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NEWS BRIEFS

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Four New Members Voted in to Dallastown School Board

The local elections were held on Tuesday, November 3 for the four open seats on the school board for the Dallastown Area School District.

In Region 1, Kenneth Potter and Lauren Rock won the two available seats by defeating Larry Wolfe.

Don Jasmann defeated Sue Heistand to win Region 2, and in Region 3, Margaret Ibex defeated Brian Larson.

The new members take their place on the school board in January.

The school board election was not the only local battle.

Former DAHS principal Dr. George W.W. Jones, Jr. defeated incumbent Dennis Ness for a spot as a York Township Commissioner.

Jones retired as Dallastown principal in 2005 and was replaced by current principal Dr. Fauth.

Battle of the Bands Returns to Fall Festival

Dallastown's 2009 Battle of the Bands turns out to be a huge success, in spite of last year's hiatus.

The event, sponsored by the senior class and held during the annual Dollars for Scholars Fall Festival, raised nearly 500 dollars to support the Class of 2010.

Invitations were extended to bands from other schools, and Northeastern's Blue Voodoo accepted the offer.

"It was nice to see the support for each of the bands," said Senior Class Advisor Ms. Tina Robertson. "The turnout exceeded our expectations."

In the end, Blue Voodoo clinched third place.

The National Velvet, comprised of sophomores Jason Wharton and Ryan Bender, placed second, and Bonnie and the Arbitters, with Kat Phillips, Jared Wagner, and Bonnie Arbittier, took home first place.

Getting Safe from Swine Flu

Students form a line to get vaccinated against the H1N1 virus.

NIR SINAY
Staff Writer

"They took my temperature; I had a fever at 103 degrees. I spent the rest of that week with a sore body, no appetite, and a constant wave of nausea."

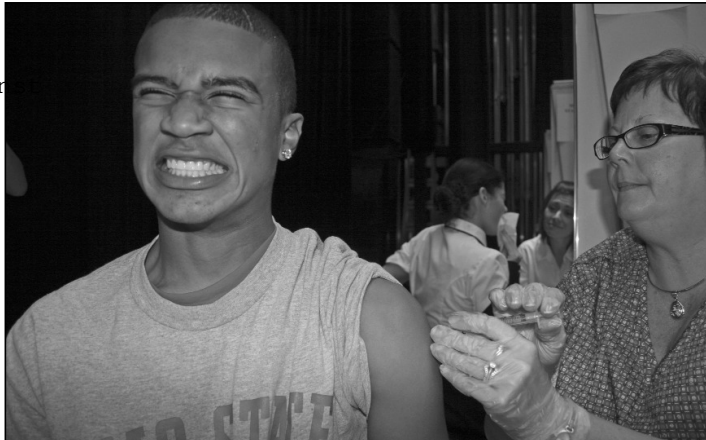
Mike Eisenhouer, a senior at DAHS, had swine flu in early September. "I have no clue how I got it, you usually don't know who gave it to you," Eisenhouer said.

In response to the spread of the virus, DASD took matters into their own hands.

On November 12, 2009, DAHS students filed into the auditorium with their social science classes to receive the H1N1 vaccine.

The Dallastown vaccination process included both the injection vaccine and the FluMist.

There was still a large amount of controversy surrounding the vaccine. Many people suspected that it was not safe due to the speed that it was produced. Mrs. Harvey, the school



Freshman Keith Matthews flinches as he receives the vaccine for the H1N1 virus. In all, 1154 Dallastown High School students were vaccinated in the two day period. *photoby Nir Sinay*

nurse, is quick to explain the safety of the vaccine.

"The vaccine is completely safe and effective. The seasonal flu shot was released before they were able to include the H1N1 strand in the flu mix cocktail. So even though it was produced quickly, it still shouldn't worry anyone," Harvey said.

"It's free, and I don't want to get sick, why wouldn't I get it?"

junior, Brynna Kilishek states. People were also hesitant to receive the spray because the spray form of the vaccine contained a live, but inactive virus versus the injection, which contains the dead one.


Due to a shortage of injections, all students who circled "either" on the vaccine preference form were given the FluMist.

"I wasn't too happy with being forced to get the spray. 'Either' provides me with an option, and I wasn't given that option," senior Sophie Zhang said.


Regardless of which form students received, 61% of the student body in the high school is now vaccinated against H1N1, lessening the risk of an outbreak in our school.

Hell Talks

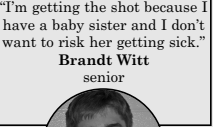
Are you getting the H1N1 Vaccine?




"I'm getting it. It's free—why not?"
Phil Mumaw
junior




"My parents heard bad things so they aren't letting me get it. I think people are making it into a bigger deal than it actually is."
Savannah Adams
freshman



"I'm getting the shot because I have a baby sister and I don't want to risk her getting sick."
Brandt Witt
senior



"I'm getting it because I'm going off to college and it's common among college campuses. I also don't want to get sick for wrestling season."
Brett Jensen
senior



"It may be necessary due to the doctor's predictions of a winter outbreak."
Mr. Melhorn
social studies

Two-Hour Delays: A Great Way to Start the Day

Teachers use monthly delays if meetings while students enjoy extra sleep.

ANGELA GIDDINGS
Staff Writer

Mornings are rough on everyone, but the teachers are taking one for the team this year. Beginning in November, DASD is switching up the calendar by placing two-hour delays

for teacher in-service on the first Tuesday of each month.

Was our school the first to come up with the two-hour delay idea?

Assistant Principal Mr. Molin answers, "No, it was a model that we developed from looking at other districts that had success with similar ideas."

Having already gotten the opportunity to sleep past the alarm, Dallastown sophomore, Abriel Donado shares her opinion on the first of the six scheduled delays.

"Sleeping in was the best, but finishing the day with school... not so much," Donado

said.

So, why delays and not half days?

"The idea was, we'll get a full day of school in, and we won't extend the school year in to summer," Molin said.

While the students are getting some extra "zzzs," teachers are coming to school on time for "staff development" meetings.

The extra hours are being utilized for teacher meetings focusing on bringing together the faculty members.

The first meeting was about getting to know colleagues and diversity in the workplace.

Teachers participated in

activities to set up examples of situations of diversity. A guest speaker was also present, sharing the newly modified golden rule, "treat others as they would wish to be treated."

The two-hour delays are also designed to provide time for the new staff of the intermediate school to have planning time with one another.

The next delay is set for December, and teachers will discuss Dallastown's district being certified for the AFG (Accreditation for Growth).

