

The Beacon

Downfall of the Dallas Theater

Memories of the Dallas Theater will be all we have after the closing.

KATIE MATERO
Staff Writer

The lights on the marquee at the Dallas Theatre were turned off one final time in the wee hours of the morning on November 29, 2009, and were replaced with the words "We Tried."

"It's with great sadness that I must report to you that the Dallas Theatre has closed," began the email sent the next day by now former owners Bill and Tina Hunt.

"This is sad, but not at all unexpected. Things were horrible. Our bills were mounting and we tried to raise extra money by showing midnight movies like Grease, Saturday Night Fever, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, etc.," Bill Hunt said.

However, the experiment with midnight movies only put the theatre deeper into debt.

As an attempt to attract more people to pay off the debt, the Hunts began showing 70s and 80s classic movies for three dollars a ticket with the theory that "you never get the same experience watching them at home," but only a handful of people responded to the idea.

"It was a great theater with great intentions, but York is certainly not the place to find success doing something like that, mainly because people around here want exploding robots and car crashes," senior Bryson Shultz said.

The owners wanted to share the nostalgia that the 82 year old theatre inspired in them by decorating it with old movie posters and showing snack bar commercials from drive in theatres before each show.

"This theatre was the place to be on a Saturday night in the 50s, 60s, and 80s. We were trying to bring that back."

"Believe it or not, Dallas Theater was a social thing. When I was in fifth grade at York Township, our parents would drop us off on a Friday night and we would go to Fife's store (where Roma's is now) to buy candy before the movie and to Sal's pizza (where Turkey Hill

is now) when we were finished," English teacher Miss Gable said.

"I had my first date at the Dallas Theater, though it was a group date. I remember *Phase IV*. It was a terrible science fiction movie. I also saw *Snow White* and *Dark Shadows*," Math teacher Mrs. Staats said.

DAHS's class of 1959 even held its 50th reunion at the theatre this past August.

The Hunts made every possible effort to save their beloved theatre, even using their own life's savings to pay off some of the debt, but unfortunately, it was not enough. Due to the swelling pile of bills, the Hunts were forced to close the theatre.

"They shut off our heat, and we never earned enough money to get it turned back on. Then they shut off our phone; we couldn't earn enough to get it back on. This week the electric goes."

The theatre is currently up for sale, but it is uncertain when and if it will reopen.

"No matter who owns it, no one will ever get the niceness and amazing love that [Hunt] gave to his customers," sophomore Ali Mase said.



The Dallas Theater admits defeat after months of mounting debt with a sad, parting sign. photo by John Boddington

Hall Talk

What are your memories of Dallas Theater?

"The floor was sticky, screen was a little far away but it was a pretty hardcore place."
Jacob Winograd
junior



"I went to see two movies and it was a unique place to watch them."
Stephanie Simmering
junior



"I went for a midnight showing with my friends one time. It was a spur of the moment."
Bri Welsh
senior

"When I was in sixth grade, I worked the concession stand at Dallas Theater. I got paid \$8.00 per weekend, I think, and got to watch the movie for free."
Mrs. Matthias
science teacher



"It was long with a lot of seats and the candy was cheap."
Joe Biddix
junior

"The popcorn was bangin' and there was a lot of old people."
Jackson White
junior



History Jumps Off the Page

Holocaust survivor addresses student on being thankful what they have.

ANGELA GIDDINGS
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"I was never worried about dying, just surviving every minute, everyday."

These words were spoken to the students of DAHS by Ruben Szatajer, a Holocaust survivor.

For five years, Ruben lived under Nazi control. At the age of

fourteen he was forced to leave his home in the ghetto. At the age of nineteen he was liberated, but starving and tired.

Ruben remembers every second of the horrifying five years.

"It's something that I will never forget even if I live to be a thousand years old," Szatajer said.

It is safe to say that a small percentage of high schools were lucky enough to have the privilege to catch a glimpse of the Holocaust through sources other than the textbook. Dallastown is one of the few schools presented with this incredible chance.

Ruben's words brought out emotions from DAHS' German

and Holocaust studies students.

Hearing him speak brought all eyes to tears and filled the minds with thoughts about their lives. Students were thinking about the freedoms given to them, which they had believed were rights, not things that can be taken away.

"I can't even begin to imagine what a world like that is like," Christina Fritz said, a third year German student.

Most of us take advantage of the fact that we have clothes on our backs, food on the table, and a roof over our heads.

All of those things became a privilege to Ruben, not a right. It's important to take a look

around and become aware of all the freedoms and opportunities our generation has.

"I never got to be a teenager and if I had ever known I'd never see my mom and dad again I'd make sure to tell them how much I loved them," Ruben said, of his missed years.

Holocaust survivor Ruben Szatajer, right, talked to Dallastown students about appreciation towards family and friends.

photo by Nir Sinay



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Letter From the Editor



In the midst of the hectic school year, take a few moments to regress over the holiday break.....

LAUREN KAUFMANN
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Dearest Dallastown,
How did last month's assignment go? Did you quibble over the ironies and intricacies of life with your favorite instructor extraordinaire? If so, I hope you found the experience to be a rewarding one.

As I was completing my November "homework," I was chatting with one of my favorite teachers when I felt a sudden wave of inspiration for this month's assignment. The teacher and I were discussing her plans for next year, which will be her first year of retirement. She was in the midst of listing several volunteer endeavors she shall pursue and a few books she is going to (re)read when she came to the following conclusion concerning how she will spend the limitless future in front of her: "Well, I think I will regress. It's about time."
And thus I am brought to this month's task.

Regress.

Let's be honest. We're forced to "progress" each and every day—from expanding our knowledge of derivatives to shaving a few seconds off of our race time—and it can all be rather exhausting. With such perpetual emotional and intellectual expansion, it's easy to forget some of the most poignant memories and critical lessons we learned during childhood. And sometimes the only way to retrieve those priceless lessons is by returning to the place in which we learned them.

So, this month, I challenge you to regress, even if just a little. Try dusting off your favorite Disney movie to take a visual trip down memory lane; you may be surprised by how much we teenagers can learn from Simba and Pocahontas. Pluck your favorite children's book from the shelf and page through the story that you made your parents read to you every night in preschool, for its relevancy to high school life may be shocking. Personally, though, I've always felt that the best way to take a trip back to my youth is by returning to Mother Nature herself. Stargazing is one of my favorite activities, and the wonder of nature is still fascinating to me. This month, your assignment is to bundle up, head outside, and view the earth as you did ten years ago. Whatever that means for you.

Signed,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Journalist

The Obama Effect

A paradigm shift has recently occurred in the lyrical styles of hip-hop... and many thank President Barack Obama.

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In the past, listening to hip hop music basically meant hearing the artist talk about trivial things such as his cars, jewelry, and how much money he has.

But in the past few months, since we have had a new President in office, hip hop seems to have taken a new direction, and some people say that we have Barack Obama to thank.

For the past ten years, the content of hip hop has not been very diverse. Most artists base the bulk of their music on unrealistic ideals that the majority of their listeners cannot relate to. There might be a positive message mixed in there somewhere, but most of the time it's not likely.

We hear examples of this in almost every song on the radio, and after a while it starts to get old. Many people, including myself, are now looking for a change.

