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## Double Dose of Winter Weather for Dallastown

The snow storm brings kids joy, frustration, and pure boredom.

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Snow poured into York County leaving a record breaking cumulative 22 inches on Friday, February 5, 2010 and Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

The two record-breaking snowstorms left everyone home-bound with empty schedules after several events were postponed or cancelled.

Many DAHS events were affected by the white out. The Powder Puff game was cancelled yet again for the third time this year.

The winter dinner theater's *Will and Whimsy* was postponed twice before the "little play that could" was finally performed flawlessly on Friday, February 19, 2010, as well.

Senior nights for both the boys' and girls' basketball teams were affected by the storm.

The girls found themselves playing at their senior night the Monday following the original Friday night game.

"It was really disappointing that our basketball game got cancelled because it was senior night, so it really messed the schedule up," stated senior player Hannah Groff.

The boys' game occurred the same evening as planned, but was moved from 7:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. As the snow blanketed the ground outside, the dedicated crowd applauded the men as they were honored on their senior night.

Some Dallastown students, though, saw this long break as a chance to relax and get some work done either baking treats or making tunnels through the snow banks. Others spent countless hours on Facebook and Skype.

"I stayed on Facebook and Skype even when I had nothing left to talk about, but I was so bored!" stated junior Rendie Banks.

Others were forced to shovel out the mountainous piles of snow from their driveways, only to find out that more snow had piled on the very next day.

"[Shoveling so much snow] hurt really bad. It took six hours of my life away," said junior Aurielle Shenk.

Most students also weren't allowed or able to drive for several days.



Participants of the snowman building contest. The snowmen consisted of an octopus, cheerleader, and go green girl. photo by Jo-Vana Richardson

"After I was allowed to drive, the roads were still really bad and the snow was piled up so high that I couldn't even see past stop signs," said senior Emma Sweitzer.

When students returned to Dallastown on the Monday after the first storm, a snowman building contest was held by the Volunteer Club. The contest replaced the Powder Puff game as a fundraiser.

Several students competed

in the categories of building the biggest snowman, building a snow animal, and forming the most creative snow creature.

Seniors Christian Conaway, Bethany Robinson, and Kat Phillips represented National Art Honor Society by sculpting an octopus in the snow.

"It was amazing to be able to go outside and see how many people showed up to raise money. Plus, it was great to just play in the snow like a kid

again," Conaway said.

Volunteer Club also sold hot chocolate and cookies during the competition. All of the proceeds collected went to Red Lion teacher Tammy Champagne, who was recently hit by a car and critically injured.

The first storm hit on a weekend and the next over the previously scheduled Winter Break, so Dallastown students only have one snow day to make up at the end of the year.

### HALL TALK

How did you spend your snow day?



"I built a couple of forts."  
**Shai Morris**  
freshman

"Like everybody else, I shoveled and ate. I also watched basketball. Obviously it was a thrilling weekend."

**Mr. Dellinger**  
security guard



"I threw a snowball at these kids. I don't like kids."

**Kadi McCoy**  
junior



"I read a book one day. I made fastnachts on another day."

**Mrs. Snyder**  
Writing Center



"I got in a car crash and blew out a tire."

**Dillon Herman**  
senior

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

DAHS goes green by placing an extra recycling bin in each classroom.

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Each classroom in Dallastown Area High School has adopted a new white cardboard recycling box with green lettering.

"Recycling is good and helps the environment," senior Liv Brouwer said.

Other students agree with Brouwer.

However, most do not understand the point of the new boxes.

These new boxes are intended to further distinguish what is recyclable as well as what is not recyclable.



Mr. Barshinger labeled each of his recycling boxes to let his students know what goes in what. photo by Jordan Nicholson

Marked clearly on the side of the white boxes, the contents illustrate what should be deposited in each can.

This program was created at DAHS to not only better the environment, but to also teach students how to properly recycle.

The administration thought it would be a good idea for this new change.

Unfortunately, some do not know how to properly recycle, considering things are placed in the white box that should not be.

"This program is good as

long as people contribute until everybody does it right," custodian Mr. Smith said.

It is hard for some to understand what exactly goes inside these boxes.

Plastic bottles and cans are supposed to go inside the boxes,

but some still fail to realize this here at Dallastown.

"I read the sides of the boxes and they conflict with the contents inside. Recycling is always a good idea but not when people don't know what is supposed to be recycled," security guard Mr. Gideon said.

One could view these boxes as extremely sensitive.

This is because one piece of gum or tiny piece of random paper deposited into a box will ruin the recycling process.

If no one does their part, these boxes are a complete waste because they will be thrown out.

But changes in the environment can be made if people work together for recycling.

"Overall, this program is a good idea. It helps people," junior Adam Jackson said.

Mr. Hostetter is quite enthusiastic about this program.

"This is great! Go green!" Hostetter said.

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## Letter From the Editor



Before you leave for college or the world of work, you must establish a sense of who your true self is.

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

Dearest Dallastown,

Well, how goes it? This past month has been quite the tough one, I would say. DAHS's leaky ceilings most certainly represent the weight we've all been carrying these past few weeks. My case of the mid-winter blahs was pretty severe this year, but I am starting to feel the relief brought by Spring. The temperatures are rising, the snow is melting, and in just a few days I'm off to Italy with Doc Nel and the other Latin shenanigans. So, in short, now that life is returning to its merry self, I shall continue my countdown of things to do before you say *valve* to DAHS for the last time:

### Figure out who you are

In psychology class, we are learning all about the internal conflicts each young adult must face as she matures through adolescence. One that my fellow seniors and I will shortly experience is "identity vs. role confusion." This occurs when you leave school and enter college or the workforce, and you must learn to maintain some identity as your friend group alters with each new experience. Your assignment, loyal reader, is to establish some facet of your essential "you" before you leave these halls. Are you the jokester who has memorized the greatest SNL skits? Are you the friend in whom your friends always know they will find a listening ear and the very best advice? Are you committed to academic honesty? Have you determined your relationship with God, Yaweh, or Allah? Bottom line, Dallastown, I implore you to discover what you believe, define what you believe, and practice what you believe. I promise you, it will be the most rewarding homework you've ever completed!

Signed,

*Your Friendly Neighborhood Journalist*

## Grow Up, Grown Ups

Though adults teach new generations the beauty of courtesy, their manners are severely lacking.

**NIR SINAY**  
Staff Writer



As high school students, many of us have to work certain jobs that aren't the most glamorous.

We stock shelves, deep fry, knock on doors, wipe down tables and live by the law of "The Customer is ALWAYS Right."

I recently worked during an extremely busy night at a restaurant and, like always, my faithfulness to the law was close to being broken.

I am disgusted by the behavior of people when they go out to different places, especially when younger people work there. Just because they are paying customers or guests, they feel the need to be rude and impolite.

If someone is going out on a Friday or Saturday night, they should expect a long wait at restaurants and theaters.

But instead of accepting the harsh realities of the South Central Pennsylvania social scene, older guests take out their unneeded frustrations on the average seventeen to twenty-year old who is frantically trying to seat each party that is glaring at the podium.

Several DAHS students work as door to door marketing representatives selling various products. Grown men and



Doctor Nelson, one of DAHS's most beloved teachers, shows senior Amy Jacobs the legendary Red Skull of Death for incorrectly translating a Vergil passage. Many adults, though, are not so playful in their verbal attacks.

photo by Lauren Kaufmann

women are regularly slamming doors in these high school students' faces and using profanity, as well.

This behavior is completely unnecessary and immature, especially from the adult world. These kids are not targeting certain homes just to annoy the person who lives there. They are doing their jobs. A polite "No thank you, I'm not interested," would suffice.

I also have worked as a sales person at various kiosks in malls. Everyone has had experiences with the people who come up to you in the mall asking if you want to try a product.

I know that it's annoying, but again, they are just doing their jobs.

On a commission-only salary, waiting for a customer to approach is simply not an option. While approaching people, I have had people flat out ignore me, tell me to go away, and one woman even went off on a rant about the disrespect of mall sales people.

Once again, a polite "No thank you, I'm not interested," would be adequate.

The biggest problem, especially in food businesses, is when food is made incorrectly, or not well enough to meet the customer's standards. In fast food chains, teens are constantly yelled at for simple mistakes that could easily be corrected.

Anger is never missing from the food industry. People simply do not understand the art of the simple mistake and are not capable of calmly and politely asking for the mistake to be corrected.

I can't count the number of times that I have seen a grown person yelling at the 17-year-old behind a counter because the wrong condiment was put on their burger. I have witnessed way too many adults being rude and inconsiderate to the 18-year-old waitress just because their steak is slightly overdone.

