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## Is it Cold in Here or is it Just Me?

Though the weather outside is frightful, some students find DAHS not so delightful.

**JOHN BODDINGTON**  
Staff Writer

For the school's regular attendants, temperature in the classroom can determine the mood for teaching, as well as learning.

"I am not sensitive to room temperature; the thing I care about is having content, happy students," English teacher Mrs. Ehrhart said.

In these chilly days, students have been discussing and even complaining about the

classroom temperatures.

The debate between the temperature changes vary. Some believe it is nothing, while others have made their winter coat a permanent fashion accessory.

"I am always cold; I think there needs to be improvement in the frigid icebox rooms!" senior Staci Stayer said.

While everyone is talking about these climates, the million dollar question is, who made these decisions and how did the decisions become school rules?

Like any issue pertaining to the school, the administration is handling the climate at Dallastown.

The plan was first put into effect during the holiday break last year.

When everyone returned to school, the temperature was set

in all rooms at 70 degrees. At the time, they could be adjusted up or down by four degrees.

The administration had aimed to salvage some of the five million dollars used per year by the maintenance department.

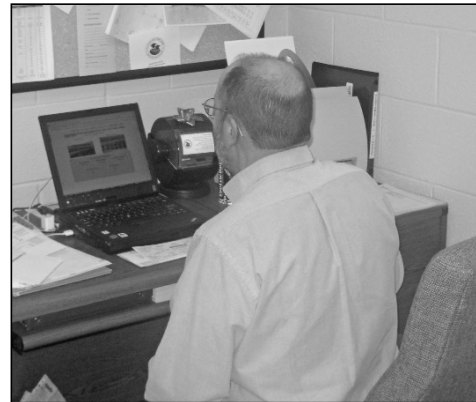
Some time later, the Director of Buildings and Grounds Duane Bahn and his staff had the thermostats disabled.

Once disabled, Bahn had little complaints about classroom temperatures.

"We have multiple units, things fail; however, I've received almost no complaints," Bahn said.

Since the change, the heat and air bill has been lowered.

The amount of savings has yet to be determined. "We wanted to wait a year to present it to



Mr. Bahn works on his computer, which contains the temperature program that controls the whole school.

Photo by John Boddington

the board," Bahn said.

"With the new system, we not only have heating and cooling but humidity control as well. Depending on when a wet paper towel is placed on the thermostat it could either supply heating or cooling."

The heating valve is then opened to temper the air before sending it out of the unit.

"I would strongly recommend to the staff not to put a wet paper towel on their thermostat's and report a cool room so we can make adjustments," Bahn said.

He points out that after nearly a decade since the school's renovation the air conditioners and heating units may begin to develop slight problems that need attention.

Some students are taking the change better than others.

"I say...get over it, if it's cold then bring a sweatshirt," senior Cecilia Weaver said.

From his new office across from the middle school gym lobby, Bahn can control the entire buildings temperature and the humidity levels.

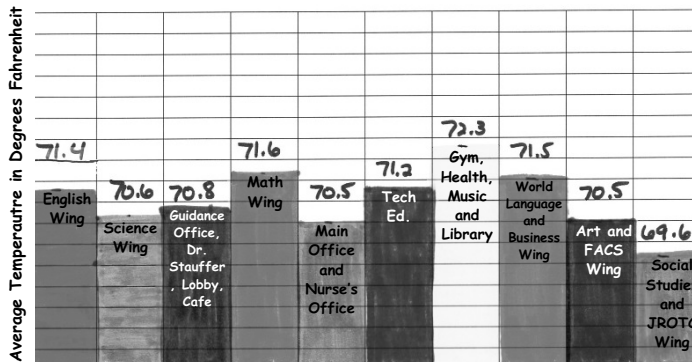
Everything is monitored and works through a special computer program; this program can even be accessed from the employees' homes.

This makes it more accessible for the workers to discover the problem and repair it sooner.

As the warmer days trek slowly closer, the fear of constant frigid classrooms may begin to fade.

Students are asked to be patient, to be understanding, and to remain sharp in the classrooms even if they are chilly at times.

Bar Graph Comparing Average Temperature by Wing



The graph above shows the average temperature per wing at Dallastown as measured by math teacher Mrs. Boyd's classes. The students measured the temperature in every room in the school during a two day period in January. Rooms are supposed to be set at 70 degrees throughout the building. *graphic submitted*

## Drink Machine Quenches DAHS

With dehydration increasing, a drink machine has been added to aide thirst.

**KATELYN ROHRBAUGH**  
Contributing Writer

Most Dallastown students have noticed the large blue drink machine that magically appeared in the hallway by the trainer's room last month.

The new machine hopes to provide healthy drink choices while raising money for school activities.

Drink machines aren't something new for DAHS; there is a machine in the back gym lobby,

but the only time students can buy drinks from this machine is after school.

With the new water machine, drinks can be purchased at any time throughout the day for one dollar. The machine only sells flavored waters and regular water, which the administration felt was healthier than drinking soda.

Athletic Director Mr. Harvey and Principal Dr. Fauth thought the machine would be a good idea to help raise money for our school.

Each time a bottle of water is purchased, half the money goes towards the Athletic Department and the other half goes towards other school sponsored activities.

Harvey explains, "The water machine is an experiment for staff and students to help raise

money for a joint cause."

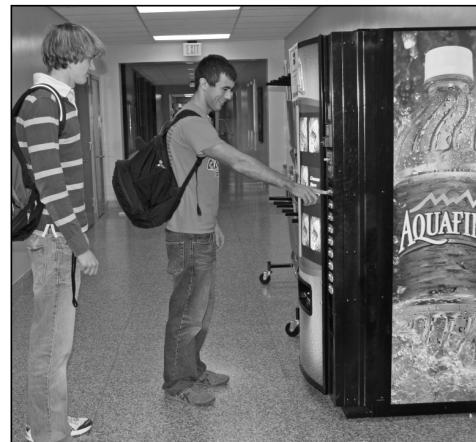
There have been some questions about the location of the machine in the hallway. Due to concerns, there has been some discussion of possibly moving it to the front lobby or somewhere else where there's more room.

"So far the sales are going fair," Harvey said.

The machine sold out for the first time during the week of midterms.

On their way to Mr. Noll's eighth period AP history class, juniors Nate Peeler and Ryan Schuessler make a pit stop at the new drink machine, hoping to become refreshed before learning about various presidents and time periods.

Photo by Jordan Nicholson



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## Letter From the Editor



Banish the January blahs with some good food, great company, and a blast from the past.

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

Dearest Dallastown,

Happy New Year, Dallastown! How did your regressing go last month? For those of you who partook in the assignment, I certainly hope it proved to be a fulfilling activity (and feel free to write in to *The Beacon* with any thoughts concerning this column!).

From the stress of midterms to the Eagles' embarrassing loss in the first round of playoffs (sorry, McNabb), January has brought about a pretty serious case of the blahs. With the rainy weather (where's the snow??) and college decisions looming in the not-so-distant future, a steady aura of melancholy has seemed to pervade the halls of DAHS. What gives?

It seems like we're all in the need of a healthy pick-me-up lately, so I figure that my "homework assignments" to you should wait for happier times. Instead, I shall share my top three stress-busters in my hope to inspire the abolishment of all moods gloomy!

### Eat your favorite food, without reservation.

I don't know about you, but I tend to munch on complete junk food when I'm feeling down. And you know what? It always helps. There are few greater pleasures in this life than eating mass quantities of your favorite food. Buy your chips of choice and go to town! No guilt, no regrets.

### Rant. As much as you want.

I can't speak for you, boys, but I can certainly tell you that we girls revel in our nearly superhuman ability to rant. Ranting about school, significant others, and the annoyances of daily life has a surprisingly calming effect. So grab your best friend, a latte (or keys to the four-wheeler, be as it may), and talk until you feel your burdens lifted!