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FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

FIELD HOCKEY by JENA PRATS



Junior Katie Hemberger drives the ball down the field in the hopes of scoring a point to let Dallastown lead. *photo by Cassidy Shearer*

This fall, DAHS Field Hockey continued its tradition of excellence in its 45th season; the varsity team dominated the regular season with an 18-1-0 record. Such exemplary numbers inevitably brought the team an undefeated title (unattained since 1972's 10-0 season), its 7th consecutive league championship title, and a 1st place seed in the District Tournament.

"We were closer than ever this year and it showed in how we played. Everyone stepped up and gave all they had," senior Karley Marquet, the varsity goalie and co-captain, said.

On October 27, Dallastown faced Manheim Central High School in its first district game. Dallastown maintained a one-point lead until the last eight minutes, but lost in overtime 2-1.

"Our successes are numerous beyond the games. This year's team possessed the qualities that [create] success: commitment, competitiveness, teamwork, and fun," Coach Jeri Myers said.

The junior varsity team's season boasted thirteen wins, one tie, and four losses.

"We were disappointed by the loss, but this is one season I know I will never forget. Everyone stepped up and gave all they had," Marquet said.

GIRLS TENNIS by MOLLY NORTON

The 2009 season came to an end with the Girls Tennis team placing third in the county with their record being 5-2.

It was a tough year for the team after losing their number one player, Melissa Plowman, to graduation last year, but they all gave their best effort and placed third place.

Mrs. Gable, the girls' tennis coach couldn't be more proud of her team's performances and efforts.

"Our team has the best sportsmanship in the league and I am very proud of the girls for the way they represent Dallastown both with their athleticism and heart," Gable said.

The top four players qualified for county singles, and the top five qualified for county doubles. Sophomore Tori Davis placed fifth in the county and Junior Molly Norton placed sixth.

Overall, the one week pre-season, the five week season, and the one week post-season all seemed to fly by too fast for the girls.

"The season just goes by so fast, especially with only one week of pre-season this year, but hopefully next year we will have a really long post-season," Davis says.

This season may be over, but the team is already setting the bar for next year.

GOLF by SEAN SPENCER

In Dallastown's first year without long time coach, Mr. Kehr, who passed away last year, the Dallastown Golf team continued its domination, claiming the division title in a convincing manner.

With Coach Shoffner in place the team won their first four matches, sending a statement of authority to the rest of the teams in their division. The Wildcats were led by three star seniors: Jordan Donaldson, Sam Westenberger, and Sean Spencer. Sophomores Andrew Geesey and Kyle MacQueen, along with junior, Gino Nueslein provided the team with outstanding performances all season.

The Wildcats finished just behind York Catholic in the County Championship, while playing in wind gusts up to forty miles per hour; however, the day was not completely negative. Westenberger, Spencer, and Donaldson were all able to advance to districts in their final year with the team.

FOOTBALL by CASSIDY SHEARER

The DAHS football team had one of their most memorable games this season when they defeated Red Lion 42-17 making their way into district playoffs.

Despite a 2-4 start to the season, the Wildcats have been rallying earning them a spot in the postseason play. Their 6-4 record made them a definite threat to other teams in Districts.

The Wildcats lost in the first round of the District III playoffs to Central York but Coach Kevin Myers was extremely pleased with how the team played.

"We have been searching for our identity and we really found it the last couple weeks in season," Myers stated.

Leading the team were seniors Anthony DeFabio, Tyler Imhoff, and Justin Bull and juniors Ben Kline, Ford Reinalda, Josh Luckenbaugh, and Bobby Esiaba.

Football All-Conference Team Selections

First Team

Bobby Esiaba..... Defensive End
Nick Reed..... Offensive Guard
Garrett Hartman..... Defensive Tackle

Second Team

Anthony DeFabio.... Running Back
Tyler Imhoff..... Outside Linebacker
Jack Margavitch..... Defensive Back
Ben Kline..... Wide Receiver &
Inside Linebacker



Raising their helmets into the air, the football team comes together on the field at the end of the District game at Central York. For the seniors, this was their last game and the players and coaches lingered on the field to say their goodbyes. *photo courtesy of bullsplace.shutterfly.com*

BOYS SOCCER by KATIE AUSTIN

Losing only three games this whole season, the boys' soccer team has something to be proud of.

Starting off strong and winning their first four games, the Wildcats were looking good. When facing Susquehannock, last year's county champion, the Wildcats came out with a 2-3 loss.

Picking the pace back up, the boys won the next 14 games, 9 of them being shut-outs for junior goalkeeper Aaron Hennigan.

The Wildcat's season ended with a loss in the semi-finals of counties to Susquehannock, and in the first round of Districts to Chambersburg. Senior James Le was chosen as 2009 Co-Player of the year and earned All-State honors.

"Well, it feels good, but it was a team effort and everyone on the team helped me out, so I really have everyone else to thank for pushing me to get better and work harder," said Le.

Senior Joe Bagnall, sophomore Christian Kashack, and sophomore Shane Campbell also made the 2009 All-County team.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL by WES CROUCHER

The Varsity Girls volleyball team finished 10-3 this season which is "quite impressive," according to head coach Werner.

The Wildcats were placed 2nd in the Division 1 League this season. The Dallastown girls lost to Delone Catholic in the quarter finals at counties in five games. They also came really close beating Red Lion and Spring Grove in the regular season, their biggest rivals.

Coach Werner concludes, "I'm really proud of our hard work this year, considering we have a very young team, with only 3 seniors. From time to time we had some mental lapses, but overall, I'm very satisfied. I'm really excited to start back up again next year with the 7 upcoming seniors."

Sam Stover comments on her final year playing volleyball at Dallastown: "I'm really going to miss being on the team. I hope the girls continue the legacy of greatness."

At Districts, the Lady Wildcats got third in their pool, so they couldn't advance to quarter-finals.

CROSS COUNTRY by ZACH EINSIG

The DAHS Cross Country season was one of "Setting goals and exceeding expectations," Coach Noll said.

Emerging from the summer with a great running base, the guy's team achieved a record of 17-1 and the girl's achieved a record of 14-3.



Senior Chuck Lockwood poses with his fourth place medal at the PIAA State Cross Country Championships. *photo submitted*

Because of its effort and success, the guy's team became Division I champions which helped set up a competitive post season.

Five DAHS male runners and two female runners medaled at Leagues.

Success followed the guy's team to districts where Chuck Lockwood became the first DAHS guy to win a District III Championship and the team placed third.

As a result, the boys team qualified for states where Lockwood took fourth place and the team finished 15th.

