYLOR**  
*Sports Editor*

Who wouldn't want to get out of school, ride in first class on an airplane, and stay at a five star hotel?

This is exactly what Tim Fry, Devin Fink, Nicole Stambaugh, and Colt Eppley did when they headed to New Mexico for the New Mexico Marine Corps JROTC National Air Rifle Championships.

"It was mine and Tim's first time on a plane," Fink said..

The four represented Dallastown's JROTC in the national competition that was held from February 17-21.

"We beat over 300 plus schools that tried out for this competition," Fink said. "Only the top 16 schools go and compete."

This was a big accomplishment for Dallastown's JROTC program.

With the fun of the trip out west came hard work and practice.

"We only had one practice shoot on February 18," Fink said "It was right next to the police shooting range and it was awe-



Shooting their best in the competition, Fry, Stambaugh, Eppley, and Fink (L-R) earned Dallastown a place in national rankings for their marksmanship skills. *Photo Submitted.*

some shooting in the middle of the desert."

On the 19th, the team competed against other high school JROTC's from around the country.

Over the next two days Fink, Fry, Stambaugh and Eppley did their best in the competition with big results to show for their hard effort.

"It was very nerve racking and we all felt pressured to shoot our best," said Fink.

The team placed 8th in the Nation and received 1st in the Regional category, earning top

honors in the competition.

"It was a great experience and I'm looking forward to more competitions in the future," Fink said.

**Dressed in their dress blues, Nicole Stambaugh, Devin Fink, First Sergeant Corwin, Tim Fry, and Colt Eppley (L-R) stand proud at the awards ceremony which concluded the competition. *Photo Submitted.***





# Boys Basketball Goes to States

Dallastown earns a hard fought spot in States after a record-breaking season.

**RACHEL TAYLOR**  
*Sports Editor*

An end of the season banquet is usually a symbol for the conclusion of a sports season. However, this was not the case at this year’s basketball banquet. On March 6, basketball players from junior high to varsity, cheerleaders, coaches and parents came together to celebrate a successful and record-breaking

basketball season. This year the boys J.V. went undefeated and Varsity had an unfinished record of 21-7. But the season wasn’t quite over yet. After winning a State-Qualifier game against Lebanon, the Wildcats qualified to play in a state game for the first time in 37 years. “It was good to see our hard work pay off with a successful season,” Ben Kline, senior, said. Six days later, the players, cheerleaders, and coaches boarded a coach bus and headed to Norristown High School, west of Philadelphia. Dallastown’s opponents in the first round were the Chester Clippers. Chester, a Philadelphia area

team, has won numerous state championships in the last 15 years and posed a great challenge. Going into the game as the underdogs, the Wildcats were predicted to lose by a wide margin of 30 + points. After 4 quarters of play, the Wildcats were defeated, but managed to play a great game. The final score was 69-56. The final record for the season was 21-8. Although the loss concluded the season, it concluded a record breaking season that will be hard to match in the coming years. “I will definitely look back at this as one of the highlights of my life,” Eric Thomas, senior, said.



The 2010-11 Boys Varsity Basketball team: front row (L-R): Matt Small, Judd Gemmill, Ethan Sutton, Micah Striebig, and Chris Robertson; back row (L-R): Eric Thomas, Ford Reinalda, Emmanuel Mossengo, Four McGlynn, David Butler, Cori Ebersole, and Bennett Jenson. Photo by Ink Byers.

# Winter Track Sets New Records

Indoor track provides pre-season training to a variety of athletes.