In 2008 we watched as the



Many hip hop artists have performed in various "Rock the Vote" concerts, such as the pictured will.i.am, in order to spread the message of the importance of political activism.
photo courtesy of wfnx.com

now-President Barack Obama gave speech after speech about what people can do to help our nation and change our future.

A lot of people were inspired by his speeches and inspired to do something to make a change. This included many hip hop artists.

In the November 2008 election, we saw a whole new demographic of voters, including those who had never voted before, come out to the polls and let their voice be heard.

Many hip hop artists made it clear that it was our duty as a people to vote and make a difference. This alone changed many artists' minds about what they base their songs on.

Now that we have a new President, a lot of people have noticed that artists are now starting to change their ways of thinking.

We are hearing less of rappers talking about their status and their wealth, which most of

the time is just for show, and they are making the transition to more conscious topics.

Rapper Common says that "I think hip-hop artists will have no choice but to talk about different things and more positive things, and try to bring a brighter side to that because, even before Barack, I think people had been tired of hearing the same thing."

A few artists that have jumped on the bandwagon for a new sound in hip hop are Will.i.Am with his song "It's A New Day" and Young Jeezy with his song "My President."

With all of the issues that are going on in society today and the current state of the economy, I think that it is a good change to hear something positive on the radio.

This is what should've been done a long time ago and I think that it is sad that it took a new President being elected to office for all of this to occur.

Home Access Invades Student Privacy

To some a useful tool to check grades, Home Access Center is becoming a disturbing break in our privacy to mark students at DAHS.

Students' daily attendance records are reported with excessive precision, stating the exact time the student arrived at school and the specific reason behind a tardy.

Every graded assignment in each class is put onto HAC - sometimes without students' knowledge, and always without their permission.

The grades displayed on HAC are products of the student body, so why were we not consulted or even notified in the execution of the program? Probably because the administration knew that the students would not succumb to such nonsense.

So now not only have we been deprived of what little freedom we are granted in school, we also have no say in the trifling distribution of our personal information, which directly affects us.

As a senior, I adamantly believe that high school students should not have to be under parents' supervision while at school.

For many, school is an escape from home and parents. I do believe I am speaking on the behalf of most students when I say that when I am in school, I don't want to have to worry about my parents scrutinizing practically every move I make at school through the Parent Portal.

This is just a pure ridicule because you'd think that your parents would want you to excel on your own, not because you're being watched like a hawk. And I, for one, refuse to be watched like a hawk.

Why do we even get report cards anymore? Is it merely a

backup plan for when parents are too lazy to check HAC?

When every grade of every class of every day is reported to HAC, report cards just seem unnecessary, because parents are aware of their child's grade at all times - or at least, they could check it anytime at their convenience with just a few mouse clicks.

Report cards would soon become the living poster child for redundancy, showing everyone what they already know. Eventually, report cards will become a joke, not that I would mind.

"The HAC needs to be modified so that it is no longer a portal of peremptory peep-holes for privilege-abusive parents."

Although we have yet to approach the day when everyone's report-card-kamikazes are soaring through the hallways after A/A, our parents' abuse of their HAC privileges could potentially be leading us down that path.

Just because the grades are displayed on HAC doesn't mean parents should use it to pulverize our privacy. Are you going to eat incessantly just because there's always food in your fridge?

The HAC needs to be modified so that it is no longer a portal of peremptory peepholes for privilege-abusive parents.

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

Letters should be fewer than 300 words. Thank you.

Faculty Advisor
Miss Gable

Going Green Gone Wrong

Even though a recycling bin in cafeteria is positioned and ready for collection, why do some of the few Dallastown students recycle their plastic caps?

MOLLY NORTON
Staff Writer



Not a day goes by without someone talking about global warming, pollution, recycling, and just "going green" in general.

A lot of students realize it's an important issue, but they think that they are just unable to make a difference. There is a way to help the cause, and it is right here in Dallastown Area High School.

Last school year Mrs. Gladfelter took the initiative to start collecting plastic bottle caps to recycle from her students after her children that go to Central started doing it.

Senior Katie Austin suggested that the cap collection be



Junior Lindsay Wright does her part to help Dallastown "go green" by depositing her plastic bottle's cap into the recycling bin in the cafeteria. photo by Molly Norton

taken even farther and make it a school-wide ordeal.

"I suggested that we start collecting caps from the entire school. I helped by promoting it on the announcements on the TV," Austin said.

With the help of Austin's promotions and Gladfelter's collecting, a trash can was set up in the cafeteria specifically for the collection of caps of bottles.

Some people took the extra two seconds to put the cap in.

Others didn't even bother.

Maybe they are just lazy or maybe it's just that they don't

understand what exactly happens with the caps.

After a lot of caps are obtained, the caps are shipped off to a company called Aveda. Aveda takes the already used caps and makes them into new bottle caps and containers.

Basically instead of the caps being wasted and made into a hazard to our environment, the caps are melted down and then made into new items.

Rather than allowing the caps to wind up in our rivers and oceans harming wildlife, why not just take a few seconds to

put the caps in the right container?

It's not hard.

Many teenagers these days have the attitude that they are just too young or not capable of making an impact environmentally or they just don't believe that something as small as a bottle cap could even affect our environment.

It may be hard to believe, but if a lot of other people are thinking that exact same thing, then just imagine the negative impact that that is adding up to.

Fortunately there are students at DAHS who care.

"I think the bins separating caps and bottles from other trash is a great way to keep our school active in keeping the community healthy," sophomore Drew Zedowsky said.

While the "going green" lecture may get old awfully fast, it's an important message. If we all took the time to pitch in, even in the smallest of ways, maybe it would become less necessary to preach this message.

No one is heartless enough to just truly not care. So it's time we start to change, and this is a perfect place to start.

So put forth the effort to "go green" and twist that cap off of your bottle and put it in the proper trash can.

It's time to stop complaining about the path our Earth is going down and attempt to make a difference, even if the first step is as small as this.

The Not-So-Smart Boards

SMART Boards contain merely a facade of technological help; in reality they waste an abundance of time, space, and money.

MILES TROUT
Staff Writer



Stupidity hangs in the classrooms of Dallastown. Teachers are left tapping in confusion.

Why don't Power Points just work like they used to? Why are teachers left looking clueless in front of their students? What is standing in the way of the students of Dallastown's learning?

The answer to these questions is the SMART Board.

"SMART" is not the correct name for these boards. They should be called "Illogical Waste of Space, Time, and Money Boards."

The creators of SMART Board technology must have found that name to be too long, or simply not as catchy.

When it comes to workspace, size does matter. Smaller than the average whiteboard, SMART Boards take up just enough space to render the white board that they are mounted on useless.

Furthermore, since the workspace is smaller and since SMART Boards have depth, students at the edges of big classrooms find it difficult to see the information displayed.

Few teachers have the ability to impress with their SMART Board skills. Text movement is

the most impressive skill that teachers possess as far as SMART Boards are concerned.

Teachers like Mr. Melhorn in the history department often attend classes, taking time out of their teaching schedule to learn how to use SMART Boards more effectively.

"Mr. Trone and myself took a two and a half day course to learn how to use them," Melhorn said. "I use the program as a clicking function every day. I do not necessarily use it for the SMART Board program."

The new tricks do not assist the learning process of the students. For this reason, the SMART Boards have wasted a large amount of class time.