When did manners go out of style? "Please" and "Thank you" are simple words to say. A smile takes fewer muscles to produce than a frown. Adults should know this better than everyone else, since they have been preaching manners to us "young uns" for years.

## The Chronicles of a New Student

Dallastown's nearly 2,000-student population can be daunting, but for a student coming from a school with less than 100 students, the change can be downright scary.

**KATIE ARENAS**  
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Moving to Dallastown this year from a small academy of only eighty students has been a drastic change.

There are many differences between both schools that I have encountered.

The school I transferred from is MPACT Academy in Paterson, N.J., which is a school related to communication and technology. Students were obligated to wear uniforms and IDs before entering school at 8:20 a.m.

Here at Dallastown the school is much more populated. The hallways are always crowded and everyone is in a constant rush. In addition, I now begin school earlier. I wear my own clothes, and I take the bus to school and back home.

The school system and rules are also different. In Jersey, every marking period, parents had the responsibility of picking up their child's grades and speaking to his or her teachers. Most kids hated when that day was near.

If the parents couldn't pick up the report cards, they would be mailed home. That's how parents were involved with their child's education.

Here at Dallastown, students can check their grades online with their private login information. I consider that to be a helpful way for students to keep track of their own grades.

Also, in order to graduate from high school in New Jersey, it was necessary to pass the HSPA, a state-wide exam that tests students on everything they learned in all four years of high school.

For the most part here in Pennsylvania, that is not a requirement. Instead, here at Dallastown a culminating project is to be completed.

Although the schools are different, I have my likes and dislikes about each.

Studying in a small school makes it easier for me to learn the material being taught.

Every morning a group of friends and I walked twenty minutes to get to school and back. In school I usually traveled with the same people from class to class. The most difficult part of this change was leaving my

teachers and friends that I've been with for almost four years.

Graduating with other students I really don't interact with makes me feel a little awkward. I miss being involved with all sorts of activities such as working on the yearbook online and taking pictures for it.

Each month our class prepared bake sales, luncheons, and dress up days to help pay our dues. Some activities for fundraisers were Spirit Week, Nerd Day, Sports Day, and Celebrity Day.

Students paid \$2 for each day they wanted to dress up for. The money collected was used toward graduation, field trips, and prom expenses. Those were the fun days.

By the time graduation came by, our yearbook, cap and gown, and prom were covered.

I have to say that Dallastown is more advanced in the educational field. There are many courses to choose from and sports activities to get involved with.

Teachers prepare students for college and therefore expect more from them.

At this point I'm still trying to adapt to my new life. It's a challenge to continue the year taking different courses that were never presented to me.

Now there's just one thing to focus on and that's graduation. This change has been a life experience for me.

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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](mailto:Beacon@dallastown.net).

Letters should be fewer than 300 words. Thank you.

**Faculty Advisor**  
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# Leaving Room for Improvement

Though DAHS is one of the best schools in the county, several aspects of our high school could use some change.

**ZACH EINSIG**  
Staff Writer



Are some of Dallastown's policies holding you and other students back? The answer is undeniably yes. While these setbacks may be hard to fix, it does not change the fact that there are several things that can be attempted to be improved at DAHS.

Now before I criticize some of the school's policies, let me praise some of its accomplishments. These accomplishments include the availability of a broad range of courses that rival small colleges and a staff comprised of some of the greatest teachers in the area.

Also, the great extra-curricular activities offered at DAHS, which include theatre performances and forensics, allow most students to find their own niches within the school.

Undoubtedly, the school has pursued many policies which encourage students' success.

However, more could be done, which would catapult stu-

dents further toward success.

The first policy that Dallastown should adopt is promoting early graduation. This would mean that able students would graduate either a semester or year early.

When asked about early graduation, Assistant Principal Mrs. Heffler said, "We don't promote it, but students have done it [in the past]."

While this policy would not be for the majority of students, it would allow higher level students to advance further in their educations instead of simply waiting for the end of their senior years.

By letting eligible students graduate early, the district would allow them to minimize the time spent on high school education and maximize the time spent in their careers. Students could also use this gap of time to work for money that they will spend on college.

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Finally, early graduation would provide motivated students an incentive to do their best in school, so that they can graduate early.

The second policy change I wish the high school would make is allowing schedules to be reasonably flexible throughout the school year.

Sometimes students change



Two areas in which Dallastown Area High School could become more student-friendly, Einsig says, are improving flexibility of scheduling and implementing the concept of early graduation. *photo by Amy Jacobs*



Though iPods and other music players certainly should not be used during the duration of class, they certainly could be beneficial during study halls. "I would definitely take advantage of using my iPod during study hall," senior Sofie Zhang, pictured, said. *photo by Lauren Kaufmann*

career paths over the summer, which results in a desire to change the classes they have chosen.

While the schedules should be more flexible, the policy should not be abused. This means that individuals should attempt to limit the changes they make and the reasons that would mandate the change. "I would like less homework" is not a good reason!

If this change is made, then students would be energized to participate in their new classes. This is one policy that would allow students to feel more in control of their futures and allow them to feel comfortable in exploring different career fields.

The final change that should be implemented is allowing iPods in study halls and for people who have privilege passes. This would provide an even bigger incentive to work for a privilege pass.

The biggest benefit of having iPods is that they can focus a student and help him or her finish more homework.

While this may seem like a stretch, I actually love listening to classical music while doing homework. It allows me to finish early and lower my scholastic stress.

Overall, many changes could be made to Dallastown which would positively affect the environment. These changes would motivate students, relieve stress, and encourage success.

DAHS is a great school with many beneficial programs, but improvements could be made. I am asking that the administration consider the changes mentioned or at least attempt to compromise.

## The SAT: Standardized Waste of Time

Costing students a good chunk of money, time, and energy, the infamous SAT has become a crucial component most colleges and universities.

**JOHN BODDINGTON**  
Staff Writer



Cost, time and energy go into this nearly four hour test. Today, 2.1 million American teenagers take the SAT. The SAT is a well-known test, but does it really show the students potential?

"The test was just too long,"

senior Jeffrey Putt said.

Created in the 1920's the test is a demonstration of student knowledge.

Students across the nation are encouraged very strongly to take the test, because colleges today seem partially to base their decisions concerning a student's admission by scores in the SAT.

Not all colleges make these tests their most crucial component; however, it is always large determining factor.

"Your SAT score is a pivotal component of your college applications," a contributor to the Princeton Review said.

There are so many different qualities that make up a good student, though. Students can have impressive study and note taking skills, and could lack in other areas such as spending long hours sweating over tests that may not determine how they truly perform on an academic level.

"Why does it have to be timed? The clock is ticking away, people shift around, and you can't choose between two answers... it's just too stressful," senior Emily Perkinson said.

There are students out there that excel at these types of tests, but should every student be judged on this? My thought is no, with everything going on in our day-to-day lives, students simply shouldn't have another thing on their plates to worry about.

Colleges should look at other qualities of students more heavily. Tests don't make up everything in college, though of course tests do exist in universities across the country.

The truth is that the building pressure of the test could promote students to perform on a less than perfect level.

"It was hard to concentrate by the end of it," senior Kelsea Chavis said concerning her experience with the SAT.

Although there are other requirements to a college acceptance such as class rank, GPA, and letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors, colleges and universities normally have the SAT and ACT anchor significant weight.

The creator of the SAT talked a lot about America's proficiency as a whole. He once said, "American intelligence is declining, and will proceed."

The idea that America's intelligence is declining is one person's opinion; students always retain the capability to learn, and one seemingly never-ending test can not possibly predict a scholar's potential.



The SAT has become a cornerstone of nearly every high school student's career. Many scholars opt to study for the test using various how-to guides for the test, such as those available in the DAHS guidance office.

*photo by Lauren Kaufmann*

## Letter to the Editor

**Hello Beacon Staffers!**

My son is a student there at wonderful DAHS. To protect him (and to save him complete embarrassment!) I won't be giving my name or his.

I always ask him to bring me home a copy of *The Beacon* because I like to know what's going on in his school and it helps me better understand a day in his life. On this particular occasion I came across an incredibly well written and quite informative article. 'The Great PSA Debate'. This interested me because I am a lesbian, I have a partner, and we've been raising my son together since he's been in 6th grade. The term 'That is so gay' offends me. I've heard my son's friends say it and I've always corrected them, telling them that phrase could be offensive to some people who don't know them or don't know where they're coming from.

