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Construction Commences Abruptly

Though the school has been planning for months, students were surprised by the crowded hallways

ERIC CHESTNUT
Sports Editor

On Monday, March 15, 2010, ground was broken at Dallastown Area High School as the district prepared for a slight undertaking.

Over the next few months, both the middle and high school will undergo a series of construction projects in order to make Dallastown more able to deal with larger numbers of students and to make our campus more ergonomic.

A set back caused by construction activities is the ban on going outside to pass from class to class.

"I left the theater room and the bell rang pretty much when I was on the ramp," senior Bria Caplan said. "Classes are starting later; stragglers are coming in. It's just a big inconvenience."

"It is now a construction zone and for the safety of our students no one is allowed to go outside," Vice Principal Mr. Molin said.

One such project that students will be pleased to see completed is the expansion of the ramp leading from the front lobby to the English hallway.

The ramp, not so affectionately dubbed "The Cattle Chute," will be altered to add stairs onto the side of the ramp where the Guidance Office is currently situated.



Construction outside of the front lobby and pond has caused students to be stuck indoors instead of walking outside. Due to this construction, the cattlehoot is more crowded than ever. photo by Ben Naill

For the ramp to be expanded, the Guidance Office will have to be bumped outward towards the bus circle.

During the last two weeks of the school year, the Guidance Office staff and files will be removed until the new office is completed.

The bus circle will not need to be adjusted in any way because when the Guidance Office moves it will occupy the area between the current office and the sidewalk.

One of the largest projects will be the enclosed walkway leading from the science hallway to the current seventh grade hallway.

The walkway will contain no lockers, just windows along its length.

Though this construction is quite an enterprise, it is not necessarily the largest aspect of the entire modification.

"It's more of a renovation," Molin said. He explains that the biggest changes will have to do with the movements of certain teachers and departments.

The biggest change next year is that the world language teachers will no longer be in the hallway opposite the English department.

While the business department will remain where it is, the entire world language department will be moved into the current seventh grade hallway.

Because there will be vacancies in the middle school due to the loss of teachers to the intermediate school, and because the

middle school also has world language classes, the move is meant to make the entire process more efficient.

This might leave some to wonder what will happen to the rooms currently occupied by the world language teachers.

"The English department is going to swing around and take a lot of these classrooms," Molin said.

Those few remaining rooms left in the current English hallway will be filled by social studies teachers.

Basically, the aim of all of these moves is to ensure that traveling teachers will be a thing of the past. With two classrooms in the seventh grade hallway going to science teachers and two going to math teachers,

Dallastown students will not be seeing those loaded nomadic carts at all next year.

With all of these moves and construction projects, some might hope that as the school expands so too will the time between classes.

Even with a larger school, the time between classes will remain at five minutes.

Though a completely enclosed campus would help students going from one end of the school to the other do so within the five minutes allotted, the administration has not decided whether or not to take such measures.

With these daunting tasks ahead, our school is undergoing a real change. DAHS is entering a new era.

Dealing with the Dangers of Sexting

Internet and Web Page Design students learn about the dangers of the internet online safety precautions.

JOVANA RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Over the last decade the increase in technology has been both a gift from above and a danger to the world.

The advancement of easily accessible technology at naive youngsters' fingertips can wreak havoc on their future.

Business teacher Mr. Downs

decided to help educate Dallastown students on cyber dangers.

"Teenagers are reckless with technology these days... I decided to do this to try and teach them how dangerous technology and the internet can be. Hopefully Dallastown students will learn something from this," Downs said.

With the help of his Internet and Web Page Design students, the class created flyers with helpful information about internet dangers. The flyers are located throughout Dallastown's hallways. The students had topics to research ranging from viruses and blogs to cyber bullying and sexting.

"I think if students care to stop, look, and read, they might get some useful information. I actually learned something new

when I was working on mine," Internet and Web Page Design student Crystal Hoyle said.

Besides viruses, identity theft, and cyber bullying there are other dangers that come with the advancement of technology such as the trend of sexting.

Over the last few years the common method of communication for teenagers is texting. Seventy-four percent of teenagers who have cell phones send texts messages regularly.

Though texting is a convenient way for teens to communicate with the world, it is also why so many teenagers are getting into a great deal of trouble.

The trend of sexting has popped up all over the United States. Sexting is the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically,

primarily between cell phones.

Some might argue that this is not a big deal, but for the ones who have done it, it has severe consequences. Sexting for anyone under the age of eighteen is illegal.

According to school resource officer, Officer Barley, "Anything in a sexual nature or a nude photo of a person under the age of eighteen is classified as child pornography."

Last March at Spring Grove High School two freshman girls were caught sending naked photos to male students. Eighteen students were suspended for distributing and possessing the nude photos.

York District Attorney Tom Kearney worked with the eighteen students to keep the offenses off their permanent records.

If the students were charged

with the crimes they could have been registered as sex offenders from anywhere between ten years to their entire lives.

"I understand that this is a serious offense but I don't think teenagers should have to be registered as sex offenders. It's way too harsh of a punishment and they have not actually abused anyone," junior Kristina Arcidiacono said.

Pennsylvania's State Representative Seth Grove is proposing new state legislation that will make teen sexting punishment fit the crime.

If the House passes the legislation, this will create a misdemeanor and second degree charge for teens, between the ages of thirteen and seventeen, instead of the current felony charge.

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Letter From the Editor



Though the halls of Dallastown are comfortable in their familiarity, travel reaps its own rewards.

LAUREN KAUFMANN
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Dearest Dallastown,

I sat upon marble steps leading to the Grand Canal in Venice and munched on the cone that had held my delicious gelato dessert. Surrounded by three of my very best friends, the world, for just a moment, was in perfect harmony. Physics homework was far from my mind, and all the stress of college simply evaporated. No, I did not step into a corny teenage novel; I actually **was** lucky enough to experience the wonders of Italy with some of my closest gal pals and the epic Doc Nel (and Uncle Al!). And even though I had spent the past four years with these same students, being together in a new place was a completely unique experience. Sitting in the Blue and White Café every day is certainly a routine I would never give up, but it was as we floated down a shallow Italian waterway in a shiny, golden gondola that the necessity of this occasion became apparent. So, this month, here is your homework assignment, dearest reader:

Travel with Friends

Whether you take a day trip to Inner Harbor or jet set to Europe as I did, the experience of travelling with your closest friends is simply irreplaceable. Walking through the halls of Dallastown is one thing, but being in an unfamiliar locale initiates a kind of bonding that history class just cannot. From climbing to the top of Mt. Vesuvius to sprinting away from the infamous street vendors in Florence, Leah, Izzy, Amy, and I bonded through each and every challenge we encountered and became an even closer group of gals. So, DAHS, before you graduate, try to travel outside of dear ol' Dallastown with some of your dearest friends... and let the world teach you some of her most crucial lessons. You may be surprised at how poignant a dreary day in Rome—or Baltimore—can be when you're with your favorite people in the world.

Signed,

*Your Friendly Neighborhood
Journalist*

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

Letters should be fewer than 300 words. Thank you.

Faculty Advisor
Miss Gable

Beauty is Not a Brand

Even though your favorite brand may be found at the Galleria, beauty itself is far from the shopping mall.

ANGELA GIDDINGS
Staff Writer



H. G. Wells once said that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

In today's society, beauty is seen as sequins, make-up, and each day's new diet.

But that isn't beauty at all. In case this world has forgotten, there is such a thing as inner beauty.

You can buy the newest, most up to date clothes and try on all the new make up, but if you don't have the beautiful personality to accessorize your wardrobe, you might as well be physically ugly.

Inner beauty comes from the heart. It's what gives a person the urge to help others, to show respect to their peers and to want to do good, not evil.

One could say that a child is the most beautiful creature for the simple fact that there is no worry in his or her mind of how he dresses or looks, but only the desire to learn. The way a child

shows compassion and love just isn't the same way an adult does.

I'm not trying to imply that in order to be a good, caring, and loving person, one can't look good, but it's part of the inner beauty that makes the person prioritize and decide which is more important: beauty from the heart or beauty looking back at you in the mirror.

For example, I'd like to consider my Nana to be one of the most beautiful women in my life.

All her life she has put aside what is important to her for what she knows is good for others.

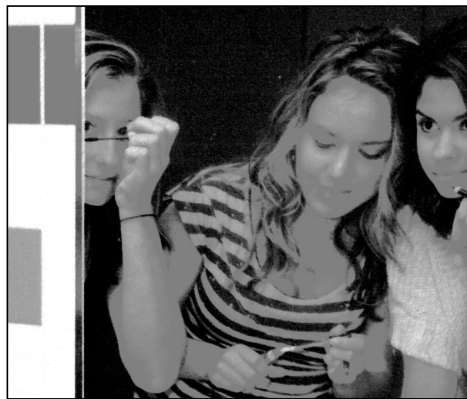
When you see a person like

her, you actually do see the inner beauty beaming.