### Watch your favorite TV show. For as long as you need to.

*Boy Meets World* was by far my favorite show of childhood. From Shawn's sexy hair (you know it's true!) to Eric's "Good Lookin' Man" theme song, from Feeny (Fee-hee-hee!) to the romance between Cory and Topanga, every episode of that show still makes me laugh the way that it did ten years ago. Sometimes all we need in order to break out of our stressful, everyday routines is to escape to a past realm of tranquility. Happy lounging!

Signed,

*Your Friendly Neighborhood Journalist*

P.S. Remember one of Eric's many moments of genius this month: "Lose one friend, lose all friends, lose yourself."

## The Great PSA Debate

Two Beacon staffers face off in light of a new public service announcement in response to the big question: Is that so gay derogatory or harmless?

Like other fads that have come and gone, the saying that so gay is merely a harmless retort that is sure to pass.

**SOFIE ZHANG**  
Staff Writer



"That's so, girl wearing a skirt as a top."

You may not be the latest diehard, but Hilary and other celebrities like Wanda Sykes sure have made their message clear in a series of PSAs: "Don't say that something is 'gay' when you mean that something is dumb or stupid—it's insulting."

Wait a minute—are people actually getting offended by this?

Homosexuals can walk around freely for all I care, but I do find this ad campaign to be rather moronic and unnecessary.

Somewhere, somehow, the word "gay" has transformed from meaning happy to meaning homosexual male, to now also implying just stupid.

There will always be words



Hilary Duff has teamed up with the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network to create a campaign to help stop the overuse of the word "gay." Nearly nine in ten LGBT teens report having been verbally harassed in the past school year, and almost half have been physically harassed because of their sexual orientation. *photo courtesy of google*

that are derogatory and condescending, and trying to get rid of them is as futile as trying to remove any other word from the English language.

Sure, that particular word will be gone, but a substitution of similar meaning and equivalent connotation will eventually—and inevitably—fall in its place.

Take "that's so retarded", for example. Somewhere along the line, the phrase "he/she is 'special'" was laced with a negative undertone insinuating the exact same concept, only somewhat sugarcoated.

According to Wikipedia, "a public service announcement is an advertisement broadcast on radio or television, for the public

interest."

There is no question that retardation is a much larger issue for the public interest than the slur "that's so gay," on the account that homosexuals are capable of speaking for themselves, while some diagnosed with retardation may be unable to.

Now you tell me, who is more deserving of a PSA?

As with any slang fad, "that's so gay" will die out over time. Bringing more attention to it will only make it last longer, if anything.

It'd be wise to simply ignore the petty language; it's foolish to let something so minuscule be so bothersome.

### DAHS talks back to the PSA...

We see it as saying "that's so stupid" or "you're such a girl."



**Kelly Giese**  
**Stevie Younker**  
seniors

Personally, I don't use the phrase, because I don't think it's very mature.



**Morgan Livingston**  
junior

I don't think it's offensive. It's just a saying.



**Kayla Whitacre**  
sophomore

Insulting a group of people for their lifestyle is just saying Beacon writer Nir Sinay. Let's rise above this ridiculous fad, Dallastown.

**NIR SINAY**  
Staff Writer



There are plenty of ways to insult people or things: call them stupid, arrogant, insensitive, egotistical, narcissistic, ugly, chauvinistic, close-minded—the list could go on for miles.

Looking at the wide array of insults we have to work with, why has it become necessary to target a person's lifestyle in daily speech?

People don't usually make racial or religious slurs, but for some reason, they don't view saying "that's so gay" as inappropriate, but it's just as bad.

The phrase is actually a ref-

erence—whether direct or not—to homophobia. When you say "that's so gay" you are referring to a group of people and their lifestyle to insult someone or something.

Religion is a lifestyle. What would the reaction be if the new negative phrase became "that's so Christian"? It may seem like a ridiculous comparison, because it would never happen here, but think of the insult it proposes.

The phrase targets the way a group of people live their lives

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and uses it to degrade them. By using "that's so Christian" as an insult, someone's religion is being mocked in an indirect way. The same goes for saying "that's so gay." You are insulting the way people live their lives and making fun of it.

Just because the gay culture is "new" and not as familiar to people as other lifestyles are, it is turned to as a negative topic.

Using phrases that are directed at one group of minorities single them out and make them uncomfortable in our community.

Many people who are gay are afraid to admit so or "come out" because of the stigma involved with being gay. Many tragedies related to the negativity associated with being gay have unfortunately been reported.

On February 13, 2008 in Oxnard, California, a 15 year old boy was declared brain dead. He had been shot in the head the day before by classmate. He was brutally murdered for being gay.

When did being gay become so negative? Is it just because they are different?

People don't go around saying "that's so black." No one says "that's so white." We all know better than to single people out, especially minorities, in the world in which we live today.

We all need to start appreciating that we live in such a diverse country and that people are allowed to love whomever they choose.

Let's get creative, Dallastown. I'm sure you can think of a better way to insult something than by saying "that's so gay."

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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.

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## TECHIE FASCINATIONS... AKA WASTES OF TIME.

### FarmVille Flubs

From growing pixelated crops to winning digital ribbons, Facebook's newest app, FarmVille, has become a disgusting waste of time.

**CAROLINE NEWBERGER**  
Staff Writer



Most students and even some teachers at Dallastown Area High School have their own Facebook page. It is here that anyone can comment on a friend's wall, view photos of various events, get back in touch with an old pal, and so much more.

However, another intriguing point of interest is the most used application on Facebook.

FarmVille is a simulation game in which virtual crops, trees, and livestock can be planted and harvested.

In return for legit online work, one can be rewarded for being such a great farmer with virtual ribbons.

But as this occurs, many Facebook users get excessive amounts of requests from FarmVille users. These requests essentially beg a random user to join the journey for farming success.

I under-

Dallastown, what information could I be missing?

I have seen such stories in my Facebook newsfeed that have included how wonderful it is to have magically found White Mystery Eggs on farms.

Apparently, the fact that lonely pink cows are roaming on random farms seems to be more important than world affairs. This is because people consistently update their Facebook statuses.

Is there something more to this game I do not see? Do crops provide a sense of hope and dream for a Facebook user? Do the awards provide extensive amounts of accomplishment?

I mean, we all spend time online, but with 73.8 million active users, FarmVille wins a beautiful blue ribbon from me. "Most Epic Waste of Time."

Until then, I hope you thoroughly enjoy harvesting 'em crops. We can only wonder what the next virtual phenomenon will be. Stay tuned, Dallastown.

Senior Derick Titmore con-

"I could use all kind of adjectives to describe this game, but my language could be offensive. FarmVille is a waste of time- it's that simple," Titmore said.

Senior Codie Beck agrees with Titmore but also openly confesses FarmVille is fun at times.

"I spend hours playing FarmVille; it is nerdy. But it definitely is a total waste of time. I could probably be doing more productive things with my life. Oh, well," Beck said.

Perhaps I do not see the grand fascination regarding FarmVille. But really,



Facebook proclaims that "FarmVille is a game where you can farm with your friends." According to npr.org, over 63 million users play FarmVille each month, and some even shell out real money to get ahead in the online game.

photo courtesy of ehow.com

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**JOVANA RICHARDSON**  
Staff Writer



Over the last few years, Twitter has taken the world by storm.

You can't read a magazine, listen to the radio, watch the news, or use the internet without hearing about Twitter.

There's no doubt about it that 2009 was Twitter's best year since its creation in 2007. It has over 18 million users, all ranging from teenagers to celebrities.