Crossfit Craze Comes to Dallastown

Beaconwriter
Sean Spencer
joins the morning
Crossfit crew to
see what this
workout is all
about.

SEAN SPENCER
Staff Writer

Crossfit is the newest hit in fitness. It supplies a surprise every day and puts the saying "no pain, no gain" to the test.

Crossfit was created by Greg Glassman, who was a gymnast before he invented crossfit. According to the History of Crossfit, the training program has an 80% drop-out rate, which demonstrates the intensity of the workout.

The football, basketball, and wrestling teams are all giving crossfit a try. By doing these workouts, the teams are testing both their stamina and strength.

"It is a whole body workout. It is not sport specific and can benefit anyone. It is always changing and very fast paced," noted Mr. Richard, a gym teacher at Dallastown.

The gym teachers, along with a few other fitness obsessed faculty members at Dallastown, participate in crossfit every morning before school. Their

arrival time is at approximately six in the morning.

In order to understand the program, I went in one morning with the teachers to experience the workout for myself. I had no idea what to expect, but I feel I underestimated the intensity that was needed.

Waking up may still have been the hardest part of that morning for me, but the crossfit program for that day sure supplied an extra dosage of fatigue. Mr. Richard went onto the crossfit website to find my punishment.

We did what seemed like endless sets and repetitions of hang-cleans and dips. My arms were shaking, trying to complete each task. This was by far the most grueling workout I have ever done.

My arms and shoulders experienced an all new level of soreness for the next four days. I felt pain every time I tried to raise my hand in class to answer a question.

Mr. Richard and Mr. Thoman brought crossfit to Dallastown last December. They started by doing P90X, a fitness video, and then they went back to crossfit for the rest of the year, even through the summer.

The teachers at Dallastown are dedicated to this new program. Attendance records are kept to encourage everyone to



The clock on the wall of the weight room reads 6:33 a.m. as math teacher Mr. Chilcoat completes his set of dips. In the background, Beacon staff writer Sean Spencer takes a water break and both Mr. Goods (science and phys. ed) look on. The group comes to school on each morning at 6:00 a.m. for Crossfit training. photo by Wes Croucher

show up.

"The attendance records keep us all accountable. Everyone comes on a regular basis except one mysetery teacher who arrives late everyday," Richard said.

Crossfit gives the user a new workout routine everyday. The exercises can vary from pull-ups to double-unders to sumo deadlifts.

The physical changes experienced by participants are a huge reason for the growing popularity

in crossfit. Mr. Good, a gym teacher, mentions that he has lost twenty-pounds thanks to crossfit, and it has helped to tone his body.

"I noticed that I was physically capable of a more intense workout after just a week. I found myself getting stronger after just a few days," states Mr. Good, the science teacher.

Crossfit definitely takes its toll on anyone who gives it a try. All of the teachers state that

they have been sore for as long as four days, when participating in an extra intense session.

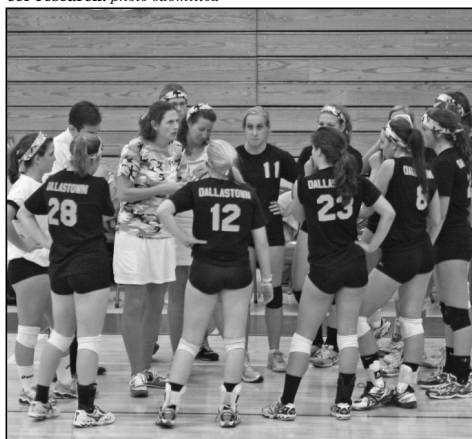
The workout may take its toll on the participants' bodies, but it provides a miraculous reward.

Teacher Participants Include:

Mr. Richard	Mr. Jansen
Mr. K. Myers	Mr. Chilcoat
Mr. Thoman	Mr. Melhorn
Mr. B. Good	
Mr. P. Good	



Above: Willy the Wildcat makes an appeal for donations at the field hockey game against Red Lion. The Cats sold pink shirts that read "Stick It To Cancer" to raise money for Mrs. Heffler's sister who is battling cancer. photo by Cassidy Shearer Below: Coach Werner and the Dallastown Girls Volleyball team participate in the Pink Out game against Dover last month. The Wildcats wore black shirts with pink lettering and sold pink camo shirts to raise money for cancer research. photo submitted



Sports Go Pink for a Cause

Volleyball and Field Hockey teams raise awareness and money for Cancer research.

JORDAN NICHOLSON
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Whether winding up for a spike or running to make a goal, the girls of both volleyball and field hockey made room for a certain shade of pink during their games that benefited breast cancer.

Both the girls' volleyball and field hockey teams wore pink at their games raising proceeds

that will be donated to the cancer research at the American Cancer Society.

The field hockey game was October 19 as the volleyball game was October 14.

"The Dover coach [Barb Grady] actually had breast cancer last year and could not teach or coach," states Coach Shannon Werner of the volleyball team.

The money raised by the field hockey team benefits Mrs. Heffler's sister, also conquering cancer.

Although the reasons for raising the money differed, their hearts were in the same place.

Both teams sold pink t-shirts to benefit this good cause.

"We wore our uniforms during the game, but warmed up in our pink tees. The lines of the field were also painted pink during our game verse Red Lion," senior Rachel Liegey states.

In contrast, the volleyball team actually played in pink with themselves having black shirts with pink lettering and Dover having white shirts with pink lettering.

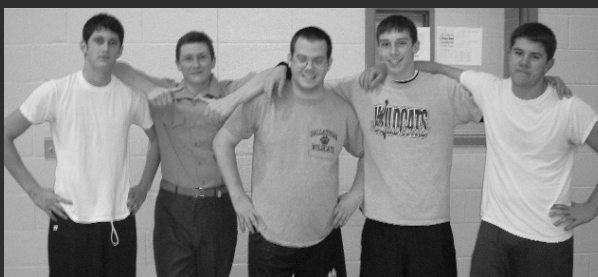
In addition to the pink-wearing players, the concession stand money was given to the cause. A 50/50 raffle was also held and the drumline played and Renaissance sang the National Anthem.

"We don't have the final count, but we raised at least \$1,500," Werner states.

With their profits skyrocketing and the field hockey team adding up theirs, there is no doubt that our school did not support the cause of breast cancer.

Liegey concludes, "It was a lot of fun and I enjoyed helping out a good cause, associating it with my sport."