**RACHEL TAYLOR**  
*Sports Editor*  
**EDIMA ENYONG**  
*Staff Writer*

Through the winter months it can be hard to run outdoors due to freezing temperatures and the ominous snow clouds lingering above. However, for those dedicated to stay in shape for the spring season, Winter Track is an option that many take advantage of. Running is not the only sport that makes up track. It also con-

sists of pole vaulting, the high jump, hurdles, shot put, javelin throw and hammer throw. Pole vaulting is the specialty of Jared Allison. This winter, Allison qualified for States and narrowly missed qualifying for Nationals. Allison, who has been training since September, has a goal of breaking the state and national record by next year. “My best vault was 13’7” during State play,” said Allison. This earned him 10th place at Indoor Track States. Nationally, he is ranked 37th and if he manages to vault 15’ he will be in the top 10. “The current state record is 16’3” so my goal is 17’ for next year,” Allison said. Allison will continue training and competing during the

spring season toward his goal. On March 12, senior Margo Britton competed in Manhattan at the New Balance Indoor Nationals in the girls’ shot put event. “It was both exhilarating and humbling to know I was up against some of the best in the nation,” Britton said. Seeing the other girls put her into her place. “I did not perform as well as I had planned,”Britton said after the event. “But it’s not the end of the road for me.” Britton is expected to compete this spring in the Outdoor Nationals. This time stepping up her game even more. Britton will continue her track career after graduation as she attends Temple University on an athletic scholarship.

# Swimming and Diving

This swim season Dallastown blew it out of the water in Districts and States.

**KELLY SPILLANE**  
*Center Spread Editor*

The swimming and diving team went into the 2010-2011 season unsure of how well it would do without the help of last year’s swimmers. Any concerns they might

have had, however, flew out of their minds as they realized the overwhelming results of this season. “The girls overcame a lot of negative comments about how we wouldn’t be very good this year and the boys set a whole new level of talent for next years team to step up to,” Laura Miller, senior captain, said. The girls’ team, led by senior captains Shelley O’Conor, Jen Flinchbaugh, and Laura Miller, went undefeated during the regular season. All three girls’

made it to districts, accompanied by juniors Jade Wise, Teresa Casolo, and alternate freshman, Julia Casolo. “Now that my years are over im proud of what the team has accomplished in every year I was on the team,” Miller said. The boys’ team was incredibly successful as well, sending a total of thirteen boys to districts: seniors, Gerard Woody, Derek Williams; juniors: John Hudish, Mike Godboldte, Chard Howley, Ryan Fix; sophomores: Keith O’Conor, Braxton Erne, Steven

# Gymnastics

**RACHEL TAYLOR**  
*Sports Editor*

Although seniors Brittany Geesey and Jessie Sechrist, were the only two girls on the gymnastic team this year, they managed to compete all the way up to States. “It was really weird compared to all the other years I’ve been on the team. We used to have a full van and this year it was just me and Jessie.” Geesey said. On April 26th, at Moon High School in Pittsburgh, Geesey and Sechrist competed in a number of events including beam, vault, bars, and floor. Geesey, who was fighting a back injury, placed fifth in beams after a long day of competition. Sechrist competed in all four events but did not place at the state level. In past years, Dallastown qualified and placed in team states; however this was not possible because a team needs 3 girls in order to compete. “It was a bummer but oh well still placed at states,” Geesey said. “We also got dallastown’s name out there and that’s a plus.”

# Wrestling

COMPLIED BY STAFF

The biggest problem facing the 2010-11 wrestling team this year was weight. The team simply did not have wrestlers who could compete in several weight classes. As a result, the Wildcats were forced to forfeit two or three individual bouts during each dual meet. Even though this meant handing the opposing team 18 points in some matches, the wrestlers were still able to qualify for the District III Team Tournament where they lost a close match to Big Spring. Big Spring went on to qualify for the PIAA state tournament. The team also placed second in the Sectional tournament and qualified six wrestlers for the District III tournament. The Wildcats had 4 Sectional champions: Rodney Sunday, Tanner Druck, Brooks Morrison, and Phil Sprenkle. Josh Burg placed second and Cooper Deller placed third earning them a trip to Districts as well. At 103 pounds, Sunday became the first Dallastown freshman in over 30 years to win the tournament. Druck followed both his father and grandfather as sectional champions. The season was one of history as Dallastown celebrated 50 years of wrestling. Reserving his own place in history, senior Phil Sprenkle placed 7th at the PIAA State Wrestling Championships at 189 pounds. This makes Sprenkle one of only a handful of Dallastown wrestlers to own two state medals from their high school career.