It was refreshing to see both sides of the debate. My partner doesn't think it's an offensive term but my son chooses NOT to say it ever because he is offended by it.

I commend you as young people bringing up such a sensitive topic for debate. It gives me hope for the future that everyone will be accepted as equal, that we're all on this big planet together, and that we really all can get along!

Thank you again!  
**A Mom**

# Dallastown Helps Haiti

Dallastown students show they care by helping Haiti recover.

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COURTNEY EDWARDS**  
Staff Writers

We have all heard about the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti just a few weeks ago. Whether we realize it or not, we have all been affected in some way, and many people have been left wondering how they can help.

The truth is there is an incredible amount of ways that we can help.

Whether it is through DAHS, or through a nationwide campaign, when there is a will, there is a way.

A few weeks ago there was a worldwide telethon called Help for Haiti that aired on television. All together it raised 57 million dollars toward the relief effort.

Celebrity performances of

inspirational songs were put on iTunes for the public to buy, also. All of the proceeds of the "Help for Haiti" album go straight to Haiti. So far this relief effort has raised over 3 million dollars.

One might think that just because they live all the way in Pennsylvania, and since they are only high schoolers, that their efforts to help will not be useful.

But that is far from the truth. Dallastown clubs are certainly doing everything they can to help the cause.

Math teacher Ms. Boyd has really taken this tragedy as an opportunity to give back. Her neighbor is the chairman of Flame Ministries and has had a mission in Haiti for over ten years.

"When I saw the devastation on MSNBC, I asked him if there was anything that I could do to help," Boyd said. So together they planned a charity drive at Dallastown," Boyd said.

The Volunteer club, Future Educators Association, and



Freshmen Michael Doran and Zaire Lawrence donate money without taking a donut, handing the money to Student Council Advisor Mrs. Turnbull. *photo submitted*

Varsity club, along with the teachers, administrators, and staff, are collecting canned food items, toys and coloring books, and kits of toiletries and medicines to donate.

For the first period class that collects the most cans, a donut

party will be rewarded. So besides the reward of knowing a devastated country will be fed from the donated cans, a sweet treat will also be a reward.

"I think it is ironic that we are stuffing our faces to feed earthquake victims in a third world country, but whatever it takes to help," senior Eric Chestnut said.

The Red Cross Club is running a canned food drive of their own as well. The food drive runs through February 26, 2010.

"The Red Cross Club is going to send some non-perishable foods to Haiti, and also to the local food pantries," Red Cross Club member and junior Evy Maguire said.

"From this charity drive, I hope to collect the necessary items that my neighbor could use to take back to Haiti to help them get back on their feet," Boyd said.

Student Council also took the initiative to help raise money for this worthy cause. They held a donut sale before school for two days, selling a donut for a dollar.

"We ordered 20 dozen the first day and sold out by 7:30, and we ordered 40 dozen the next day and sold out by 7:30 again. Many students just donated money or told us to keep the change," Student Council

president Jordan Nicholson said.

The sale was such a success that there might be another donut sale in the future.

"It is nice to see how generous many of the students are," Nicholson said.

When most people think of Haiti, they think of just a small little island with tropical weather. In reality, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. It will take years to rebuild the ravaged nation.

Although Dallastown is one town, in one state, in one country, the fact that the school is taking small steps to help is where we have to start.

"I think Dallastown put forth a solid effort to contribute towards Haiti. We have all pulled together with only a moment's notice to show how strong our school is and how quickly we can put together projects to make funds for Haitian relief," Maguire said.

Whether we want to admit it or not, this is a tragedy that we simply cannot ignore. It will be in our minds forever and we should all do our part to make sure that this devastated nation gets help.

"We should keep these children in our minds and our hearts and we should help whenever we can," Boyd said.



Student Council President Jordan Nicholson and Attendance Officer Ethan Boyle collect money as students purchase and choose between the variety of colorful donuts. *photo submitted*

## Speaker Throws a Touchdown

Inspirational speaker takes the stage to denounce drugs.

**KATIE MATERO**  
Staff Writer

"Every once in awhile we find a dynamic speaker who holds a message that we feel you need to hear," Dr. Fauth said to introduce motivational speaker, Steve Fitzhugh.

The former Denver Bronco player spoke to the DAHS student body on January 25, 2010 about the importance of making healthy decisions and respecting their bodies.

He also stressed the importance of making choices on an individual basis, rather than being influenced by peers.

To illustrate his point to the students, Fitzhugh called several volunteers to the stage for an activity where he asked them whether they agreed or disagreed with theoretical situations.

The students had five seconds to go to one side of the stage if they agreed, or to go to the

other side if they disagreed.

Before the activity began, Fitzhugh asked the students, "Are you going to go where everyone else goes, or are you going to go where you want to go?"

Not surprising to Fitzhugh, most of the students would go to one side of the stage, but would then change their mind once they saw that their friends were on the other side.

"I get the chance to speak in about 200 high schools every year, and everywhere I do that illustration, the same thing happens," Fitzhugh said.

"Teenagers don't have enough courage to stand up for what they believe in."

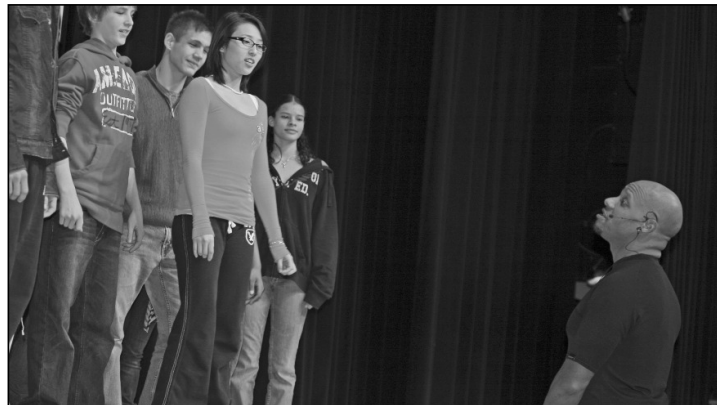
Fitzhugh went on to describe what he felt were the two types of people in the world: chickens and eagles.

Chickens are the people who live their lives making decisions based on what their friends think and do.

Eagles are the people who do not let others influence them to make poor decisions.

"If you don't cut the chickens off, you're going to end up in some crazy stuff," Fitzhugh said.

Fitzhugh spoke from person-



Former NFL player Steve Fitzhugh questions students on drug, alcohol, and sexual use. He stands below stage talking to students about problems at Dallastown. *photo submitted*

al experience. His mother was a smoker for forty years and because of it, developed several inoperable brain tumors. Fitzhugh's older brother was an alcoholic and addicted to cocaine, and his sister was addicted to marijuana. Both siblings died because of the effects of the drugs.

"I think that he did a very good job of being reasonable and using personal experiences as evidence of how drug and alcohol abuse is not just against the law, but really just a bad idea," sophomore Zach Gorman said.

Senior Karley Marquet introduced Fitzhugh's message to the DAHS administration

after seeing him speak at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes event in Lancaster.

"We really have to thank the administration for allowing him to speak at our school. I know I truly enjoy hearing what he has to say and I hope everyone else did as well," Marquet said.

## A "Nichol" For Your Thoughts

Any person we just don't understand, we seem to judge for their indifferences.

*Hey Dallastown!*

Recently, I watched the documentary *The American Teen*. The movie is a twist of a high school from a "real" high school student's view.

It focused on what many would say are the stereotypical high school kids: the jock, the heartthrob, the rebel, the princess, and the geek—all quite resembling *The Breakfast Club*.

While watching this, my friend and I decided to name the characters in the movie from the people at our school. Upon doing this, I had a **revelation**. We are all guilty of **judgments**, rude and unnecessary comments, and stereotyping people we just don't understand.

However, one label can only say so much. The **label** has a tag attached to it and it says what the **stereotype** is. Stereotyping **teens** into their boxes is a vice that we all as high school students have. We stick to our **cliques**, we bond with them, we socialize with them, and we support them.

So many of us never venture off to meet those who are **different** from us or who look at the world in another way.

Because the movie *The American Teen* took each person and showed how they acted, how they felt, and how they were treated by the other kids in their class, it made me realize that we all have a **story**.

Every one of us is **guilty** of judgements. If not to their face, the **gossip** is said behind their back, and if not behind their back, it's said inside one's head.

**Let's be real.** Stereotyping won't stop. It has been around forever and it is **inevitable** that it will still be around in the future. So instead of having only one word on one's **box**, why not have fifty? Why not write it in pencil so you can erase it when your **opinion** of that person **changes**?