Frankly, SMART Boards are a massive waste of taxpayer dollars. For a cordless 2006 model, there is a cost of about \$200.

Multiply that by the number of teachers, and taxpayers are forking over a lot of cash.

The same effects of SMART Board technology could be obtained by the same projectors and laptop computers that the teachers already have and the addition of a small remote control. Though it's not a perfect system, it is just as effective if not more so than SMART Boards.

"I just wish that I had more use for it in my classroom," a teacher who wishes to remain anonymous said.

SMART Boards are leading to a new standard for interactive and technological education. The current technology is simply inferior to what it will be some day.

Dallastown has jumped on the phone just saves time. When students need help with WebAssigns, they begin to frantically text everyone in their class. Then, someone responds and tries to explain a problem

If We Need To Talk, Don't Text Me

Since when has sending short clipped conversation come replace having an actual conversation. Beaconwriter Sean Spencer likes to keep it old school... actually talk

SEAN SPENCER
Staff Writer



Text messaging is by far the most popular form of communication in today's world.

As a result, communication is becoming less and less personal in today's society.

Often, students spend their entire nights shooting text messages back and forth, but why not talk on the phone instead?

Talking on the phone is a lost art that needs to be brought back.

When a person calls someone on the phone they are able to relate with one another, and they can tell the true meaning of that person's comments.

Frequently, text messages are misinterpreted, which can cause unnecessary confusion or drama.

Additionally, talking on the phone just saves time.

When students need help with WebAssigns, they begin to frantically text everyone in their class. Then, someone responds and tries to explain a problem

through a series of typed words that only further complicate the problem.

This process can continue for hours.

Meanwhile, no work is being accomplished, and the eleven o'clock deadline is approaching.

"When I'm in a rush, it is nice to talk on the phone, so I can get quick answers," senior Bria Caplan said.

If a simple phone call was made, the WebAssign would have been completed two hours ago, and plenty of time would remain for other work to be completed.

People are losing touch with one another by texting.

"Talking on the phone is a portal to happiness and satisfaction that needs to be rediscovered."

Friends who live hundreds of miles away from one another are no longer listening to each other's voices. I don't know why they would not talk to one another.

If a person has not seen a friend, it seems logical that they should talk over the phone. They can share laughs and silly comments, while being able to reflect on their memories.

Texting is fine, but it just needs to be done in moderation and should not replace the idea of talking on the phone.

Talking on the phone is a portal to happiness and satisfaction that needs to be rediscovered.



Purrs to President Obama for being awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."



Grrs to Tiger Woods for his self-proclaimed "transgressions" against his family and values. Too bad for Nike that Tiger is "far short of perfect."



Purrs to all of the clubs and teams at Dallastown—namely Leo Club, Volunteer Club, Student Council, and NHS—for giving back to the community during the holiday season



Grrs to Gov School being cancelled due to insufficient funding... again.



Purrs to Owl City and Days Difference for rockin' out at the Pullo Center.

Grrs to the inconsistent heating throughout DAHS



Purrs and Grrs represent the opinions of the OP-ED section of The Beacon

NHS Celebrates Its 49th Induction

Hard work in and out of the classroom pays off for newly inducted NHS members.

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LAUREN KAUFMANN
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Blue robes, candles, and flowers filled the DAHS auditorium on the evening of Tuesday, November 10. No, it's not quite time for graduation; the Dallas Imperial Chapter of the National Honor Society was back in action.

Since the 1960 charter of the DAHS NHS Club by fourteen students, the club has grown exponentially.

Thirty-eight new inductees—including fourteen seniors—paraded through the aisles of the auditorium that evening as trumpets blared and flutes whistled the traditional tunes, marking a scholarly milestone for all of the new NHS members.

"One of my main goals of high school was to get into NHS," junior inductee Andi

Gingalewski said. "I was very honored."

Induction into the National Honor Society is based on academics, leadership, character, and involvement in school and community activities.

The ceremony included speeches from Dr. Fauth and Dr. Weinberg, the symbolic candle-lighting ceremony, and the placing of honorary cords atop the inductees' blue robes.

"I thought that [the event] went very smoothly this year," NHS advisor Ms. Karen Ryder said. "Everything was well prepared and accurately accomplished."

Twenty-nine returning NHS members aided the event's success this year, as well. From baking brownies for post-induction snacking to pinning flower boutonnieres on the new inductees, the returning seniors and officers held vital roles in the induction process.

Senior member and NHS secretary Kristin Breen's duty was to oversee the inductees as they completed the ceremonial step of signing their names into the DAHS NHS Membership Book, a tradition dating back decades.

"It was exciting to watch



The candles represent the four pillars of National Honor Society: character, leadership, scholarship, and service. Senior Lauren Kaufmann lights the candle on the stage in front of the newly inducted members of NHS. photo by Cassidy Shearer

new inductees sign the Membership Book." Breen said. "I loved watching their faces as they became true NHS members."

Like all other Dallastown activities, the evening was of

course marked with some fun and excitement.

"During the candle-lighting ceremony, I was responsible for carrying the symbolic flame to light the candles of the new inductees," Breen said.

"However, the hot wax soon began to drip all over my hand as I was walking across the stage. It was painful but necessary for a proper induction. The blisters were worth it."

Science Department Electrifies Audience



Seniors Max Lillie and Brandt Witt look on at the experiment in which Mr. Illyes' son Daniel, a first grader at Leaders Heights Elementary, holds an electrical umbrella. photo by Ben Naill

Night of Science comes back bigger and better with more experiments and Bill Nye extravaganzas.

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BEN NAILL
Staff Writer

Boom! Crash! Broken glass is flying everywhere. Fire and steam erupt, billowing clouds of smoke and waves of heat into the audience.

No folks, this is not an article about 2012, but rather, Dallastown Area High School's Night of Science.

On Tuesday, November 17 at 9 p.m., the high school auditorium was packed full of guests, ready to see the display of seeming sorcery shown by our very own physics and chemistry teachers.

This yearly showing attracts spectators from all school districts who come to see the amazing showing of scientific knowl-

edge. Highlighted by science guru such as Mrs. Ortman-Link, Mr. Illyes, and Mr. Moreland, the chemical and physical experiments of this event continue to dazzle the audience year after year.

Although Illyes, Ortman-Link, and Moreland take center stage more than anyone, we have to give credit where it is due.

Mrs. Eshenour, Mrs. Matthias, Mrs. Glatfelter, and last but certainly not least, Mr. Motter flashed their science prowess at this most auspicious of events.

Senior Brandt Witt said, "I enjoyed most seeing my favorite science teachers use their charm and wit to instill a fascination with science into the hearts and minds of others."

And that is exactly what they did. From photographing this event, this reporter can attest, first hand, to the looks of joy and excitement expressed on the faces of the teachers partaking in the presentation of this event.

The goings-on of this performance included, freezing racket balls, flowers, and balloons in

liquid nitrogen, shooting air guns, exploding Pringles, and shattering wine glasses with sound waves.

But do not get confused, just because they made it look easy does not mean it is.

Dealing with exploding hydrogen and liquid nitrogen at lower than -300 degrees Fahrenheit is no walk in the park.

"...and if I stuck my hand in there for any length of time and then banged it on the table...well, I wouldn't have a hand anymore," Mr. Moreland said during the liquid nitrogen experiment, proving the possible dangers these scientists go through.