# Girls Basketball

**KELLY SPILLANE**  
*Center Spread Editor*

“It was definitely a good season,” Rachel Small, senior, said about her experience on this year’s girls’ basketball team. With a record of 17-8 in the regular season, she has statistics to back her up. Small, along with her two senior teammates Carley Smith and Brynna Kilishek, went through Counties and into Districts this year because of the success of the team. The team put a good effort into their district game and only lost by a single point to Muhlenberg. “It was a close game,” Small said, “and I’ll miss playing.” With a positive record in the regular season, achievements in counties, and a close game in districts, the girls’ basketball team walks away from the court this year successful. “I feel really fantastic about how we finished,” Brynna Kilishek, senior, said. The seniors will have a tough time leaving the team and court behind. “I already miss the whole game-like atmosphere,” Kilishek said. “What stood out about our team was how well we all got along. its hard to find that among teams and we all are able to laugh at each other without getting mad so to be apart of it was really nice nd I will miss it.”

Paine; freshmen: Corey Stauffer, DJ Boyer, Mason Tate and Gavin Hill. “We’re all like a family. We all progressed together,” Derek Williams, senior, said. From there, Hudish, Godboldte, Stauffer, Woody, and Williams proceeded to states. Godboldte, Stauffer, Woody, and Williams swam the 400 free relay, earning 13th in the state. The 200 free relay team of Hudish, Stauffer, Woody, and Williams also received 13th place. Woody also made his mark with his individual events. Apart from receiving fifth place in the 50 free, Woody received All-American honors. His remarks on the event, however, reveal no smugness in his achievements. “We all looked good,” Woody said. This season will definately be remembered. “This years team has been a standout because we had a lot of swimmers that haven’t swam before step up to the challenge,” Miller said. “They all did surprisingly well and performed very well at meets for being brand new to the sport.”



# Bye Bye Dallastown, Hello Bahamas

The Music Department serenaded the people of the Bahamas and Florida.

**MOLLY NORTON**  
*Front Page Editor*

The band, chorus, and orchestra are constantly serenading the community of Dallastown with their music. A lot of time and effort is put into being a member of any of these groups. The week of February

17-23 made all of these musical groups' efforts well worth it. A trip is taken by the Music Department every two years. Previous trips ranged from Canada to Florida. These trips are a way of rewarding the students involved in music while getting the opportunity to play their instrument or sing. The Music Department trip for the 2010-2011 school year was a trip to the Bahamas and Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. On February 17th, the music department departed from DAHS on the gruesomely long bus ride to Florida filled

with anticipation. Almost 20 hours later, the buses arrived at the Ron Jon Surf Shop in Florida. "The weather was so much nicer than Pennsylvania's and it was really nice to finally get off of the bus," junior chorus member Lizzie Anderson said. After adjusting to the sudden climate change, the buses continued on to board the cruise ship that would be sailing them throughout the Bahamas. The cruise itself was memorable for all of the Music Department members. Dance parties on the top deck by the pool, free room service until midnight, moonlit shuffle board, and overall freedom and lack of stress were just a few of the activities that were available to partake in.

The cruise ship docked in Nassau, Bahamas and at the island of Coco Cay. Shopping at the straw markets of Nassau was a popular activity. Snorkeling, tanning, lounging, swimming, and relaxing were all the main activities of Coco Cay. After the cruise was over, it was time to head to Universal Studios for two days. The students were free to roam around the parks as they please and ride all of the famous rides. "I had never been to Universal and it was exciting that I got to go and enjoy it all with my friends," sophomore band member Shelby Helwig said. Although the cruise and



Senior Adam Lentz plays his drums for the people of Nassau, Bahamas along with the rest of the band. *Photo Submitted*

Universal Studios were great fun, the purpose of the trip was music. The various groups of the Music Department put on shows on the cruise ship and in Universal Studios. The band played a concert in Nassau and did a parade through Universal Studios. The chorus sang aboard the cruise ship one night and also sang for the visitors of Universal Studios. The orchestra put on con-

certs for the guests of the ship and in Universal Studios, as well. Overall, the trip was a great experience for all of the students who went on it. They were able to have fun in the sun and experience an all new experience all while doing what they love: playing music. "I was just really excited to be on a cruise with some of my best friends. It doesn't get much better than that," senior band member Chelsea Meloni said.