As much as anyone would love to be friends with a model, which do you consider a better honor: to be friends with a beautiful model, or be friends with a kind, genuine, and caring individual?

Someone who will look out for you and care for you will always be a better friend to you than one who just cares if they even want to be seen in public with you.

Being beautiful is something that comes from the heart, not from a mall.



Three DAHS students check their makeup in between classes, a ritual many teens have adopted in their quest to obtain outward perfection. However, as we should all know, true beauty shines from within. *photo submitted*

The Greatness of Curling

Though it is one of the lesser-known sports, curling is highly fascinating, extremely intense team sport that has many sports enthusiasts captivated.

MILES TROUT
A&E Editor



Flipping through the channels one day, I found myself watching the Olympic Games in Vancouver.

Much to my surprise, I saw women with brooms guiding rocks down an icy path.

Quite intrigued, I watched the full two-and-a-half hour curling match between USA and Japan. That was when I realized that curling may be the best sport since badminton.

Though Japan turned out victorious, the lives of curling champions fascinated me nearly as much as the sport itself.

Most U.S. curling competitors have to work full time jobs and support their families on top of practicing for the Olympics, because there is very little pay for champions of this sport.

Team leader Debbie McCormick led the team through three Olympic Games placing in the top ten positions. Her team won the gold in U.S. Nationals 1996, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009, which is why their team partook in the Olympics this year.

Curling was officially a sport in the Winter Olympics in the year 1998, but it seems that this sport has since been "sweeping the globe." No pun intended.

For readers who do not know what Curling is, it's far from a simple sport.

In very brief general terms, players must slide a 45 pound rock across a 150-foot long sheet of ice and try to get it to stop at just the right position on a bullseye at the end of the path.

Meanwhile the opposing

team is trying to knock the others' stones out of position with their own and keep theirs at the end. A winner is almost impossible to predict until the final throw.

While the rock is sliding down the path, there are two people with brooms scrubbing violently to try to reduce friction in the intended path.

This sport, like most, is all about physics. Friction, velocity, mass, momentum, and inelastic collisions all play their part in this sport. To be successful, a curler must understand all of these factors and manipulate them to his or her will.

What makes this sport so great is just that. It is a thinker's sport. Unlike some other sports, curlers absolutely require skill, and not just their physical athleticism.

All around, this sport is a whole lot of fun to watch. One can learn to curl via the nonprofit Philadelphia Curling Club, which is the only place in south Pennsylvania where one can learn to curl. It looks like fun to me.



The USA women's curling team, led by Debbie McCormick, made a solid showing at the 2010 Winter Olympics, placing in the top ten teams. The sport of curling is like no other, and it requires great dedication in order to be successful. *photos by google.com*

A Change of Pace for Soccer

Due to the upcoming change in the soccer season, some girls may be forced to choose between Fall sports.

KATIE AUSTIN
Staff Writer



Ever notice that girls' soccer has two state championships every year? Wonder why? In District III, girls' soccer is in the Spring. However, all the other schools in Pennsylvania play in the Fall, resulting in two state champions every year.

We never really know who is the best in the state due to the different seasons. Girls' soccer was supposed to change to the fall of 2010, but with such short notice, it will not change until fall of 2012.

From the start when schools began to have girls' soccer, they should have made it all in the same season. What is the point of having two state champions every year?

Everyone complains about girls having to choose between

different sports now, but this would not have been a problem if it would have been in the fall to begin with.

Girls' soccer should have been in the same season right from the get-go.

There are many reasons why the schools had to push the date back. For example there were not enough refs, field space, and coaches. York-Adams County is already short on refs as it is, and having four maybe even six games for each school would be tough.

Schools are starting to get turf fields, but some still play on actual grass. Other schools would not be able to fit all the games in because of daylight. Many coaches help on the boys' and girls' side for soccer and the school districts would have to hire more coaches.

There were always rumors flying around that girls' soccer would be changing next year and the next and the next, but it never happened.

Many people complain because girls are going to have to choose between different sports now. I was one of those effected going from middle school to high school.

There was no middle school soccer when I was in 7th and 8th grade, like there is now, so I was able to run track and play club



The 2009 DAHS soccer team plays a team-building game before practice. When the soccer season changes, some girls may not be able to play. photo submitted

ball.

When Spring came around my freshman year in high school, I had to choose between soccer and track. It was actually more difficult than I thought it would be.

It was also a great disadvantage for me, because when I started to talk to college coaches

for soccer, they wanted to know my track times. I had to explain that we play in the Spring and therefore I could not run track.

Each year I would believe the rumors that soccer was changing, because I really wanted to be able to run track.

Unfortunately, it never changed.

Ugh, Uggs!

We would all love to be decked out in the latest, coolest trends; but the truth is, functionality is more important than a name.

NIR SINAY
Staff Writer



On a minimum wage salary, "barely making it" is a normal part of the average high school student's life.

Paying for gas, chipping in on the car insurance, buying clothes and not getting money from mom and dad is the norm.

My wallet has experienced the dry season many times over the past few years, and because of this shortage, I am very careful about my shopping purchases.

Rather than spending over \$100 dollars on a pair of boots, I would much rather pay \$30 for a pair that is just as warm—but has one extra seam and lacks a three letter word.

"The world of clothing and fashion is not limited to name brands and triple digit prices."

Kohls So Brand boots are just as good as the Uggs that are covering the feet of people every where. Looking around the Blue and White Café, there is at least 15,000 dollars worth of foot wear at any given time.

The average "knock off" product is a copy that sells for less than the original. I am not condoning the sale and purchase of the illegal copies and fakes—such as handbags which are sold on the streets of big cities and out of car trunks.

The "knock offs" which I am referring to are the products that are very similar to the original products, just as good in quality, and do not claim to be something they are not.

The world of clothing and fashion is not limited to name brands and triple digit prices.

My shoes are just as warm, my jackets are just as durable, and my jeans are just as comfortable as any name brand out there.

In addition, my wallet isn't spitting up moths every time I open it.

The knock off world is not just limited to clothing and accessories. Stores often produce their own products—such as cosmetics, food and hygiene products—and stack them on shelves right next to the name brand ones.

If you are concerned that a store/generic brand or "knock off" isn't as good as "the real deal," take a look at various products and compare them by reading labels.

The store brand and the name brand will have the same amount of active ingredients and work the same way as well. Some people even swear that a store brand worked better than the name brand ever had.

I am a high school student who makes minimum wage and doesn't have much in the bank.

I am not ashamed to admit that my jeans cost \$25 and are "buy one get one" half off. I will proudly dedicate my time to combing through clearance racks in my quest to find the best deals.

I am a high school student who simply can not afford to walk around in labels.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Beacon Staff,

I graduated from Dallastown two years ago and am currently a sophomore in college. This letter is in response to an article in the February 2010 paper about the SATs. While I agree that not every student excels at standardized tests, it is not reasonable to expect colleges to look through all other qualities a student has. If you were to spend one week in an admissions office, sifting through tens of thousands of applications, you would soon see why the SAT is necessary. Colleges need to send out their acceptance letters in a few months, if they took every application on a case-by-case basis, it could take an entire year before they answer. College admissions staff members need some sort of average to look for to make decisions quicker.

After going through the application process myself, I noticed that private schools and schools in the top tier tend to take applications based on quality. They may use the SAT as one of the last determining factors in your admission. If you are serious about your education, you will be striving to be the best you can be and will be rewarded by a school that actually tries to go case-by-case.

The article also stated that the SAT "[costs] students a good chunk of money, time, and energy." From what I remember, the SAT is about four hours long. True, high school students generally do not know the meaning of a test that lasts longer than an hour. My finals in college take three hours... EACH. What's more is in college you go by semesters. While students in high school are taking midterms, college students are taking finals. These classes also do not cost a simple \$45, or even \$100. College classes cost thousands of dollars each, not including the hundreds of dollars you will have to spend on textbooks. SATs are cheap in comparison. Even the AP exams are relatively inexpensive, which some colleges and universities will actually count for academic credit if you score high enough.

Yes, there are things that go on in day-to-day lives of students. Your tests in college may be geared toward one subject instead of nationwide standard, but the point I am making here is that if you have a bad day at college, just like the SAT, you don't get a do-over. These final exams can count for most of your grade - up to 60%, not including the one or two midterm tests during the semester. Good luck to you all in the college application process. I understand it is very stressful, but if you work your way through it the stress will be well worth your time.

Sincerely,
A College Student

Hall Talk

When faced with the option, do you buy knockoffs or the 'real deal'?

"They look the same—just as comfortable. Uggs are way too expensive."

Leah Ramos
sophomore

"I buy knock off cereal. The fruit loops with the kangaroo—it tastes the same! It's just cheaper and you get a lot more."

Shaquille Stalworth
junior

"When you pay for the 'real' thing, with most things you get a warranty and it lasts longer."