Overall, this year's Night of Science was a success. Everything went as planned, nobody was hurt, and the audience was entertained. This was definitely a night to remember.

Senior Eric Chestnut said, "Quite frankly, I was dazzled by the wondrous experiments and captivating demonstrations. The gleam of fascination in every child's eyes could melt even the coldest heart. I really wish I would have gone in the past."

Dallastown Grads Return for Check-Up

The first annual Health Career Fair was held to help students plan their future.

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JENA PRATS
Of-the-Month Editor

The day before Thanksgiving break, 129 students were imagining bones and muscle, but not that of a perfectly roasted turkey.

Instead, the students gathered in the auditorium for the

first annual Health Career Fair. From 10:00 to 10:50, 27 young medical students and professionals presented 24 careers to the Anatomy and Physiology students, giving in-depth information on a specific medical career and answering the students' questions.

Students enjoyed five ten-minute presentations; their schedules were customized based on a sheet completed in class, where students identified a first and second career interest.

However, the presentations students watched were not solely based on those two interests;

the fair's main purpose was to dispel careers that students chose without logical or informed evaluation.

"These young teenage students were pigeon-holing themselves to one specific career. The fair helped to open their eyes to other careers," Mr. Gould, the Anatomy and Physiology teacher and coordinator of the fair, said.

Of the 129 students that signed up, 60 students chose Physical Therapy as their first or second choice.

"The fair definitely solidified my career choice. It was a great event for both students who are

unsure about their future or sure of a future that might not be plausible," senior Natalie Cox, a participant and one of Gould's interns that helped with the fair, said.

The majority of the presenters were Dallastown alumni, and for all the presenters, high school was a not-so-distant memory. In fact, Gould chose them for their youth and their Dallastown history, hoping it would allow the students to relate more to the presenter.

"Also, personally, it's nice to see grads give back and show their success," Gould said.

Gould jokes that the fair was

a success, "only because it didn't fail."

The event's success can be based also on the survey that the student participants completed afterward, where some students changed their mind based on the new information and others found their interest increased by the presenters.

The Health Career Fair will certainly continue next year, and Gould hopes to have at least 30 young Dallastown graduates as presenters. The fair also may be set in the cafeteria next year to allow for more space and tables for display.

A "Nichol" For Your Thoughts

There is more to the Holidays than presents and parties.

Hey Dallastown!

Some of you may have noticed that the month of December is filled with people bustling to and fro buying presents and stressing over who is bringing what to the Holiday party.

I find it interesting then that the month that is supposed to be all about family and friends coming together to celebrate a common faith is overshadowed by the overcharging of the charge card, bickering of the salespeople and customers, and the frowns of children who have received presents that they did not want.

I watch these people and only wish that they could understand the true meaning of the Holiday spirit. Some people are not buying presents, but are instead going to work at a food pantry or are going to be appreciative of what they do have.

I am not saying that it is wrong to buy gifts or to enjoy receiving them because lets face it, that is a fun part of the twelfth month. But, I only wish that the population could see the true value of December and look towards the inexpensive, simple aspects of life.

For example, taking a walk under snow-glistened trees, driving around to look at the Christmas lights, or making a warm cup of hot chocolate and watching the newest Harry Potter. Window displays look us straight in the eye and the oven is only waiting for a sheet of cookies to bake.

There are numerous things we could be doing in the month of December that cost zero dollars and brings us together with family members and friends.

As the Mastercard slogan would put it, I could buy a shirt for thirty dollars, Taco Bell for ten dollars, and a pack of gum for three dollars, but the feeling of friendship, family, and snow...priceless.

This month I'm pledging to reduce my spendings and stress, and instead, look at the Christmas tree, sing carols, and take a walk in the snow-covered woods. I think you should too.

*Until next time,
Jordan Nicholson
Co-Editor-in-Chief*



Livin' Large at the Lingua

The fall festival returns to DAHS with the hot new name:

Linguapalooza.

**BRENNA COOPER
CAROLINE NEWBERGER**
Staff Writers

Sophomore Maggie Seitz had an "intense and fun" first experience at the Linguapalooza Fall Festival.

This annual educational event is a tradition of excitement for language students. Exciting games, having fun times with friends, and having the overall educational growth make this festival an interesting sight for all observers.

"People yelling at each other in different languages and having fun seems cool," senior and Linguapalooza observer Mark Jorgenson said.

The languages at the festival were represented by the German, Spanish, French, and Latin students. Each team consisting of approximately four to ten students competed against the other teams to win the festival.

Exciting games of the night included a unique language question game in which each group was asked specific questions about their respective language and cultural aspects.

Another game that was a hit for students was the sombrero-making contest held by the Spanish department. The interesting part of this competition



Sophomores Nicole Leithiser and Brittany Pitzer roll on the scooters and mats, trying to complete the French challenge. photo by Caroline Newberger

was the fact that each sombrero had to be made out of toothpicks and marshmallows.

Following this excitement, the German department used a ball and a basket. The object of the game was simply for each team to get the ball in the bucket. The winner of this event was the group who made the most shots.

The German, Latin, French, and Spanish students all had their own uniforms. Some students even made fake mustaches to represent their language, while other students made their own shirts.

The Spanish students had the largest number of competitors with several groups from all grade levels.

The German group had the fewest amount of people partici-

pating in the games.

However, the size of the group did not necessarily have an effect on the team's spirit in the competition.

"As long as they're competing with someone, the students are happy," English teacher Mrs. Godfrey said.

The happy spirit in the air was not only from the students but from the teachers as well.

"The enthusiasm in the students is exciting! This year, we've had more students than in the past and it is great," Spanish teacher Mrs. Bixler said.

From the looks of the students, teachers, and observers, Linguapalooza was a positive and educational experience in its own ways this year.

DAHS, you can definitely expect to see Linguapalooza next year and many years to follow!



The French IV team chose to name themselves "Les Royales" sporting matching tiaras and royal blue shirts. Upper row from left to right: Natalie Cox, Kelsea Chavis, Rachel Liegey, and Karli Vieglins. Bottom row from left to right: Taylor Pearson, Kelsey Shifflett, Bobby Esiaba, Kelly Spillane, and Gabby Delogu. photo by Brenna Cooper

Catty Shack: Learning and Earning

Sales and Entrepreneurship students gain real world knowledge in the school store.

LAUREN KAUFMANN
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After passing through the seasonal black and orange curtains, even the most negligent nose is immediately catapulsed with the mingling scents of crisp new school supplies and delectable confectionary treats.

Welcome to the Catty Shack. "The Catty Shack was founded in February of 2006," Mrs. Guttridge, the teacher advisor of

the Catty Shack, said. "It was started by the Entrepreneurship students as part of a Junior Achievement project. To this day, it continues to be a completely student-run venture that has finally found a home in room 306."

Every year following the Catty Shack's grand opening in 2006, the Sales and Entrepreneurship students—juniors and seniors who participate in the course in the business department that meets five times each week—have continued to manage all aspects of the store, including marketing, human resources, layout, finance, and purchasing.

The tropical theme of the school store was chosen by the students, and the tiki hut logo was even drawn by a Dallastown art student.

"I really like helping with the Catty Shack," senior Entrepreneurship student Matt Schroeder said, "because I get a firsthand look at how a business actually works."