Seniors Matt Heaps and Stephen Payne pose in front of the cruise ship the Music Department cruised on. *Photo Submitted*

## Languages Make the World Go Round

DAHS celebrated the languages of the world in unique ways during World Language Week.

**ALICIA INKROTE**  
*Features Editor*

There was much talk about languages, organizing events, poster designing, and flag hanging throughout the school shortly before the first week of March. This preparation was "to celebrate World Language Week which was March 7-11," Señora

Garrett said. World Language Week is a national event and many schools take advantage of this week to show students different customs and backgrounds. This tradition began in 1957 when members of Alpha Mu Gamma (an Honor Society at Los Angeles City College) realized the importance of studying foreign languages in the United States. President Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized this event and ever since, the week has been celebrated during the first week of March. The theme this year was

entitled, "Languages Make the World Go Round". The teachers of the world language department were busy preparing the exciting events in which the students would be able to participate. "I think it's great to have a week donated to other languages. It shows how important it is to observe other cultures while having fun," senior Komal Shaikh said. Some of the activities included showing a movie in each language and flag decorating. Students could also support a language by wearing a colored

shirt for their language and earning a prize for having the most people in that color. The most advertised event was the poster contest. Students had to interpret the theme into a creatively designed poster, which would be hung in the school. First, second, and third place winners for the poster contest won gift cards to Sheetz in the amounts of \$20, \$10, and \$5. Sophomore Isabella Ridolfi earned first prize, followed by sophomore Ky'eisha Manigo, and junior Tia Stauffer with second and third prize.

Many interesting facts were said on the morning announcements as well in preparation for the week. "Knowing another language can help you get a job, to better understand your first language, to make travel easier in foreign countries, and expand your circle of acquaintances," junior Caroline Bixler stated one morning. World Language Week provides an opportunity to be creative and expand beyond natural boundaries. By exploring across the ocean, we can find many new adventures to encounter.

34%

Luck

"Some people are lucky and some are unlucky. Like when my sister plays a gambling game. She always wins."  
Teacher  
Mr. Downs

"You can have good luck or bad luck."  
Freshman  
Braelyn Russell

"We do not choose the effects of our decisions."  
Senior  
Chris Walsh

"Too many good things happen for them to be considered coincidences."  
Freshman  
Megan Hogan

Beacon Battle

When good or bad things happen, is it luck or coincidence?

We searched through the halls of Dallastown to find out what students and staff believe.

Neither

28%

"I believe in fate. All things happen for a reason."  
Sophomore  
Kelsey Shealer

"None. God fortold it."  
Junior  
Rachel Bragg

"It's Karma. All consequences are a result of how you live your life."  
Teacher  
Mrs.Wilson

38%

Coincidence

"Luck is something people make up."  
Sophomore  
Frank Saylor

"Coincidence because it just so happens that two people met at a certain moment in time."  
Senior  
Evy Miguire

"Luck is only at the end of a rainbow."  
Junior  
Klarissa Hagan

"Being at the right place at the right time is more coincidence."  
Teacher  
Mrs.Eshenour



MOVIE REVIEW

127 Hours: An Inspirational and Gut-Wrenching Tale

WES CROUCHER  
Staff Writer

From Danny Boyle, the award-winning director of Slumdog Millionaire and 28 Days Later, comes the next iconic thriller film in outdoor adventure and survival.

127 Hours is the true story of Aron Ralston, played by James Franco, a mountain climber who is hiking alone in 2003 near a remote part of Canyonlands National Park in Utah when a boulder falls and pins his arm against a canyon wall, trapping him.

With no cell phone or radio, he is basically helpless.

Equipped with only rope and carabineers, a low supply of water, a dull knife, and a video camera, Ralston decides to make a plan of his escape.