The **popular** princess who is so **catty** all the time is struggling with the suicidal death of her mentally ill sister.

The rebel lives with her grandma because her mom is battling with being bipolar and her dad is incapable of taking care of her.

And the geek, he just wants to be accepted. He **dreams** of riding off with his **fairytale** princess and into a **happily ever after**. Which, I think we all want to do whether we realize it or not.

So, something to think about...would you rather be known for a variety of things, or have only one word **pinpointed** at you? And if the first, think about what that word is, it may really **wow** you.

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



## Pageant for a Purpose

Junior Teri Shaffer competes for the crown while helping a good cause.

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Bright lights, hums of voices, anticipation, and sweaty palms: none of that matters to junior Teri Shaffer.

Shaffer was recently crowned Miss Teen York International and although she never dreamed about being in a "beauty pageant," she now finds herself competing for the state title.

"I never really had too much of an opinion about them [pageants]. I grew up around girls who did them constantly from being in dance and baton for so long," Shaffer said.

Shaffer first got involved in the pageant world as a result of her job at Renaissance Bridal. A co-worker, Deborah Wright, was a former Miss Galaxy and opened many doors for her.

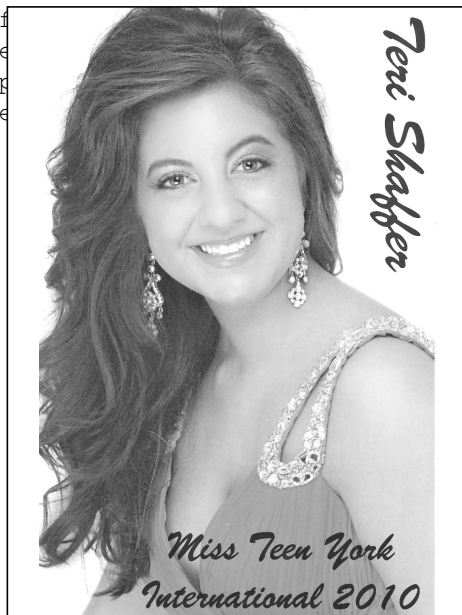
Teri won her first title, Miss Teen York International, last spring. Since then, she has made numerous appearances and has been preparing for the state pageant for almost a year now. She works with her pageant coach every other weekend.

"I've attended workshops, trunk shows, photo shoots, and went to Nassau, Bahamas to compete in Miss University to get a feel for how it will all work out," Shaffer said.

As a part of this pageant she had to adopt a platform, which is a cause that she supports. Shaffer selected Olivia's House, a local program which offers grief counseling.

"I've always wanted to volunteer but didn't know what the right fit for me would be. The pageant gave me a chance to find something I was passionate about," Shaffer said.

Olivia's House started in 1996 as a single program called "Hearts can Heal." The success of this program allowed founder Leslie Delp to open an actual house, Olivia's House, in 2002 with a lot more programs.



Junior Teri Shaffer is not only involved in the school through cheerleading and Student Council, but also through Olivia's House with her pageants. *photo submitted*

Located in York city, this facility is devoted to a purpose of "creating a safe place where young people and their families find support and share experiences while learning to cope with death," Shaffer said.

Olivia's House offers programs for children grieving a parent or sibling, a grandparent, a person who committed suicide, or a pet's death.

She decided to support this cause, because her mother suffered the loss of her own father as a child and had no resource to help with coping.

Shaffer said that the loss still affects her mom.

"In the end, I didn't look to myself to find a platform; I looked to my mom."

She adds, "I wanted to help educate kids on Olivia's House and positive ways to cope with death."

The pageant platform allows Shaffer to introduce Olivia's House to a greater number of people, and that is what she is

most excited about.

Shaffer is scheduled to talk to the 7th grade girls at Dallastown Middle School about the programs of Olivia's House. Also, donations will be collected from the GOLD program in the middle school.

As part of her Pay It Forward project, Shaffer is also encouraging others to donate books of stamps to decrease Olivia's House mailing costs. As a non-profit organization, mailing is one of their largest costs.

While Shaffer will continue to aid her platform, she also looks forward to competing in on March 20 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, for the state title. If she wins, she will continue on to Chicago this summer for a chance to be crowned Miss Teen International.

But to Shaffer, it's about more than just the crown.

"If I don't win, it's a win in itself to get the word out about Olivia's House," Shaffer said.

## Politics Infiltrate Our Walls

Senior Zach Einsig attempts to start a political group.

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Topics such as music, hit television shows, and the latest fashion trends seem to fill the thoughts of every teenagers mind.

Never does it appear that someone cares about what occurs in Washington, or even close to home in Harrisburg.

Some time ago, one student took this realization to heart.

Senior Zach Einsig, an attendee of the York 912 Patriots group, is hoping to start a group of his own here at DAHS to help better educate the students about politics.

His group is based off of the York 912 Patriots. "We are a branch of this group. Independent politically with Conservative values," Einsig said.

Einsig is attempting to make it possible for his group to meet here at the high school.

Along with trying to get this group off the ground, Einsig must also find a suitable advisor for the group.

Any DAHS teacher interested is asked to contact Einsig at charlee4614@aol.com.

There are 27 Dallastown students and over 250 York County residents that have shown interest in attending meetings and joining the group.

The group is for the limiting of government, and returning the majority of the power back to the citizens; we the people.

When first entertaining the idea for starting this group,

Einsig talked to Senior Matt Ruth.

"We talked at Borders pertaining to general plans," Einsig said.

Eventually he started a Facebook page for people to join. After creating invitations, the meetings hope to soon begin.

The group's mission statement focuses on staying true to the words of the Constitution.

Although they are more conservatively based, there are Democrats and Independents in the group as well.

Aside from meeting monthly, the group attends committee meetings, gives press releases, writes articles for newspapers and they protest their values of smaller government, tax cuts, and individual rights.

As the group grows, Einsig hopes to bring change.

"It's still extremely early in the process, but I feel I am mak-



Senior Zach Einsig holds a flag inspired by Benjamin Franklin. *photo by John Boddington*

ing it easier for students to become included in the political process, after all, we are the future voters," Einsig said.

Until the meetings at DAHS begin, interested students are encouraged to attend the York 912 Patriot meetings every Thursday at the restaurant "The Hop."

Starting around 7:30, they can join in on discussions expressing their views and grab something to eat.

Whether students agree with the group's values, the resulting impact of people caring about politics is the most important part of this group's creation.

# DALLASTOWN

## *The history of the rivalry...*

Growing up in Dallastown one thing is certain; Red Lion has always been our biggest rival.

Being so close in distance, the Dallastown/Red Lion rivalry has produced some of the most intense athletic, academic, and community events in our area.

When did the rivalry begin? Most say for as long as the schools have existed. Over the years the schools and our area have evolved greatly, but the passion for school spirit has not been lost.

Join us for a look at the good, the bad, and the ugly in the history of the rivalry between Dallastown and Red Lion.



### True Blue...

*Dallastown Teachers*

*who were once students*

*and are now teachers at*

*Dallastown.*

Mrs. Bell  
Mrs. Bixler  
Mrs. Boyd  
Mrs. Brown  
Mr. M. Chilcoat  
Mr. R. Chilcoat  
Ms. Clark  
Mr. Collier  
Mrs. Dallmeyer  
Ms. Deardorff  
Mrs. Erhart  
Mrs. Fishel  
Mr. Fulton  
Miss Gable  
Mr. Gable  
Mrs. Garrett  
Mr. B. Good  
Mr. Gould  
Mrs. Guttridge  
Mr. Ilyes  
Mr. Jansen  
Mr. Klinedinst  
Mrs. Klinedinst  
Mrs. Lyons  
Mrs. Matthias  
Ms. McCracken  
Mr. Melhorn  
Mrs. Miller  
Mr. Mohar  
Mr. Morton  
Mrs. Moyer  
Ms. Myers  
Mr. Myers  
Dr. Nelson  
Mrs. Pomraning  
Mrs. Raver  
Mr. Rexroth  
Mr. Robertson  
Mr. Rojahn  
Mr. Sealover  
Mrs. Smeltzer  
Mr. Stauffer  
Mr. Stein  
Miss Strayer  
Mr. Striebig  
Ms. Thoman  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Trout  
Mrs. Werner

### Do you remember?



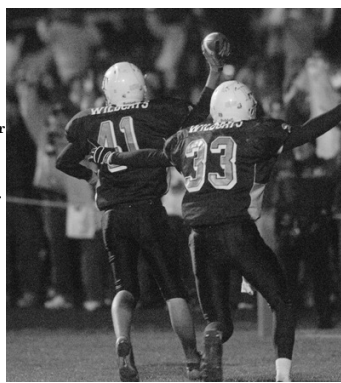
Traditionally, Dallastown and Red Lion meet in the last football game of the season each year.