Morgane Cole
senior

"I go with the knock off. The price is better and they have just as good quality."

Joe Biddix
junior

"I'd buy name brand sneakers for the reputation. The cool jumping guy on the back is legit."

Garrett Hartman
junior

"I'd rather give money to Michael Jordan than some po-dunk company. Jordan's be mad nice."

Ian France
junior

Earthquake Strikes Some More than Others

Senior Fabienne Antoine's extended family suffers in earthquake.

JAMON ADAMS
Staff Writer

By now, the highly televised event that occurred on January 12, 2010 at 4:53 pm, the 7.0 magnitude earthquake striking approximately 10 miles southwest of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, has reached a television near any and everyone.

Since then, the earthquake has affected 3,000,000 people living in Haiti and even some at Dallastown Area High School.

Senior Fabienne Antoine has a direct connection to Haiti. Though she was not born in Haiti, both of her parents as well as the rest of her family originated there.

Since the earthquake hit, many families have been separated from one another and have wondered when the next time they might see them again, if they even would be able to.

"I had an uncle that we could not find for over two weeks, and then we were finally able to get in contact with him. We found out he and his six kids were alright," Antoine said.

Though her family was considerably lucky, not all were as fortunate. According to economist.com, "The days following earthquake, the country's shock and grief were tempered by the urgent need to save lives. Estimates ranged as high as 300,000 dead and only 132 were saved from the rubble."



While Dallastown students were watching the news headlines on television and scanning the newspapers for latest information on the earthquake in Haiti, senior Fabienne Antoine was praying that her extended family was okay. photo by Ben Naill

With the devastation that occurred with Haiti, people have begun to stand up and help out. Special programs like MTV's 'Hope For Haiti' Telethon that showcased today's top entertainers raised money to help. All donations directly benefitted Oxfam America, Partners in Health, Red Cross, UNICEF and Wyclef Jean's Yele Haiti Foundation.

Fabienne's family has surely done their part in helping out Haiti as well.

"My whole family started this relief effort based in Miami. We all figured that would be the easiest place to do it because it's close to Haiti and there is a large

Haitian population there. Basically we are working with Yele Haiti to get supplies and money to help," Antoine said.

Yele Haiti is an organization that was founded by Grammy award winning artist and activist, Wyclef Jean, who is a native of Haiti. Since the earthquake, Yele Haiti has helped tremendously by giving supplies to Haiti.

They recently distributed approximately 400,000 gallons of water along with clothes, food, and first aid kits.

Since then, things have started to take a slight turn for Haiti.

According to economist.com, "Systems such

as Port-au-Prince's single runway airport are receiving three times as many flights as they did before the quake, and aid supplies are also pouring into the part-repaired main port."

The United Nations has begun hiring approximately 220,000 Haitians to work on clearing-up and reconstruction. Electricity, fuel and telecommunications services are back as well. Though with some progress, there is always room for more.

"Haitians are very beautiful people. We are very strong and hardworking people. Even when tragedy strikes, my people stand strong and keep moving on," Antoine said.

Chile's Coverage

Haiti may have gotten more coverage than Chile, but Chile's earthquake was more dangerous.

COURTNEY EDWARDS
Staff Writer

On February 27, 2010, as Dallastown was fast asleep, the South American Country of Chile was hit by a devastating 8.8 magnitude earthquake.

Although it didn't get as much national media coverage like 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, Chile's was devastating nonetheless.

Since Chile's infrastructure had been built to withstand the shock of these major quakes, their buildings did not receive the same amount of damage as Haiti's did.

The death toll in Chile of 300 was also far less than the 212,000 estimated deaths in Haiti a month earlier.

One might wonder if Haiti is receiving all of the aid from the Peace Corps and from foreign countries, why not Chile?

Now that more people are starting to see the effects of the quake, they are wondering what they can do to help.

There are several ways to help. For starters you can text the word "CHILE" to 25385 to donate ten dollars to help out various organizations, and provide first aid and basic health care for Chilean citizens, or by simply going online and donating to the American Red Cross.

Pageant Wrap-Up

After her competition, junior Teri Shaffer spills the dirt on her first pageant.

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Staff Writer

After a long weekend of competing at the Jaffa Shrine Center in Altoona, PA, junior Teri Shaffer stood on stage awaiting the results of the Miss Teen Pennsylvania International Pageant.

"As I was waiting to hear the results, I was very nervous, but I knew that no matter what I'd be happy with the judges decision since it was my first pageant," Shaffer said.

She had to wait through several announcements.

"They called a top five and I made it. Then they started announcing places. They called third runner up, then second runner up, and then first runner up."

That is when Shaffer heard her name. In her first pageant, she had made it to the final two. She also won the People's Award.

"The People's Award is given to the one teen that the audience felt should win and who they were rooting for during the pageant. It was pretty exciting to win that," she said.

Sophia Medairy, 18, of Holidaysburg who was last year's first runner-up took this year's title.

Shaffer was most excited



Junior Teri Shaffer takes the stage during the evening gown portion of the competition. This was only one of several categories for which she was judged. photo submitted

International Club Speaks

Dallastown students dabble in various foreign cultures to expand their knowledge.

JOHN BODDINGTON
Staff Writer

Asia. England. Germany. Denmark. These countries represent many values of individuals all around the world.

Across the globe people lead their lives with the beliefs that are instilled upon them from birth.

Due to modern-day technology and exchange students, these unique cultures are brought right to our country and for that matter, to our school.

As of this year, history teacher Mrs. Tiffany Dauchex

has taken command of our school's International Club.

Being student run, Dauchex simply advises the students and assists them in making their thoughts into realities.

"I hope to encourage them to bring thoughts and students outside of the club to create new ideas," Dauchex said.

President of the club, junior Linda Wang, acts as a secondary advisor to Dauchex.

The two of them advise around seven main members. These members include Jason Taylor, Justin Taylor, Sue (Shi) Xiao, Ntense Inyang, Adrusht Madapoosi, Ian Maggay, and Alex Lam.

Members give presentations on countries that they may have cultural roots from or if they simply have an interest about learning more.

"I plan to give a brief presentation on China and its games,

trends, and influences worldwide," Wang said.

Other presentations include summaries on South Korea and the Philippines.

Other aspects are the various influential cultural aspects like music, social lives, and trends.

"Under represented music is more interesting sometimes...it is cool," Inyang said.

They attempt to hold a meeting every month.

"We may have the meetings more often than every month. I really want to see the club grow," Dauchex said.

In future years, the club wishes to invite all of Dallastown's students to the club to enjoy the experiences of learning.

Interested students should keep watch for informational flyers indicating the next meetings.

Cabin Fever Takes Flight

With the warm weather rolling in, students urge for fresh air commences.

WES CROUCHER
Staff Writer

With a record-breaking snowfall this winter, students are looking for fun and exciting activities to do after being pent-up in their houses for the season.

This condition of claustrophobia in an isolated area with nothing to do is known as "cabin

fever."

The 2-3 week transition between seasons can be difficult to bear. It's hard for people to figure out what to do with themselves.

Below is a list of activities that any DAHS student can experience in the great outdoors.

- Hike, bird watch, or stop by the Environmental Education Center at Nixon Park
- Take a bike ride or go kayaking at local Lake Redman or Williams
- Wash your car after

that grimy, salty deposit has been left on your car from winter driving

- Shoot some hoops at Springettsbury or York Township Park
- Grab your tackle box and go fishing at Kiwanis or Pinchot Lake
- Bring out your environmentalist side and start a compost pile in your backyard
- Spend a day at Hershey Park
- Visit Springwood or Heritage Hills to try out the driving range or play 18 holes

A "Nichol" For Your Thoughts

We can't control the uncontrollable.

Hey Dallastown!

Driving back from the movies on Friday night, two others and myself slowed our car to a stop as we approached I-83 south's Market Street exit. There were four way lights on either side of the highway. As we slowed down, we saw a man walk across the express way to a car. Our car's lights shined heavily on the vehicle positioned sideways at a stop in the left lane. Our eyes, however, were on the body, lying lifeless in front of the car on the road. **I closed my eyes.** In my mind I had immediately made a connection to what I had just seen.

The driver of our car started looking for a way to exit this tragedy, and my friend in the back had eyes too curious. Her pupils were glued to the man who had been breathing moments before we had approached. The ambulance had not gotten there yet and we were one of the first several cars to see this obscenity.

I kept thinking to myself, if we would have let a car out of the parking lot before us or stopped for coffee on the way back from West Manchester, we would not have seen the post-trauma of the accident, at least not the lifeless human in the middle of the freeway.

Why us? I could only think about the **manipulation of time** and how the car ride home way so silent that we said not a word.

This is an image that I play over and over in my head before I go to sleep, yet is slowly **fading** away from memory. This man had life taken from him in a **swift movement** and all I could think about is how **fragile** the human body is.

We are not invincible; we can die at any moment.

