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1984 State Championship Team

**Roster:**  
 Jeff Cooper  
 Dan Dugan  
 Martin Feild  
 Stuart Gardner  
 Curt Gleaton  
 Rob Hall  
 Cale Hill  
 Ben Hockensmith  
 Tom Laslie  
 Chris Lentz  
 Keith Martin  
 Pat Nichols  
 Bit Rambush  
 Scott Standerfer  
 Chris Taylor  
 Phil Tyson  
 Kevin Williams  
 Hank Wright  
 Mark Wright  
**Coaches: Paul Eames and Chuck Lentz**

## Former Deerfield-Windsor Coach and Albany Baseball Legend Passes Away

By Dr. Travis Campbell

Everyone who knew of him admired his wisdom and skill; everyone who met him loved his winsome manner and contagious smile; and everyone who knew him personally cherished him.

Paul Edward Eames was born in 1927 in Worcester, MA, and began his baseball career at the very young age of fifteen—signing with the semi-pro team from Worcester called “The Prudence Clothes.” It wasn’t long before he gained a reputation as a talented hitter and catcher, and so he soon moved on to the minor leagues. In 1947-48 he played for Smithfield, NC and then Goldsboro, NC in 1949 in the Tobacco League. In 1950, Coach Eames joined the St. Louis Cardinals organization with the Albany Cardinals of the GA-FL League. In 1952 Eames was second in the GA-FL with a batting average of .317 with the Thomasville Tomcats. He would go on to become a player-manager with the Harlingen, TX Capitals, Waycross Bears, and Tifton Bluesox from 1953 until 1955 (the year of his retirement from baseball).

Eames’ credentials as a baseball player are impressive, but his skills as a baseball coach are legendary. He had already started working

with the Albany Recreation Department during the offseason in 1953. Within two years he worked in that capacity full time, serving as the City of Albany Athletic Director, while also continuing on as a reference scout for the St. Louis Cardinals for many years. He coached the Walter Burt American Legion Post 30 baseball teams for nine years, winning back-to-back state championships in 1961 and 1962.

Eames began coaching the Deerfield-Windsor Knights in the early 1980s. Bobby Joiner, who would later succeed his beloved mentor and friend, says, “What made Paul Eames the greatest baseball coach in Albany’s history was his ability to teach baseball to young people with such incredible precision. But most important was his love of his players. The players all knew he truly cared for them—even when he was yelling at them, there was always a gleam in his eye telling them as much. And they were willing to do anything he asked because they loved him in return.”

Deerfield-Windsor baseball players spent their days in class recounting the funny jokes and stories told to them by their beloved coach the day before, and spent their afternoons in silent awe, as Eames would stand at the plate analyzing the hitting style of a major leaguer. Nearly everyone who played DWS baseball in the

1980s said that he was the greatest coach they had ever had. It seems only appropriate that he is the first coach in DWS history to bring us a state title in baseball.

The honors Eames received included his induction into the Georgia-Florida-Alabama Class D Minor League Hall of Fame and the Albany Sports Hall of Fame. The City of Albany honored him by naming its baseball complex The Paul Eames Sports Complex.

Coach Eames’ second passion was baseball. His first love was Deerfield-Windsor’s own Dot Eames, who ran our cafeteria from 1967 until May 2011. They were married at home plate at Cardinal Park in 1951. This past July 16th marked their 60th anniversary! Paul is survived by Dot; a son: Glenn Eames of Albany; a daughter: Stacey Eames of Atlanta; and a grandson: Andrew Paul Eames of Reston, VA. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Eames and Edna Eames Merriam, and by his son, Gary Alan Eames.

As we head into the Holiday Season, we will miss Paul’s contagious smile at the Christmas Tree Stand, but we are blessed for having known him, and we are even more thankful that we who are His will see him again on Resurrection Morning.

\*\*source: [www.albanyherald.com/News/2011/oct/04/paul-eames/](http://www.albanyherald.com/News/2011/oct/04/paul-eames/)

## Debate Team Forms at DWS

By Megan Boswell

In recent years, Deerfield Windsor School has had almost every literary team imaginable except for a debate team. The last debate team was headed by Ms. Alyx Hall and did not last very long because students were not interested.

This year, however, several students in the upper school have stepped up to the plate to join the new DWS Debate Team. The team is sponsored by freshmen and sophomore history teacher Mr. Brohawn, a new member of the DWS faculty family.

The purpose of a debate team is to affectively learn how to advocate or defend a position posed by the resolution (verdict). Much like in a real court case, two sides argue and defend a controversial point in front of a “judge” who can be any adult in the community. Brohawn’s

team will focus on Public Forum Debate which basically means the team will argue issues instead of finding a fair solution to the issues.

The debate team should teach students how to display solid logic, reasoning, and analysis in stressful situations. The students must also master the art of using evidence to support their claims but not allow their argument to be solely driven by it.

Deerfield has classes that teach these two techniques separately but students have never been challenged with the task of putting them together in a high-stress situation. The debate team will give students the opportunity to master both skills in an environment that will push them to their limits and ultimately enhance their abilities to form well-rounded and informed decisions. Mr. Brohawn has incredibly high hopes for the debate team.

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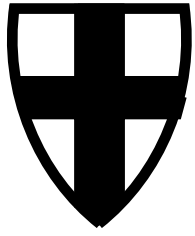
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## Homecoming 2011 Festivities

By Hope Kitchen

Homecoming 2011 was centered around a superhero theme this year, complete with superhero t-shirts, a superhero dress up day, and a homecoming dance decked out with superhero decorations.

Homecoming was kicked off this year with a t-shirt day at the upper school on Wednesday. A dress-up day followed on Thursday. Students dressed up as a variety of superheroes, including the Incredibles, Batman, Superman, the Power Rangers, and the Powerpuff Girls.

After fifth period on Thursday, the games began. The upper school ate Chick-fil-A outside. After lunch, the high school enjoyed an array of Field Day games. Games included dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, field goal competition, cornhole, frisbee golf, mummy race relay, and the eating contest. Although the seniors and juniors were tied at the end of the day Thursday after the Field Day games, powerpuff earned seniors point that would allow them not only to dominate powerpuff, but all the Homecoming games in general.

This year the Class of 2012 continued their domination over powderpuff by winning both of their games vs. the freshman and junior classes. These wins sealed the perfect ending to the Seniors' winning reign over powderpuff during all four high school years.

"The four year success we've had could not have happened without the leadership of the coaches and competitiveness of the girls. It was a bittersweet game this year, but the girls of '12 left an imprint on DWS history that will be hard to mimic," says star player Amber Young.