In the fall of 2007, that game was at Dallastown and in overtime, the Wildcats faked the extra point and went for the win with a two-point conversion.

Chris Hunt (Class of '09), who was supposed to hold for the kick, took the snap and threw it to then sophomore Justin Bull in the end-zone.

The win was not only exciting, but it put the Wildcats into Districts for the first time in school history.

Current senior Justin Bull (#41) is congratulated by current junior Ben Kline (#33). Bull's overtime reception helped the Wildcats beat Red Lion in the fall of 2007. *photo submitted*



Senora Pomraning proves that love can bridge the gap between two warring cat packs...

"In 2001 I was a Dallastown varsity cheerleader. I ended up getting married in 2005 to the 2001 captain of the Red Lion football team! We met in 2003 when I was 20 years old and realized that I was cheering for Dallastown and he was playing for Red Lion during the Red Lion vs. D-Town game our senior year. Dallastown won that game in 2001. My mom was also a Dallastown cheerleader and married my father who was from Red Lion, too. I always thought the rivalry was fun and I never took it very seriously until I met my husband. I found out that Red Lion takes it much more seriously than we do. My husband still won't sit with me on the Dallastown side of sports events and he told me before we got married... and I quote... 'I can't believe I'm going to marry a Dallastown cheerleader. There was actually a time when he asked me not to wear my old D-Town sweatshirts and clothes when I was with him! I did anyways. Dallastown rocks!'"



*Rivals...*

*A Love Story*

## Pranks, Rumors, Memories & More

"The class of '07 from Dallastown spray painted '07 DT' on street and traffic signs all over the Red Lion district. I still pass by some of those signs everyday!"

-Mrs. Patricia Krantz, child care

"I remember that there were always rumors that if you wore your Red Lion varsity club coat to games at Dallastown that that they would squirt mustard on them."

-Mrs. Gable, math

"There has always been a big rivalry in every sport between the two schools. When I was in high school, we used to get a police escort over to D-town when our busses went to an event. I remember the threat of eggs being tossed, but no horrible trouble ever ensued. Overall it was a friendly rivalry from my standpoint."

-Mrs. Gladfelter, science

"In the late '90s, Red Lion spray painted Dallastown's field with 'Red Lion Field Hockey' and strung a scarecrow with a ripped up D-town soccer shirt on the goal cage. They spelled Field Hockey 'ei' instead of 'ie.' The scarecrow became out mascot for the next several years."

-Coach J. Myers, field hockey

"[My husband] was the head wrestling coach at Red Lion for 5 years. During these years, which were my first years at Dallastown, I was harassed every wrestling season about where I would sit during the Dallastown/Red Lion match. I always sat on Dallastown's side and my husband never complained!"

-Mrs. Lloyd, science



# RED LION

*...and the moments that brought us together*



Even though a fierce rivalry exists between Dallastown and Red Lion, the two schools have been able to put aside their differences to promote awareness for many great causes. Wearing Pink/White jersey while playing games together to promote breast cancer awareness, raising money for a natural disaster and coming together to help a sick student are all things that the schools have done together. In times of need, either for our communities or for those in far away regions, Dallastown and Red Lion show that when disease, poverty, and anguish rear their ugly heads two rivals can easily and seamlessly become two friends in order to accomplish a goal that is larger than either of our boroughs.

## Being Good Neighbors



### Ultimate Frisbee

The Ultimate Frisbee tournament is without a doubt one of the most competitive events that Dallastown hosts.

A huge number of students all form teams with unique and funny names along with very creative uniforms. Both Dallastown and Red Lion host a tournament, and the winners from each school get to face off against one another during the Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser at Dallastown.

The championship game draws a large number of spectators and helps to inspire those viewers to take part in various C.F. events. Dallastown's Enchanted Chipmunks won last year's tournament in a convincing manner. Plus, all of the teams that participate raise money for this great cause.



### Hearts for Wes

One big example of Red Lion and Dallastown coming together is the Hearts for Wes campaign. A student at Dallastown, Wes Anderson, was diagnosed with Burkitts Lymphoma. To raise money, both schools created paper hearts to sell throughout the community. The schools also made bracelets holding beads that represented both schools' colors. All of the proceeds were donated to help Wes Anderson receive treatment.



### Pink-Out Games

Many have seen the Dallastown gyms or fields swarming with pink bodies in an intense competition against cross town rivals Red Lion. During this time Dallastown and Red Lion girls basketball players and field hockey players partake in a "Clash for a Cure" game which is a Breast Cancer Awareness Game. The girls sport pink and white uniforms to increase awareness of breast cancer and raise money for breast cancer research. All the proceeds made during the game goes to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

"It is really fun to come together and play for such a good cause," Junior Basketball player Carley Smith states.

The amazing tradition of these "pink" games continues to live on between Dallastown and Red Lion until a cure is finally found.



### Snowmen for a Cause

When a Red Lion teacher was critically injured this year, Dallastown decided to pitch in to help.

Red Lion teacher Tammy Champagne's dog was struck and killed by a car. While Champagne tried to comfort her dying pet on the road, another car hit her. In an effort to help with hospital bills, the Dallastown Volunteer Club tried to stage a powder puff game. When snow cancelled the game, they made the best of the situation by announcing a snowman building contest. All proceeds from the contest went to the Champagne family.



### Showing Support in Times of Tragedy

In the spring of 2003 when Red Lion's principal Dr. Segro was shot and killed, the Dallastown community came together to support its rival.

"Dallastown Students made dog tag necklaces for all of the Red Lion Students that said something like 'We Believe in You'," school psychologist Christina Bertok said.

In Red Lion's time of need, Dallastown was able to lend a helping hand to its neighbor.

"The Red Lion community was very touched by that extension of support from their known rivals," Bertok said.



### Hurricane Katrina Relief

In the fall of 2005 when hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, two rival schools joined forces to raise money for the victims.

Red Lion's Student Council challenged dallastown to see who could raise the most for hurricane relief by the November 4 football game.

The losing principal promised to kiss a pig at the game. Dallastown promoted lots of events to raise funds including a tailgate party before the first home game. In the Stop the Bop event, students paid money to make student council stop playing the song "MMMBop" by Hanson in the hallway between classes.

In the end the contest was announced as a tie and both principals kissed the pig at half-time of the football game.



### Faculty Basketball Game

For a few years in the late 1990s, Dallastown and Red Lion teachers faced off in a faculty basketball game to raise money for the senior classes at each school.

Hosted at Dallastown in its first year, a women's faculty game was followed by the men's game. Students flocked to the game to support their teachers including an all faculty cheer-leading squad.

Winners took bragging rights along with a golden toilet seat, nicknamed the Toilet Bowl back to their school.



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## Immigrant Teachers...

*Dallastown Teachers who once taught at Red Lion*

Mr. Tracey  
Mr. Harr  
Mrs. Godfrey  
Mrs. Glatfelter  
Mrs. Anderson  
Mrs. Murphy  
Mr. Harvey  
Mr. Stager

"One thing I could never figure out when I returned to school each year - there was always a few of the best teachers missing. Only to find out they left Red Lion to take a position at Dallastown. Never did we get a teacher that came from Dallastown."

Mr. Hostetter

*Dallastown Teachers who graduated from Red Lion*

Mr. DiLiberti  
Mr. Downs  
Mrs. Gable  
Mrs. Godfrey  
Mr. Good (Phys.Ed.)  
Mr. Hostetter  
Mr. Koons  
Mr. Smeltzer  
Dr. Stauffer

## Three Strikes for Powder Puff

Nasty weather deals a death blow to the 09-10 Powder Puff game.

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The annual Powder Puff game was doomed before it ever had a chance this year.

Mother Nature forced the event to be cancelled three times in a little over three months.

Featuring a flag football game between the upper-class and underclass girls with the senior football players serving as cheerleaders, Powder Puff is one of the highlights of Homecoming Week each year.

This year, torrential rains in October caused the first cancellation. Then Student Council rescheduled the game for the week of the Red Lion football game but that was canceled as well due to the weather.

"I was really disappointed that the game kept getting canceled because the whole upper-classman team was really siked to play," senior Hannah Groff stated.

A few months later the Volunteer Club planned to turn a negative into a positive by holding the game and donating

the proceeds to a neighboring teacher in need.