I usually am willing to try every new social networking site, but this is one I cannot partake in. Not only do I find this site to be a complete waste of time, but it's becoming an even bigger annoyance than pop ups and spam mail.

While I don't hate the people who use Twitter, I know it's just the newest thing to do just like it was with MySpace and Facebook.

I, however, do hate Twitter

## The Terrible Twitter

With celebrities "tweeting" about everything from their concerts to what sandwiches they eat, the hilarity that is Twitter has inspired many comics and tv shows to mock the website's ludicrous concept.

photo by venturebeat.com



itself. Hearing the word twitter is like hearing a yappy little Chihuahua dog that won't shut up.

I hate having to hear about it all the time. When I turn on my radio I want to hear music, not the DJ advertising his or her Twitter page. I don't want to "follow" you or anyone else.

Speaking of "following" someone, what exactly is the point of it? Why is what you're tweeting about so important that I have to read it?

Tweets are just a bunch of unnecessary blurbs of information you can say in an everyday conversation. Seriously...I don't care what you had for breakfast, if you're feeding your cat, or when you're taking a shower.

If I turn to E! News all I hear about is Miley Cyrus and her boyfriend's Twitter fight or Spencer Pratt and Ashton Kutcher's race to get the most followers on twitter.

I have nothing against any of these celebrities, but I don't think it's a good idea for anyone to publicize his hatred for someone else. Not just for famous peo-

ple, but everyone.

You would not find me on MySpace making a list of every person I dislike. Things like that come back to haunt you.

**"Hearing the word twitter is like hearing a yappy little Chihuahua dog that won't shut up."**

People talk about Twitter like it has some real importance or actually helps people in some way. Twitter isn't going to clean my room or go to work for me. I personally just don't see the point of telling the whole world every useless detail of my life.

Some might question how I could dislike Twitter, but still use other networking sites like MySpace. I find that MySpace and Facebook have various purposes, other than just telling the world random facts in 140 characters or less.

Now if someone "tweeted" useful information I would reconsider using it. But until someone Tweets "I just found the cure for cancer," I'm staying far away.

## Who Are Our Heroes?

From domestic violence

disputes to drug charges, celebrities have been crowding the news with their disagreements. How do people still idolize these criminals?

**CASSIDY SHEARER**  
Staff Writer



2009, the year of a newly-elected President. But Obama is not what has been making headlines.

Drugs, jail, and violence crowded our TV screens with the faces of celebrities and sports stars staring back at us. Are these the people we are really looking up to? Sure it all seems exciting, but it has immersed our generation into the 24/7 media world.

Celebrities are constantly in the spotlight, filling the pages of newspapers, tabloids, magazines, and gossip websites, and appearing on entertainment television shows.

The media are fascinated by problems in the private lives of celebrities and compete to report on their partying, arrests, drug abuse, bad career choices, drunk driving, divorces, bad parenting decisions, personal mistakes, struggles, and downward spirals.

Celebrities who project positive, healthy messages seem to be given less coverage, because drugs, sex, and train wrecks are considered more entertaining.

Everywhere teens and kids look they see images and reports about their "idols," and they are left alone to make sense of it all.

People stopped looking up to the heroes and leaders of the world, people such as our very own President.

I admit that I get lost in celebrity scandals and gossip, but I don't look up to the celebrities who are constantly getting busted for drugs, DUIs, and sex scandals.

We all need to grasp reality, though, and realize that half of these matters don't even exist...and fewer matter.

In 2008-2009, more than 100 celebrities were arrested and put

in jail.

Celebs such as Lindsay Lohan, Khloe Kardashian, T.I., and Kiefer Sutherland have all been reportedly arrested for accounts such as weapon possession, DUIs, and drug possession.

It is happening everyday. We saw superstar Serena Williams throw an obscenity-filled tantrum that ultimately cost her a huge tennis match.

Then at the MTV Video Music Awards, Kanye West grabbed the microphone away from 19-year-old winner Taylor Swift and told the world that he thought singer Beyonce should have been the winner.

Then we have South Carolina congressman Joe Wilson, whose "You lie!" outburst during President Obama's health care speech was so incendiary that it inspired about 25,000 people to donate over \$900,000 to his opponent, Rob Miller.

And earlier this year, one of America's most beloved athletes, Olympic champion swimmer Michael Phelps, was caught smoking pot.

A-Rod admitted to the use of steroids. And everyone knows the latest scandal with Tiger Woods, who had alleged affairs with a countless number of women.

The admiration for Chris Brown was lost this year when he beat his girlfriend, famed singer Rihanna.

The standards that we set for ourselves when we look up to these people are appalling! Younger generations are increasingly admiring and looking up these celebrities and sports figures.

How do you relate to someone you don't even talk to or hang out with? How can you look up to someone who's all about glamour, fashion and fame?

The message most celebrities send is that life is great when you think only about yourself and buy whatever you want.

Look for women and men who have qualities you admire, Dallastown. Look past their physical appearances, how popular they are, what designer clothes they wear, where they live, what they eat, and how much money they have.

Instead, ask yourself if they encourage you to be your best, if they make you feel loved and accepted, if they put others first and share easily. These are the men and women we need to look up to.



Legendary golf player Tiger Woods (pictured left) and rap artist T.I. (pictured right) have both experienced falls from glory this year, with Woods' alleged extramarital affairs and T.I.'s sentencing to jail for fire arms possession.

photos courtesy of google

## Hall Talk

### What is your New Year's Resolution?



"I didn't make a new year's resolution this year. Every year I make a lot of resolutions that I never keep. So this year I decided what's the point if I'm not going to change anything."

**Rendie Banks**  
junior

"To not be so hard on myself."  
**Cassidy Emehiser**  
freshman



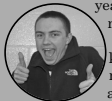
"To make the softball team and have fun."  
**Kariann Reynolds**  
sophomore



"My new year's resolution this year was to try not to fight so much with the people that I love."  
**Lacy Lawicki**  
senior



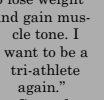
"I did not make a new year's resolution, mainly because I know I won't keep anything I make; plus, I'm already pretty much perfect."  
**Mark Jorgensen**  
senior



"I didn't make a new year's resolution this year. My most memorable was when I refused to eat fast food at least half the year. I lasted 4 days."  
**Joe Malinsky**  
senior



"To lose weight and gain muscle tone. I want to be a tri-athlete again."  
**Ever Gonzalez**  
senior



"To spend extra time with my kids."  
**Mrs. Werner**  
gym teacher



They make decisions about your education, and now *The Beacon* invites you to

## Meet the Dallastown School Board

by Zach Einsig  
Staff Writer

**Mary Shoemaker**  
(term: 1999-2011)



**What would you like students to know?** We work very hard to ensure your educational experience is the most positive while being mindful of the cost to the taxpayers.

**What are your goals for DASD?**

The successful completion and opening of the Intermediate Building. Also, increased funding from the state.

**What are your hobbies?** I love to travel, and I volunteer throughout the community.

**Kenneth Potter**  
(term: 2009-2013)



**What are your goals for DASD?** Maintain good quality of education, make sure education stays relevant and up-to-date, control the price of these goals so that the budget doesn't outpace the taxpayer's ability to pay.

**What are your hobbies?** I enjoy spending time with kids, playing Modern Warfare 2, and bowling.

**What changes would you like to make to our district?** Challenge ourselves more, and take things for granted less.

**Donald Jasmann**  
(term: 2009-2013)



**What inspired you to get involved with Dallastown's School Board?** I started attending board meetings over 10 years ago and also participated in the strategic planning process. I originally became involved with the board to better understand the challenges that face public education and the Dallastown Area School District. I decided to run for school director to help increase community involvement with the schools.

**What changes would you like to make to our district?** The district must take the lead in helping the community understand and embrace the diversity of our students and families. Open and constructive dialog will create an atmosphere of mutual respect, and help leverage our diversity to become a stronger and better school district and community.