Powderpuff was followed by the Senior Lunch Auction where over 20 lunches raised 5,485.00 which Student Council used to pay for various Homecoming expenses. This total was a little above average in comparison to previous years. The students who made the

lunches included 15 Senior football players, 3 football cheerleaders, 2 danceline members, 2 band members, 3 softball players, and 3 cross country runners. Also, this year, the mystery lunch teacher was Miss Shealy Dixon. The highest bid went towards James Tyson's lunch and was a whopping 450 dollars. The unfortunate students who did not purchase a Senior Lunch were directed to the cafeteria while the Senior Lunch groups ventured to the scattered locations outside of the school primarily on the football field and picnic tables.

After student's bellies were filled, they were treated by watching the hilarious and electrifying Reverse Homecoming Court. This year the judges were Mrs. Renee Moore, Mrs. Alea Miller, and Coach Kinslow. The Senior Court members included Reed Hancock and Hunter Brettell, Camille Fox and Nicky Dinella, and Julie Ann Hogan and the winner Quentin Heard. Contagious and loud laughter permeated from the Henry Gym towards the outside world when Heard started fist pumping during his interview and ripped off his conservative attire into a more glitzy and revealing dress; Certainly a moment that all of the Upper School students and staff will never forget.

Next, the homecoming pep rally began. The pep rally not only included stunts, a dance, and cheers by the varsity football cheerleaders but also performances by the B and C team football cheerleaders and a hip hop dance by James La'Russa. Although, what many high school students looked forward to was watching the "Iron Man" contest where 8 varsity football cheerleaders stood on 8 different football players shoulders trying to keep the cheerleader up in the air for the longest period of time. As time passed, the final two came down to Senior football player Harrison Stadnick, or as many refer to as "Big Paulie", with Freshman Bailey Strom as his flyer and then Senior football player Hunter Brettell with Frances Bell as his flyer. After a grueling few more minutes, Bret-

tel kept Frances up in the air while sadly the duo of Big Paulie and Bailey crumbled.

With the comical game of "Ships and Sailors", uplifting cheers, and inspiring "player talk", students, players, coaches, and teachers left the gym with both pride and respect for all the talents displayed and also anticipation to experience the rest of the homecoming festivities.

As Albany Herald writer John Millikan richly describes, "The only drama Friday night at Webb Memorial Stadium was the split second before the PA announcer declared Morgan Sumners as Deerfield-Windsor's 2011 Homecoming queen..." At the Homecoming game, DWS trampled Trinity Christian School by winning with the score of 45-14. The Knights rushed a total of 260 yards, completed one field goal by Harry Vildibill from 33 yards out, and 5 touchdowns by Kh'ron McClain, Davis Hines, Gaughf Ivey, Quentin Heard, and Ethan Bruck. During halftime, the Homecoming Court was presented on the field which included Freshman Representative Dabney Norton, Sophomore Representative Madison Sauls, Junior Representative Maggie Greene, and Senior Representatives Candace Cosby, Morgan Sumners, and Amber Young. Morgan Sumners was voted by the high school students and then crowned Homecoming Queen 2011 by the Homecoming Queen 2010 Olivia Lee. When asked about how it felt to be Homecoming Queen, Sumners responded, "It was a privilege in itself to be chosen along with Amber and Candace to represent the Senior class and I felt very honored that my classmates voted me to represent the whole school."

Homecoming festivities winded down on Saturday with the Homecoming dance Saturday night from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Students enjoyed this time to dance, socialize with friends, and reflect on a great Homecoming week.

## Seniors Leave PowderPuff Legacy

By Katie Williams

Powderpuff football is the highlight of all the Homecoming activities, and nobody has dominated the sport like the class of 2012. The first freshman class to beat the seniors and win the championship and the first grade to ever win four years in a row, the class of 2012's accomplishment is one that may never be repeated.

Going into powderpuff their freshman year in 2008, they were undoubtedly the underdogs going up against the bigger, more experienced seniors. The game went back and forth with no one scoring, forcing the game into overtime. Overtime in powderpuff consists of only one play. If the team on offense scores in their one play, they win, and if the defense manages to stop the ball, they win. The seniors won the coin toss and elected to go on offense. They attempted to throw the ball into the end zone, but the freshman stepped up and held their ground on defense with Candace Cosby intercepting the pass resulting in the first freshman class victory over the seniors. The freshmen then easily beat the juniors in the championship, building the foundation of the legacy that was to be created.

Junior Bailey Weed said after this year's powderpuff championship, "I was excited to play the seniors in the championship. It was something new for us." However, powderpuff

championships became routine for the class of 2012, who expected nothing less of themselves over the next three years, and this class exceeded all expectations by handily winning every game of their high school powderpuff careers, a perfect 8-0. With the athleticism, talent, and depth of this class, success was inevitable as proved this year when the seniors managed to not only win their fourth consecutive title but also were able to score on every possession in both games.

It may seem silly or trivial to have an article about a powderpuff legacy, because what is powderpuff but a fun thing we do every year during Homecoming. Isn't it just an excuse to get yet another t-shirt and a way to get out of class? But the class of 2012's powderpuff legacy is anything but silly or trivial. In fact, the powderpuff legacy is just a small representation of the class of 2012's true legacy at Deerfield. Another notch on a belt that is already full of them. Winning that first powderpuff championship four years ago was just the first of many achievements for this spectacular class.

The class of 2012 has excelled in every area Deerfield has to offer both in and out of the classroom. The number of academic awards and scholarships earned by this class is too many to count, and the number only keeps getting bigger. This class has also succeeded in athletics by being well represented in almost every sport. They have been in multiple region and state championships, and they have won many of them. The arts are also littered with members from the class of 2012. From success in One-Act, literary, and the spring musical to winning or placing in many art competitions, while not forgetting the successful chorus and band members, the current senior class has been

indisputably successful in this area as well. The list of the class of 2012's accomplishments goes on and on. Powderpuff may seem minor compared to many achievements on that list, but it is a representation of the beginning of our high school journey and the many successes that are still to come. So, this is for the class of 2012, to the girls who won four powderpuff championships, to the guys who coached us to victory, and to the rest of the seniors who have banded together to support one another over the last four years. Our legacy at Deerfield extends much further than any number of powderpuff championships, and it is one that will continue to grow as we finish our final year together.