He soon notices that chipping away at the rock with the blade isn't working and begins to realize that he is going to have to take drastic measures.

Using his camera, he logs his experience to stay sane but soon becomes desperate and delusional.

For the next five days, Ralston plunges into an astonishing personal journey in which he recalls the memories of loved ones and discovers what he has to do if he wants to leave the desert alive.

Gathering enough force, he breaks his arm twice in order to relieve the weight from the boulder pressing down on his hand.

Displaying his courage and ingenuity, he amputates his own arm

with a pocketknife and eventually becomes free.

While walking several miles to his car, he encounters a family who sends help until Ralston is airlifted to medical attention.

Today, he lives with his wife and son but still continues his passion for climbing and mountaineering.

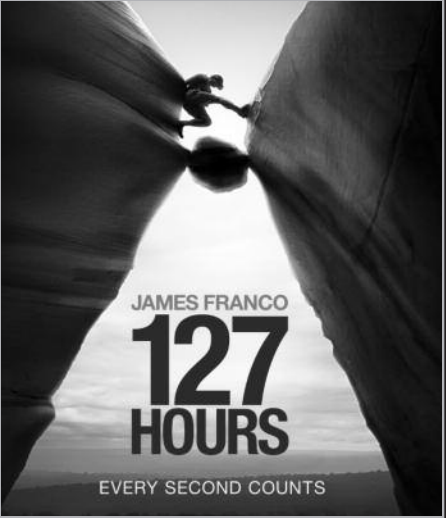
I would recommend this movie to anyone who loves a good adventure drama but also to those who appreciate real life success stories.

However, viewers should be aware of the intensely graphic depictions of the amputation, a scene alone which warrants the movie's R-rating.

Shot and directed with a low budget, this is definitely also for individuals who enjoy independent films and the like.

Although, for students that love the great outdoors, this might put a spin on the phrase "just going for a hike."

Nevertheless, this inspirational and gut-wrenching documentary will make the viewer question the lengths at which one will go to survive.



Teacher Talk  
What movie inspires you?

"NO QUESTION – *Pumping Iron* with Arnold Schwarzenegger."

Mr. Hostetter  
Dean of Students

"*Invictus* - The greatest power you can wield is the power of forgiveness."

Mr. Adams  
Science

"*We Are Marshall*, (not just because Matthew McConaughey is smokin' hot), just the way the team rebuilds and pulls together, (but having him in the movie is always a plus)."

Ms. Wilson  
Math

"*ROCKY* - If he can do it, I can too."

Mrs. Dallmyer  
Social Studies

"*Out of Africa* - the real life character that Meryl Streep played was so strong and passionate that she inspired me to travel all over the world."

Mrs. Krantz  
Child Care

"*The Lord of the Rings* - Even on the darkest days here on our "Middle Earth," that movie reminds me that goodness and light always triumphs over evil. The least likely candidate can prove himself a hero."

Mrs. Anderson  
English

"*Food Inc.* It makes me think about where my food comes from. I don't like eating at McD's anymore!"

Mrs. Haines  
Math

*Stranger Than Fiction* - Will Ferrell plays a dramatic role in which his character comes to accept that his life, though full of great suffering, is beautiful in the same way a work of art is beautiful. In fact, it is beautiful not despite the suffering but because of it.

Mr. Rojahn  
World Language

Battle of the Bands

Bands from all over York duke it out to win the title and be called the best band in town.

WES CROUCHER  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, February 5th, more than 150 people, young and old, raced into a wall-to-wall packed auditorium at 2000 Hollywood Drive to get a taste of the local music scene.

The 9th annual Battle of the Bands, sponsored by Teen Council and York Suburban Communities That Care Alliance, was held at the York JCC from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

The night was filled with musical styles from across the spectrum, death metal to indie rock.

Two Dallastown bands were present for the competition.

Both were well known and highly anticipated before the performance, through word of mouth and online popularity. Best Nauticals even shared a sample of their set list on their Facebook page to gain more fans.

Dismantled Authority, Forever and Oz, and Chased By an Ape were among the eight bands that played that night.