**What was your favorite class during high school and why?** I always loved my math and science classes. However, my four years of metal shop prepared me for the time I served in the US Navy as a machinist and provided the foundation for my subsequent career in manufacturing and engineering. After 30 years, I continue to maintain contact with my high school metals instructor. He certainly made an impression and had a positive influence on my life.

**Margaret Ibex**  
(term: 2009-2013)



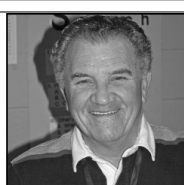
**What inspired you to get involved at Dallastown?** The proposal of the new intermediate school.

**What goals do you have for the school district?**

To make decisions that will benefit our community and students.

**What hobbies do you have?** Reading, history

**Carroll Tignall**  
(term: 2009-2013)



Declined interview

**Lauren Rock**  
(term: 2009-2013)

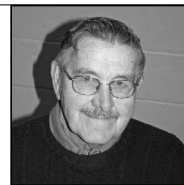


**What inspired you to get involved with Dallastown's school board?** I love kids and really enjoy helping them get to learn under the best learning environment possible.

**What was your favorite class during high school and why?** My favorite class was Algebraic trigonometry because there were definite answers that took time to get. More importantly, my teacher was patient, encouraging, and believed I was capable.

**What hobbies do you have?** Playing with my kids, reading, running, cooking, hiking, and gardening. Right now this is enough.

**Earl Miller**  
(terms: 1977-2011)



**Have you ever had family in the district?**

I've had many family connections to Dallastown. My Children, Randy, Greg, Gary, David, Juieann, Marieanne, went to DASD. Many of my grandchildren, Adam, Zachary, Abby, Allison, Laura, Tim, Derek Breighner, Josh Breighner, Ryan Breighner, Ethan Kubistek, and Paige Kubistek. Finally, my grandchild Talan Miller is going through Dallastown. Currently, my daughter Marianne Kubistek and daughter-in-law Amy Miller work in the district.

**What are the most pressing issues for the School Board?** Opening the intermediate school, having good teachers and administrators, and continuing support for extra-curricular activities.

**What would you like the students to know?** I'm glad to be on the board, and I am interested in the school because of my strong family ties.

**Frederick Botterbusch**  
(terms: 1999-2011)



**What inspired you to get involved with the School Board?** I was impressed with the education my son received and wanted to give something back to the school.

**What changes would you like to make to our district?** Not really changes but continue the effort to make the curriculum and the delivery of instruction to be as effective as possible and inspire our students to excel beyond what they think they are capable of.

**What was your favorite class during high school and why?** I have always enjoyed my social study classes, as they taught me about what we can learn from the past to apply to the future, and also, about human interaction and behavior.

**Donald Yoder**  
(terms: 1999-2011)



**What would you like students to know?** Dallastown is a special place proudly supported by our community. Enjoy your time here and take advantage of all the opportunities available. When it is your turn to give back, please do.

**What changes would you like to make to DASD?** I have been involved on our board for over 10 years so I have participated in making changes. However our district and our world continue to evolve and therefore I want to have our school continue to change so that it stays relevant and creates value for our community and the world.

**What hobbies do you have?** I read and follow all kinds of sports using my kindle. I enjoy in participating in golf, tennis, weight lifting and swimming.



from left to right: Earl Miller, Lauren Rock, Frederick Botterbusch, Mary Shoemaker, Kenneth Potter, Margaret Ibex, Donald Jasmann, Carroll Tignall, and Donald Yoder. Photo by John Boddington

## A "Nichol" For Your Thoughts

The new year can mean a new you...but it doesn't have to.

*Hey Dallastown!*

The New Year normally signifies change. It signifies a time to alter ourselves to an ideal person that we would like to become. By doing this, resolutions are created...and they normally end up being broken.

The question I ask you is why do we have to wait until January 1st to make the change? If it is something that we want to alter or accomplish, we should be willing to do that at that moment—at that solitary second, not wait until a few meaningless, "Happy New Year's" are thrown around.

A butterfly changes from a caterpillar because it will better itself. She will become stronger, sleeker, and more beautiful than beforehand. This change yields a miraculous process known commonly as metamorphosis. And, although I am not a science guru, this term I am aware of. It is a term that as the words New Year, January, and even millennium are concerned, implies a change in appearance, character, or circumstances.

The caterpillar does not wait for a specific time to change into that magnificent, flying creature but instead, becomes a butterfly when the time is right.

Resolutions are a good thing, don't get me wrong, but like a butterfly, I want to be able to spread my wings when the time is right.

So, Dallastown, I ask you this, which brings me to my sole purpose—is the time right for you to change?

I am going to stop living by everyone else's watch, and instead listen to my own—the clock that ticks in a steady pace reminding me that everyday, a new sun will rise and everyday it will set.

I will watch the sunrise and sunset knowing that each one is different, just like butterflies.

We are like these little, multicolored things in life, just waiting to change, just waiting to burst our seams, just waiting until it is time to spread our wings and fly.

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



## Welcome to Winter Day

Twice the day before the holiday break when all in the school thanks to student council, all the bellies were full.

**ZACH EINSIG**  
Staff Writer

The coffee was poured by the council with care in hope that some money would soon become theirs.

The half day before break is always exciting, especially because of the activities involved with Welcome to Winter Day.

Before school began, food and drinks were sold in the lobby. Items for sale included donuts, coffee, cinnamon buns, and hot chocolate.

These refreshments were complemented with festive entertainment provided by the DAHS jazz band.

Even though the selling of food and the performance by the jazz band ended early, the activ-

ities for the day were just beginning.

During first period, candy canes were distributed by members of student council to all DAHS students.

The next event was the holiday music concert.

First, the chorus performed which featured the solo performances of Sam Lauer and Lyle Hieronymus. Then, the orchestra performed several songs.

Senior orchestra member Courtney Haynes described this year's performance as "the most perfect welcome to winter day performance of her high school career."

Continuing tradition, the dance team dazzled the audience with their performance which spanned the entire auditorium.

Finally, the most anticipated performance of the year at DAHS was here.

NHS raised money for "Pennies for Patients" as a fundraiser. Students put money in teachers' jars and the one who raised the most performed at the concert.

Everyone held their breath as winner Ms. Clark took the

stage and went on to sing Ciara's "One Two Step" to a crowd of cheering and entertained students.

This performance added the cherry to the top of one of the best school days of the school year.

"Ms. Clark's performance was the best part of the concert. I liked how we [students] got to decide who won," said sophomore Allison Miller.

Ending the activities was Dr. Fauth as Santa Claus. Fauth happily handed out many gift cards to various, randomly selected DAHS students.

Student Council gives away over \$1,000 to students during this holiday.

Student Council President Jordan Nicholson says that this year's activities were largely a success. She emphasizes the fact that Student Council was able to sell all of the food and drink purchased this year.

Nicholson states, "I always see smiles on everyone's faces and I am glad that Student Council helped to contribute to their happiness."



clockwise from top left:  
Ms. Clark raps to her Ciara song on stage at the holiday assembly. Mr. Diehl conducts the orchestra playing carols. The concert choir sings "Jingle Bells." Student Council members Lauren Kaufmann, Izzy Spanswick, and Hannah Lane pose with Dr. Fauth and gift card recipient Brielle Mayle.

photos by John Boddington

## Ask the Alumni Anything You Want

Dallastown graduates spill the beans on college life and experiences.

**KATIE AUSTIN**  
Staff Writer

As the New Year begins, many seniors anticipate their graduation year. What they do not know is it is still a tough road ahead of them.

In the fall, many '09 alumni found this out, but luckily we caught up with them over break to ask them for advice.