Red Lion teacher Tammy Champagne was struck by a car on her home street as she went to comfort her dog who had also been hit by a car.

The Volunteer Club reinvented the game as the "Super Bowl" and scheduled it for February 8, the day after the NFL's big game. They planned many events including a hot dog eating contest at half time.

That's when the snow hit.

The first of two big snow storms hit the area and left over a foot of snow on the football field and the track and the game was jinxed yet again.

"I felt that the underclassman had a pretty competitive team this year. They obviously had a lot of practice time because they've had to prepare for the game three times," underclassmen coach Mr. Toomey said.

Student Council Advisor, Mrs. Turnbull said that Student Council is not planning to reschedule the game and if anything Volunteer Club will take over.

"I would love to coach if we would still have the game and I hope that we do because Mr. Thoman and I have a great time coaching the upperclassman," coach Miss Richards said.

So what is the future of this Dallastown tradition?

The Volunteer Club is hoping to reschedule the game once the weather clears.

## Gym Class Heroes



Sophomores Ethan Kline and Cassidy Billet rocked Mr. Good's archery class and earned the title of Gym Class Heroes.

## Alumni Set for Ride of a Lifetime

After being diagnosed with cancer, DAHS graduate Phil Bayliss hopes to bike towards a cure.

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Imagine. Your heartbeat is pounding, sweat is dripping from your skin, and the sun is blaring in your eyes.

You have just ridden from San Diego, California to Avalon, New Jersey—4,500 miles on a bicycle.

Not only are you in great physical shape, but you have survived cancer as well.

For recent Dallastown graduate Phil Bayliss, he does not have to imagine. This is his life. Being bombarded by the news of cancer over a telephone conversation was, as anyone could imagine, shocking.

"I always knew cancer was selective, but I couldn't understand, couldn't fathom how it happened to me," Bayliss said.

After just finishing college and playing Division 1 Tennis, Bayliss was surprised by the horrific news.

His condition was equally a shock for his family.

"My initial reaction I must say was fear, fear of the unknown, fear if it had spread, and fear of how Phil would han-

dle it. I couldn't understand how someone who was such an athlete and took such good care of himself could end up with cancer. That's what is so scary about cancer, it can attack anyone," Bayliss' mother Peggy Bayliss said.

Like any cancer survivor though, Bayliss decided to turn the negative into a motivational outlook by starting an organization known as Bike Towards the Cure.

Biking 4,500 miles with 2005 graduate Jon Triantafyllou will be a chance to raise the set goal of \$30,000 to donate to cancer research.

Triantafyllou and Bayliss have been friends since second grade at Leaders Heights Elementary.

"We are aware this is an ambitious target, but we will work long and hard to reach it. We have not yet decided who to donate the money to, but we do know we want to donate to an organization that believes in not only trying to find a cure, but also in advancing the diagnostic procedures to detect any cancers as early as possible," Bayliss said.

Bayliss believes that the key for him overcoming cancer was the early detection.

"When we noticed the small lump in my neck, he [the doctor] ordered many different tests: blood work, ultrasound, radiation screening, and ultimately a biopsy to test cells from the small tumor. We finally came to the conclusion that surgery was necessary," Bayliss said.

On January 7, 2010, Phil had surgery on his thyroid.

Luckily for him, he needed only surgery and currently takes daily medication, which replaces the hormones naturally produced by the thyroid.

Bayliss' mother said, "The surgeons feel confident they were able to remove all of it. The cancer also appeared contained within the thyroid. They did not need to remove the entire thyroid and the parathyroid glands. This means a lifetime of medication but it also means a lifetime, to which we feel blessed."

### Things you should know...

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States behind heart disease.

It was estimated in 2009 there would be 562,000 cancer-related deaths.

Nearly 1/3 of these deaths are related to cancers directly caused by tobacco.

Another 1/3 of these deaths are from cancers caused by obesity, inactivity, and malnutrition.

2/3 of deaths are caused by cancer can be prevented by changing your lifestyle.



A cyclist pushes his body to the limit in order to raise money for cancer research and ultimately a cure. photo submitted



## Winter Sports Cat Tracks

On the mats the wrestling team competed in the sectional wrestling tournament at Southwestern High School. The Cats placed third as a team and had several individual winners, including senior Tyler Hoover and junior Phil Sprengle, in their respective weight classes. Tyler Deetz, Cooper Deller, and Josh Burg placed third. The wrestlers who placed in the top three will move on to district competition.

The girls and boys of the DAHS basketball team both had strong seasons this winter. Both teams made district showings, with the girls losing by only four points to New Oxford and the boys falling to Central in the first round of playoffs.

Dallastown's gymnastics team had a strong showing at their district meet. Brittany Geesey received three medals and qualified for the PA state meet.

Michelle Babka placed first in the JV division, and Angie Moyer placed third in the gold/diamond division. Way to go Lady Wildcats!

The Dallastown Swim Team made history this year at the YAAA Swimming Championship when they were the first team ever to earn first place in all six relays. The Men Wildcats followed last year's women's team by placing first and second in the 400 meter freestyle relay. The Lady Wildcat YAAA champs are Shelly O'Connor, Karley Marquet (with a new pool record), Jordan Haines, Laura Miller, Jen Flinchbaugh, and Julie Brown (with a new pool record). The men had a strong showing, as well, with the following athletes becoming YAAA champs: Gerard Woody, Derek Piefer, Chard Howley, John Hudish, Alex Pandelidis, Ever Gonzalez, and Mike Godbolte.

Way to go, Cats.

## The Big Man on Campus

After a standout junior season, football player Ben Kline is being courted by several Division I football programs.

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Every high school student faces the daunting task of entering college.

Dreaded and monotonous SATs, never-ending applications, and bland admission essays are liable to drown even the best student beneath piles of paperwork in his or her quest to find the perfect school.

For one Dallastown student, though, the entire process is completely different. Nearly a dozen universities are pursuing him.

Junior Ben Kline, star athlete and standout student, is living the dream of every high school athlete; he's being recruited by numerous Division I schools to do what he does best: play football.

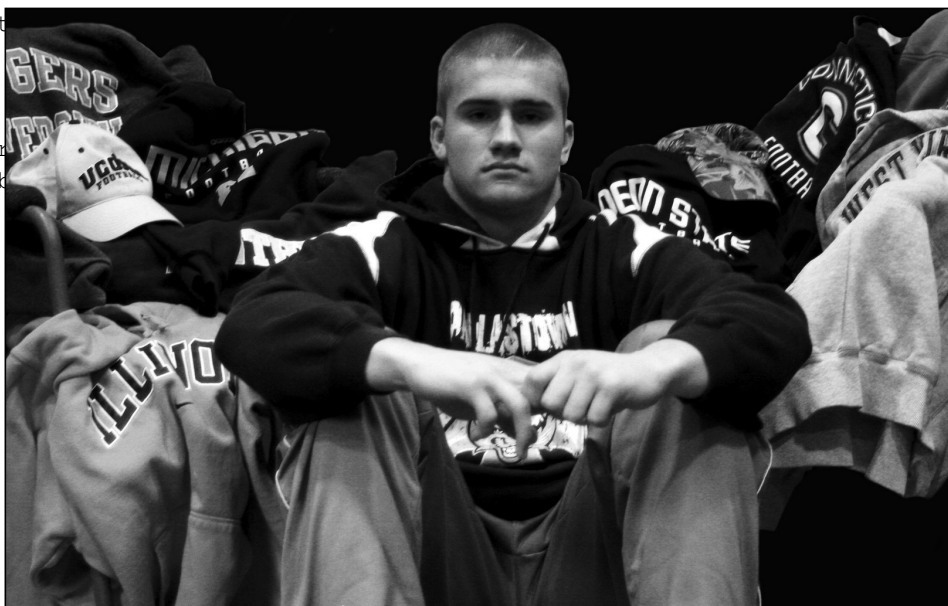
"[The whole process] is pretty crazy," Kline said. "It's a dream come true."

This journey of a lifetime began last summer when Kline attended a three-day football camp at West Virginia University.

Because he was offered a scholarship on the first day, though, the latter two were spent touring the campus, meeting the players, and talking to the coaches.

"Stuff got rolling going to team camps like that," Kline said. After attending three camps during the summer of 2009—the WVU Camp, a camp at Penn State, and the Under Armour Baltimore Camp—the recruiting really took off.

...and then it touched down. Literally.