Each band was allotted

twenty minutes to impress the judges through a combination of lighting effects, crowd involvement, stage presence, and overall performance.

From Nate Rost's wicked good rap during the song "Little Days" to junior Mike Klahold's mind-blowing double-trumpet solo on Best Nauticals' "Her Thousand Legs", it was almost impossible for the audience to leave the show un-amazed.

"I felt great during the whole 20 minute set, but the look on people's faces when I picked up my second trumpet was priceless. It was definitely my high point of that night," Klahold said.

But in the end, it was the band Bored Out of Our Minds who took home the title.

Although the two Dallastown bands didn't place, it's clear that they devoted a lot of time and effort into their sets.

"Anyone with any musical ability could easily tell that we spent hours on a single twenty second part of our songs. Best Nauticals and The Rhyme and The Reason put a lot of heart and thought into the music and lyrics," junior Brooks Hanna said, singer of The Rhyme and The Reason.

Fans certainly questioned the judge's criteria for how bands were ranked.

"I think the two bands should have placed because of their creativity and originality. The bands should be judged on things like talent and unique-

ness other than fan base and crowd response," junior Dayne Bailey said.

Nevertheless, people couldn't stop raving about the raw talent up on stage.

"I loved both of the bands. I think they had the whole crowd going and everyone was singing along to their songs. The audience, including myself, loved them," sophomore Natalie Rogers said.

Despite not placing, there was no immature rivalry between the two Dallastown bands. They had nothing but good things to say of each other.

"The Rhyme and The Reason I liked a lot. They are really good at lyric writing and have a more chill sound and atmosphere to them," junior Ryan Bender said, guitarist of Best Nauticals.

In the end, everyone from band members to fans felt like the evening was a hit and the music was definitely something to write home about.

"It was a lot of fun playing in front of all our friends and seeing their faces in the crowd and being able to tell that they are really enjoying the performance," Hanna said.

Some people had different reasons for coming out to the event.

"My favorite part of the Battle of the Bands was seeing the local music scene in York and being a part of it," senior Nate Rost said, bassist of The Rhyme and The Reason.

National Art Honor Society Inducts New Members

Dallastown's Chapter of NAHS contributes to the community in many ways.

MEGAN DURHAM  
Staff Writer

On February 9, Dallastown's chapter of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) inducted 12 new members, making their total number of members 28.

The annual induction ceremony was held for its third year in a row in the theater room.

In order to become a part of this national organization, the inductees were first recognized for outstanding academic achievement, and then later recommended by faculty for their character and leadership.

However, National Art Honor Society isn't all fun and games. There is a set of eleven bylaws or guidelines that they need to follow to remain members of NAHS.

As members of the NAHS, these students now have the responsibility 20 hours of service

in an art related capacity each year.

"It's nice to help spread art and volunteer in the community," Breann Young, junior, said.

Areas that they might choose to use their creative talents include the creation of the homecoming mural, the painting of holiday windows, the creation of the high school agenda cover, face painting for numerous district activities, and our high school art show and auction.

Other guidelines for the organization include following school, NAHS, and community rules, be in an art class, maintain a certain grade point average and a B average in their art class, exceptional attendance to NAHS meetings, etc.

If members follow these guidelines until graduation, they have the privilege of wearing NAHS cords at graduation.

The group is led by president Amanda Brown, vice president Blake Myers, treasurer Steph Inners, and secretary Klarissa Hargan

Art teachers Ms. Doyon, Mr. Myers, and Ms. Kowalewski all serve as advisers for the group.