GYM CLASS HEROES: TEAM SUPLEE



Team Suplee dominated the basketball tournament in Mr. Richards' gym class and earned themselves the right to be called Gym Class Heroes. Left to right: Juniors Dalton Byers, Chris Wiederhold, Ben Suplee, Josh Luckenbaugh, and Derek Pitzer photo submitted

Letter From the Editor



As the leaves change the temps cool, it's time to get a fresh perspective.

LAUREN KAUFMANN
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Dear Dallastown,

Autumn is my absolute favorite time of the year. The colors of the leaves are simply breathtaking, the weather becomes just a bit crisper, and I can finally break out all of my cute sweaters from the attic.

More than anything, though, Fall tends to make me think. The turning of the season, the rebirth, the sigh of Mother Nature as she prepares for her winter slumber... it all puts me in a very contemplative mood.

English teacher extraordinaire Mrs. Kostas talks a lot about "time's winged chariot" hurling us into the future. And even though I'm counting down the days until graduation, I'm already starting to miss this place.

Do you remember your ninth grade English final? How about that big science test you completely forgot to study for in seventh grade? Do you remember the day you left all of your important papers at home when you were in elementary school?

Trust me; it all happened. Everyone messes up. If I've retained one nugget of wisdom during my twelve years within the Dallastown educational system, though, it's that those times and tribulations aren't what comprise the core of our schooling. Sure, tests and projects are important, but I've learned the best lessons elsewhere.

For the benefit of all of you underclassmen (and my fellow seniors, too), I've comprised a list of things to do before you graduate. Over the next few months, I'll be sharing some of those nuggets of wisdom I've gathered in the form of a "to-do" list.

Consider this list a voluntary homework assignment; complete these tasks only out of legitimate interest. Because, unlike your scholastic homework, these activities can only be meaningful if you make them meaningful. It's all up to you.

This month's assignment: Chat with a teacher.

Have you ever stayed after school just to talk to one of your teachers? Really talk to her? You may be surprised, but teachers were teenagers once, too. They're even able to provide some insight into the complicated realm known as the teen years. Besides, there's nothing quite like having a heart-to-heart with someone who goes to high school every day *and* who has the maturity to see things as they truly are. Trust me; a dose of refreshing sanity can be found in the mind of your favorite teacher. All you have to do is ask.

Signed,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Journalist

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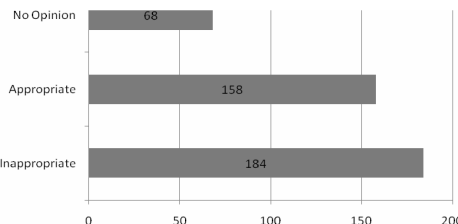
Letters to the editor are encouraged and should be directed to any of the Beacon staff, Miss Gable in Room 116, or our email address, Beacon@dallastown.net.

Letters should be fewer than 300 words. Thank you.

Faculty Advisor
Miss Gable

Give Pants a Chance

A recent wave of spandex pants has hit Dallastown, making many students duck for cover to hide from this newest fashion faux pas.



BEN NAILL
Staff Writer



The latest mistake to hit the hallways of Dallastown is this: leggings worn as pants. So I'm here to put in my two cents about the ever decreasing standards of our school.

Lately, you may have noticed the lack of pants worn by Dallastown girls. They choose to wear, rather than standard attire, undergarments as outer wear.

Leggings are meant to be worn around the house, at the gym, or as pajamas. But for some reason, many have decided to substitute them for a real set of pants.

These girls who find it necessary to expose the lower half of their bodies to our school really just don't understand how trashy they look.

How can you look at yourself in the mirror in the morning and say, "I look good today" in a get-

Ben asks... are leggings appropriate?

According to *The Beacon's* findings, the survey shows that a majority of DAHS students follow the British definition of pants—"underwear". concerning leggings as legwear.

graphic by Ben Naill

up like that? Were you going to wear your leggings with a skirt but were too lazy to go the full nine and actually put the skirt on?

Senior Brittany Zobler said, "if their shirt doesn't cover their butt then they forgot to put pants on." I have to agree.

If you're going to wear leggings, at least wear them with some class. Wear a skirt, a nice dress maybe, at least something that keeps all the goods covered. Because let's get real; dressed like that, you have no secrets.

I also have to beg the question, where is the administration here? The student handbook says, in rule one of the dress code, "Immodest or transparent clothing is prohibited." And believe me, leggings as pants are overqualified to fall into this rule.

So where are our principals who forbade us from covering our heads with hoods or hats? I only hope that this article brings this growing obscenity to their attention.

You may find yourself asking the question, "But Ben, how would the administration deal with someone dressed like this?" I'd have to answer, "Well, most students keep their gym shorts in the locker room; so make the student wear them."

I implore the administration to see reason. Something really needs to be done about the obviously decreasing standards of this school.

So, leggings wearers, regardless of your reasons for wearing them, "they're comfortable," or whatever, we don't want to see it. So do us a favor, and give pants a chance.

Letters to the Editor

Dear *Beacon* Editor,

I am writing in response to Zach Einsig's article about teacher bias in the October Issue of the Beacon.

No matter where you are in life, there is going to be someone with an opinion. Asking teachers to leave out their personal opinion is simply out of the question. I agree, some teachers are much more biased than others.

Teachers who have "Friends don't let friends vote Democrat" magnets hanging in their classroom is extremely out of line. Yet, for those conservative students, it's completely appropriate. Would the article have been written if the teachers all had a conservative bias? Probably not.

Teachers prepare us for the outside world, and a part of the outside world is biased people. Teaching without some sort of bias is unrealistic. If a student is truly that concerned and offended by a teacher giving his or her political opinion, stay after class and let them know.

While some claim they don't care, others are interested to see what others have to say about their political views. If you really just have no interest and don't care about their political opinions, then why write the article to bash your teachers? Now they just might have a bias against you, all because you felt the need to express your hatred towards Democrats.

Sincerely,
Erin Malone
Junior

Dear Editor,

Running a mile is tiring for lots of students across Dallastown, but last year it was extremely exhausting for me. I didn't even make the ten minute mark. In fact, I didn't even make the twelve minute mark. What was different? The answer was simple...my weight. The start of high school I was 5'8 and weighed about 140 pounds. Tenth grade came around, and I was 5'9 and weighed 215 pounds. But that wasn't my heaviest. Before the mile run, I weighed myself and reached 225 pounds.

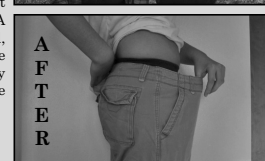
What happened? I blamed it on stress from school, but the truth was I ate a lot that I shouldn't have. I ate when I was happy, when I was sad, when I was stressed or when I was relieved. I ate all the time. Food was my comfort.