Reverse Homecoming Winners



Bailey Weed participating in Field Day



Reverse HC winner, Quentin Heard, wins the crowd with his fist-pumping dance

## SCHOOL NEWS

# Chorus

By Caroline Davis

Deerfield-Windsor School not only gives the students who attend the opportunity to excel in academia, but also provides the opportunity for students to shine in extracurricular activities. Among the many activities offered, Deerfield's Chorus and mixed ensemble, The Treble Makers, offers the more musically inclined students an opportunity to express themselves through song. Although the Chorus is only active until December, they perform many times for both the student body and charity organizations. Recently the DWS Chorus spread their joyous sounds throughout the Henry Gym on Grandparents Day. The Chorus sang an old Elton John favorite, Don't Go Breaking My Heart, and the Treble Makers performed a Glee "mash-up" of Happy Days Are Here Again and Come On, Get Happy with featured soloists, Amy Baker and Caroline Davis. The crowd seemed to enjoy both of the selections and responded well with an explosion of applause as the songs concluded. The Chorus' next performances will take place in December. They will sing for charity luncheons for the Albany Kiwanis Organization and the Albany Rotary Club. The Chorus, Ensemble, and three chosen soloist (Amy Baker, Caroline Davis, and Emily Stone) will perform many Christmas themed songs to get the community in the holiday spirit. Some of the songs featured will include, Mary Did You Know, Grown Up Christmas List, Bring Them Home, and a variety of popular holiday medleys. For many students, Chorus is so much more than just another activity taking place twice a week; instead it is a family that meets and bonds over the love of a common interest. With the help of Dianne Giddens and Lindsey Stewart the Chorus excels and reaches out to those students who love music and want a place to call their own. There is nothing quite like being around a group of people who share a common love for something, and the Deerfield-Windsor Chorus has certainly opened their arms wide to any student who has a song in their heart and a desire to be heard.

# New Club off to Great Start

By Megan Boswell

As most of you know the Friends of Rachel club kicked off its first meeting right after our visit from Craig Scott. The first order of business for the club was to pick a head ambassador and class representatives. The club elected senior Mackenzie Davis as our ambassador, Katie Williams, Candace Cosby, and Amy Baker as senior class representatives, William Ashley and Caroline Holly as junior representatives, and Jamie Roberts and Amelia Middlebrooks as sophomore representatives. With the help of the junior class, the club has been able to extend the idea of positive attitudes and generosity throughout the Deerfield community by putting inspirational quotes on the baked goods sold at football games. More recently, club members were asked to put welcome notes in the lockers of new Deerfield students adding a greater sense of community to our campus. The club has also placed cups filled with slips of paper in various classrooms around the school. Like Rachel's loving act of sitting with unpopular and socially abused students, these slips of paper are for intentional acts of kindness that students notice throughout their day. The slips will eventually be linked into a huge chain symbolizing Rachel Scott's challenge to start a chain reaction. On October 25th the club hosted a very successful mix it up day at lunch. Students were assigned seats throughout the lunch tables giving them the chance to broaden their circle of friends. Eating lunch with other students provided the entire student body with a greater sense of community. "It was nice getting to hang out with people I usually don't sit with," says junior Ashley Rhodes. "It really made me feel like we were one big family." The club meets about every other Tuesday morning in Guillebeau Hall for high school members and about every other week at various times for the middle school. Anyone can attend the meetings and is invited to participate in all club activities. For questions about the club or joining, contact any of the above representatives, Mackenzie Davis, or Mrs. Kinslow.

# GISA All-Select Band

By Julie Ann Hogan

This November, the 2011 GISA all-select band will feature the musical talents of seven Deerfield-Windsor students: Julie Ann Hogan, Emily Garland, Marcus Guthro, Will Sewell, Walker Jenkins, David LaRussa, and Nick Myers. All-select band is a two-day event for band students throughout Georgia. The first day consists of an audition, followed by hours of strenuous practice. The last day begins with hours of practice ending the weekend with a performance.

Getting into the all-select band is not all melody and harmony; it takes daily practice and much dedication.

Emily Garland, a fourth year veteran of all-select, looks forward to the event every year.

"It's the time when band students get recognition for their hard work. Once a year we all gather and play, we're musicians, it's what we do," says Garland.

This is the first year in the band for Guthro, Jenkins, Myers, and Sewell. They are all looking forward to the event.

# One Act Region

By Caroline Davis

After nearly four long months of hard work and determination, Deerfield-Windsor's One Act Play cast and crew put all of their hard work aside and put their play's fate in the hands of the judges at Region. There were four GISA schools that came to The Rylander Theater in Americus, GA to compete against each other. Deerfield, Tiftarea, Calvary Christian, and Westfield all put on fantastic performances for their families, fellow GISA schools, and, most importantly, the judges. Although the Deerfield One Act placed third behind Westfield and Calvary, two of the cast members received Outstanding Performer awards (William Ashley and Abby Simmons). Mrs. Stewart, Deerfield's One Act director, showed love for her thespian family even after the disappointing loss.

"I was incredibly proud of our performance at region One Act. We tried to tackle a deep and sensitive subject, and the students rose to the challenge brilliantly. Regardless of the judges' scores, I have no regrets and would have made no different choices. William and Abby were highly deserving of their outstanding performance awards, but the entire cast was amazing," Stewart said.

The seniors saying a bittersweet goodbye to One Act are Amy Baker, Caroline Davis, Trey Puckett, Buddy Riles, and Emily DuVall. The younger cast and crew members; however, are fully anticipating next years competition and hope for a chance to show off not only their talent, but also their determination.

# Girl Talk Gives Back

By Becca Brown

This past February, Girl Talk threw a Valentine's Day party for Albany ARC (Advocacy Resource Center), which is a program for children with disabilities. The party was for the preschool children, ranging from ages 1-4.

Girl Talk enjoyed this event so much that they decided to host their own party for the ARC pre-school children at Deerfield. The party was held in the new gym on Thursday, October 27. Girl Talk organized the event, provided treat bags for the children, and hosted the event.

Seventh grade girl talk members helped set up the party Thursday morning, and the sixth grade Girl Talk members were able to host the event.

"Everyone should be very proud of our girls. They were awesome!" says Girl Talk Sponsor, Laura Kinslow.

20 children from ARC were able to at-

tend the party. The event consisted of many Halloween games, including ping pong pumpkin, ring the raven, pin the nose on the pumpkin, pick up ducks, pick a lollipop, ring the basket, and a cookie walk. The young children thoroughly enjoyed all of the games, and especially their prizes. At each game, the children received a prize, whether they won the game or not. Mrs. Lentz also amused the children as she assumed the persona of a clown.

Leann McGalliard, who is our personal contact to ARC, was very pleased with the event.

"Many of our students here at Preschool would not have gotten to experience Halloween festivities if it wasn't for this kind group of girls at Deerfield and Ms. Laura Kinslow. It was one of the most special days with my students at Preschool," says McGalliard.

The Halloween party is an example of Girl Talk's several volunteer projects throughout the year that benefit the Albany community.

# clubnotes

By Journalism

**GIRL TALK:** Wednesday meetings will continue to be held.

Wednesday, November 9th, high school boys will be at Girl Talk to answer questions. Also, we will begin our Christmas project soon, where we sponsor an unfortunate family and fund their Christmas. The ARC Halloween party was a great success.

**RACHEL'S CHALLENGE:** The middle school mix it up day was a great success. Rachel's challenge sold facepaint and glowsticks at the Southland game to raise money for the club.

**SPANISH CLUB:** Ahora, no estamos haciendo nada.

**FRENCH CLUB:** French Club

is collecting paper products for The Anchorage. These products are due November 11.

**KEY CLUB:** trick-or-treated for Unicef at the Southland game to raise money for this great organization. T-Shirts came in and if you didn't get yours, see Mrs. McRee or Buddy Riles.