Ranging from James Madison to Shippensburg to Philadelphia University, many 2009 alumni have memorable

experiences their freshman year and learned a lot.

The most common advice given was to avoid procrastination. Most said to use time management and to get your work done days before it is due.

Emily Kohlbus of Shippensburg University said, "You have a lot of free time, so take advantage of that and do not procrastinate."

Many others chimed in that they agreed.

"It's a pain having to write a paper the night before it is due and all your friends are going out," said Sabrina Temple of Western Carolina University.

Besides "hitting the books" part of college there is the social aspect.

"Branch out, make new friends, don't follow your high school friends around because they'll still be here when you get

back," said Jenn Deardorff of Shippensburg University.

"Even if you never hung out with a certain type of person in high school, make a new friend," said Brian Shuchart of James Madison University.

Shuchart also made it clear to, "leave your Dallastown High School dramatic attitude at home. No one cares."

Even though Deardorff said to "branch out and make new friends," Jess Eckard of Shippensburg University has a different view. "Call your friends from home as often as you can. A lot changes in a little amount of time."

As the saying goes, "make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other's gold," do not forget about your high school friends completely.

"Don't let going out interfere with your work," Brett Weller

said.

Although they are giving advice to go out and make friends and get involved, do not forget how much you are paying to get a better education to go on in life.

When it comes to teachers, one might be surprised with the advice given. It is definitely not like high school.

"Teachers do not remind you every day that a project is due; it's up to you to remember," said Jenna Miller of Lycoming.

Do not think wrong though, the teachers are there to help you succeed.

"Talk to your 'profs,' and build a relationship with them. They can help with networking in the field you want to go into," said Andrew Reineberg of Philadelphia University.

As many have said, college is way better than high school, but

if you do not enjoy where you are, fix it.

"I also have to say that you shouldn't be afraid to look at different schools if you aren't happy with the one you are at," said Alice Mount, who is transferring from IUP to Millersville in the fall.

All in all, the 2009 alumni agree that college is way better than high school, and it flies by fast, so be sure to enjoy it while you can and make the most of it.

## Catching up with

## Grand Champion of 1988: Sonia Altizer

## How did you become interested in science?

I was fascinated by animals and nature for as long as I can remember, and developed a strong interest in science starting in 7th grade, when I received a microscope and a "Grow-Your-Own Butterflies" kit for my 12th birthday. I still watch caterpillars turn into butterflies for my research today, and I still think it is absolutely fascinating.

## What were some of your science fair projects?

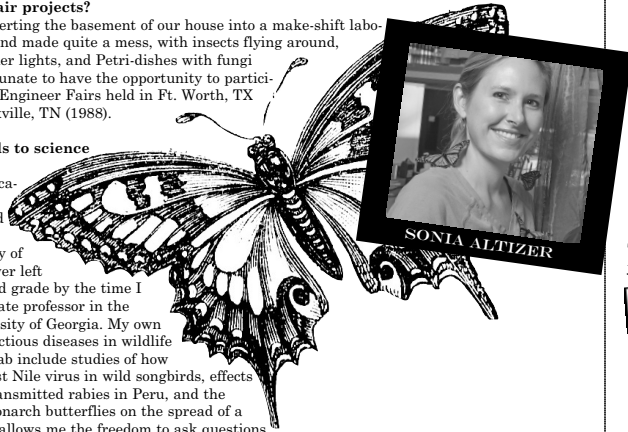
Each one of my projects required converting the basement of our house into a make-shift laboratory for several months each year, and made quite a mess, with insects flying around, plants growing in PVC pipe tubes under lights, and Petri-dishes with fungi stacked in the refrigerator. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fairs held in Ft. Worth, TX (1986), San Juan, PR (1987) and Knoxville, TN (1988).

## What are you doing now in regards to science and your career?

After college, I decided to pursue an academic career in science. I conducted postdoctoral research at Princeton and Cornell and took faculty positions at Emory before moving to the University of Georgia in 2005. So in a way, I've never left school. I used to tell kids I was in 22nd grade by the time I finished my PhD. I am now an associate professor in the Odum School of Ecology at the University of Georgia. My own research focuses on the ecology of infectious diseases in wildlife populations. Current projects in my lab include studies of how urbanization affects the spread of West Nile virus in wild songbirds, effects of livestock rearing on vampire bat-transmitted rabies in Peru, and the effect of long-distance migration in monarch butterflies on the spread of a protozoan parasite. It's a fun job that allows me the freedom to ask questions that are inherently interesting, travel to cool places for field work and conferences, and work with some very gifted students. A few career highlights in recent years included meeting Meredith Vieira of the NBC Today Show for a film segment on monarch butterflies in 2007, and meeting President Bush in a White House ceremony for recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering in 2008.

## What was your favorite class/teacher at Dallastown High School?

One that stood out is Anne Kostas who taught British Literature at the time. She was one of the most creative teachers I've experienced in my career, and I still vividly recall many of her class sessions. A second teacher who was legendary in the 1980s was Mary Ann Workinger. She taught 10th grade biology, which was far and away my favorite subject. Ms. Workinger really pushed the idea of scientific investigation and taught us what the process of science was all about.



## Top 10 Fun Facts

Dallastown's First Science Fair was held February 18, 1961.

When the science fair first started, the boys and girls did not directly compete against one another, but were judged in separate divisions.

The winners of the first science fair were Nancy Kehm and Craig Heindel.

In 1987, 308 projects were entered making it the largest yet. However, this year, in 2010, 394 projects were entered.

32 students have represented Dallastown at the International Science and Engineering Fair, including current biology teacher Mr. Stauffer in 1982.

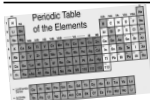
The science fair has grown from 5 judges in 1961 to 46 judges today.

Today \$1,200 dollars is given away to science fair participants.

In the first year there were 7 categories, including both junior and senior high. Today there are 20.

In 1961, one could compete in a mathematics category.

In the first year, chairman Mr. Landis was unsure whether or not it would become an annual event. Therefore, the fair was only opened to Dallastown students. It was not held at other York County schools. Based on the success the fair has been continued or 50 years.



## SCIENCE AT

## Through the years...



"It was my first stepping stone." "My experiment helped me learn a lot." "The fair is so well done at Dallastown." "There were great teachers to inspire me." These were just some of the phrases spoken by guest speakers who attended Dallastown's 50th anniversary Science and Engineering Fair.

At 7:00 pm on January 23, 2010, teachers and students gathered into the cafeteria to listen to several people speak about how Dallastown High School's science fair has changed their lives.

The whole evening was revolved on devoting time to honor the ones who took part in the science fair over the years.

These guests, who were accompanied by family and friends, enjoyed a hot meal and a look at this year's current displays.

Graduate of 1982, science teacher Mr. Stauffer said, "I started in the science fair freshman year and loved it."

After graduating from Gratz University with his Masters in education, Stauffer returned to Dallastown and has been teaching the past 27 years.

"In college, I loved working with high school kids, everyone else worked alone," Stauffer said.

He also teaches graduate level education classes in the area of multiple intelligences.

Following Stauffer was the man who founded the science fair at DAHS: 83 year-old Charles Landis. Landis was also Stauffer's science teacher at Dallastown.

When Landis finished speaking, the audience gave their attention to a student: Junior Ryan Schuessler.

He had developed an interesting project for this year's fair: testing the leaves of parsley to see if their chlorophyll count could be changed under different colored lights.

He was filling in at the last minute for a speaker who could not make it.

When finished with his project, Schuessler came to the conclusion that his hypothesis was inaccurate.

"I could have left the parsley under the lights longer, or I could have extracted the chlorophyll directly from the parsley instead of burning it," Schuessler said.

James Anderson was the next speaker of the evening. Anderson is working with harnessing sea water to produce solar power.