After the horrible time during the mile, gym teacher Mr. Good pulled me aside and flipped a switch for me. He told me that he knows I can get a better time. Through his little talk with me after the mile, he helped me make the connection that I was on a path towards heart disease, diabetes, and a short-lived future if I kept going at the same rate. It was time for a change.

I seriously changed my diet and began working out. Working out for me was simply walking on a treadmill or walking around my neighborhood. I stepped onto the scale yet again, and found out that my weight went up to 232 pounds. It was the biggest setback I have ever felt, but remembering what Mr. Good said, I got back on the treadmill and kept walking.

Time went on, I worked out, ate three solid meals every day, and drank more water in a day than most people did in a week. I had my setbacks, but thanks to Mr. Good I am proud to say that I have lost 77 pounds and weigh a healthy 155 pounds. I ran the mile this year, beat the 10 minute mark, and have never felt more accomplished. A huge thanks to Mr. Good, a teacher who helped me help myself get healthy and change my life for the better.

Signed,
Joe Buckel
Junior



Thanks to his own determination and the guidance of gym teacher Mr. Good, junior Joe Buckel has successfully lost almost 80 pounds.
photo submitted

A "Nichol" For Your Thoughts

An event of the year is over, so what will flood our minds now?

Hey Dallastown!

Have you ever noticed that we students live our lives looking forward to the next big thing?

In October, it was Homecoming and after Homecoming ended, it was definitely Halloween.

Following Halloween, I'm pretty sure that we haven't stopped thinking about Thanksgiving and the long break that comes with this grateful holiday.

The point is that we live our lives thinking always about what is next. What is the next big thing that I can think about to pass this boring day away?

It is a Sunday night and all you can do is look forward to the next weekend.

But, guess what? This is the last November 22, 2009, that anyone will ever live. It is 9:06 p.m. This is the last minute that it will ever be on this particular day.

When I actually think about it, the idea to me is wild—how time flies so fast.

How many of us looked forward to Homecoming since the first day of school, and now that it is over, we can never get those moments back.

We take millions of pictures to ensure that memories will exist of the moments that cannot. We then find ourselves looking back at them, reminiscing about these lost times.

Why can we never be content, to just live in the now and not in the past or look always to the future?

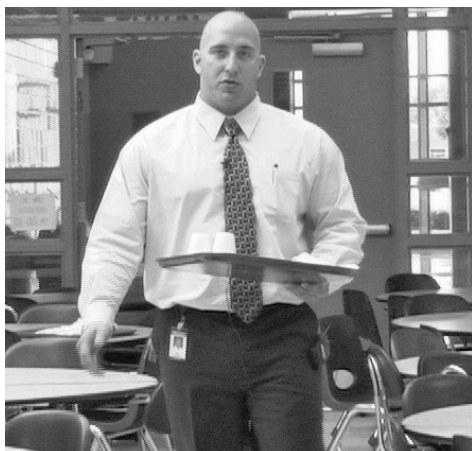
We are all guilty of it, even myself. That is what I am going to try to accomplish over this Thanksgiving break. I am going to figure out a way to be happy with the present.

I am going to try to realize that the present time is only temporary and with every breath we take, we will never be able to get back. Every smile I crack, every shiver I get, every blink I take is gone forever.

Instead of being discontent, why not smile at everyone you pass in the hallway and let the kids in the upper parking lot out to speed up the line. It's called karma.

This month I am pledging to try and be content and only think about the second I am taking in at this very moment. I am not saying that I am never going to look forward to anything in the future again, but instead, try to balance all of it out. I am going to try and start living in the now. I think you should too.

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



Dean of Students Mr. Hostetter films a TV promo to appear on the announcements. Courtesy of WCAT-TV

Scared Seniors Succeed

Seniors of 2010 get creative with the taunting eulogizing project.

KATIE MATERO
Staff Writer

If you had walked around the halls of DAHS on October 9, you would have seen a Scottish World War II soldier, a dog, a gilly suit, and several students carrying computers because while the underclassmen were still sleeping, the seniors were awake and presenting their Culminating projects.

What's the story behind these crazy sightings?

Michael Lyter dressed as the Scottish soldier for his project on reenacting.

The dog in the hallways was lead by **Gina Baker** for her presentation on dog breeding.

Colby Davis had a friend in the junior class wear his home-made gilly suit for his project on military camouflage.

Alex Manning, Derick Titmore, and several other seniors built computers.

Manning's computer was for his own use, while Titmore built the PC for Mr. Fickes on a \$400 budget.

Computers were a key tool for other projects as well.

Gretchen Raffensburger designed a program, **Matt Ruth** created a website and advertisement portfolio, **Dylan Leakway** created a game using C++, a computer "language," and **Emily Perkinson** kept a blog while she spent last year as a foreign exchange student in France.

Ashley Eckenrode, Taylor Worth Myers, Jordan Nicholson, Grace Barry, Crystal Hubble and **Allen Derrick** all did literary projects.

Eckenrode wrote the first half of a novel and outlined the remainder of the story. She also included character history profiles.

Myers hand wrote and hand bound her novel. She had been working on the project since sophomore year.



Senior Michael Lyter received a 39.7 out of 40 on his project. He participated in various reenactments and created his uniform as well as educated the panel on the history of the British army and World War II. photo submitted

Nicholson wrote a diary of a year in the life of a falsely accused Salem witch.

Berry, Derrick, and Hubble wrote children's stories.

Berry's children's story about the grieving process was donated to Olivia's House and the guidance offices at the elementary schools.

Jeffery Putt and **Becky Lesher** both completed projects for Loganville Elementary School.

Putt redesigned the landscaping around the flagpole.

Lesher created a scrapbook about the history of the elementary. The scrapbook included pictures and interviews from previous students, teachers, and principals.

Samantha Stover and **Jordan Haines** both painted full sized murals and **Kat Phillips** painted a parking meter in York City.

Stover's mural is located in her younger cousin's bedroom.

Haines' mural is a depiction of *Where the Wild Things Are*

and can be found at Ore Valley Elementary School.

Three seniors worked together on a project: **Michael Crone, Lyle Hieronymus**, and **Nicole Gauthier**.

Crone wrote the play, Hieronymus directed and filmed it, and Gauthier designed the costumes.

While many DAHS students complained about the Culminating Projects, others seemed to have the key success.

"I thought it was pretty easy. I did something that I found fun," Crone said.

"My project was making small recipe list of meals with carbs and protein information. I think that all of the paperwork I had to turn in was unnecessary, but one I got rolling, it was fun. It taught me to think outside the box and related to my career goal," senior **Ken (Phoenix) Stinebaugh** said.