**SCIENCE CLUB:** Cookie dough will be arriving soon.

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes):** Don't forget that FCA meets every Wednesday in the Old Library at 7:45 a.m.

**Beta Club:** Is sponsoring the Miss DWS Pageant, which will be held on November 14, 2011.



Sixth grade Girl Talk members with children from Albany ARC.

NEWS: TODAY IN POLITICS

# An Uninformed Generation

By Bryce Earnest

Jay Leno, one of the princes of night time television, has a special feature on his show called "Jay Walking," where he gives on-the-spot, serendipitous interviews of Americans on topics ranging from history to science to geography to politics. The goal of the feature is to illustrate just how informed (or even misinformed) the American public is on what have historically been important subjects a person must master before graduating from high school. Within seconds of seeing any "Jay Walking" segment, the viewer quickly learns just how up-to-par the average American is on all matters sociological. Indeed, the results are appalling—many Americans cannot tell you who was president of the United States during World War II ("Washington?"); nor can a large segment of the population explain why we celebrate the 4th of July ("... just 'cause we want to shoot off some fireworks?"); and about 1/5 (20%) of the American population, it has been estimated, cannot locate the United States on a world map.

In light of such scary facts and statistics, we began to wonder how the students at DWS fared. Do most of our students value being informed about our culture, world events, and/or even the latest news concerning the upcoming election cycle? Our interviews of DWS students left much

to be desired in this area. For example, one senior student informed us that, in his opinion, "Politics are useless!" To be sure, many of the other students we spoke to are not as abrupt as this gentleman. That said, the student's attitude towards politics seems to be the general consensus of high school students at Deerfield-Windsor, which places us in company with most of the teenagers across the nation—an association of dubious distinction. We think that this apathy and agnosticism of political and social issues are the result of many factors, including information overload, lack of perceived relevance, and/or failure to prioritize.

Brooks Breen, a senior, explains that her busy schedule precludes her from keeping up with the current trends in politics and world events. "I don't even know what that is," she complains, "I'm too busy and stressed to think about politics." Unfortunately, this is the mindset of many teenagers. Teens today are faced with so many events, responsibilities and hobbies that they don't look to the future into what will affect their families and our generation in the long run. Also, information now comes to us from so many media outlets, and from such diverse points-of-view, that teens find themselves unable to decide who they can trust to give them the right information.

We are disturbed by this because today's

teens are tomorrow's voters. As the head of the DWS Science Department, Alyx Hall, says "... some students are fairly well informed, some are not as much, which is disturbing. These are issues which are going to be impacting not just their parents, but them during their lifetime. The laws made now will be important in their adult life and are going to have an impact on them for years to come. They certainly have the capability, though, to make decisions, they just aren't getting the information."

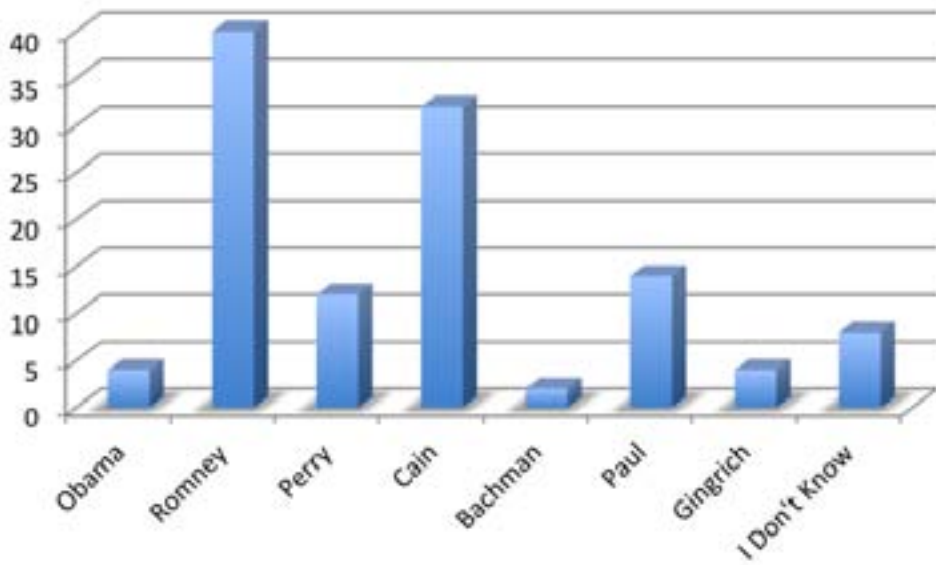
As Ms. Hall suggests, the students at DWS are not stupid, but they are ignorant. An easy solution to this current national problem is for us to educate ourselves in the politico-cultural realm. We are the future doctors, lawyers, politicians and voters. Facing this bright future with such a void in political knowledge is simply not an option. A good way to become informed on these issues is to take several courses offered by the DWS Social Studies Department. Tony Hobbs, head of the department, insists that the "students would be informed if they took my class." Hobbs, in an attempt to be truly informative, makes sure he doesn't let his political views obstruct the students' learning. "I may lean a little to the right, but I present all the issues," he says.

# Get Informed!

- Republican Debates in November:  
**November 9, 2011**  
8pm ET on CNBC  
Location: Oakland University in Rochester, MI  
Sponsor: CNBC, the Michigan Republican Party and Oakland University  
Participants: TBD
- November 12, 2011**  
8pm ET on CBS  
Location: Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Sponsor: CBS News, The National Journal and the Republican Party of South Carolina  
Participants: TBD
- November 19, 2011**  
**Thanksgiving Family Forum**  
5pm ET on C-SPAN  
Location: First Federated Church in Des Moines, Iowa  
Sponsor: The Family Leader  
Participants: Bachmann, Cain, Gingrich, Paul, Perry and Santorum all confirmed, Romney unconfirmed
- November 22, 2011**  
8pm ET on CNN  
Location: Washington, DC  
Sponsor: CNN, The Heritage Foundation and the American Enterprise Institute  
Participants: TBD
- November 30, 2011**  
8pm ET on CNN  
Location: Arizona  
Sponsor: CNN and the Republican Party of Arizona  
Participants: TBD

We asked our student body about politics and got some interesting answers...