He has won the physics Olympics twice at Dallastown and took chemistry and physics his senior year.

"I had to do two different projects for the science fair: one for physics and one for chemistry," Anderson said.

by John Boddington  
Staff Writer



Anderson attended MIT and loves to invent things.

"I was able to meet the inventor of the artificial heart, and the segway," Anderson said.

Finishing the night was Roseanne Ford, who is currently a Professor of Chemical Engineering.

Ford attended the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania and came from a family of engineers.

"It's nice to have so many people in my family interested in the same thing," Ford said.

Her latest project is trying to bring additional bacteria to oil spills and have them help break down the oil faster.

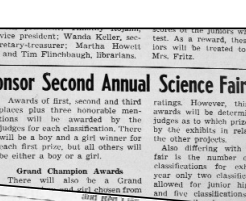
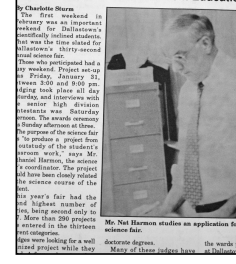
When she attended Dallastown, one of her science fair projects involved basketballs and biorhythms.

Her project was tested on two basketball players with the same birthdays to see if they would feel and play the same

way. It was proven to be unsuccessful.

When all of the speakers were through, Mr. Ilyes thanked them for coming, and when someone mentioned the 100th anniversary Ilyes stated in a joking voice, "I may not make it to the 100th, let's aim for the 75th anniversary."

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## If you missed it... Recalling the Day

### 2010 Science Fair Winners

Junior **Nicholas Wilson** won Grand Champion in the Senior Division with his project entitled *Synthesis and Quantitative Analysis of Metal Polyacrylates*.

Senior **Ashley Reeder** was second up with Reserve Grand Champion in the Senior Division with her project *The Effect of AC and DC Electromagnetic Fields on S. cerevisiae Growth*.

Freshman **Laurel Kovalchick** claimed Grand Champion in the Junior Division with her project *Violin Bows - Digital Fact or Fiction?*

Freshman **Kevin Moore** was Reserve Grand Champion in the Junior Division with *Which Water Source has the Highest Endotoxin Level?*



from left to right: Science teacher Mr. Illyes, freshman Laurel Kovalchick, freshman Kevin Moore, senior Ashley Reeder, junior Nick Wilson, and principal Dr. Fauth pose after the champions were announced. photo submitted by Mr. Mike Bull

Congratulations to all  
science fair participants.



Junior **Ryan Schuessler** presented his project on tested the chlorophyll count to see if their changed under different colored lights. photo by John Boddington



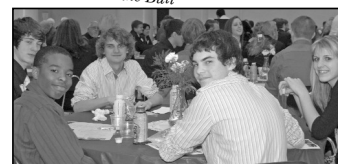
**Mr. Illyes and Charles Landis** reunite from when he taught Illyes. photo by John Boddington



**Roseanne Ford** is currently a Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Virginia. photo submitted by Mike Bull



from left to right: senior **Liz Walters**, juniors **Owen Fry**, **Ryan Schuessler**, and **Nate Peeler**, and senior **Natalie Cox**. photo submitted by Mike Bull



Honors Science Research students were invited to the dinner to listen to the speakers. Left to right: juniors **Anthony Lerch**, **Franza Darby**, and **Jake Reichard** and seniors **DJ Reynolds** and **Rachel Lieghey**. photo submitted by Mike Bull

"Dallastown had an excellent program for science education at the time I was a student there [1988], and it's great to hear that the tradition continues and that students and faculty remain excited about the science fair."

-Sonia Altizer

# DALLASTOWN

## Catching up with Founder of DAHS Science Fair of 1961: Charles Landis

by John Boddington

Staff Writer

Many people love the thrill of the science fair. They enjoy gathering the proper materials, thinking of their project, and then assembling it.

Most, however, do not know the person who brought such an event to the science rooms of Dallastown. They instead think that the fair always existed.

Charles Landis, a Millersville graduate and a Korean War veteran, taught at Dallastown for many years, and twenty years before he retired, he started a tradition that would last forever.

At Dallastown, Landis was the science department chair and the chair of the science committee. The current science department chair and science committee chair is Mr. Illyes.

Landis initially signed on to teach chemistry and physics; however, after some negotiations with the school board, Landis agreed to teach several math courses, such as algebra and trigonometry.

"My home room was room 28," Landis said.

To make conditions even more interesting, Landis had to teach his chemistry and physics classes in the art and biology rooms.

"I only had one equilibrium balance for my whole class," Landis said.

In late 1950, Landis and his wife wrote to Washington D.C. and asked them what Dallastown should do to start their own science fair.

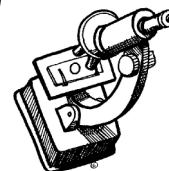
Once they heard word from the capital, Landis gained approval from the school board, and the fair began to take shape.

"Shaping the regulations for the science fair was difficult. One needed at least 7 committees for the fair to function," Landis said.

In 1986, Landis retired from teaching at Dallastown.

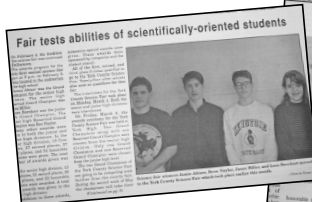
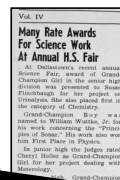
"Mr. Landis was my physics teacher in high school. I had him when he was teaching for his last year," Illyes said.

Landis stated that he enjoyed coming back to Dallastown, and says that he has really enjoyed the time that he has spent working and participating in the science fair.



Science Fair  
January 23, 2010

CHARLES LANDIS



SCIENCE FAIR



## Winter Track

Moving inside for the winter, the track team starts to get ready for the spring. Taking over the hallways of Dallastown, one might have noticed the students running through the halls. The focus of winter track is to "get the athletes in shape and give them confidence for the spring season," senior Ally Gable said. Starting off the winter season at the F&M track meet, Dallastown claimed some first places. The 4x2 team made up of Ben Kline, Derrick Mayfield, Andrew Langston, and John Veney finished first, while Chuck Lockwood took first in the mile. Junior Margo Britton and senior star Lockwood led the Wildcats with outstanding showings at meets at Kutztown and Penn State. At press time, the Wildcats had only one meet remaining in their season.

**KATIE AUSTIN**  
Staff Writer

## Swimming

With four meets under the Wildcat's belt, three of which were victories, they are setting themselves up for a promising season.

With an unfortunate loss to Cumberland Valley, it motivated the team to raise the bar for the meets to follow.

This proved to be true when rival York Suburban was defeated by our prime swimmers and divers during a 144 - 44 meet. The Cats also beat Governor Mifflin and completely blew Northeastern out of the water.

"I'm really impressed this year," boy's captain Alex Pandelidis said. "We are swimming great times, especially this early in the season. The underclassmen are really stepping up this year".

Lead boy swimmers include Ever Gonzalez, Johnny Hudish, Gerard Woody, Michael Godbolte, and Alex Pandelidis.

Leigh Waltz, captain of the diving team, said "We should win the rest of the meets this year because the divers are really putting forth the effort and giving it their all".

Lead girl swimmers include Julie Brown, Karley Marquet, Jen Flinchbaugh, Shelley O'Connor, and Laura Miller.

**WES CROUCHER**  
Staff Writer

## Wrestling

The Wildcat wrestling team lost early in the season to New Oxford but rebounded to beat West York, Dover, and Susquehannock easily. The team is led by senior Tyler Hoover at 171 lbs. and junior Phil Sprenkle at 189 lbs. Hoover earned his 100th career victory over the holiday break. The team starts three freshmen and forfeits the 103 and 112 weight classes because they have no wrestlers to compete in those classes. "We are a young team," Hoover said. Despite their youth the Wildcats ended the a respectable season under first year coach Mr. Striebig. The Wildcats will now compete individually starting with Sectionals at the end of February.