Each member of the Sales and Entrepreneurship class is mandated to volunteer to help with the Catty Shack for only a few hours each marking period, but many students find helping with the store to be such an enjoyable experience that most choose to exceed their required minutes.

Also created by the students was the witty name of the store itself. "The original idea came from the movie Caddy Shack," Mrs. Guttridge explained, "but the students tweaked the spelling to make the name a bit more Wildcat-friendly." Hence we get the "Cat" in Catty Shack.

When the store first opened, the Catty Shack sold gym uniforms, gum, snacks, Dallastown garb, and school supplies.

Due to increased demand for more products and resulting from the creativity of the students in charge of the store, the inventory has since expanded to include apparel with a unique design each year, calculators, flash drives, and jewelry. It is even rumored that this year's newest addition will be a Catty Shack Frisbee!

Even though the school store demands hours of dedication and teamwork to run smoothly, the hard work of the Dallastown students pays off each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday before and after school. The line of students reaching out of the door tells it all.



Freshman Justin Barnett shows off his coupon attached to a pumpkin, which he found in a Catty Shack contest. photo by staff



ERIC CHESTNUT
Staff Writer



The holiday season is fast approaching, and with it comes a deluge of awful movies. ABC Family and the Hallmark Channel crank out this garbage with expert efficiency while the same old classics are replayed ad nauseam. Luckily there is one beacon of hope in this dreary realm of Christmas movies: Jingle All the Way.

Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as Howard Langston, a father who will do anything in order to secure the season's hottest toy, a Turbo-Man action figure, for his son Jamie.

In his pursuit for the holy grail of Christmas toys, Schwarzenegger must face off against his newfound nemesis, the eccentric postman Myron Larabee played by Sinbad, for the very same gift.

I may be one of the roughly fourteen people on earth who likes a good Sinbad movie, but I swear, any other actor in this role would have done the character a great injustice.

Also facing off against Schwarzenegger is his divorced neighbor Ted, played by deceased SNL alum Phil Hartman. Throughout the film, Ted serves as the model father that Schwarzenegger strives to be, as well as a looming threat to his marriage.

Jingle All the Way dishes quotes like Halloween candy. Aside from It's a Wonderful Life,

Jingle All the Way has some of the most memorable lines of the holiday season.

"Put the cookie down, now!" exclaims Schwarzenegger to Ted while talking to him on a pay-phone on a crowded street.

After being tackled by rabid shoppers for a ball that could allow him to receive a Turbo-Man action figure, Sinbad says, "that's my ball! Rodney King! Rodney King!"

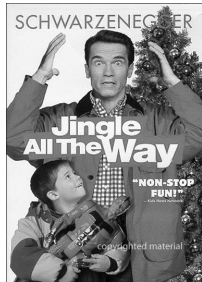
The list goes on.

This film has received a score of negative criticism, and is ranked by many as one of the worst Christmas movies of all time.

Never will I look upon an Arnold Schwarzenegger/Sinbad/Hartman collaboration and see an Oscar in its future.

The film is what it is. It was never meant to be the heart-warming tale of a father's quest for his son's love. It was meant to be a goofy holiday hit, and it exceeds expectations.

Jingle All the Way is a captivating, funny, and admittedly stupid Christmas comedy, but it is worth more than a few viewings this holiday season.



Library Rewards Reader

Junior Kaliegh Davis takes home the Bluford Books prize in the November library contest.

John Boddington
Staff Writer



Junior Kaliegh Davis won the Bluford Books from the library in the Bluford Book giveaway by having the best answers on the competition forms. photo by John Boddington

It is often said not to judge a book by its cover. This is certainly true concerning the next big series: The Bluford Books.

The DAHS librarians seem to find them disappearing off of the shelves as soon as they are checked back into the library.

Excitement is in the air from the new books. Due to this commotion, the school decided to give away the entire set of novels to one lucky student.

The idea was brought up by the ELL class. ELL is English Learners Language class. The objective of the class is to focus on using the English language in everyday life.

They enjoyed the books so much that they did some research. Then the library staff took the next step by preparing a letter to the publisher of these books asking for five copies.

Once approved by Dr. Faith, the school then managed to get a hold of the five sets of the novels for Dallastown. "Student interest prompted it; they really like the books" stated Mrs. Bankoske.

One set went to the English department, the second to the ELL class, two were given to the library to allow students to check out, and the final one was to be for the give-away.

To receive the set, students were required to fill out a form with various questions pertaining to the novels and what they liked personally about them. The best answers would be selected and awarded the prize.

The lucky winner of these books went to Junior Kaliegh Davis on December 1. "I am so excited to start reading them" Davis said. Aside from Davis, there were countless forms filled

out by students to receive the series.

The series is a collection of fifteen short novels typically around 200 pages.

This is a positive for the ones here at Dallastown who have a hard time getting through thicker books.

Another great aspect about this series is that uses a writing style for all ages to follow. When doing their review on the set of books, townsendpress.com states that it is, "Engaging and accessible."

The overall intent of these novels is to show the lifestyle of different ethnic groups in both middle and high school settings.

This allows students to relate to some of the situations the books discuss.

Junior Kristina Arcidiacono said, "I love the Bluford series because its fiction, but it happens everyday. I like books where I can relate and be like, yeah I've been there."

There are also major roles in these stories for both males and females. This simulates interest for both genders.

All of the books generate different genres to draw in different readers. Genres include: mystery, romance, action, and supernatural stories.

"If you enjoy mysteries, drama, and secrets every Bluford High book meet these qualities and so much more," said freshman Ky'eisha Manigo.

With all of the great reasons to try one of these novels, the library is busier then ever "We have all of the books, they're a big hit," said Library aid Mrs. Bankoske.

The library hopes that this giveaway will spark students with an interest to read more diverse pieces of literature, and to read more frequently.

They also wish that students will truly enjoy the books, and will want to continue in this new series.

Beacon Battle

84%



Hot Chocolate

"¡Me gusta chocolate!"
Senora Shive

"It sets up a romantic mood."
Junior Four McGlynn

"Hot chocolate warms the heart, eggnog makes people tipsy and dumb."
Senior Zach Mohar

The winter month keeps DAHS students indoors warming by the fireplaces. The lights are out, there is soft music playing and their flannel blankets are keeping them warm. The Beacon asked "Well, what are they drinking?"

Students communicated that the warm chocolately goodness of hot chocolate cracked the competition, leaving eggnog spilled on the counter.

"I never have had eggnog, but it sounds nasty."
Sophomore Steph Inners

"I just love the feeling when it warms my belly."
Sophomore Brittany Poe

16%



Eggnog

"It's mad good."
Freshman Ryan Smith

"Eggnog is the perfect mix of creamy and sugary, and if you want the hot part, just put it in the microwave!" Senior Phil Cook

"I like the taste of eggnog better. I do like chocolate, just not hot chocolate."
Mrs. Mackenzie

"It tastes so good. It leaves an amazing aroma in your mouth."
Junior Kelly Cunningham

"Because it's more seasonally. You can have hot chocolate for any occasion. You only really find eggnog during the holidays."
Freshman Brelle Davis

PICK ME!



The Beacon Staff recommends their favorites in the world of Arts & Entertainment.



To Rent...