All of a sudden, the "C" I got on my poetry packet meant nothing, the argument I had with my parents was forgotten. Why get frustrated over the **smallest things** when any second we could be gone?

I cannot express how much this image has affected me. **Has it affected me?** Do I behave differently now that I have seen someone whose life was cut short? Was it even his time? So, while my eyes were closed in the car, they were opened to an **epiphany of a lifetime**. That may be why these crazy events happen to us, to, in fact, **awaken us**. There are **no guarantees on life**, so live everyday to the fullest. **Enjoy** every minute of it. You can't live in the 'what if's.' Instead, **accept** life and all it has to offer—the positives, the negatives, and the events that are completely out of our control.

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



Physics Becomes Athletic

The 2010 Physics Olympics take academics to a whole new level of athletic ability.

SEAN SPENCER
Staff Writer

Dallastown plays host to one of the most challenging events in the county. However, this event does not test one's physical ability but instead tests his mental ability. The event is known to the school as the Physics Olympics.

In the 2010 Physics Olympics, twenty-nine teams competed for the gold medal. The games consisted of teams from Dallastown as well as Spring Grove, Red Lion, West York, and South Western.

The Physics Olympics has ten events. Some of the events are designed to be complex and to really challenge the mind, while others are more for fun and laughs.

Considered one of the premier events, the slow bike race is very popular. This race is a contest to see who can record the



Seniors Ashley Reeder, Bonnie Arbittier, and Connie Chen of the team "She Blinded Me with Science" see how many balloons can statically stick to them. *photo submitted*

slowest time over a set distance. Junior Nate Peeler was the victor of this year's race.

"I knew I had to focus to defeat Joey Castriota because he put up a good time. Luckily, my experience in biking came through and allowed me to win," Peeler said.

The Electrostatic Bullies from Spring Grove defeated Dallastown's Team Lego Batman for first place. The two teams were followed by Team America (Spring Grove) in third, Perpetual Brotion (Dallastown) in fourth, and Team f=mN (Dallastown) in fifth.

Seniors Natalie Cox, Pilar Caplan, Liz Walters, and juniors Nick Wilson and Jason Ferree were all members of Team Lego Batman.

The teams from Spring Grove were able to finish so highly due to their intense preparation. Students stayed after school and practiced physics months before the competition—a teacher's dream.

Dallastown hopes to reclaim the title of Physics Olympic champion in 2011, and perhaps they will be able to overtake the favored Spring Grove teams.

Learning Takes a Twist

New languages are introduced to students in a new way, gaining the attention.

ZACH EINSIG
Staff Writer

Ohayou! If this was said over the morning announcements many students and faculty members would be perplexed.

However, a small group of students would understand this as good morning. In fact, some students say "ohayou" on a regular basis which means "good morning" in Japanese.

Last year, the Administration, Guidance Office, and Language Department decided to promote a unique approach to learning foreign languages not offered on campus. Offered by Blended Schools.net Language Institute, students at Dallastown are now able to take Arabic, Japanese, or

Russian.

"This program allows students to take courses outside of our curriculum; highly specialized courses otherwise not available," Mr. Fickes, the program advisor, said.

Not only are these languages unique to DAHS students, but so is the learning environment. Unlike a regular physical classroom setting, these classes are held through a live video conference. These conferences are broadcasted to students across the country by professors from Seton Hill University.

Due to our technologically advanced world, this environment is not completely different from the normal classroom. Students can interact with classmates and teachers through a virtual environment with instant messaging, video, and other multimedia capabilities.

One of the ten DAHS students currently enrolled in a Japanese II class is Lizz Crivaro.

When asked about her motivation for taking this language she said, "I wanted to try some-

thing different for my senior year and learn a completely different language."

While Crivaro feels that the hardest part of this process is learning a different alphabet, senior Brandt Witt, who takes Arabic, feels that the most challenging part is learning the pronunciation of the Arabic language.

"Arabic at the beginning level is hard, because you can't instinctively pronounce everything due to the rather different alphabet. With Arabic I have to painstakingly look at each individual letter and think of its individual pronunciation, then pronounce them all together," Witt said.

As the school continues to diversify, the horizon for students' learning broadens. Witt, Crivaro, and the other students involved with this program continue to learn that the world of DAHS has more to offer than the traditional foreign languages.

New Signs Guide New Students

Roaming the hallways brings attention to the newly crafted signs.

KATIE ARENAS
Staff Writer

Students' attentions have been drawn to the signs that were recently placed around the school building.

Everyone asks the same question, "Who came up with the idea and why did they create them?"

The truth is these signs were redesigned by one of our teachers, Mr. Myers, the art and graphic design teacher. He made sure these signs were as good as they look now.

"I believe that using these signs for new students will assist

them in finding their way," Mr. Myers said.

But was it worth spending the money? The original signs and their price cost seventy dollars each. A cost that was too expensive to purchase.

Therefore, Mr. Myers was asked to redesign the model and he offered all the help he could give.

The decision was confirmed by our principals and it was finally approved.

Mr. Myers spent approximately fifty hours redesigning these signs that have been of much help.

With the new and redesigned signs, the cost decreased by fifty-five dollars, having to pay only fifteen dollars for each sign created.

"I think it's helpful for navigation," senior Codie Beck said.

Although this seems like a great idea to some, there have



This sign is located above the Trainer's hallway. The signs were put up in last few weeks to help students around the school. *photo by Ben Nail*

been some controversial opinions.

Some say that it was a waste of time creating them when next year the school will be reconstructed and changed.

On the other hand most of the upperclassmen think these signs should have been thought of before, when they were racking their brains finding their

way to classes their freshmen year.

The reality is this idea is supposed to be useful for visitors who come into the building.

Mr. Myers commented that he wished they could have made them bigger; however, that would have required more work and more money.

Some juniors such as Shayne

Boyd think it was a waste of money using these signs to guide others.

"Juniors like me already know their way, and if they don't know, they can just ask," Boyd said.

Despite of all the different opinions, these signs have been a help to those who are not familiar with the building.



The Perils of

Driving Distracted In DAHS

What are the real dangers of driving and no driver can text message while driving without facing a hefty fine. Where should Pennsylvania stand on this controversial issue?

MILES TROUT
A&E Editor

"I was on my way to the PSATs, and I really wanted to listen to some music that I hadn't burned to CD," senior Brandt Witt said. "So I brought my iPod."

Though Witt assures everyone that the volume was low, the police lights were soon flashing behind him.

"I think my fine was around \$100... Maybe a bit more," Witt said.

Other driving distractions include applying makeup, eating, and using a cellphone while behind the wheel.

Twenty percent of drivers, mostly teenagers, text while they drive, according to CBS News. Much evidence illustrates that being distracted by electronics while driving causes accidents.

Currently, there is no federal law prohibiting cell phone use while driving, so it is up to state law to keep it under control.

Laws are being pushed in state capitals to prevent the accidents caused by distracted driving.

Maryland law currently stipulates that any driver under the age of eighteen cannot operate a hand held cell phone while driv-

ing, and no driver can text message while driving without facing a hefty fine. Where should Pennsylvania stand on this controversial issue?

On January 26, 2010, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives approved a cell phone driving ban for drivers under eighteen. The bill presently faces the Senate for review.

"Teen drivers lack experience... Distractions such as additional passengers in the vehicle, talking or texting on the cell phone, adjusting the radio, and eating while driving only compound the inexperience factor and increase the risk of a crash occurring," PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E., said in a PennDOT news release in October.

State legislators and PennDOT are not the only ones pushing to end distracted driving.

MSM—"Moms Sending the 'Msg"—is also taking the wheel in the prevention of distracted driving. Their pledge states that "Driving while distracted can be more dangerous than driving drunk. As moms, we want safer roads."

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute examined over six million miles of road to calculate that texting and driving makes a driver 23 times more likely to crash.

"I don't really text and drive much, but I do talk on the phone a lot while I'm driving," junior Nik Fritz said. "It seems safer to me."

Fritz is right that texting and driving is more dangerous. However, talking on the phone while driving has been proven to be more dangerous than driving while intoxicated.

Don't believe it? Ask Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman from the popular television show *Myth Busters*.

On a recent episode, the two tested the dangers of talking on a cell phone versus driving drunk. Their test proved that distracted driving is significantly more dangerous than driving drunk.

"I find that it's easy to zone out when talking on the phone and driving," Adam said. "We failed both the cell phone and the drunk-driving test, but we failed the cell phone test by a much bigger margin."

Dallastown's own Courtney Meise can attest to the dangers of talking and driving.

"I was driving to a friend's house and I called him. I went to switch lanes and almost hit the car next to me," Meise said.

"I try not to talk to people while driving anymore," she continued. "It really scared me, and it's one of those things that had to happen for me to stop talking while driving."

The dangers of distracted driving are irrefutable.