Congratulations to the class of 2010 on a great job.

The Man Takes Control

Instead of signifying detentions, Hostetter demonstrates good behavior through technology.

JOHN BODDINGTON
Staff Writer

Every year rules are dictated and agendas are signed, but students still seem to end up in trouble a couple of weeks later.

After years of basically the same policy, the administration, along with **BEMay Productions**, teamed up with Dean of Students Mr. Hostetter to form a series of videos to try and pass their points across to the ever growing student population.

Brielle Mayle, head of **BEMay Productions**, has worked countless hours to make each video as perfect as possible.

The goal is to eventually

show all of these videos on the first day of school in A/A for students to understand the expectations that the school has for them.

Because Hostetter is new to the position, he wants to remind the students that he will not tolerate misbehavior.

Dallastown can expect a video presentation every three to four weeks. The videos will address the issues that students need to improve in.

In the first couple weeks of school, trays were mysteriously being abandoned on lunch tables. This caused more unneeded work for the cafeteria staff, and represented the lack of respect for the school.

When asked about the issue concerning the tray situation, Hostetter states, "There has been a big change. If students left a tray they soon returned for it."

The videos almost instantly stopped the tray situation.

Some time after, Hostetter appeared on the screen once more to discuss the matter of

hoods, hats, and the usage of electronic devices during the school day.

He once again showed his disapproval in a comical way, but the students understood the bottom line.

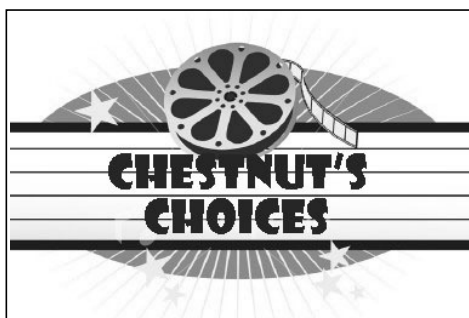
As far as the editing, design, and ideas for these videos are concerned, the students can rest assured they are in good hands.

Mayle states, "My friends find them humorous, but they still get the central message out of them."

No matter what the message might be, Mayle and Hostetter work incredibly well together. "It's fun to boss around the Dean of Students and direct what to do," Mayle states.

The fact still remains, these videos seem to grasp the attention of the school, and they are entertaining, yet give students straightforward rules that must be followed.

Confidently constructing these videos builds anticipation for more, and everyone at DAHS waits excitedly for the next message from the man.



ERIC CHESTNUT
Staff Writer



November: let's be honest, the only thing this month is known for is frigid wind and getting fat, nothing else.

The same is true for this month's music: all garbage. Instead I have decided to cover an album from earlier this year.

Released in June, *Ambivalence Avenue* is British artist Bibio's sixth release since 2004.

His previous album, *Vignetting the Compost*, was a decent step toward recognition; however, uniformity of the tracks and some sub-par arrangements hindered its success.

Every song on *Vignetting the Compost* sounded like a cozy summer night in Holmfirth, which is a great sound, until you hear it reproduced sixteen times.

Ambivalence Avenue doesn't make this same mistake; it mixes Hip-hop, lo-fi, alternative, electronic, experimental, and folk influences throughout the album.

It starts with a bang, featuring one of the best songs of the year, its title track "Ambivalence Avenue."

The song conjures up images of some pastoral utopia, even though the lyrics read nothing of the sort (or any perceivable meaning whatsoever). Bouncy and ethereal, it is nearly impossible not to be absorbed by its festiveness.

Tracks like "Fire Ant," "S'vive," and "Dwrcan" showcase Bibio's flare: hip-hop and electric music. And while not necessarily being the biggest hits on

Ambivalence Avenue, they certainly do enough to change the atmosphere.

"All the Flowers," and just about every other song on the album, sounds like it was ripped directly off of a 45 from 1973. The tragic melody and layered vocals hint at a sad story that the lyrics just aren't telling.

By far the best electronic track on the album, "Sugarette," renders glitch over a droning, barely noticeable background.

Like "Ambivalence Avenue," "Lovers' Carvings" is a bouncy bonfire romp, hidden behind 88 seconds of folksy guitar plucking.

The haunting tunes of "Haikuesque (When She Laughs)" and "The Palm of Your Wave" both weave the saccharine vocals of Bibio with the wobbling lo-fi of a lonely guitar.

Last but not least "Cry! Baby!", destined to be this album's road anthem, creeps into your psyche and never lets go.

Played at night on a winding road, this tune's malevolent melody will make drivers want to run over pedestrians (I have never advocated running over pedestrians).

Put together, such diverse elements combine to make a truly amazing album.

For one of this year's most surprising hits, make sure to pick up *Ambivalence Avenue* by Bibio.



Donations Make a Difference

After countless hours of work, Volunteer Club prepares gifts for Company C.

ZACH EINSIG
Staff Writer

The missile struck the mountainside with a fiery crash causing soldiers to take cover. Rocks and shrapnel flew through the air like rain during a hurricane, making the attack even deadlier.

While this scene seems far removed from the normal day in Dallastown, the picture is quite realistic to sophomore Shane Campbell's uncle, Sean Maples, who is currently serving in Afghanistan. Maples is with the all male 501 Airborne out of Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Nick-named "Geronimo," this company has faced extreme hardships. Starting the deployment last March, these soldiers have dealt with the deaths of 19 comrades, severely hurting their

morale.

Due to the critical circumstances, the DAHS Volunteer Club has taken on an even larger responsibility than normal by sponsoring the entire Company C. The current economic setbacks and the lack of available funding have combined with the large amount of supplies needed to make this year's "Remember the Troops Movement" challenging.

Sponsor and organizer of the Volunteer Club, Mrs. McKinney, remains confident and persistent in her determination to provide supplies to the troops.

She stresses the importance of "Always letting the troops know they are not alone," regardless of the situation.

In an effort to fight the low morale of the soldiers, the Volunteer Club is throwing a Holiday party for Company C. Attempting to bring "home" as close as possible, this party will include things from wrapped gifts to decorations, cards, and food.

Also, in addition to the party, the Volunteer Club is sending the traditional individual supply boxes. Important items

include magazines, hard candy, gum, microwavable popcorn, and non political books.

Along with these boxes, letters are being sent to a list of 19 soldiers who currently receive no mail.

The Volunteer Club strongly encourages all students to write letters to soldiers no matter the time of the year. These letters have the power to lighten the mood for battle weary troops.