## If you had to vote today, who would you vote for?



## Who are Georgia's senators?

While 19% knew Chambliss and Isaacson, other replies were:

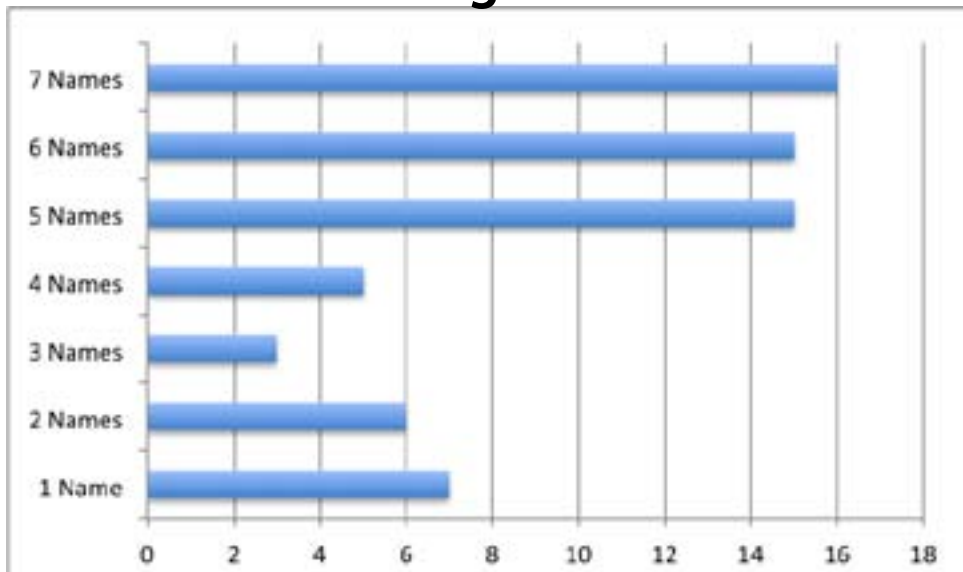
- Sanford Bishop
- Sonny Perdue
- "Chandlish?"
- Rick Ryanders
- Hillary Clinton

## Who is the governor of Georgia?

While 38% knew Nathan Deal is our governor, other replies were:

- Sanford Bishop
- Sonny Perdue
- Dial (isn't that soap?)

## How many of the names above do you recognize?



## Which Political Party Do You Support?



# FEATURES

## Alumni Spotlight



## Featured Alumni: Chris Moates

By Chris Moates

As many of you know, I graduated earlier this year and decided to take a gap year before attending Yale next fall. From the time I was twelve years old, I knew that I wanted to play college baseball. Unfortunately, that meant spending every spare weekend during the fall and the majority of every summer playing in tournaments and hoping to get noticed by a scout. Because of how time consuming baseball became, I wasn't able to volunteer to help those less fortunate nearly as much as I desired. One day during my junior year, my dad showed me an article online about the increase of students taking a gap year between high school and college, and fairly soon after, we made the decision that I would take a gap year so that I would finally have a real chance to "give back."

From the end of August until the beginning of October I was in Opelika, Alabama interning with the Big House Foundation. Big House is a Christ-centered non profit organization dedicated to meeting the needs and improving the quality of life of foster children in Lee County, Alabama. I worked most every day doing whatever the founder, Micah Melnick, needed for me to do. Usually it consisted of working on the website, helping kids with their homework, trying to get Pepsi grants, and organizing big events for the children. These events were held every weekend and basically were just an opportunity for the kids to have a blast, and also for the parents to be able to have some time on their own without having to worry about their children. Hiking a nature trail, having a "snacks and strokes" (painting), and putting on a movie/game night are some of the events we had.

My main job, however, was to love the children and to do whatever I could to leave a positive influence on their lives. At first, they were a little reserved around me, but its funny how a simple ride on a guy's shoulders will make it seem like we had played with each other for years. They were some of the coolest kids I have ever met, and working with them was the most rewarding experience of my life.

I am currently on a flight to New Zealand for three weeks to build a house with Habitat for Humanity for a local Rotorua family that cannot afford one. Hopefully it will make a difference in their lives. After the build, my next destination will be Nashville, Tennessee to work with Preston Taylor Ministries. Preston Taylor Ministries is an organization that helps kids in inner city Nashville to not let

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# Miss DWS Pageant Preview

By Becca Brown

The Miss DWS Pageant will be held on November 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the Albany Municipal Auditorium. Tickets go on sale at school on Wednesday, November 9 at 8am. They will be sold 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday. You can also buy tickets at the box office after 6:30 Monday evening. Tickets are \$15.00.

The 18 contestants of the pageant have spent countless hours perfecting their opening number and talent, as well as preparing for the evening gown and interview portion of the pageant. While individual contestants are responsible for learning and practicing their talent, the opening number practices started Sunday, Oct. 30th. There are around five opening number practices at the dance studio before the pageant that last under two hours. There are also two practices at the auditorium. One, the dress rehearsal, lasts around four and a half hours.

Beta Club members Alex Berry, James LaRussa, James Tyson, Trey Flynn and Buddy Riles will escort the beautiful contestants and also help backstage with props and microphones.

Talents include dancing, singing, tumbling, and playing the piano. Even though many contestants will perform the same talent, each talent offers something unique and exciting, reflecting the contestants' personality and Deerfield's versatile student body. For example, while dancing has proved to be an expected talent over the years, this year will show an array of dancing styles and abilities.

Singing is also a very common talent in the Miss DWS Pageant, and it will be seen several more times this year. Some singing talents assume character roles and feature popular musicals, such as *Wicked*.

Although the audience enjoys singing and

dancing, more rare talents such as playing the piano and tumbling will be featured.

Sophomore and first year contestant Marli Collier chose playing the piano over dancing because she "wanted to stand out and show off a talent not a lot of people have nowadays."

Senior and first year contestant Harley Paul chose a tumbling routine to show off her love for tumbling and cheerleading. Paul believes picking a talent that you love and have fun doing is the most important part of the pageant.

"I decided to participate in the pageant my senior year as a way to have a great time, try something new, and make memories with new girls," Paul explains.

Although the talent does indeed count more than the interview and evening gown portion, and is even viewed by many as their favorite part of the pageant, the interview and evening gown portion do not come without nerves and preparation.

The interview and evening gown portion of the pageant each count 30%, leaving the talent section to count 40%.

Senior Tracy McGee expresses that the evening gown portion is probably the most stressful part of her pageant experience.

"When you're walking on platformed high heels that add more than six inches to your height in front of an audience, there is a little bit of pressure... especially when you are trying to make it look like you are walking effortlessly."

Junior Emily Stone disagrees, believing the most nerve-racking part of the pageant is the interview.

"I hate going in there and talking about myself and my opinions," says Stone.

Frances Bell agrees, adding, "You never know exactly what kind of questions you are going to get asked and in what manner the

questions will be asked."

Overall, the pageant serves as a time of fun and bonding. While it is undoubtedly a competition, many girls enter the pageant for the pure reason of having fun.

Junior Olivia Carlson loves spending times with the other contestants.

"You get to know the girls and watch them each bring something different to the pageant," says Carlson.

Stone believes contestants get to know people that they probably would never know that well.

"We all definitely become closer through the pageant," Stone expresses.

While the pageant offers a new and exciting opportunity for girls who have never participated before, it also offers a memorable and guiding experience for those who have participated every year.

McGee "[feels] pressure to be a good role model for the other girls and assist those who are new to the pageant. The pageant has always been so much fun, and [she's] loved being able to participate every year."