NAHS Inductees

Bill Lytle  
Megan Fix  
Jean Kwon  
Rachel Ligon  
Jenna Ludwig  
Angie Martinez  
Meredith McLaughlin  
Laura Messman  
Alexis Sharp  
Crystal Sol  
Emma Thomas  
Meilin Zhu

NAHS Current Members

Emmy Ashenfelder  
Alexis Bowers  
Amanda Brown  
Joanna Chen  
Rebecca Decowsky  
Amber Defabio  
Alexandra Dolla  
Megan Fabie  
Klarissa Hargan  
Andrew Hartman  
Alaina Herbst  
Stephanie Inners  
Blake Inners  
Shelley O'Connor  
Eric Swartz  
Breann Young

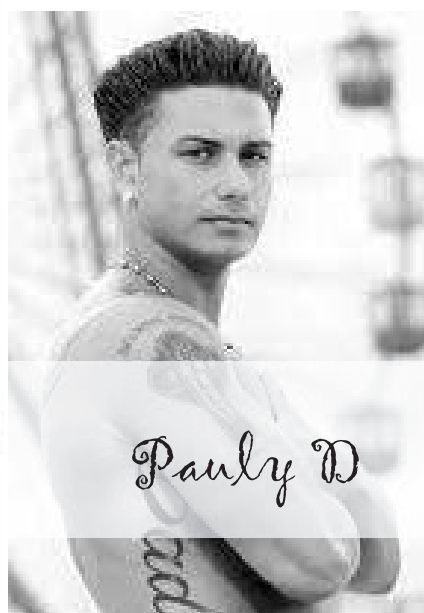




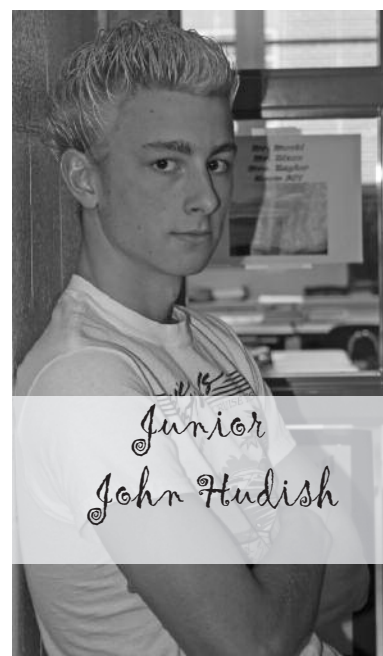


# Of the Month

## look-a-like OF THE MONTH



Pauly D



Junior  
John Hudish

## trend OF THE MONTH Lace



Junior  
Brinn McAuliffe



Junior  
Hannah Church



Sophomore  
Mary Hess



Senior  
Tia Bartha



Senior  
Kayla Frederick

# Mardi Gras Arrival of Spring Rain Chilly mornings Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## couple OF THE MONTH

Some people say there is no such thing as love at first sight, but for couple Madison Leader and Brooks Nugent that is completely untrue.

The couple saw each other and instantly felt a spark. The duo only knew each other for 3 days before they started to date.

"I was attracted to him because of his looks and how much he talked," senior Madison Leader said.

"I loved her personality and stunning looks," senior Brooks Nugent said.

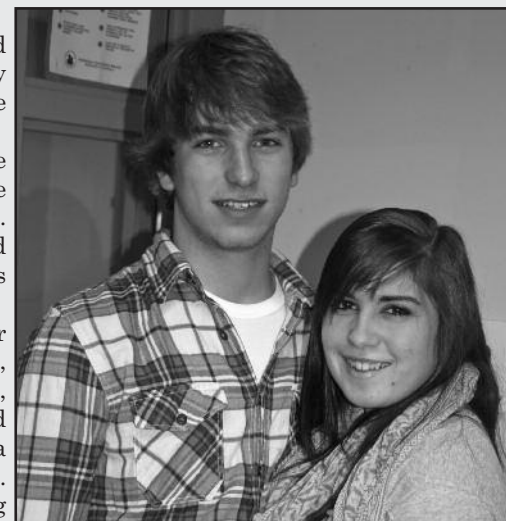
Leader and Nugent spend their time together watching movies, shopping, sleeping, baking cookies, playing bingo and basketball, and looking at the stars. There is never a boring moment between the two. They share and do everything together.

The couple loves how well they know each other and would do anything for one another.

Whenever one person needs anything, the other is there to help out.

"We mean the world to each other and plan to be together past high school," Leader and Nugent said.

The happy couple will celebrate their anniversary April 10th.



Brooks Nugent &  
Madison Leader