After countless fundraisers, car washes, and bake sales, the Volunteer Club readies packages for Company C in the Middle East.

When asked why she spends so much time with this movement McKinney states, "I can't tell you how much this means to the parents of the serving soldier... plus being able to make a difference."

Indeed, DAHS is certainly making a difference in many troops' lives.

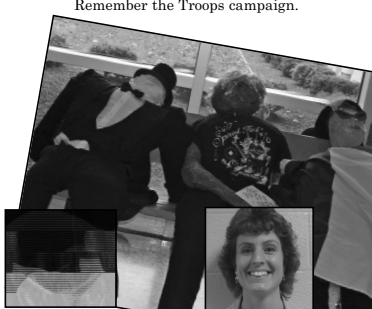
Whether writing letters, sending care boxes, or planning a holiday party, Volunteer Club is continuing their eight year long tradition of remembering and supporting the individuals who fight for our country.

"If I Only Had A Brain..."

Volunteer Club uses faculty scarecrow project to raise money for t

As quoted in the beloved movie *The Wizard of Oz*, the saying and song took on a new meaning at Dallastown this month.

The Volunteer Club created scarecrows to represent faculty members and placed them on display in the front lobby. For a quarter per vote, students could make a guess as to the identity of the scarecrows. Winning guesses took home gifts cards, and all proceeds benefitted the clubs' Remember the Troops campaign.



The Abraham Lincoln scarecrow represented the fact Mr. Noll dresses up as important figures to teach American History.

With a Spanish Rock Star t-shirt and a sign that declares her love of running Espanol, the center scarecrow represented Senora Garrett.

Wearing a beret and holding a french flag, this scarecrow could only be M a d a m e Botterbusch.



Sporting a football jersey, this player could be no other than Mr. Myers.

Beacon Battle

Edward



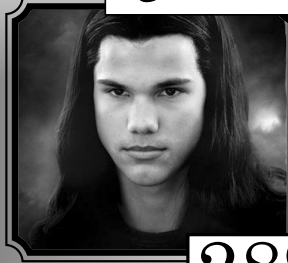
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"I'm more of an Edward myself. He's not selfish just protective."
Ryan Kline, Senior

"Jacob is a home wrecker."
Courtney Haynes, Senior

"I have a thing for pale skin."
Abby Crone, Sophomore

Jacob



28%

"Who wants a cold, nonresponsive significant other who can't eat a juicy hamburger?"
Mrs. Anderson, Teacher

"I prefer my men to be hairy."
Anonymous, Junior

"Because he's hotter, duh!"
Chelsea Nissley, Senior

Vampire fans have been waiting to sink their fangs into *New Moon*, the latest installment in the *Twilight* saga movies. With all the excitement over it's November 20 release, The Beacon asked DAHS students and teachers what side they take in Bella's (the main characters) search for love. Some sided with Team Edward, favoring his dark and mysterious ways, while others pledge to Team Jacob because the werewolf is more warm and caring. In the end, Team Edward triumphed just as Edward won Bella's love in the series.

PICK ME!



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



To Watch...

Glee

BROOKE BRACKETT
Staff Writer

For fans of musicals or just comedy in general, the new show *Glee* is

something that should be on in the homes of all! A Spanish high school teacher, Will Schuester, played by Matthew Morrison, takes over the school's Glee Club to try to transform them into the best singers they can be and inspire them to win Nationals. There are lots of obstacles that get in the way of his and the club's success. The biggest one of all is Sue Snyder, the cheerleading coach, played by Jane Lynch. Snyder despises Schuester and will stop at nothing to get him fired for trying to take the spotlight from her. Every week there is something hilarious between the battles they have and just the everyday life of a teenager. Tune in to FOX on Wednesday nights at 9 to watch as the Glee club tries to win Nationals.



To Download...

Jay-Z-Blueprint III

BEN NAILL
Staff Writer

The Blueprint 3, Jay Z's 11th commercially released album surpasses all of his previous work.

Including stars such as, Alicia Keys, Rihanna, Drake, Pharrell, and Kid Cudi, this album is definitely one for the books. This album was Jay Z's eleventh to hit number one on the Billboard Charts, beating his previously tied record with the King himself, Elvis Presley. With a ratings 3.5/4 and 4/5 stars from USA Today and Allmusic, you can be reassured that this would probably be the best musical purchase ever. Beats on this track were produced by gems such as Timbaland and Swizz Beats, so it's guaranteed that this one will be blowing your speakers out of your stereo. With the first single, "Empire State of Mind" being universally popular already, I highly recommend that you download the final installment to the Blueprint trilogy.



To Rent...

Running With Scissors

SOFIE ZHANG
Staff Writer

A bildungsroman revolving around the chaotic, offbeat life of writer Augusten Burroughs,

Running with Scissors was made into a movie in 2006.

Throughout early childhood, Burroughs resided with his alcoholic, negligent father and emotionally unstable mother. In Augusten's preteen years, his parents' divorce and mother's uncontrollable delusions left Augusten living with - and eventually being adopted by - his mother's psychiatrist, Dr. Finch.

The Finch family is one of eccentricity and unconventional behavior. "A kind of Brady-Bunch-gone-bad world where for some, dog kibble is a snack, sedatives are consumed like candy and grand prophecies emerge from the bathroom." Augusten often shuns school and practices cosmetology. Over time, he befriends the Finch daughters, Hope and Natalie, and eventually has a relationship with 35-year-old Neil Bookman, another adopted son.

Augusten's quest for family and individuality amidst the chaos is heartwarming and inspiring.



To Read...

How It Ends

MOLLY NORTON
Staff Writer

A lot of young adult novels revolve around a teenage girl who falls for a guy way

out of her league and somehow, after a long ordeal, they end up together anyway. Many teenage girls are guilty of reading these. Laura Wiess's *How It Ends* has a similar plot, but is at the same time different. In the story a teenage girl named Hanna has an adult figure who she considers family but who slowly becomes a victim of Alzheimer's disease. Hanna refuses to acknowledge that the disease is taking over her "grandmother's" life until even the most stubborn of people have to believe it. Meanwhile, she is struggling in a relationship that any girl at her school would give anything to be in. Everything seems to be falling apart until Hanna and her grandmother listen to a book-on-tape, and Hanna begins to confuse the book with her reality. *How It Ends* switches back and forth between narrating the book that they are listening to and the life of Hanna, making it even more interesting. By the end of the book, readers may think that they know "how it ends." The readers are probably wrong.



There's a New Wing Night in Town

Crave those delicious chicken morsels more than just on Wednesday? Golden Crust Pizza is the place to be.