Ben Kline sits surrounded by sweatshirts representing many of the schools that he is considering. The 6'2, 220 lb. junior is being pursued by Division I football teams across the country as a result of a strong showing at several camps last summer.

photo by Amy Jacobs

Right on Cougar Field.

The football coach from Rutgers University made quite the entrance on January 11 when he was airlifted by helicopter to meet Kline.

"My favorite part about this whole thing is meeting the coaches," Kline said. "It's awesome."

With so many schools recruiting him, though, Kline is looking much deeper than modes of transportation in order to make his decision.

As of press time, he had received written offers from the University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, the University of Connecticut, Rutgers, Temple, and the University of Maryland to play linebacker and receive a full scholarship.

Additionally, he was being actively recruited by Penn State University, the University of

Michigan, and the University of Illinois.

Despite already having the options that all college-bound students would love, Kline is keeping his options open.

"I'm also looking for other schools," Kline said. "I'm just looking everywhere. I'm not narrowing anything down yet."

In addition to merely choosing which school to attend, Kline is also being faced with another life-changing decision: graduating after the first semester of his senior year and beginning college early.

"It's an option I'm definitely considering," Kline said. "I would be able to play spring football and go through spring training at college."

Though he would be able to return to DAHS for prom and graduation, Kline admits that he would miss being at Dallastown with his friends and teammates

during everyone else's last semester.

"It would suck... but it's something I would deal with," he said.

Even with such exciting decisions and opportunities awaiting him, Kline is keeping his eye on the prize and staying focused.

"I'll have to bulk up and probably put on about fifteen pounds before I could even think about playing," he said. "But Coach Myers is great. If anyone could get me ready, it's him."

According to Myers, it is Kline who deserves the credit for his own success.

"This did not just 'happen' to Ben. He has worked very hard to achieve the goals that he has set for himself," Myers said.

At the end of the day, though, after the helicopters have left, the incessant recruiting has stopped, and he leaves

Wildcat Stadium for the last time, Kline knows exactly where he is meant to be: "I'm just going wherever the football's at."

### Other Wildcat Players on the College Field

In the last five years, four Dallastown players have played college football.

Kyle O'Donnell  
Liberty University  
Mike Baker  
Thaddeus Stevens  
Matt Rae  
Rhode Island  
Owen Reinalda  
Dordt College

Congratulations to senior Anthony DeFabio for signing to play football at Kutztown University next fall!



## In February, Eric Can't Wait to Get Lost in the Final Season of *Lost*

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Human beings were blessed with a large, juicy brain; we just cannot resist a puzzle.

Nothing has given my mind more of a challenge over the past five seasons than the television phenomenon *Lost* on ABC.

*Lost* begins with a plane crash on an uncharted island where the survivors are just trying to adapt to their tropical environment.

Soon after the crash, however, things start to get a little weird. Secret organizations, ghostly apparitions, malevolent strangers, time travel, ancient symbols, and giant monsters are only a few of the aspects that make this show worth watching.

Up until now *Lost* had been an ever-changing mystery. As soon as the audience had figured out one aspect of the show, something new comes out of left field and gums up the works.

Some might see this as money hungry writers throwing in curve balls to squeeze all of the life, and all of the money, out of the show.

We *Lost* fans, however, see it

as an exciting series of twists and turns, and we're just trying to see where it ends.

If you like being shocked then you will love this show.

Now I'm recommending *Lost* for this issue because the sixth, and final, season of the show just began.

It's always nice to be curious, but after five seasons I think it's about time the people got a little closure.

Now if you haven't been watching this show it's about time you started.

It is a must that you begin from the beginning, though. Picking it up half way through the series will do nothing but blow your mind in all the wrong ways.

*Lost* is a very philosophical show. Nearly all of the dialogue can be interpreted in a thousand different ways.

Specials are even aired from time to time that show some of the hidden bits and from the series and help piece together some of the show's more vague parts.

One of the best shows on television is coming to an end and it would be wise to get on the train before it leaves the station.

Make sure to watch new episodes of *Lost* Tuesday nights at nine on ABC.



## Hall Talk

## Which celebrity would you like to be your Valentine and why?



"I would pick Gerard Butler because he was so sweet in the movie *P.S. I Love You* and that would be pretty sick to have a thoughtful Valentine like him."

Bethany Lilley  
sophomore



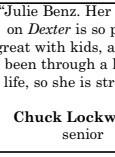
"Ariel from *The Little Mermaid* because I just can't resist those blue eyes and that green tail."

Peter Shuey  
senior



"Oh! Brad Cooper! Because he's just so cute! He's not too young, and not too old!"

Mrs. Cross  
Business



"Julie Benz. Her character on *Dexter* is so pretty, great with kids, and has been through a lot in life, so she is strong."

Chuck Lockwood  
senior



"I'd like to hang out with Brad Pitt on Valentine's Day because he is a gorgeous man."

Jason Wharton  
sophomore



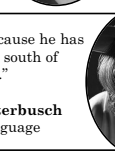
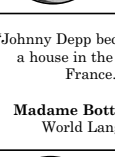
"John Travolta!! To have the opportunity to dance with him would be sheer heaven!"

Mrs. Anderson  
English



"Selena Gomez because she's absolutely gorgeous."

Johnny Hyman  
junior



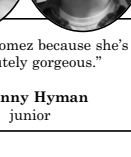
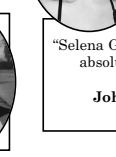
"Johnny Depp because he has a house in the south of France."

Madame Botterbusch  
World Language



"Shakira. Her dancing is pleasing to the eye."

Lt. Col. Innerst  
JROTC

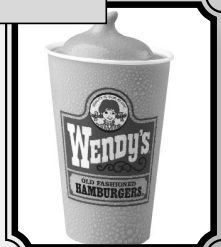


"Lady Gaga. She's stunning. She's beautiful. She's breathtaking. I love her."

Bobby Esiaba  
junior

## Beacon Battle

71%



**FROSTY**

"You know when it's real."

Senior Jeff Putt

"If my life depended on eating a McFlurry and hurting a Frosty's feelings, I still wouldn't do it."

Junior Brynna Kiloshek

In the dispute of fast frozen treats, the McFlurry was left in the cold. The Frosty froze the competition putting M&Ms and Oreos to their warm beds. Despite the snow on the ground and snow flurries still falling, DAHS students are still pulling through Wendy's and getting themselves a Frosty with fries for dipping.

"Wendy's just out-does anything that McDonald's tries."

Sophomore Aaron Inkrote

"It's almost impossible to enjoy a McFlurry with fries... Sorry McFlurry, but you will never come close to a Frosty and fries!"

Sophomore Jes Grzymala

"Frostys always come out watery..."

Junior Aurielle Schenk

"With a McFlurry you can add in candies like M&Ms or Oreos."

Freshman Justin Barrett

"If I wanted chocolate ice cream, I would get a hot fudge sundae."

Senior Colby Davis

29%



**McFLURRY**

"More options. Better options. The best options."

Senior Justin Bausman

"They're more ice cream-ey. Frostys are too much like milkshakes."

Senior Kaylee Abend

## PICK ME!



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



### To Rent...

*The Notebook*

BRENNA COOPER  
Staff Writer

An elderly man with his wife in a retirement home tells her the amazing story of two people who fall in love during a summer at the North Carolina beach. They are separated when one of them has to leave for college in the fall and the other stays back home. After seven years of no communication they find each other and fall back in love. The story which he's telling his wife is of them back in the 40's. His wife has dementia and doesn't remember the life she lived with him. Starring Rachel McAdams (Allie) and Ryan Gosseling (Noah). This movie is amazing and I recommend it for anyone who wants to watch a classic movie that's for tells a never-ending love story.



### To Eat Out...

*Fujihana*

CAROLINE NEWBERGER  
Staff Writer

A place for awesome Asian cuisine is Fujihana, which is located in West York. It is here anyone can enjoy all kinds of Asian food including sushi; hibachi; and lobster. There's always something new to try too! If you're a fan of a live show, the hibachi option would be a good idea. With this hibachi option, you get the chance to enjoy miso soup and a house salad before witnessing a professional chef cook food such as fried rice, vegetables, and filet mignon. Of course, you can pick specifically what food you'd most prefer. I recently went here with a friend and we had an epic time. The atmosphere was friendly and the food was delicious. We couldn't decide what kind of sushi to eat so we picked random rolls and they all turned out well. We already want to come back here because there's always something new to try. Definitely take the time to visit Fujihana- you won't be disappointed.