The Miss DWS Pageant will not be without surprises. There will be a student to perform at the pageant, and of course, who will be crowned Miss DWS 2011 is a mystery.

A thanks goes to the Beta Club for sponsoring the pageant. Beta Club co-presidents, Alex Berry and Olivia Carlson, have worked very hard to make sure the pageant runs as smoothly as possible. The Beta Club is in charge of orchestrating the entire pageant, including contacting the downtown auditorium, contacting the judges, organizing group practices, and setting the date.

The Beta Club and the contestants hope to see you there and dazzle you with the 2011 Miss DWS Pageant.



**Miss DWS Pageant Contestants:** (from left to right) **Standing:** Emily Murphy, Morgan Kirkland, Marli Collier, Avery Schneider, Olivia Carlson, Brooks Breen **Kneeling:** Emily Stone, Harley Paul, Frances Bell, Tracey McGee, Kate Kimbrell, Marlee Skinner **Not Pictured:** Amy Baker, Emily DuVall, Samantha James, Chloe Jones, Jamie Roberts, Amelia Warrington



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# Teacher Profile: Bill Spangler

By Trey Flynn

Last Spring when Mrs. Youngblood announced that she would be leaving Deerfield, students and faculty members alike questioned whether anyone could ever bring as much enthusiasm to the subject of physics. Answering the challenge left by Mrs. Youngblood was Mr. Bill Spangler, who over the past few months has proven himself to be a great addition to Deerfield's distinguished faculty.

Weeks into the school year Mr. Spangler had already begun to develop a reputation as a "fun" teacher. Although many freshmen and seniors have found his class challenging, most students have enjoyed their experiences in room 103 this year.

Senior AP Physics student Gil Gillespie said of Mr. Spangler's class, "It's like being at a comedy club or something. We are always cracking up at the jokes Mr. Spangler makes but we still learn so much. It's definitely the class I look forward to most every day."

Jay Patel shares the feelings of Mr. Gillespie when talking about AP Physics. "It's pretty much the chilliest class ever. There are just six of us guys and Mr. Spangler so all we do is talk about manly stuff like football, beef jerky, and physics of course."

Whether it be imitating Cartman from South Park or laughing at himself after running into a wall, much of Mr. Spangler's comedy stems from his ability to poke fun at

himself.

"If you're comfortable in your own skin you can have a sense of humor about yourself and other people too," Spangler says.

Additionally, Mr. Spangler is well equipped with an arsenal of sayings and jokes that makes him "the ultimate master of science-related puns" in the words of Jay Patel.

Overall, Mr. Spangler promotes a classroom atmosphere that allows students to have fun while learning the discipline of physics.

Mr. Spangler grew up in West Virginia on the bank of the Ohio River, where he developed an interest in physics at a young age. Reflecting on his own experiences in high school, Mr. Spangler still remembers several of his teachers who ignited within him a passion for science. Among the list of Mr. Spangler's greatest influences is David Willard Judd, who taught physics and eventually rose to be principal.

Mr. Spangler recalls the impact that his senior physics course had on his academic career, saying, "There were only four of us in the class, so we all became very close and worked together. By the time I enrolled in college, I had such a strong foundation in science that I was well prepared for many of my college courses."

For college Mr. Spangler chose to stay in West Virginia and attend Marshall University. In 1970 an airplane crash in West

Virginia killed 75 people, 37 of whom were on the Marshall football team. These events which were the inspiration behind the film *We are Marshall* occurred a year before Mr. Spangler enrolled in the university. The lasting impression of the disaster still has a tremendous effect on the university as well as Mr. Spangler.

"We bleed green for Marshall," he said, "When they won the 1-AA national championship in 1992 my wife and I broke down in tears."

Reflecting on the impact Marshall has had on his life, Mr. Spangler recalls some of the challenges that he faced as a young physics enthusiast.

"I paid for 100 percent of my college education," he said.

Working in a music store to pay his way through school, Mr. Spangler developed a love for music that he carries to this day. Although he denies the label of rock star, Mr. Spangler has been playing bass for much of his life. He continues to play frequently in the Columbia, South Carolina area at weddings, parties and tailgates.



Spangler

# Chris Moates

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anything prevent them from living out their dreams. Then I will head to Phoenix, Arizona to work with the Make a Wish foundation, which grants wishes to children with life threatening medical conditions.

I hope that during this year I can serve others to the best of my ability, and also become more mature as a Christian. I am very thankful for this wonderful opportunity I was given, and I hope to make the most of it.

Moates with children and workers of the Big House Foundation



# A Tribute to a True Genius: Steve Jobs

By Buddy Riles

Have you ever fallen in love with a Disney Pixar film? *Toy Story*? *Finding Nemo*? *The Incredibles*? Have you ever listened to music through an iPod, talked to someone on an iPhone, or surfed the web or written a paper on an iPad or a Mac computer? If you said yes to any of the above, which I'm assuming most, if not all, of you have, then you have been touched by the man who brought it all possible: Steve Jobs. Steve Jobs was more than Apple's CEO for 14 years, but was truly a genius who made advances in the way we perform daily tasks.

Steve Jobs was born February 24, 1955, to two University of Wisconsin graduate students who gave their unnamed son up for adoption. As an infant, Steve was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs and was named Steven Paul Jobs. At a young age, he was deemed highly intelligent, even though he detested learning in school. Throughout elementary school, Jobs was known as a prankster and even was bribed to study by his fourth grade teacher. He placed in the highest percentiles on standardized test, a reason his administrators persuaded him to skip several grades, which his parents declined. While in high school, Jobs spent most of his free time at Hewlett-Packard, attending countless lec-

tures. Later he was hired there, and it was there that he befriended his soon-to-be co-worker Steve Wozniak. Wozniak was a brilliant computer engineer, and the two developed great respect for one another. After high school, Jobs enrolled at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. Lacking interest, he dropped out after six months and enrolled in several creative classes. Jobs later recounted how one course in calligraphy developed his love of typography, the process of printing with type.