Though sometimes it is impossible not to be distracted while driving, maybe it's time to put the cell phone down and drive like Mr. Smeltzer, Mr. Thoman, Miss Richards, and Mr. Gerber taught us: safely.

horror stories

A distracted teen in Tennessee was putting a new cell phone cover on when her car crossed the line and struck another vehicle. Her car flipped one and a half times in midair and landed roof down on top of a rock. She lucked out and escaped unharmed.

Four teens left a party in Green Bay around 4 in the morning. Each teen was highly intoxicated and the music in the car was blasting at full volume. The driver of the car had a call on her cell, and when she reached to answer, the car smashed into a tree at 70 m.p.h. No one wore seatbelts and all were taken to the hospital. It turns out the call was from a worried friend who was going to ask the driver not to leave the party.

A woman trying to download a ringtone ran over a cyclist in the middle of the road.

A man with his new girlfriend in the car was driving down I-85 at 80 mph while checking his cell phone. He crashed head on into still traffic causing damage up to four cars ahead of him. The man was barely hurt, but his girlfriend suffered many broken bones and bruised organs and was hospitalized for several months. Needless to say, they were no longer an item after the collision.

A truck driver struck a 71 year old woman after he ran a red light while checking his Blackberry's navigation. The woman pressed charges and was awarded 4.1 million dollars.

A girl and her brother veered off the road while she was texting. The girl lay unconscious and injured in the middle of the road while her brother crawled several miles to get help with a broken leg. They both survived, but the girl was paralyzed from the chest down.

How
should
we
solve
the

of distracted driving?

"Turn up the music real loud so no one in the car can hear to talk. Quality resolution."

Reed Salony
Senior

"I always put my purse and phone in the back so it's not next to me to distract me while I drive."

Rachel Herbst
senior

"Keep carpooling limited to one or two people if you're doing the driving; make sure these people aren't annoying or entirely distracting either."

Lauren Gillespie
sophomore

"I made a playlist on my Zune of songs I knew I'd always want to listen to, and I make sure to hook it up to my stereo before I ever put the car in drive."

Ashley Eckenrode
senior

"Only screw around with stuff at stop signs."

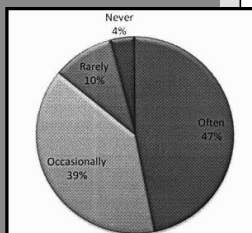
Ben Naill
senior

Distracted Driving

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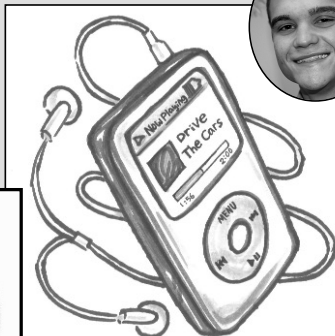


I change the radio station often, because listening to two Justin Bieber songs in a row is hazardous.
Emily Perkinson
senior



Since I like different kinds of music, I sometimes have to change the radio to match my mood... normally old school rap or rock.

Brett Jensen
senior



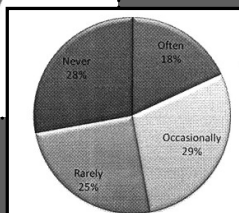
...changing the radio or iPod?



No, because I have enough problems walking and texting. I can't imagine trying to drive.



Casey Swank
junior



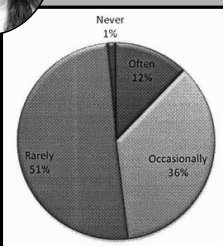
...texting on your cell phone?



Yes, I do text when I drive. I do so, because I need to multi-task.
Matt Ruth
senior



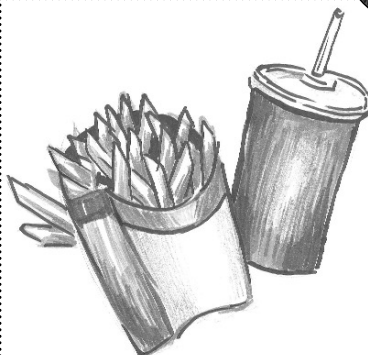
Yes, I eat and drive, sometimes I don't have time to sit down and eat, I'm too busy, or I'm too hungry.
Mia Duffy
senior



...eating or drinking?

When I'm running behind, I'll eat my breakfast on the way to school, which is interesting when you consider that I drive stick.

Codie Beck
senior



All graphics submitted by senior Kat Phillips

...applying makeup?



I don't normally wear make up, but when I do, I certainly wait till the drive is over. Anything else would be scary dangerous.

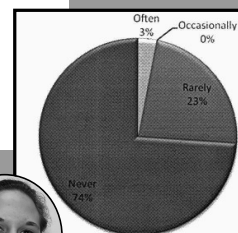
Sarah Wagner
junior



I usually apply my eyeliner while driving.



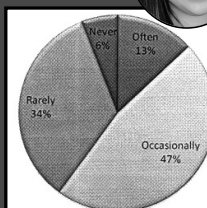
It makes my life more interesting.
Jared Wagner
senior



...talking on the phone?

Occasionally. That does not require me to do much besides hold a phone to my ear.

Connie Chen
senior



Yes I talk on the phone while driving. I put it on speaker so I don't have to worry about how I am going to hold it. It's way more easy that way.

Erin Grothouse
senior



Shaving Off Seconds



Left to right Derek Peiffer, Alex Pandelidis, and Ever Gonzalez flaunt their new doos with school spirit. Peiffer's head features a storm cloud with a lightning bolt. Pandelidis has Pacman on top and Gonzalez has a spider. photo by Lauren Kaufmann

Swimmers buzz their scalps for speed and spirit prior to the District Championships.

JENA PRATS
Of-the-Month Editor

The DAHS Swim Team is always looking for ways to shave seconds off their race times; however, the week before the District Championships makes that literal.

"It takes two different nights: on Tuesday we dye a design in their hair, and on Wednesday we shave a design and re-dye," senior Karley Marquet said.

Theoretically, when the team members shave their legs, arms, and heads before districts, they are improving their aerodynamics in the pool and, thus, swimming faster times as a result.

"I'm pretty sure the head

shaving helps a swimmer go faster. We also taper before districts (decreasing yardage so we're fully rested up coming in to the meet). With the taper and body shaving, I have knocked off significant time in my swims in all my district meets," senior Alex Pandelidis said.

However, streamlining is not the only thing gained by the hair loss.

"It's both a mental and physical thing. Shaving does, in fact, make swimmers fast, but it's not that much of an impact. A lot of it is mental; it gets us all hyped up. The girls can't shave [their legs] until districts, so it's exciting to look like a normal girl again," Marquet said.

According to some swimmers and the coach, the real magnitude of the practice may lie more in morale boost and ritualism of the practice.

"It's definitely a team-building activity. You're giving up that last bit—your hair. Does it help with the swimming a little bit? A little bit," Coach Howley said.

"It's a great tradition

because it's fun seeing everyone's hair all weird and it helps keep your mind off the actual meet, so you're not nervous the whole week before districts," Pandelidis agreed.

The exact origin of this tradition is as ambiguous as its true purpose.

"The shaving tradition started well before I arrived on the scene," Howley said.

Regardless of the reasons or the history, this annual swimming phenomenon is a favorite for participants and observers alike.

"I definitely love the shaving tradition for the swim team. It is something to look forward to every year. And for the guys, it's really fun to see the different patterns in their hair and just how crazy they look in general," Marquet said.

One thing is for certain: this tradition is timeless and will be a well-respected practice for years to come.

"It's tradition, so, you know, you can't really mess with too much," senior Ever Gonzalez said.

Golden Moments

Beacon writer Sean Spencer counts down his Top 5 Olympic moments from Vancouver.

5. Apolo Ohno

Apolo Ohno participates in short-track speedskating, which is one of the most difficult sports in the Olympics. speedskating incorporates sharp turns and lots of passing, making crashes very common. These crashes often cause some of the best skaters to be eliminated from medal contention; however, they have hardly affected Ohno, who won three medals in the 2010 Olympics and became the most decorated Winter Olympian in U.S. history with 8 medals, passing Bonnie Blair who held the record with six medals.

4. Bode Miller

In the 2006 Olympic Games, Bode Miller let down the entire country by failing to win a single medal. Miller even considered quitting after he performed that poorly, but he decided to rededicate himself to skiing instead. Miller won 3 Olympic medals in these games, bringing his career total to 5. Every time a camera showed Miller; he was seen with a big smile—even when on the bubble waiting to see if his time would be beat.

3. Evan Lysacek

Men's figure skater Evan Lysacek had one of the greatest upsets in the entire games. Lysacek defeated Russian skater Evgeni Plushenko to capture the gold medal. Lysacek skated well before some of the other contenders, and he put the pressure on them by skating a perfect routine. Plushenko was unable to beat Lysacek even after completing his quadruple axle several times throughout his routine. Plushenko was so convinced that he should have won that he made a platinum medal for himself the next day.