**MILES TROUT**  
Staff Writer

# W I N T E R S P O R T S B R I E F S

## Boys Basketball

Starting off the season with the York Suburban Tip-Off tournament, the boy's basketball team then went on to win the Greyhound Invitational. In league, the boys are 3-4, beating Northeastern, New Oxford, and Spring Grove. "There's not one thing that we really do well. We have players who all bring something different to the table, and collectively we are able to win games because everyone does their role well," junior Eric Thomas said. Senior Bobby Doorn and juniors Four McGlynn and Ford Reinalda led the cat pack as the Wildcats gave Red Lion the claw on January 26 with a final score of 45-35.

**KATIE AUSTIN**  
Staff Writer

## Girls Basketball

The girls' basketball team started off 6-4 and was in fourth place in their division. As the season continues, they look to overtake all teams that stand in their way. A new face is on the sidelines coaching this year, as well. Coach Mary Kurnat is putting together a dynamic team that will challenge any team that it plays. The team is led by Kelly Giese, Cassidy Shearer, Brynna Kilishek, Jenna Miller, Jenny Horvatinovich, and Shae Grim along with many other contributors.

"Our team goal is to keep striving together and playing intense. We just need to keep being aggressive and smart to better our record," senior forward Cassidy Shearer said.

The Wildcats are determined and know they have what it takes to be an elite team in their division.

**SEAN SPENCER**  
Staff Writer

## Gymnastics

The Dallastown Area High School gymnastics team is still a relatively new program, but is making great progress. So far this season, the team has been to two meets in Chambersburg and at Gymnastics of York. The girls brought home a fourth place finish at the first meet.

There are five members on the team—seniors Tanya Dunn and Angela Moyer, juniors Jess Sechrist, Brittany Geesey and Michelle Babka. "We are doing pretty well this year, even without as many girls as we had last year," Dunn said. Make sure to check the upcoming meet schedule and support Dallastown's Gymnastics team.

**NIR SINAY**  
Staff Writer

# A Different World of Sports

American athletes found an interest in curling too," junior Hannah Lane said. The majority of the events will be held at the Whistler Blackcomb resort and Cypress Mountain, just outside Vancouver. Others will take place at Callaghan Valley and General Motors Palace, the ice hockey rink.

**WES CROUCHER**  
Staff Writer

Curling, skeleton, and biathlon aren't sports you typically hear being broadcast on ESPN. Instead, you hear about football, basketball, and baseball. This winter, you will hear about a much larger variety of sports taking place in Canada.

The 21st Winter Olympics will be held from February 12 through the 18, 2010, in Vancouver, British Columbia, the westernmost province of Canada.

In 2003 at the 115th International Olympic Committee, President Jacques Rogge announced that Vancouver won the bid for being the host of the 2010 Games. Vancouver won by only three votes to South Korea.

86 events have been announced for the games, but some of the most popular to watch are freestyle skiing, curling, hockey, figure skating, and snowboarding.

"I'm all about watching speed skating; it's great. Surprisingly, I have recently

What's new for 2010? Women's ski jumping will not be included because it was not developed enough and didn't meet basic criteria. Also, because of the recent outbreak of H1N1, organizers have stockpiled vaccines and required athletes to be immunized prior to their arrival.

Making its debut this year as a brand new event, skier cross is a timed race where four skiers carve down the slope through a series of twists, jumps, and tabletops.

Athletes from the U.S. to watch during the games include alpine skiers Bode Miller and Lindsey Vonn, figure skater Sasha Cohen, curler John Shuster, speed skater Apolo Ohno, and snowboarders Danny Davis and Gretchen Bleiler.

"I usually look for Shaun White in the halfpipe event. He's pretty much the all-American favorite," sophomore Brandon Flynn said.

Out of the 97 nations that have qualified as of November, Team USA is expected to bring home plenty of gold. In the 2006



(left to right) Michelle, Wes, and Steve Croucher, stand on the winner's podium at the bottom of the women's downhill course in 2004 at the site of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

photo submitted

Torino Games the US brought home 25 medals.

Junior Nate Rost sums up the Winter Olympics: "My favorite part is when riders much sicker than myself shred the gnar."

So, instead of watching hours of basketball, try watching a week of sports that brings together athletes from all around the world.

Coverage on WGAL/NBC begins February 12 at 7:30 p.m. with the opening ceremony.

### Are you planning to watch the Winter Olympics?

"No-I am boycotting NBC out of solidarity for Conan."

**Mr. Mohar**  
English

"I love the Olympics! I even watch figure skating with my wife. If that's not love, I don't know what is."

**Mr. Adams**  
Science

"I am hoping that my Honors Mythology students will follow Winter Olympics because we learn all about the ancient origins of the Olympic games in our course, and I always feel that the students get more out of this when the semester coincides with the olympics."

**Mrs. Ehrhart**  
English



# Managing Success

A few fine men and women make the lives of Dallastown coaches a little bit easier as managers of team sports.

**COURTNEY EDWARDS**  
Staff Writer

Who plays the most important position on the team?

The quarterback? The pitcher? The point-guard?

Here at Dallastown, we have many teams, and many team players. One could argue who plays the most important position, but the real heroes of the teams are the team managers.

The team managers here at Dallastown play several roles. They are involved in everyday practices and games alongside the teams. They are the ones that make sure everything is set up and all of the equipment is taken care of.

Senior Liz Kern has been a basketball manager for two years, a football manager for one year, and a girl's softball manager for one year. In these sports, she has many responsibilities.

"For basketball, I run the clock at practices, get the balls out for the team, fill water bottles, and do any other odd jobs that the coaches ask me to do," Kern said.

Current team manager for football and basketball, Courtney Looks, stated, "It's a lot of fun just to hang out with the team, and also if you have your friends around."

Senior Kelsey Shifflet, a track and field manager for three years, has quite different jobs than those of football and basketball.

"I go to every track meet and record the times for all of the runners on a piece of paper," Shifflet said.

She then creates a spreadsheet for all of the athletes so that they can see their times in their particular events.

"It can get really stressful at times when we have five runners in one race and I have to keep track of all of them," Shifflet



Boys' basketball manager Courtney Looks prepares a few thirst quenchers for the guys at a recent home game. Water bottles are only one of the many duties that team managers are responsible for on a regular basis. *photo by Jordan Nicholson*



The football managers take a break from their sideline work to pose for a photo on Senior Night this fall. Football managers set up the field, handle equipment, take care of paperwork, and sometimes help tape athletic injuries for the coaches. *photo courtesy of bullsplace@shutterfly.com*

said.

Shifflet says the worst part of the job is definitely sitting in the cold for hours.

How one might go about getting involved in being a team manager is to talk with the coaches and see if they could use any additional help with their teams.

According to the coaches, they are always looking for an extra set of hands.

"Truly the managers are the unsung heroes. We have had seasons with only one manager or no managers and it is more hectic and more work for the coaches," football coach Mr. Myers said.

Being a manager can even pay off in the long run. Gina Baker, a former basketball manager, said "If you stick with it for four years then you could possibly receive a scholarship."

Many booster clubs allow managers to apply for senior scholarships the same way that the players do.

But managing isn't just a girls job.

For the soccer and volleyball teams at Dallastown, there is a

"manager trade."

For girl's volleyball and soccer, boys team players serve as managers, and then during the boys' seasons, the girls are managers.

"This makes things very easy because they know what practices and games are like and they know what needs to be done," Mr. Groh, boys' soccer coach said.

Coach Shannon Werner of the girls volleyball team agrees. This year, she had two male managers for the team.