In 1976, at the young age of only 21, Jobs and Wozniak started Apple Computers in the Jobs' family garage, and funded their project after Jobs sold his Volkswagen bus and Wozniak sold his adored scientific calculator. After much popularity, Apple Computers became a publically traded company with a market value of \$1.2 billion on the very first day of trading. In 1985, Jobs resigned as Apple's CEO to begin a new hardware and software company, NeXT, Inc. The following year, Jobs purchased an animation company from George Lucas, which later became Pixar Animation Studios. Believing in Pixar's potential, Jobs invested \$50 million of his own money into the company. The studio merged with Walt Disney in 2006, creating Disney Pixar. After years of making successful movies for Disney, Pixar was finally acquired by the me-

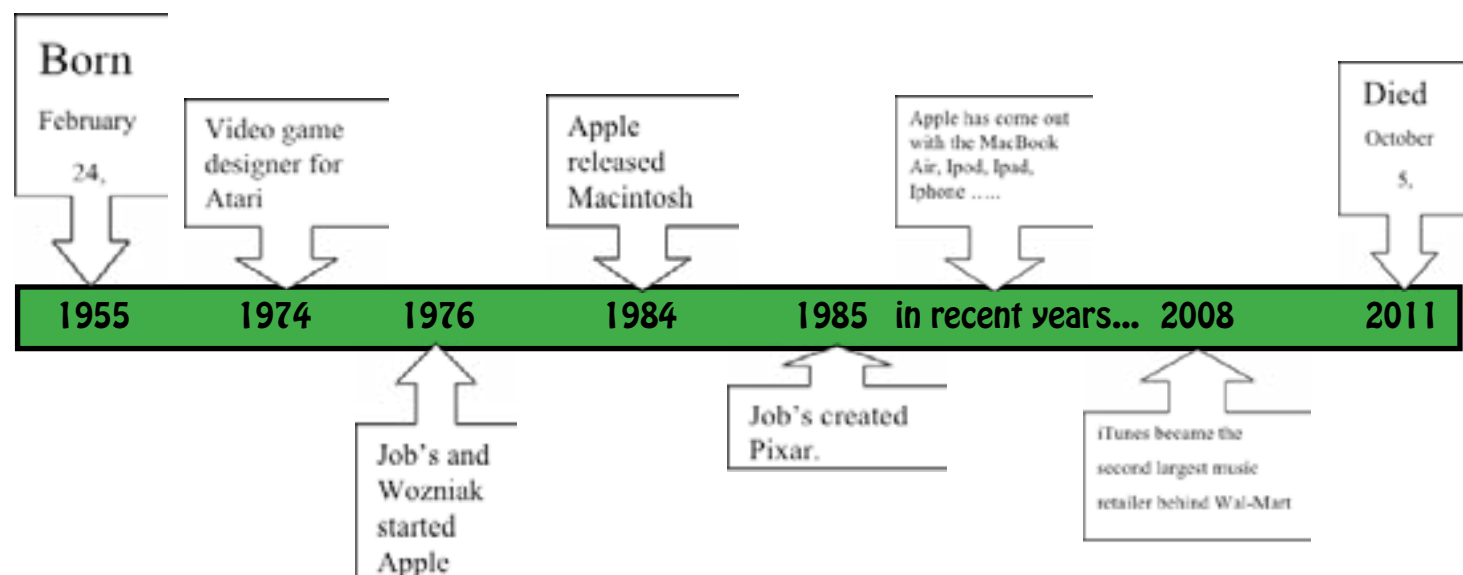
dia giant for a whopping \$7.4 billion. Steve Jobs became the largest Disney shareholder, holding about 7% of the company's shares. Despite Pixar's great success NeXT, Inc. struggled in its attempts to sell its specialized operating system to mainstream America. Apple eventually bought the company in 1997 for \$429 million. That same year, Jobs returned to his post as Apple's CEO. With a new management team, altered stock options, and a self-imposed annual salary of only \$1 a year, Jobs put Apple back on track. During this time in the early 1990s, Jobs met and fell in love with Laurene Powell, a Stanford business school student. After a short time dating, they married on March 18, 1991, and resided together in Palo Alto, California, and together had their three children.

In 2003, Jobs discovered he had a neuroendocrine tumor, a rare but operable form of pancreatic cancer. Instead of immediately deciding for surgery, Jobs chose to alter his diet while undergoing several treatment options. For nine months, Jobs postponed surgery, making Apple's board of directors nervous. In 2004, he finally opted for surgery, which successfully removed his pancreatic tumor. Over the years he disclosed little information about his health, but as the years went by it seemed that his health was getting worse. Early in 2009, reports

circulated about Jobs' weight loss, some predicting his health issues had returned, which included a liver transplant. Jobs had responded to these concerns by stating he was dealing with a hormone imbalance, but finally on September 9, 2009, he delivered a keynote address at an invite-only Apple event to tell the truth about his failing health.

Since 2004, Apple presented many new items that some would say were their best and best selling. They introduced the world changing iTunes, iPhone, and iPad. Most Americans, as well as most world citizens, have been affected by Apple products, which were all created with the help of Steve Jobs. Apple has changed the way we perform the simplest tasks, such as talking on the phone, listening to music, and surfing the web.

On October 5, 2011, Steve Jobs lost his battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 56. America not only lost Apple's former CEO, but a brilliant innovator, someone who changed the world and touched millions of people. He is someone I look to for inspiration and consider one of my heroes. From being a college dropout to creating one of the most successful companies in history, Steve Jobs has left a mind-boggling legacy. I can guarantee he will truly be missed. He was like no other, truly a genius.



# SPORTS

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## Scores

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

<b>09.30.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	7
North Florida Christian	33
<b>10.07.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	51
Pinewood Christian Academy	21
<b>10.14.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	45
Trinity Christian School	14
<b>10.21.2011</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	42
Tiftarea Academy	20
<b>10.28.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	27
Westfield Schools	12
<b>VARSITY SOFTBALL</b>	
<b>09.19.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	3
Brookwood School	16
<b>09.21.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	0
Citizens Christian School	15
<b>09.22.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	0
Sherwood Christian Academy	8
<b>09.26.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	11
Georgia Christian School	9
<b>09.29.11</b>	
Deerfield-Windsor	21
Valwood School	6

## Cross Country Season Concludes

By Camille Fox

Just recently the cross country teams ended their seasons with amazing finishes at both state and region meets.

The region meet was held on Saturday, October 22 at Southland, where the Lady Knights took home a region championship and four all-region runners. Courtney Kelson placed 10th overall with a time of 23:19, Camille Fox placed 4th overall with a time of 21:02, and Mackenzie Davis placed 1st with a time of 18:46, breaking both her personal record and the school's 5k record. Marcus Gouthro was the only male runner to make all-region, finishing 4th overall with a time of 18:17.

The following Saturday the teams travelled to Wesleyan College in Macon to compete at State, where Mackenzie Davis finished 2nd overall with a time of 20:10.



## Varsity Football

By Marli Collier

We live it. We breathe it. It's in our dreams. It's DWS football. There really is something about the atmosphere at a Deerfield home football game.

Many people were looking forward to what our guys could do this year after such a tremendous 2010 season. Let's be honest: here at DWS, we are used to winning. But such success does not come without preplanning and conditioning. So the guys started where they always do: spring football, summer camp, and the weight room.

Practicing in ninety-something degree weather is no picnic. However, the players tirelessly spent countless hours in these conditions practicing and perfecting all techniques necessary to prepare for the upcoming season. Camp at Georgia Southwestern is what sophomore Grey Lanier calls, "the worst week of my life." Between the 3-a-day practices, vomiting from the 3-a-day practices, and just your typical southwest Georgia weather, I'm sure we can all see why.