2. Lindsey Vonn

Lindsey Vonn proved her toughness in the women's downhill skiing event. Vonn was the main story of the Olympics before any events had even taken place due to her severe shin injury. In fact, some doubted that Vonn would even be able to compete. Well, Vonn not only competed, but she won a gold medal in the downhill. It was clear that she was removing weight from her bad leg during the race, and she still managed to win. Tears flooded her face after the race as she had achieved her lifelong goal of winning an Olympic gold medal, despite the obstacles she had to overcome.

1. U.S. vs. Canada (Hockey)

The U.S. vs. Canada hockey game was by far the most watched event in North America of the Olympics. The U.S. won the first meeting against Canada earlier in the Olympics, and the two teams eventually met again in the finals. Canada got off to a two nothing lead but the U.S. cut Canada's lead to one by the third period. The U.S. was still down with a minute left in the game, so they pulled their goalie in order to increase their chances of scoring; however, this hardly ever works. Zac Parise provided the U.S. with a miracle goal with less than thirty seconds remaining in regulation sending the game to overtime. Then, Sidney Crosby scored the game-winning goal for Canada in overtime, setting the arena into an uproar.

Students Have Their Eye on the Mark

Dallastown JROTC scores high marks, finishing 11th in recent national rifle competition.

BRENNA COOPER
Staff Writer

Rumbles and roars of gun shots from thirty-three feet away. . .

Sophomores Tim Fry, Alex Bollis, Devin Fink, Ryan Bollman and Senior Chelsea Hoecke are used to those sounds.

Lt. Colonel Innerst is in charge of Dallastown JROTC and its marksmanship team.

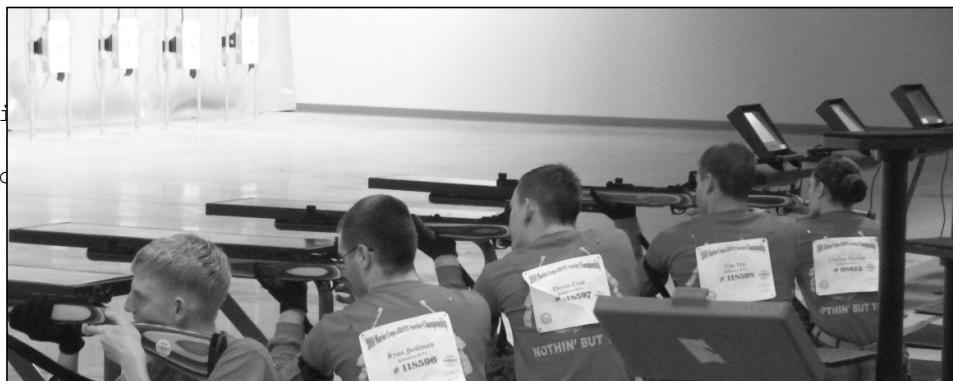
Innerst accompanied the marksmanship team to a competition for the second year along with First Sergeant Matthew Corwin who joined the JROTC program last May.

The elimination process to choose participants for the marksmanship program consists of picking the students with the highest shooting scores.

"We started with 16 shooters and whoever scores the highest goes on," Corwin said.

Students who participate in the marksmanship program meet every Monday and Wednesday to practice, where they shoot at an AR-5/10 placed 33 feet away.

The students competed in a two-day event, the National Air



Left to right Alex Bollis, Ryan Bollman, Devin Fink, Tim Fry, and Chelsea Hoecke line up their sights at the shooting range in Camp Perry, Ohio. photo submitted

Rifle competition in Camp Perry, Ohio. Dallastown's team finished 11th against teams from all over the country.

Here, the students had the opportunity to fire their guns at an electronic range.

"The electronic range they used is the most modern range in the country," Innerst said.

At the end of March they participated in yet another competition in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

At this event, they were not the only ones who were judged.

Dallastown's JROTC unit finished in third place among 27 Marine Corps JROTC units.

Cadets Matt Sherron, Timon Davis, Ben Demandante, Chelsea Hoecke, Grace Taylor,

Gabrielle DeSanti, Karley Marquette, and Tyler Helsel won the physical training competition.

Cadets Christina Gigliotti, Mike Beechey, Victoria Szmajda, and Kareem Plaza finished second in the Academic Bowl. They were led by Mike Beechey's 98% score on the difficult 159 question test.

The drill and color guard teams were led by Chelsea Hoecke, Kyle Richards, and Taige Snyder.

The nationally ranked marksmanship team just missed placing but did well enough for the leathernecks to place in the competition. 44 cadets competed and supported this event.

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Concussions Cause Controversy

Some Dallastown students are finding it harder to keep their heads in the game.

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"I felt like I let my team down because I couldn't play for three whole months," senior Stevie Younker said reflecting on her concussion.

High school athletes are bigger, faster, and stronger than ever before. Yet, students are sustaining head injuries at an alarming rate more than ever.

Younker along with many other Dallastown student athletes has had to endure concussions for a huge amount of his or her season.

According to Pennsylvania Athletic Trainer's Society, nearly 3.8 million sports related concussions occur each year in high school as well as professional leagues.

Therefore, high school athletes are three times more likely to get a second concussion if concussed once during their season due to their intensity.

Unfortunately, due to the amount of students who participate in a sport, many of the athletes have been unlucky enough to experience these head-on collisions.

"I was tripped and slammed from behind on my head yielding a concussion that ended my sophomore soccer season," senior Katie Alban said.

Brett Jensen, a senior, has also experienced a cut-short season when he was concussed in the beginning of sophomore football season.

This year, junior Johnny Hyman missed the rest of his wrestling season after a concus-



A Dallastown student takes the IMPACT test in the training room to determine whether he has a concussion. After being shown a list of words, students are later asked to recall which words appeared on the original list. This is just one of several activities involved with the IMPACT test, which all Dallastown athletes are required to take. *photo by Cassidy Shearer*

sion.

Dallastown is not the only place where concussions are causing trouble.

After a Washington high school football player's concussion had been medically cleared to play, he died shortly later during a game this past fall.

Because of this traumatizing incident, at least half-a-dozen states are considering to take steps to toughen the restrictions of young athletes after head injuries.

A new law is being petitioned stating that athletes under the age of eighteen who show concussion symptoms cannot take the field again without a licensed health care provider's written approval.

Most symptoms for concussions include, constant

headaches, light-headedness, and occasional memory loss.

The newly petitioned law does not mean just passing the IMPACT test taken at Dallastown, but instead a letter of consent.

Dallastown's Athletic Trainer, Mrs. Laura Regner agrees that there should be a definite change but not necessarily this law.

"I like the IMPACT test; it is a great tool to manage concussions but six months is a little overboard and concussions need to be managed case by case not generally in six months," Regner said.

The House Bill 2060, not only proposes the new law, but also states the risks associated with continuing to play after a concussion or head injury.

Representative Tim Briggs urges the petition for the new law.

"Concussions are nothing to shake off and we need to make sure we do everything we can to protect our student athletes from serious injury," Briggs said.

According to the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainer's Society, only three out of ten athletes who are concussed are neurologically examined.

Younger athletes' brains are still developing, they often need longer to recover from a concussion, and the risk of a catastrophic injury is greater if they return to the field too quickly.

Pennsylvania's stance on the newly proposed law is still to be determined: to suck it up or to coddle? Remember though, it could mean life or death.

WINTER SPORTS Wrap-ups

Led by Woody and Waltz, Swimming and Diving Find Post Season Success

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The Wildcats blew it out of the water this year at the 2009-2010 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships held at Bucknell University on March 17-18 at Kinney Natatorium.

The girls' 200 and 400 free relay qualified for states, consisting of Julie Brown, Laura Miller, Shelley O'Connor, and Jen Flinchbaugh.

Brown also swam in the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Junior Gerard Woody was the only guy from Dallastown participating at states, swimming the 100 fly and 100 back.

"I think we all swam well for being tapered and coming out of a long season. We had an awesome year; we had a goal which was no matter what you do, always look good. We did more than we were asked," said Woody.

Getting experience this year as an alternate was sophomore Teresa Casalo.

Senior Leigh Waltz placed 3rd in the state and took home a bronze medal in diving with a score of 407.90.

"Even though we had a lot of seniors graduate last year, we were able to pull together this year. We worked really hard and stayed positive throughout this season," Waltz said. "Qualifying to states is every athlete's goal in high school, so getting third place really meant a lot to me."

Wrestlers End Season with State Medal for Sprenkle

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Coach Matt Striebig's first season as varsity wrestling coach came to a close in early March with his first state place winner.

Junior Phil Sprenkle took home the fourth place medal in the 189 lb. weight class at the PIAA State Wrestling Championships held at Hershey's Giant Center.

Two weeks prior, Sprenkle and his teammate, senior Tyler Hoover both medaled at the District III tournament. Sprenkle placed second and Hoover placed fourth. The top three moved on to states.