Adam

Very few of us understand how it is to live our lives with extremely limited amounts of interaction with other people, and very few of us could tolerate it if we had to do so.

Only shown in select theaters, Adam contains an in-depth depiction of the life of an adult suffering from Asperger's Syndrome, a high functioning disorder effecting social skills.

The Sundance Film portrays Adam's emotional journey to cope with his disorder as an adult, interact with neighbors, and keep a job.

I would highly recommend renting this movie when it comes out on DVD.



To Eat Out...

Texas Roadhouse

One day while sitting at lunch, my friends were debating on where we should go to eat dinner. While

there were many suggestions, The Texas Roadhouse electrified our enthusiasm and officially ended the debate. There are two reasons why I recommend this restaurant. First, the food is absolutely delectable. Whether it is the cinnamon butter and freshly baked bread, the mouth watering, ready to be selected steaks, the peanuts, or my favorite meal, the portabella mushroom chicken, the food leaves other York restaurants in the dust. Second, the loud music and Western decorations gives the Roadhouse an elevated atmosphere of pure fun. So, I encourage everyone to stop by, crack some peanuts, enjoy a good meal, and if you are brave enough, dance Cotton Eye Joe with the enthusiastic employees.



To Watch...

Precious

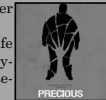
Courtney Edwards
Staff Writer

One of the most anticipated movies of the year, Precious, based on the novel Push by Sapphire is undeniably a must-see. Precious tells the story of fifteen year old Clarice Precious Jones, a less fortunate teen girl from Harlem, New York.

Precious lives on welfare and is subjected to constant physical and verbal abuse by her mother, but has very ambitious goals for herself. As a child she was sexually abused by her father and as a result has a daughter and now has another baby on the way. She deals with all of this in a series of fantasies that she has throughout the movie about what she would like to be.

She's kicked out of school and sent to an alternative school to try to improve her reading skills. There she meets and is inspired by her teacher Miss Rain who pushes her academically. She becomes more confident and is able to leave her mother's house.

This movie gives an intense look at the real life issues that many people struggle to cope with everyday. Precious is sure to be a tear-jerker and definitely a must-see.



To download...

Pearl Jam The Backspacer

The alternative rock band, Pearl Jam, recently released their highly anticipated ninth studio album, The Backspacer, on September 20, 2009.

Pearl Jam, a band that started up in the early '90s around the Seattle area, has been compared to Nirvana as the founders of grunge music.

Lead singer and founder of Pearl Jam, Eddie Vedder, wrote all of the lyrics for this album. The popular singles include "The Fixer" and "Just Breathe".

"It's kind of a tight, concise, rock 'n' roll record with kind new wave elements to it," said Mike McCready, lead guitarist.

Instead of sticking to their original alternative style, like the sound of Neil Young and Red Hot Chili Peppers, the band experimented with a sound influenced by pop and optimistic lyrics.

And as Pearl Jam heads into their second decade together, fans have no doubt that they will be sticking around and rockin' for years to come.



Queensgate Theater to be Completed in Spring of 2010

The new entertainment complex that has 206 theaters throughout the United States. This building is not just a theater complex. The goal of Frank Theatres is to have many different activities within one building so entire families come together and there is something for every member of the family to do.

Within this complex there will be movie theaters, a pub, arcades, cafes, and concession areas.

Thirteen stadium seating state of the arc digital surround sound theaters will fill this new complex. There will be special reserved seating for those who purchase tickets to movies in advance.

"The theater sizes range from a low of 94 seats to a maximum of 342 seats," Mike Dorgan of Warfel Construction said.

The movie theaters won't be your average movie theater. Flip-up cup holder armrests, curved wall-to-wall screens, more comfortable chairs, and separate theaters for adults are among the perks of these theaters.

There's nowhere fun close by to go to. We need a place for teens to hang out with different activities," junior Jen Kearney said.

Frank Theatres and Superplay USA is the entertain-

ment company that has 206 theaters throughout the United States.

The original estimated opening date was the fall of 2009. By the time the construction got started it was months later than originally planned.

The new estimated opening date is spring of 2010.

Anyone who has driven in the Queensgate Shopping Center has seen for themselves how large the building itself is, so obviously this project is quite time consuming.

"The total square footage is 52,728 square feet. The occupant load is a total of 1,869 people if filled to capacity," Dorgan said.

Until next spring everyone will have to go on doing whatever it is they do to keep themselves entertained around here.

In the four or so months leading to the opening start planning a movie and bowling night for next spring with a big group of friends to make sure you're ready for the opening.

Bryson Shultz: Dallastown's Spielberg in the Making

After seeing the vague Snowfire trailers on the morning announcements, here is a more concrete look at the creative process behind the film.

EMILY PERKINSON
Contributing Writer

Q: When did you first realize you were interested in pursuing a career in the film industry? What steps have you taken to realize this goal?

A: I really got into film around the eighth grade; I have always liked movies and story telling. Besides that, I am going to the University of New Mexico

to study film. It's a good area for people starting out in the film industry.

Q: What is your favorite thing about film?

A: I like storytelling and for me, film is the perfect way to express my stories. Through film I can show what I mean to say. The film itself can be interpreted in different ways, but what you see on the screen cannot be changed.

Q: Is "Snowfire" your first film?

A: "Snowfire" is my first feature length film, which means that is over an hour long. I've made a few, more experimental things. The films I make are not necessarily made for the average viewer. I make them as a form of expression; the films can be difficult to understand or interpret. To me, the films are more like a puzzle.

Q: Ok, on to the film, Snowfire. Where did the script come from?

A: I wrote the script. The way I got the initial idea is kind of random. I was at a restaurant when the sound of two glasses clinking together unlocked so many of my ideas. I wrote the first draft of "Snowfire" in a weekend and then the next fourteen drafts over two years.

Q: How did you choose the title?

A: There is a certain scene that involves a fire turning into snow during a dream sequence. There are a lot of themes that deal with contrasting ideas—good versus evil, darkness versus light—and I thought that this title worked with the themes.

Q: How did you cast the leading actors for this film? Was it something that you thought about as you were

writing the script or as a result of a casting process?

A: I had a few people in mind when I was writing the first draft, but as the script evolved, some of the main characters turned into parallel characters, so the cast had to change. The actors were people found around the school. Most of the actors were passionate about acting and film as well, so I could mold them into their characters. The main characters are Brian Paul and Darcy Pinkerton, with the supporting roles played by Kat Phillips, Bonnie Arbittier, and Julian Miller.

Q: What about the crew?

A: I would really like to thank Ryne Bogart and Alex Oktavec for working the camera and lights. William Anstine did a great job on the sound design for Snowfire. He finished all of it, working on it from 4pm to 8am.

Q: Many people could not make it to the premier; do you plan on having other showings? If so, when and where?

A: Other showings are in the works. People can check Facebook events and go to my YouTube account, BASHultz for news. Some of my other films are on my YouTube account as well.

Q: Are any more films in the works this year?

A: Yes, I am currently working on another screenplay. I need as many people as possible to act and help out.

Q: If someone is interested in being cast, how can he or she contact you?

A: There is a Facebook event entitled "The Silent Girl Audition." Anyone can join and get some more information if they are interested.