LAUREN KAUFMANN
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Succulent chicken. Savory sauces. Crisp celery. Creamy blue cheese and ranch dressings.

For some, the perfect chicken wing experience may seem to be purely fantasy. But for those at Golden Crust Pizza in Red Lion, it's just a day in the life.

Each and every Monday, Golden Crust Pizza hosts its famous Wing Night, boasting 25-cent wings, four delicious sauces from which to choose (including hot, mild, honey BBQ, and western BBQ), and a cozy dining environment with fantastic, personal service.

"We began our 'Wing Night' special five years ago," Kristina Caltagirone said, Golden Crust worker and 2008 Dallastown graduate.

"Our wings were popular to begin with, but now we're packed every Monday," Caltagirone said. Between people dining here and others ordering carry-out, we've even started running out of wings!"



Senior Leah Beach happily munches on her order of mild wings from Golden Crust Pizza in Red Lion. "Getting wings tends to make my Monday quite a bit brighter," Beach said in between bites. photo by Lauren Kaufmann

Yes, you read that correctly. You can even order your delicious chicken wings for carry-out. At Golden Crust, no constricting rules limit your wonderful wing experience.

Only want to order water? Done. Want to take your uneaten wings home with you? Done. Want to order another dish for your dining pleasure? Their extensive menu makes it easy.

You can order your meal with confidence, too. Named as

York's "best wings" in 2008, Golden Crust's wings are known for their quality and taste.

"Wings are a holy thing," senior wing-lover Leah Beach said. "After experiencing the glory of Golden Crust's wings, I was converted."

Nothing to do this Monday? Hit up Golden Crust for some incredible food, a lively dining environment, and personalized attention. See you there!

Dallastown Hosts Justo Lamas Concert

After years of students traveling to see him perform, Justo finally comes DAHS to bring the house down.

KATIE AUSTIN
Staff Writer

"Our purpose has to be with our dreams. Everyone's special inside." This was the theme of the Justo Lamas concert.

Dallastown hosted the energetic Argentinian singer on Thursday, October 29. Kennard-Dale, Spring Grove, and Jackson Elementary joined in on the fun too.

Usually, the concert is held at Penn State York at the Pullo Center, but Lamas came to us this year.

So who is Justo Lamas?

"Justo is a Spanish singer, a motivational speaker, a teacher, a father, a husband, and an inspiration to all," Dallastown Spanish teacher Danielle Pomraning said.

Lamas is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Since he is always asked to do a lot of concerts in the USA, he and his wife decided to move here.

He travels to many countries and states, including Mexico, the Virgin Islands, and 45 states in the USA, to spread his message and help everyone improve their Spanish through music.

Lamas has been performing since 1996, performing over 70 concerts a year. Just wanting to get his message across and help people learn Spanish, Lamas is just doing what he does best. "To do what I always dreamed of makes me happy," Lamas said.

During the concert, Lamas likes to get the students involved. Ben Ruppert, a sophomore at Dallastown, got to sing "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom" up on stage.

Lamas had an array of prizes and activities for the students to participate in; he even got the teachers on stage and thanked them for all they do.

One teacher here at Dallastown has become good friends with Lamas over the



Justo Lamas strikes a typical "Justo" pose on stage. photo by Katie Austin.

years. Spanish teacher Cherie Garrett is the one who sets up and gets all the credit for organizing the Justo Lamas concert.

"Justo gives 100 percent of himself on stage. He knows how to engage the audience and how to provide variety during the show to maintain interest," Garrett said.

This was not just a "fun get out of class" concert though.

"The concert is a way for the students to practice Spanish and have fun with it," Pomraning said. It also helps to motivate the students to learn Spanish. Before the actual concert, the students learn the songs, so they can sing along and really get into it.

All in all, when the day is done, the students go away with a bit more Spanish knowledge, and hopefully a bigger appreciation and motivation for life.

"It's great to expand our students' horizons with the music of Justo Lamas," Dallastown Spanish teacher Lynn Shive said.



Dallastown Freshmen Aaron Cook, Chandler Green, Spring Grove Senior Sammi Herman, and Justo Lamas take the stage for dance lessons. photo by Katie Austin.



By Jordana Richardson,
Staff Writer

Curly girlies

Girls, put down the flat irons, and try picking up mousse and hairspray for a change. Dailystown girls of all grade levels are loving their curly locks. Even *Sex and the City*'s Sarah Jessica Parker and *90210*'s Annalynne McCord are sticking to their roots by not straightening their curly hair. "I love my hair because it makes me different from everyone else, and when I don't have pock-

ets I can stick stuff in the 'fro," junior Aurielle Schenk said. "Though there are similarities in curls, not everyone's are alike. "My curls are the best because they sit in neat rows on my head. I never have to worry about them coming out of place or looking too wild. I can sleep and they'll be fine," sophomore Kalece Davis said.

By embracing one's natural hair, curly girlies don't have to go through the time-consuming activity of straightening their hair every single day.

"I love my curly hair because it's so big and it's easy to maintain. I rarely straighten my hair anymore because it takes way too much time. I can just throw mousse and hair spray in it and be on my way out," junior Kristina Arcidiacono said.

Whether you have spiral curls, corkscrew curls, or anything in between, be proud of what you have and show them off.



look-alike



Jason Schott
Freshman



Erik Persullivan
Navy Wilkesen

Crutches

By Jena Pratts,
Of the Month Editor

This past month, crutches seem to have crippled the healthy halls of DAHS, finding position beneath the arms of athletes and klutzes alike.

Among the invalids are Freshman Jordan Miller, and Seniors Katie Austin, Sammi Smith, and Jordan Nicholson. But this group certainly does not limp alone in their reliance upon these wooden sticks to keep them going through the school.

"There's a back up at the elevators and a line of them at the hill in a fire drill," English teacher Angela Gable said.

The stories of the injury range from football to soccer to hiking, with many more tales of tragedy between.

As the limboctioned, plaster-splined celebrities have always bequeathed, "beauty is pain." These trendy cripples may not be beautiful this month.



couple

By Sophie Zhang,
Staff Writer

Although the Beacon does not include "Best Friends of the Month," junior Seren Erb and sophomore Cody Norris fit into both categories.

After becoming acquainted in math class last year, Erb and Norris began dating and have been for over 23 months now. This eclectic couple has taken a mutual interest in activities such as rocking out on Call of Duty and going to Snyder Park to play some basketball.

"We're also avid air hockey players," Erb said. "(With Cody) it's always a fun time, no matter what we're doing or where we are."



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