Although Hoover just missed his chance to compete at the state level, he finished his career at Dallastown with an impressive 125-38 record and a lot of memories.

"The best things that I will take from my years as a Dallastown wrestler are all of the friendships," Hoover said.

Fortunately for the Wildcats, Sprenkle will return next year along with other District qualifiers Mike Shoemaker, Cooper Deller, and Josh Burg.

Racing for a Reason

Dallastown will organize a team for York's annual Race Against Racism.

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For the fourth year in a row, people in York County have a chance to get involved in one of the biggest issues that is faced all around the world.

The Race Against Racism is a 5K event hosted by the YWCA, the York County Community Against Racism, and the York City Human Relations Commission.

The Race is part of YWCA York's mission to eliminate racism throughout the county.

The Race is also held in many other cities nationally, all occurring at different times. The purpose of the Race is to unite communities against racism.

In our area, the Race will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010, starting at 320 E. Market Street. The Race begins at 9:00 am.

Dallastown Area High School has its own team competing in the Race Against Racism. The DAHS Team competes

against other York County Schools.

Art teacher Miss Doyon, put together the Dallastown Team and is very supportive of this cause.

"When you can have fun doing something good for the community, there is no reason not to do it"

When asked why she got involved, Doyon said, "To support the community's goal to eliminate racism, and to become more exposed to cultural diversity."

Several Dallastown students who participated in the Race Against Racism last year were quick to encourage others to participate in the Race.

"It just felt really great to get out there and do something with the community," junior Wes Croucher said.

"I had a lot of fun participating. When you can have fun doing something good for the community, there is no reason not to do it," junior Jackson White said.

Anyone interested in participating in this year's Race Against Racism should contact Miss Doyon in the Art Department or Madame Botterbusch in the World Language Department.

GYM CLASS HEROES



BADMINTON CHAMPIONS PERIOD 1, DAYS 1 & 3

The pairs above used their superior shuttlecock skills to capture first and second place in their gym class and earn the title of GYM CLASS HEROES for the month of March.

(right) First place: Tyler Laucks and Alex Lehman
(left) Second Place: AJ Lutz and Ben Johnston



This month, Eric was blown away by explosive new war film *Hurt Locker*

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I always try to be a trailblazer whenever I'm looking for music or movies.

There is just such a sense of reward in hearing something that few others have heard or seeing something that few others have seen. On this month's choice, however, I could not have jumped onto a bigger bandwagon.

During the 82nd Academy Awards, *The Hurt Locker* was awarded six Oscars, including Best Director and Best Picture, and for good reason.

The Hurt Locker is probably the most gripping film I have ever seen, as in I gripped the arm of my couch so hard I gave myself carpal tunnel.

Set in Iraq, the movie revolves around an explosives ordinance disposal team during the war.

It starts out with a bang, quite literally, as team leader Thompson is killed while trying to detonate an improvised explosive device.

Soon after, Sergeant First Class William James, an incredibly skilled, yet incredibly brash bomb tech, replaces Thompson.

At first, the plot just seems like it is going to be a standard "We're different, but we have to work together" template, but it soon comes into its own.

Unfortunately that is about all I can tell you about the movie.

It is so intense that I guarantee you will be able to hear your heart beat throughout 75%

of this movie, which really lends itself to the experience is watching it. I wouldn't want to ruin those moments.

Don't get the impression this movie is all shootouts and explosions.

The Hurt Locker is actually pretty slow at parts, which is necessary for a movie about this subject.

The thing is, though, that even the slow moments are so thick with tension that you won't even notice.

One aspect of this movie that really has to be respected is that fact that it is not pro-war or anti-war. It simply shows the reality on the ground and allows the viewer to come to his or her own conclusion.

This is the hallmark of an excellent war movie.

I fully recommend taking a gander at *The Hurt Locker*, but before you do so take a few aspirin to lower your blood pressure, do a few deep breathing exercises, and file down your nails so you don't rip through your couch cushions.

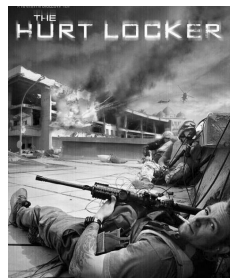


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Video Contest for PSA's

Students make public service announcements about drug and alcohol dangers for local contest

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Drugs, alcohol, peer pressure; all very controversial issues. Dallastown's SASA (Students Against Substance Abuse) held a media contest to get Dallastown students to make videos to address the problems that come along with those issues.

SASA members, Audio and Visual class students, and anyone else interested were challenged to make a thirty second radio message, a thirty second television video, or a five minute television video.

The topics that the participants could choose from included the impact of drugs, alcohol, prevention and awareness of the dangers involved.

"The goal of doing this is to get more people involved in getting the message across," SASA

instructor, Mr. Gable said.

While the contest was voluntary for all of Dallastown, the TV Production class was required to make a video for the contest. Overall, the students enjoyed making the videos.

"It was fun! We all made short stories, and for the most part, they were all actually really good," senior Katie Austin said.

Austin's video was about a girl making a decision on whether or not to go to a party or stay home and have a movie night with her friends. After dreaming of the two scenarios and of what could happen at each, the girl chose the movie night.

Students could be as creative and unique with the videos as they wanted. As long as the message was made clear, creativity was encouraged.

SASA members, Mr. Klinedinst, and Mr. Gable are the three deciding votes that chose the two top videos from Dallastown.

In the five minute video category, junior Naomi Fort took first place, Nir Sinay took first place in the thirty second video contest, and junior Josh Mazzoni took first in the thirty second radio portion of the contest.

The winning videos will all be entered in the York County Media Contest and represent Dallastown.

Not only are the videos that win going to be used on local radio and television stations, but cash rewards are rewarded to the students with the most creative and informative video.

Here at Dallastown, the videos won't go to waste, either.

"The videos are going to be shown at prom and graduation to encourage good decisions during these two big nights," Mr. Gable said.

The goal of SASA is to get the facts of drugs and alcohol to Dallastown students. This video contest is just another way for the dedicated club to get other students involved.

Most students find that the SASA videos are very beneficial to DAHS.

"I think it's great the DAHS's SASA held this competition. It's a great way to get students involved in the campaign against drug abuse," senior Nir Sinay said.

At the York County Media Contest five of the seven Dallastown entries place from first to third in the various categories. Dallastown won the overall competition.

Capturing D-Town Diversity with Cameras

DASD joins the Schools With Cameras exhibit.

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Diversity, school spirit, friendships, and culture; whatever the case is DAHS has all of those and more.

Diversity is an important issue that Dallastown has been trying to address. Schools with Cameras, a traveling photo exhibit that showcases eleven York county schools, is one way that Dallastown is addressing it.

"I think it's very interesting and shows what our school is all about," Junior Chelsea Grove said.

Partnering with the JCC, York county schools have decided to have a Schools with

Cameras photo exhibit.

"The goal of this is to capture our school's diversity, culture, friendships, activities, and spirit," Miss Doyan, the chairman of this campaign, said.

The School with Cameras is a spin-off of an International projects called Kids with Cameras-Jerusalem. The coordinator of that group wanted to give Arab children a safe way to get their voices heard. Kids were chosen to take pictures of their own personal world, and the photos were put on display to show similarities that they all possessed.

On the local level, the York JCC Diversity Acceptance Director decided to start a local version of the project. Tired of hearing and seeing labels, stereotypes, and misunderstandings about York county school districts, Schools with Cameras

was put into action.

Eleven York county schools, including Dallastown added ten photos to the project. The project travels to all of the participating schools until May.

"I looked at all the other schools and Dallastown had the best pictures and expressed who we really are," Junior Joey Biddix said.

Students can even participate in and fill out a scavenger hunt and win a \$50 gift certificate to the store of their choice.

The display is at Dallastown from March 19th through March 24th.

"It's a good idea that they're giving a gift card away to anyone who joins in on the scavenger hunt and wins," Grove said.

Even though the exhibit of pictures are over at Dallastown, it only means the search for Diversity has just begun.

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Spiderman

Beacon Battle

Two of the most popular masked superheroes in history have met for the first time. D.C. Comics' Batman faced off with Marvel's Spiderman in a struggle between two pop culture icons. The votes were counted and the hero that fought his way to the top was the Dark Knight leaving Peter Parker without his mask.