For senior Bryson Shultz, the culminating project was more than just school work. He turned his love of movies into a feature length film and a future career. photo by Nir Sinay

New Coaches Suit Up for Winter Season



New Girls Basketball Coach Mary Kurnat (center) is surrounded by her senior team members Hannah Groff, Jenna Miller, Kelly Giese, and Cassidy Shearer at Meet the Team night in the high school gym. Kurnat is one of three new head coaches this season. *photo submitted*

Familiar faces take on new responsibilities as they Dallastown sports to the top

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Staff Writer

Some new faces are appearing in Dallastown's gyms this winter season. Hoping to continue toward victory and lead their teams to success are the new sport's coaches.

Mary Kurnat, Troy Smeltzer, and Matthew Striebig have taken the positions of head coach for Girls basketball, Boys basketball, and Wrestling.

All three of these coaches

stepped out on the teams as assistant coaches but managed to prove themselves as leaders by stepping up as head coaches.

Smeltzer, a Safety Education teacher at Dallastown, was a leading candidate after seventeen year Dallastown Coach Rexroth stepped down from his title of Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach. This tough coach is sure to whip the boys into shape and earn many wins this season.

Smeltzer plans on following the same values for this season. One thing he will be doing is to maximize each player's skills to their best ability so they can be successful.

"I think he is doing a great job, and will continue to do well it's a different style of coaching but we should have a good year as we continue to become a team," states junior Ford

Renalda.

The boy's team has some challenging components ahead of them but they are staying positive and uniting as a team.

"We as individuals are trying to come together to form a team and we have been promoting words on a daily basis to promote shared responsibility: communication, trust, selflessness, together, and next play," states Smeltzer.

Kurnat, a fourth grade teacher at York Township, will lead the Lady Wildcats this season. Whether it is her intensity and high energy or her knowledge on the game she is sure to lead the girls to success.

Having played at York Catholic and assisting coaching at West Point she has many new strategies and experience to improve the team.

"We are placing an incredi-

ble amount of responsibility on the players to read and react while making smart decisions on the fly. We are also reinforcing a stronger commitment to positive attitudes and teamwork at every level," Kurnat states.

Kurnat's goal this season is to see each player improve their individual skill set and learn the values of playing together and developing trust with one another.

"I am really glad to have Coach K this year, I think this season will be one of our teams best because she has had us working really hard and is really intense about us succeeding," states senior player Kelly Giese. After a state championship as well as many district wins, Coach Striebig has some big shoes to fill as the new wrestling coach.

Striebig, a former Dallastown wrestler, coaches with the same philosophies as previous coach Dave Gable had.

Striebig's expectations for this season are for the team to work hard and reach their full potential in whatever they do.

"It is different not seeing Gable in the room but Coach Striebig can really lead the team to victory," states senior Tyler Hoover.

After such success from last year's season, Striebig has high outlooks for this season even with the difficult challenges the team is facing.

"Even though we have to forfeit two weights that is beyond the team's control, we are going to work harder and deal with the adversity facing us with our maximum potential," states Striebig.

So what do all these three new coaches have in common? The passion these coaches have of the sport that they are choosing to instill into young players to learn the game and be effective leaders of tomorrow.

Cat Tracks



The Girls Basketball team won their Tip-Off Tournament at Conestoga Valley on December 12. The Lady Cats defeated Lower Dauphin by two points in the championship game by and were led by senior Jenna Miller and junior Brenna Kilishek.

The Varsity Wrestling team placed third at the Nazareth Invitational on



December 12. Taking home first place for the Wildcats were senior Tyler Hoover at 171 lbs. and junior Phil Sprengle at 189 lbs. Senior Josh Arnold and junior Josh Burg placed second.



The 2009 Dallastown Girls Tennis team won the Y A I A A Sportsmanship Award this season as voted upon by the league coaches. In addition, junior Molly Norton and sophomore Tori Davis were selected to the Division I All-Star team.

Several Dallastown coaches for the fall sports season were honored as Coach of the Year in the Y A I A A.



Congratulations to Coach Noll (Cross Country), Coach Shoffner (Golf), Coach Groh (Boys Soccer), and Coach J. Myers (Field Hockey)



Dallastown graduate Aubrey Carman celebrated her senior year with a National Championship in field hockey. The Bloomsburg University senior experience tremendous success on the field. In November, the Huskies beat UMass-Lowell 2-1 to win the NCAA Division II field hockey title for the fourth time in her four years at the university. An elementary education/special education major, Carman hopes to return to the York area to teach and hopefully coach.

Faculty Team Demolishes the Competition During Dallastown's Wiffle Ball Tournament



Right to left: Mr. Good, Ms. Clark, Mrs. Werner, Mrs. Gable, Mr. Richard, Mr. Good, and Mr. Thoman pose after their hard-fought victory in the DAHS wiffle ball tournament. *photo submitted*

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The faculty team edged out both students teams in Dallastown's Wiffle ball Tournament.

The money was donated to

CF as part of an ongoing tournament schedule throughout the year. Following the bowling tournament, the team of Werner, Richard, Good, Good, Gable, Thoman, and Clark took home first place.

"Coach Werner really orga-

nized an impressive faculty lineup," math teacher Mrs. Gable said.

With tons of practice from Phys. Ed. classes, Mr. Thoman saved the game with his catch from over the shoulder.

"He literally saved the game

and preserved our perfect record," science teacher Mr. Good said.

Though this tournament is over for the year, many more athletic events will occur to help make CF stand for cure found.

Bows and Targets and Arrows, Oh My!

One of Dallastown emerging clubs proves to have a dedicated and enthusiastic membership.

JAMON ADAMS
Staff Writer

At 6 o'clock in the morning every other Friday in Dallastown's gym, you can find bows and arrows being shot left and right from The Archery Club.

Ever since the Fall of 2002 when the club was created by Mr. Stauffer, a biology teacher, it has continued to grow and thrive with an increasing interest.

"We have over 40 students this year, which is great," Mr. Boop said. He advises the club along with Mr. Chilcoat and Mr. DiLiberti who both assist.

Most students in the club compete outside of school, considering that the club does not compete. The majority of them

are hunters, while some of them compete in local 3D tournaments to perfect their craft.

The group has also gained some community support, as some companies have donated most of the equipment that is being used. This is helpful, although most members supply their own equipment.

Though the initial reaction to the words Archery Club cause people to think it is strictly a "guys" club, senior Jenn Floray disagrees. "Everyone thinks that it's all guys. Girls can shoot too."

The Archery Club can be enjoyable to anyone. "You don't have to be a hunter or even good at shooting to enjoy archery," Mr. Boop says.

The archers have practices and instructional videos that help prepare the younger students. The older students act as guides, to the ones in need of help.

Most of the students agreed that they enjoyed the Archery Club for the simple fact that they all liked to shoot and it gave them the opportunity to do so,

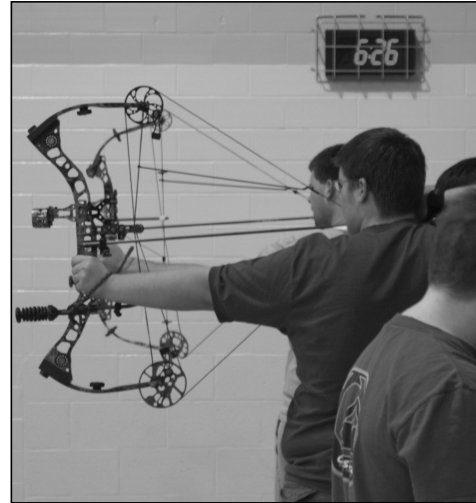
along with meeting other people. The social aspect of it makes it entertaining and keeps the students coming back.