"Their primary responsibilities are to hit balls, serve, initiate balls into play, and play at practices. At matches they keep stats and get water."

Although the responsibilities vary, being a manager really comes down to just one thing.

"I like it because in a small way I feel like I'm helping the team," Kern said.

It's easy to forget about the manager because most of the time they are in the working behind the scenes doing things for the team. But in reality, they are the ones who really keep the flow of things in order.

"They do a lot of behind the scenes work and rarely get any credit from the public. The coaches and players really appreciate all that they do and how important they are to a successful program," said Mr. Rexroth, former boys' basketball coach.

**"Truly, the managers are the unsung heroes."**  
**Football coach Mr. Myers**

A lot of people may not have known what a team manager does or even what they are, but it turns out that being one, although it may not be the most glorious job, is not only a lot of fun, but is also a really good way to get involved in school, and if you stick with it, you could get a great outcome.

## GYM CLASS HEROES

Tug-of-War



Period 6, Days 2 and 4, senior boys' gym class

## High Intensity Therapy

Getting worked out in gym class can work for your health in the long run, relieve stress from school, and be a ton of fun.

**SEAN SPENCER**  
Staff Writer

For many students at Dallastown, gym class is a way to release all of the energy that they have built up throughout the week.

These same students love nothing more than a heated battle. They love competition, and more importantly they love to win.

This competitive nature can cause the intensity level of gym class to greatly rise. Students begin to fly around the gym at full speed trying to lead a victorious charge.

Activities such as everyman, capture the flag, Ultimate

Frisbee, and speed ball are some of the most action-packed games in gym class.

These games involve constant hustle and awareness in order to succeed. Especially during everyman, one must be able to know where all of the dodgeballs are and when to dash to safety simply to avoid getting out.

**"No matter what the activity is in gym class, one can realize that gym is a true stress reliever for many, and it often helps to get students through the week."**

In fact, the intensity level can sometimes lead to little disputes over taunting or cheating, but that is what makes gym class so much fun. It allows everyone to release all of the juice that they have worked up, after a long week in the class-

room.

"My favorite part about gym class is getting to play a bunch of activities that I don't get a chance to play outside of school. This makes gym class a lot more fun and enjoyable," senior Tyler Laucks said.

Seniors who love intense competition often take gym major. Gym major consists of passionate students who take gym class seriously and hate to lose.

"Gym major is so much better than regular gym class because it has most of the school's top athletes, and everyone actually tries," senior Justin Ream said.

Gym major reaches a completely different level of intensity because of how much everybody wants to win. The activities in this class move at a faster pace, which is much more enjoyable for those students who take gym class seriously.

No matter what the activity is in gym class, one can realize that gym is a true stress reliever for many, and it often helps to get students through the week.



ERIC CHESTNUT  
Staff Writer



Vampire Weekend is like the Spanish Inquisition: nobody expects them.

In 2007 there were some scattered ramblings about an up-and-coming band out of Columbia University.

In 2008 they released their self-titled debut album.

For two years they ruled the roost as the most popular indie rock group in America.

In 2010 they are looking to do it all over again with their second full length album, *Contra*.

Vampire Weekend left big shoes for the band to fill. The album was on several best of the year and best of the decade lists.

With hits like "Oxford Comma", "A-Punk", and "Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa", Vampire was able to carve out a place for their selves in popular culture.

I think I have heard more Vampire Weekend songs in TV commercials over the past two years than all other bands combined.

The only group that even comes close is Phoenix. If I hear one more song from Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix I think I'll stab myself.

One of the band's best features is its distinctly international sound. The sound can go from Sub-Saharan Africa to classical Vienna and everything in between. With upbeat indie rock as the base, the band is able to weave together some lovely tunes.

Lead vocalist Ezra Koenig

has a unique style of singing that I can't really explain. There is probably some Italian term for what he does. It is like half-hearted yodeling.

*Contra* on the whole is a bit quieter than Vampire Weekend. The melodies tend to be softer and sweeter than its predecessor.

The album starts off with that international feel. "Horchata" Fades from a savannah beat to a string quartet, then to some sort of beautiful, mutated mixture of the two.

"White Sky" displays Koenig's lyrical cooing while synth bops along in the background.

One of the *Contra*'s more fast-paced tracks, "Holiday" is comparable to Vampire Weekend's "A-Punk"

Track eight, "Giving up the Gun" kind of sounds like something by the Jonas Brothers. I'll be honest, I've never actually listened to the Jonas Brothers, but my educated guess has them sounding something like this.

What will probably be the most popular single from the album, "Cousins" an incredibly energetic song. The Chorus will be in your head for days, as simple as it is.

*Contra*'s Final track is a melancholy melody that will put you induce catatonia. "I Think UR a *Contra*" is a sleepy send off to a fantastic album.

Upon first listen I didn't much care for this album, but on subsequent visits I found it to be very unique and well crafted.

*Contra* is definitely a must buy.



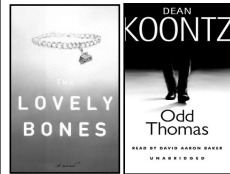
## Teacher Talk

### What are you reading right now?

I just finished reading *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold on my Kindle (love it!). I chose this book to read because so many people were reading it and talking about it. I also like to read the book first before going to the movie. The story is about a fourteen-year-old girl who is brutally raped and murdered; it is a story about loss and mourning and a family torn apart by the death of a child. My own brother died at the age of five, so I guess it just hit too close to home. I cried several times while reading, and I couldn't sleep for three nights until I finished the novel and there was finally some resolution to the story. I will not go to the movie.



Mrs. Kashner  
English



On a more positive note, over the holiday break I read three of the Odd Thomas books by Dean Koontz, which were recommended to me by Mr. Morton. They are about a twenty-year-old short-order cook who sees dead people. It sounds crazy, but Koontz makes it believable. What I found compelling about the novels were the characters and their relationships. I'll probably read the next book in the series this weekend. The first book in the series is also being made into a movie.

I read fitness magazines. I only read magazines during the school year. Books are for the summer.



Mrs. Haines  
Mathematics

I'm ready to start *The Memory of Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards when I have spare time.



Mrs. Ehrhart  
English



Mrs. Rave  
English

*Think on My Words* by David Crystal, a British language expert- all about Shakespeare's use of and influence on the intriguing English language.



Ms. Ryder  
Social Studies

I've been reading the No. 1 *Ladies Detective Agency* series. I am on a book called *The Full Cupboard of Life*. The books all take place in Botswana.



Mrs. Krantz  
FACS

I'm reading my travel magazines and dreaming about summer vacation!

I read *Check the Raising Devil* which is Poker Professional Mike Matusow's autobiography. It is a very interesting read on the tumultuous life of a professional poker player.



Mr. Rexroth  
Tech. Ed.

## Beacon Battle

49%



"I have always had Verizon and it's worked well for me."  
Mrs. Guttridge

"I can text my friends for free."  
Sophomore Caleb Miller

For years Verizon Wireless and AT&T have textured their ways through the halls of Dallastown. Trac Phone, Sprint, and T-Mobile do not even come close to the bitter rivalry between the top two wireless communication providers. In the closest Beacon Battle in history, AT&T has proven to be the superior phone service, winning by just one classroom vote.

"It is the nation's number one wireless network."  
Junior Mackenzie Groff

"More bars in more places when AT&T has none."  
Senior Lee Ann Reardon

51%



"My service treats me well. I haven't had any dropped calls and I get texts quickly. No complaints."  
Senior Anna Vickery

"Luke Wilson does the commercials!"  
Senior Tanner Carman

"They have iPhones. I have never had a problem with coverage."  
Sophomore Derek Peiffer

"I keep my unused minutes."  
Mrs. Werner