"I would like to be Spiderman so I could swing women around with me."
Freshman
Jordan Martin

"He looks better in spandex. Batman wears a cape. Ew."
Sophomore
Felice Mendez

"Anyone can be rich, but Spiderman has actual powers."
Teacher
Mr. Jansen

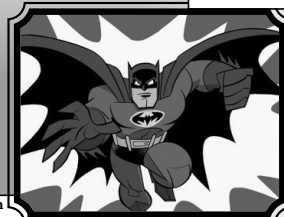
"He is the ultimate web slinging, badguy fighting, friendly neighborhood superhero!"
Senior
Andrew Laucks

"He can climb walls and sling web! Who wouldn't want those powers?"
Senior
Tyler Myers

"Toby McGuire or Christian Bale? Batman for sure."
Senior
Hannah Groff

"Batman had to work too hard to be an awesome fighter, Spiderman just got lucky."
Freshman
Justin Barnett

"I'm wearing Batman boxers right now."
Freshman
Bill Lytle



Batman

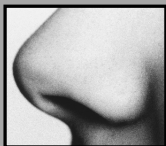
"Batman actually thinks. He uses his brain and doesn't rely on super powers."
Student Teacher
Miss Hablitz

"He has that dank batmobile and his moves are sweeter."
Junior
Will Delp

"Two words. ADAM WEST"
Sophomore
Wade Cook

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PICK ME!



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



To Rent...

Jason Bourne Films

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If you are looking to dive into a suspenseful action packed movie, then the Bourne films is your number one pick. Matt Damon plays Jason Bourne and does the role justice and helps make the unbelievable believable. The Bourne trilogy is a series of spy films based on the character Jason Bourne, a former CIA assassin suffering from retrograde amnesia. The Bourne Identity, the Bourne Supremacy, and The Bourne Ultimatum are all based on the books written by brilliant Robert Ludlum. The first movie Jason Bourne is found floating in the Mediterranean Sea with two gunshot wounds in his back and has no recognition of who he is. He subsequently attempts to discover his true identity while countering attempts on his life by CIA assassins, eventually realizing that he is one such assassin who failed to complete his most recent mission. In the Bourne Supremacy, Bourne is framed for a crime connected to one of his past missions, and he is determined to find out about his forgotten past, thinking that the CIA are hunting him down. Throughout the last film, The Bourne Ultimatum, Bourne unravels an operation that has targeted U.S. citizens and the cliff hanger ending will flabbergast anyone.



To Go See...

Alice In Wonderland

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Imagine living a reoccurring dream in your average day. Within this dream, technical colors surround the atmosphere around you. Welcome to Alice's everyday life. Directed by Tim Burton, Alice in Wonderland is yet another childhood-memory remake. Taking different twists, Alice, played by Australian actress Mia Wasikowska, finds herself living her dream quite literally. Ever since Alice was a little girl, her dreams lead her to a world of mystery and magic. Just like the original made in 1951, this movie keeps you on your feet continuously asking yourself, "Will she ever get home?" The directing and unbelievable editing defiantly makes this movie worth the full \$7.25.

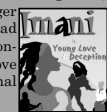


To Read...

Imani In Young Love and Deception

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The novel Imani in young love and deception is one out of the many young adult novels written by Jackie Hardrick. This novel describes what's happening now to teenagers. This is love, drugs, sex, school, divorce, and decisions that affect our future. All the different stories are real life situations the youth have confronted. Imani being the main character struggles whether or not to follow her mom's footsteps or take a different turn in her life and proceed to college. While Imani tries to do things right, Fatima has discovered she has Chlamydia, a disease that is sexually transmitted. As she suffers throughout this devastating news, Tyler lives a life of popularity; the guy every teenager thinks they have always wanted. As teens read through this novel they discover the reality and consequences of those teens who are drawn by lies, love and deception. This promises to be an inspirational message for all who read it.



To download...

Orianthi

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At 24 years old, Orianthi has already done what most well known artist only dream of. She's managing her own band, is killer pro at the guitar, opened for her hero (Steve Vai), and was invited to tour with the late king of pop, Michael Jackson. Growing up on the southern tip of Australia with a father in a Greek band and instruments spread across the house, it wasn't surprising when Orianthi took a fondness to music. She's been playing and mastering guitar for over fifteen years, and rocks harder than most women in bands these days. She's currently topping the charts with her hit 'According to You' and is on tour which ends on May 15th.



That's So Bro-mantic

By: Jordan Nicholson, Co-editor-in-chief

Why straight males find security and happiness in s friendships with other straight males.

From Nickelodeon's *Drake and Josh* to Dallastown juniors Phil Sprenkle and Ben Kline, straight male relationships are becoming more dominant in today's society.

"People have commented that it is weird, but Phil just gets me," Kline says.

These two aren't alone in the fact that they just enjoy spending time together in their bromance.

The term *bromance* is defined as the complicated affection shared by two straight men. It is a combination of the words *brother* and *romance*.

Although the members of a bromance are not attracted to one another, some jokingly refer to the relationships as "man-crushes."

Though the relationships of the two are not intimately involved, their secret-keeping and late night sleepovers are just two aspects of a friendship with no judgments attached.

"Matthias has always been a caring and reliable friend," senior Ethan Boyle says on his friendship with senior Matthias Wagman.

Originally coined as a term to describe the relationship between skate boarders who spend a great deal of time together, the term has expanded to mean so much more.

In the 1990's, Hollywood reporters started recognizing this entangled companionship by the pioneer bromance couple of Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

"Rumors about me? Calista Flockhart, Pam Anderson, and Matt Damon. That's who I'm dating," Affleck once said in an interview on his tight friendship with Damon.

As with Affleck and Damon, men in a bromance have typically known each other for a very long time. Wisegeek.com says that they often share a brotherly love and strong respect for one another.

"It is common for a bromance to express itself in the form of physical affection such as wrestling and hugging, but the relationship also goes deeper. Often, the men become close with each other's families, spending time with them and considering themselves to be almost like members of the family."

Bromances are notorious for the heterosexual relationship between two or more guys that want to open themselves into sharing more feelings.

According to needtoknow.com, the bromance is completely normal.

"Guys in a bromance are just like every other pair of best friends. They tell each other everything and spend a lot of time together."

From the hit movie, *I Love You Man*, which in fact focuses on Paul Rudd trying to find the perfect male friendship, to MTV's showing of *Bromance*, a show that men compete on to win Brody Jenner's friendship, the word "bromance" has trickled down from Hollywood and the skate parks to Dallastown High School's very own "bromantic" teens.

Hollywood's Hottest Bromances



Ben Affleck & Matt Damon
the first bromance.



Drake and Josh have their own television show on Nickelodeon about their bromance.



Paul Rudd & Jason Segel from the movie *I Love You Man*.

Dallastown's Dynamic Duos



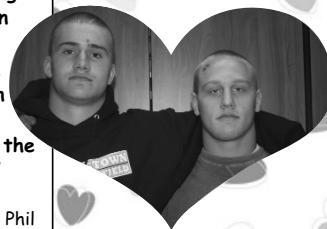
"He is always there for me."
seniors
Matthias Wagman & Ethan Boyle

"We just connect.
We spend pretty much every weekend together."
freshmen
Tim Faust & Mark Spitz



"We're just Frisbee bros.
We're not gay."
seniors
Randy Marks, Alex Pandelidis, & Ever Gonzalez

"When we get torn down by our girlfriends, that's when we need each other the most."
juniors
Ben Kline & Phil Sprenkle



"He knows how to hold me."
senior Eric Chesnut
"He makes me laugh"
senior Mike Lyter



trend

OF THE MONTH

BY JESSIE RAMAGE

Big ones, bold ones, bright ones, dull ones. No, this isn't another rhyme by Dr. Seuss, it's a fashion statement. Big earrings are yet another thing making its way back into the fashion scene.

Big earrings date back to the caveman and Egyptian years. In every generation there has been one account of big earrings, including today.

"I just wore these because, well they're cute, but they also matched my outfit," junior Mariah Zimmerman said. Whether matching them with an outfit, wearing them out to a fancy get together, or just making a bold statement, big earrings have become all the rage.

However, big ear rings are not the only big and bold fashion statement for the ears.

Gauging.

That's right, gauging, a gradual process of stretching ear lobes.

Normally, ear piercings are pierced with a 20 gauge, or 18 gauge needle, but for those who want to step out of the line are going bigger.

"I just like it because it's not what you're use to seeing," senior Ricky Dowd said.

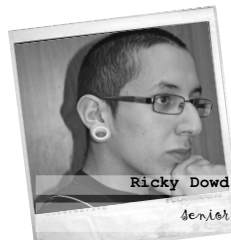
Gauges run from a typical 20 gauge piercing to a 3 inch gauge.

Although the process is painful, a handful of Dallastown Area High School students find it to be well worth it.

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lobes



mariah lytle & sara bareilles

look-a-like
OF THE MONTH

BY JESSIE RAMAGE

facial hair

You see them in magazines, movies, T.V shows and even our very own Dallastown Area High School. Men with facial hair seem to be very common this month.

Stretching from a simple mustache to a full grown caveman look, our Dallastown boys are finding themselves leaving their razors behind and participating in the winter trend.

"I just get lazy and don't really feel like keeping up with it," junior Zach Licklider said.

However, other students find a beard to be a goal.

"I knew I always wanted one, so I just let it grow," senior Alan Derrick said.

Although spring is here and the facial hair will gradually disappear, the shaggy faces have made their mark this season.

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