That has to be the reason for anyone to come to school at 6 o'clock on a Friday morning.

"They're motivated. They enjoy the sport so much, they're willing to come in that early," says Mr. Boop.

There are newcomers who join because they are not participating in any other activities and would like to be a part of something. There are also the regulars who have basically participated in it quite awhile, such as 2 year member, sophomore Dalton Wise.

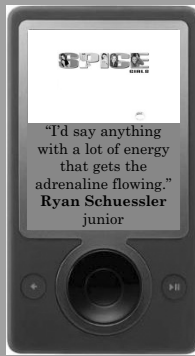
The Archery Club is more about having fun than being a skilled shooter. So, anyone is more than welcome to participate if they are interested in getting to know more about the organization or who have an interest in joining the club.



Seniors Taylor Myers (back) and Zach Overmiller (front) draw their arrows during the very early hours of the school day. photo submitted

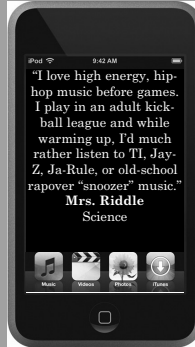
ASK AN ATHLETE

What music do you listen to before games?



"I'd say anything with a lot of energy that gets the adrenaline flowing."
Ryan Schuessler
junior

"I love to listen to Blackstar and Biggie Smalls because their music has a sweet flow that gets me into a good mindset."
Sean Spencer
senior



"I love high energy, hip-hop music before games. I play in an adult kickball league and while warming up, I'd much rather listen to TI, Jay-Z, Ja-Rule, or old-school rapover "snoozer" music."
Mrs. Riddle
Science

"Cheesy 90's dance music from Jock Jams gets me pumped. It reminds me of warm-ups before basketball games."
Ms. Clark
Social Studies



"Any fast paced music, upbeat rap or rock music. Nothing slow or boring."
Vinnie Sutton
freshman

Jock Jams

Frederick Delius once said, Music is an outburst of the soul, and some Dallastown athletes are giving this quote an entirely new meaning.

KATIE AUSTIN
Staff Writer

Attention athletes of Dallastown: Does music influence your performance before a big game or match?

Experts believe fast-paced music helps intensify an athlete's training session through extensive research.

Junior basketball player Cori Ebersole likes to listen to "anything with a good beat." He does not like to listen to country, but admits to enjoying some Taylor Swift.

Listening to rap or hard core rock to warm up, senior volleyball player, Sammi Stover, likes to move with the beat.

"As a volleyball player it's got to be jumpy and fast paced," Stover said.

"I just love to get inside myself, breathe deeply, and think about what I'm going to do in the game," senior football player Anthony DeFabio said.

He likes to listen to fast up tempo songs to get himself in the moment.

In some sports are harder to use music.

"In track we can't listen to music on the infield, so I have to listen on the bus on the way to the meet," senior Ally Gable said. "Typically I start with slow songs to take a little nap and then as we get closer I get pumped up with driving beats in Nickelback and Techno songs."

Professor Peter Terry of the University of Southern Queensland says the new Nike shoes where the music beat increases the pace of the runner, might be the key to winning.

Ethiopian Haile Gebreselaise set an indoor world record for the 2000 meters, by setting his stride to "Scatman," by Scatman John.

Next time you work out, see what songs get you pumped up.

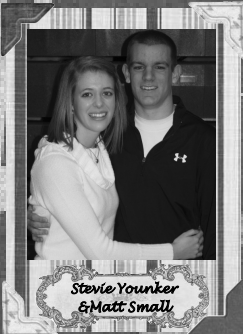
Gym Class Heroes The Flying Squirrels



Clockwise from back left: Maddie Bowser, Megan Curry, Jenny Horvetinovic, Katie Warner, Angie Martinez, and Lisa Kwon pose after their victory in the girls basketball tournament in gym class. photo submitted

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couple of the month



Stevie Younker & Matt Small

Senior Stevie Younker and junior Matt Small share a bond other than basketball. They are encroaching on a year-long relationship as December 21 approaches. Although they started dating in the chilling month of December, they initially met in middle school under the hot sun at the pool.

"We always played basketball against each other," Younker said smiling. Though his charm and kindness grabbed her attention, Small's sympathetic and caring side is what keeps her hooked.

"We are best friends. I can tell him anything and we always have so much fun together," Younker said.

The same is true with Small.

"I can talk to her about anything," he said. "She always has my back."

It is apparent that more than basketball has kept them glued. However, when deciding what to do on the weekend, they have trouble thinking of ideas.

"We're both indecisive, so it takes us forever to come up with plans because he just wants to do what will make me happy," Younker said.

Though they usually go to each other's houses for dinner and a movie, their first date was a basketball game and dinner out on the town.

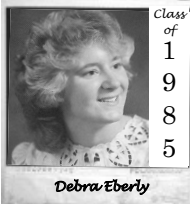
With so much interest in basketball, the duo works well both on and off the court, waiting for the snowy day of their one year anniversary.

That may be why Younker explains that her favorite memory is their first kiss in front of her boyfriend's brightly lit Christmas tree.

by Jordan Nicholson : Co-Editor-in-Chief

alumni of the month

A lot of people get excited to decorate their own homes for the holiday season. Imagine being able to decorate the White House! This was real life for 1985 Dallastown graduate Debra Eberly. Eberly was one of about 90 interior designers that were chosen to decorate various rooms within the White House. The main focus of Eberly was the Grand Foyer and the Christmas tree outside the Clue room. Eberly even had the honor of meeting the first lady herself when she came in for a sneak peek of the decorations. Overall, Eberly feels very lucky to have had this experience in her career. "When you are in the White House, a museum and a home, it commands respect. I was in awe of the portraits, the architecture, and history that the house holds. It was an honor just to be there," Eberly said.



Debra Eberly

Harpo Studios and HGTV were present at the White House filming the entire process. Oprah is running her White House Special on December 13th and HGTV is airing theirs on December 20th.

Be sure to check out our fellow Dallastown alum living the dream on television, by Molly Norton Staff Writer

look-a-like of the month



Ellie Bear
sophomore

Emma Roberts
Unfabulous star

trend of the month

This month flannel is filling the halls of Dallastown. In the early 90s bands like Pearl Jam and Nirvana inspired the grunge look that utilized these comfortable plaid shirts, but today flannel has been reinvented and used in a variety of ways.

Scarves, jackets, dresses, skirts, and boots are just a few of the flannel fashions that have been spotted at DAHS.

"Flannel is really fashionable right now. It's everywhere in stores, and it isn't just on shirts," junior Teri Shaffer said.

But for some people, it is still about comfort.

"It provides perfect temperature resistance while maintaining a comfortable feel and a stylish look," senior Scott Svoboda said.

Anastasya Prisby

Jessica Biel

Sean Spencer

Megan Gibbs

Alexis Capitello

Michael Doran

Ali Warfel

Sarah Jessica Parker

Kim Copeland

Nick Costabile

Ky'eshia Manigo

Ali Warfel

Drew Rinehart