### To Read...

*Pretty Little Liars*

JORDAN NICHOLSON  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Gossip thrives among stiletto heels, perfectly manicured fingernails, and Gucci handbags in the glorious town of Rosewood, Pennsylvania. Everyone has something to hide, especially for four high school juniors with a secret past.

After their friend Allison disappeared in seventh grade, the four girls' lives have been haunted. Though they have tried to forget about their sinful past, eleventh grade holds more than college searches and popularity contests.

The four girls who have not spoken since the night of Allison's disappearance receive messages from an unknown person named "A."

The blackmailer knows secrets only Ali would know and blackmails them to make their lives torture. Is "A" Ali or is he or she Ali's killer?

The seven books are part of a series entitled *Pretty Little Liars*. With another book scheduled to come shortly, even I do not know who "A" is. The series are books that are "easy reads" that make you want more.



### To download...

*Jack Johnson*

NIR SINAY  
Staff Writer

I was determined to find one artist who fit all of my moods, to save myself from switching CDs or scrolling through my iPod all the time. I finally found an artist who has become my constant playlist for every occasion. Jack Johnson is always in my head and in my ears. His music fits any mood which is why I can always listen to it. I would always recommend In Between Dreams, Jack Johnson's 2005 album, to someone who has no clue what to listen to.



## Art Honor Society Inducts 19

New members vow to make the world more colorful for the third year in a row.

MILES TROUT  
JESSIE RAMAGE  
Staff Writers

"It's not just about the art show in the spring... it's everything else that is important," super intendent Dr. Weinberg said in the opening statements of the National Art Honor Society induction held on Tuesday, February 9.

Senior, and president of NAHS, Kat Phillips took the microphone and introduced all of last year's NAHS members, and then introduced the nineteen new members.

The new members marched down the aisle in single file by

grade for a hand shake from Mr. Myers, an embracing hug from Mrs. Bell, and to sign the pledge of membership.

"I pledge to use my artistic talents to the best of my abilities to make a more beautiful community. I will respect myself, my artwork, and other artists as we unite as one to color the world."

There are three colors that represent our chapter ART-FX. The colors are white, red, and yellow.

"White represents the blank canvas that all artists must face, and the expectation of greatness," Phillips said.

"Red is power and passion," said Vice President Chris Conoway. "Yellow regulates happiness," Treasurer and senior Laci Lawicki added at the end.

With right hands raised and holding candles, all members recited the pledge. Finally, they were inducted.

Dr. Fauth added the closing statements. "They truly live

their pledge and they have become a group that I know I can rely on."

Fauth also added that he purchases student art, and that he was interested in one of their pieces already.

"We've been working on this for several years," said Mr. Myers. This was the third annual induction. The goal of the NAHS is 'to promote art throughout the community and share the beauty.'

To become a member of NAHS, students' requirements vary by grade. Sophomores must maintain a GPA of 3.0, juniors must have a 4.3 and seniors must have a 4.7.

The new members would have to pay a three dollar registration fee, but the fee is waived by the NAEA (National Art Education Association.)

With the new members of NAHS now inducted, DAHS is looking forward to seeing some more color in the halls.



National Art Honor Society President Kat Phillips leads the new inductees in reciting the pledge to make the world a more colorful place. Nineteen new members were inducted in the ceremony. photo by Jessie Ramage

## DAHS Students Use their Poetic License

Kat Philips became the school-wide competition, then the state competition, and the 2010 winner of ultimately to the National Finals.

The initial contest at the Poetry Out Loud Competition and recited our school on the state level.

BEN NAILL  
JAMON ADAMS  
Staff Writers

There has been an emerging art form that has gained popularity amongst Dallastown students.

It consists of reciting timeless poems written by classic and modern poets.

Poetry Out Loud blends together slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into one. Since being launched nationally in the spring of 2006, the number of schools and students participating has increased tremendously.

Last year alone, nearly 300,000 students competed. And though the program has just recently begun at Dallastown two years ago, it has received recognition by the students.

Poetry Out Loud uses a specific way of doing the contest called the "pyramid structure" that begins at the classroom level.

The winners then advance to

requirements. At Dallastown, in-class competitions may be held. Though in order to win the competition, things like physical presence, strong recitation, and voice/articulation are very important aspects.

Students competing should present themselves well and be attentive, as well as looking confident while reading.

They should know how to engage with their audience by looking them in the eye; people who are nervous and look down while reading will detract from a competitor's score.

Harper is confident that there will be more participation in future years.

"I saw more interest and the quality of the performances improved," she stated.

The competition was larger this year than in the past.

There were 13 competitors last year and 19 this year and the competition was held in the auditorium this year, rather than the theatre room.

Overall, Poetry Out Loud isn't just a measure of a student's ability to memorize a poem, but on their performance skills and willingness to participate in something fun and new.

The winner of the school Poetry Out Loud competition this year was Kat Phillips, who read John Ashbery's "The Painter."

"Kat was very sincere in her delivery, the judges really enjoyed it," said Poetry Out Loud advisor Miss Harper.

Darcy Pinkerton placed second and Rebecca Decowsky took home third.

Although Phillips qualified for regionals, which were held February 17, she did not advance to the state level.

Winners of the state level receive many rewards for their achievements that include \$200 and all expense paid trip to Washington, DC to compete for the national championship.

The state winner's school will receive \$500 stipend for poetry books.

Runner-ups in each state will receive \$100, with \$200 for their school library. The grand prize for the national winners will receive \$50,000 in stipends for school and awards.

Students who are interested in the program have little



## facebookDOPPELGANGERS

Look-A-Likes  
OFtheMONTH

By Katie Matero

The German term *doppelgänger* meaning "double goer" has come to refer to a person's ghost image or look-a-like, usually harboring bad luck and representing an omen of death. Facebook users, though, have taken the European concept to a whole new—and much more lighthearted—level. Doppelgänger week, the viral Facebook trend, has taken Celebrity Look-a-Like of the Month to a whole new level. It encouraged people to find their celebrity actor, athlete, and musician look-a-likes and post it as their profile pictures. Some people used actual celebrities for the event, while others used cartoon characters or even friends for a less serious approach. Alex Snell's uncanny resemblance to Kristin Stewart and Owen Fry's silly portrayal of himself in *Shrek* form joined countless other Facebook look-a-like pictures to make the week an undeniable success.

It would be unusual to spot senior Peter Bezek and junior Hannah Lane not dressed in winter outerwear and riding together at a local ski resort.

In fact, it is Ski Roundtop where these two met in May of Hannah's freshman year, a little less than two years ago.

The two like to spend time together at each other's houses, going out to their favorite restaurant Chili's, watching movies, and of course, snowboarding.

"He always cracks me up and is a real good listener," said Lane.

Lane even celebrated this past Christmas with Bezek by taking a bus to New York City for a day full of excitement and adventure.

"She is up for anything, real laid-back, and has a great sense of style," said Bezek.

Couple  
OFtheMONTH

So, the next time you see Hannah and Peter together, they will most likely be "shredding the gnar".

By Wes Croucher

peterBEZEK  
&hannahLANECar  
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By Lauren Kaufmann

The DAHS parking lot is full of sedans, minivans, SUVs, and trucks of all makes, models, and colors. The back left corner of the upper lot, though, houses perhaps the school's most well-known fleet of vehicles: the "truck club."

Alex Manning's pride and joy, a red 1998 Chevy Crew Cab AWD truck, known affectionately as Big Red to Manning's friends, has become a parking lot favorite.

"My favorite thing about my car is the fact that it's like a tank," Manning said. "I also like the fact that it has a CB radio, which I use to yell at people on the side of the street."

After school, seniors seem to flock around Big Red's parking spot. Manning's buddies Jordan Donaldson and Sam Westenberg seem to enjoy climbing atop "Clifford" and causing various types of mayhem.

Big Red is also outfitted well for summer, with "a fishing rack on the front," Manning said.

In short, just like the gum, Big Red sizzles and scorches.



bigRED



carolineIMHOFF

junior



kaitlynSCHNETZKA

senior



mariahLITTLE

senior



katieBARBATO

junior



kellyGIESE

senior

One of the latest fashion trends seeming to take over Dallastown is the ever so popular sequins style.

A sequin catches the light easily which draws interest to the person right away who is sporting this fashion. If one aspires to be noticed, wearing sequins would be a good move.

"Sequins are really fun, sparkly, and eye catching," senior Katie Austin said. Some who adore this trend weren't sure if it would be accepted at DAHS at first, but this will definitely stay around for awhile because sequins fashions can be used for so many things including cardigans, headbands, and even bracelets.

Trend  
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By Caroline Newberger

## glamorousSEQUINS