Before we knew it, the season was upon us. The players talked about reaching for what some would call an impossible goal: two perfect seasons. Could Deerfield end the season with a perfect 27-0 for two consecutive years? After a scrimmage against Valwood, the Knights kicked off the official 2011 season in a game against our old friends across town, Sherwood Christian Academy. It only took 11 seconds for DWS to score, and for Sherwood it just went downhill from there. The Knights dominated the night with a 42-13 finish. After such a win, it seemed that crazy goal of 27-0 might just be possible...

And then reality set in. We were confident going into the game against Stratford Academy—maybe a little too confident. We ended the half with a tie of 7-7. Before we even knew what happened, the score was 14 - 10 Stratford and the game is over. We lost. Wait a second, we lost? Losing is something DWS seemed immune to. But the fans, players, and coaches looked up to that scoreboard and knew we were no longer safe. No, we wouldn't have the two perfect seasons of 27-0. However playing against the Eagles was important for us. Stratford taught us to focus on one game at a time.

Coming off a devastating loss, the Knights were even more hungry and eager to prove themselves and start playing like champions. It was time to get serious. And in the next couple games, we reminded people we are a force to be reckoned with. Offense was led by seniors Quentin Heard and Gaughf Ivey. Junior Kh'ron McClain caught an impressive 51 yard pass from quarterback Dallas Margeson during the game against Bethesda. The next Friday against Bulloch Academy, the Knights sailed through with ease. The night ended with a solid 27-6 win. The ride home from Brentwood was a

very satisfying one, as the Knights completely dominated. The 41-12 game brought our record to 4-1 overall, but a spotless 3-0 in the region.

The next game was a little different. In order to gain experience, the coaches agreed to host North Florida Christian, a private school that normally plays in the FHSAA. The North Florida players have monstrous athletic abilities. Not only are they ranked number one in the Class A circuit, they happen to have a couple Division-1 recruits along with the number two safety recruit in the nation. However, our boys put up a decent fight. Dallas Margeson scored the only touchdown with senior Trey Puckett kicking the extra point. Puckett has had a fantastic season, kicking 40 out of 41 extra points this year already. Although we did lose against NFC by 26 points, the game tested us in our stamina, drive, and determination, making us overall a stronger team for the future.

Trying to bounce back after losing the North Florida, the Knights were determined to win against region adversary Pinewood. Kudos to the offensive linemen, led by seniors Parks Pace and Trey Flynn, who rarely get recognized. We had seven touchdowns against Pinewood, and the score was already 38-7 at halftime. Without that offensive line, there is no way those touchdowns could have been scored. DWS blew the opposition away with a 51- 21 final score.

Homecoming rolled around on October 14th, and what better way to get ready to boogie Saturday night than to bulldoze Trinity Christian? The Knights had over twelve players run the ball including Ivey and Heard, juniors McClain, KE'Marvin Pitts, Ethan Bruck, Davis Hines, and sophomore Matthew Fox, all of whom contributed to the victory. Defense lead by seniors Hunter Brettel and Matt Miller commanded the field even after injuries to key players James Tyson and Harrison Houston.

Even though the weather was cold, the Knights were red hot against Tiftarea Academy. After the 42-20 win, we improved our record to 7-2 overall and still remained flawless in the region, 5-0. As the next Friday came along, Westfield was our next target. The relationship between DWS and Westfield has always been an antagonistic one, and the battle was tough. We wrestled each other for the ball every play. In the end, the Knights came out victorious with the score of 27-12. Touchdowns by Heard and McClain (who also had an amazing interception) and a 42-yard field goal by Puckett helped make the night successful.

Next, we play against Southland. This game also marks Senior Night and the last game of the regular season. Already, the Knights have accomplished so much this season pre-playoffs. We are Region Champs for the fourth straight year. With the determination and tenacity of our team, there is no doubt they will only get better as the playoffs, and hopefully the state championship, arrive.

## By the Numbers

By Emily DuVall

	<b>14</b>
DWS cross country runners ran at the state meet	
	<b>335</b>
total points scored by the DWS football team	
	<b>48</b>
tackles by Matthew Fox this season so far	
	<b>5</b>
interceptions by K'hron McClain this season	
	<b>2</b>
All-Region softball players	
	<b>40 out of 41</b>
field goals made by Trey Puckett	
	<b>25</b>
varsity swimmer this season	
	<b>1</b>
times DWS football team has defeated Westfield in the past four years.	

## Softball Season Concludes

By Emily Espy

"One heart, one soul, one team." This was the inspirational phrase the Lady Knight softball team adopted during their rough start to the season. Thankfully, with some motivation and a lot of hard work, the Lady Knight's season took a turn for the better.

Our last home game of the season was against Georgia Christian School. The past few weeks had been difficult for the Lady Knights, facing some tough losses. The moral of the team, though, was up because of the bittersweet knowledge that it was the senior's last home game. Determined to go out on a high note, the Lady Knights put all their effort onto the field. With great hits by Kelsey King, Emily Stone, and Sabrina Curry, and with great defensive plays by Chandler Harris and Amber Owens, the Lady Knights were able to defeat Georgia Christian in a close 11-9 game. The winning streak continued for the softball team as we traveled to Valdosta and beat Valwood 21-6. The team then entered the first round of the state tournament, where we lost to Westfield, but the Lady Knights glad that they ended the last regular season games with victories.

The Lady Knights are also proud to have two AAA All-Region softball players on their team, catcher Sabrina Curry and shortstop Chandler Harris. The team will lose three senior this year: Sabrina Curry, Amber Young, and Emily Espy. Though all the seniors admit they will miss the sport, they cannot wait to see what amazing accomplishments their team makes in the near future.

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# Athletes of the Month

## Quentin Heard

By Hope Kitchen

"You are going to see a guy who will sacrifice himself for this team because he knows when it comes down to it, you are going to do the same thing for him... That's a team, gentlemen." This infamous quote by Al Pacino in *Any Given Sunday* is what senior football player Quentin Heard uses as motivation and inspiration while playing DWS football.

Heard is most known for being an unstoppable runningback, but he also plays outside linebacker on defense. Senior Parks Pace and fellow football player describes Heard as, "a teammate who always has good energy on the field along with a good attitude even when times are tough." After the first 10 games this season, Heard's stats include scoring a total of 54 points, making 2 assists, recovering 1 fumble, and recording 1 sack.

Despite only playing Deerfield football for three years, Quentin Heard has earned All-Region, All-State, 3-time WALB Player of the Week, and Albany Herald Player of the Week.

While taking on the everyday challenge of displaying leadership qualities for the younger teammates, the 15 seniors also faced the immense obstacle of trying to repeat a perfect season record like the 13-0 season last year. So when DWS suffered the heartbreaking loss to Stratford 10-14, the loss had an amplified effect on the returning players compared to losses in previous years. As Quentin says, "It was a tough loss, but our coaches have taught us to learn from our mistakes and to become a better team from it." But Quentin explains that he, "...couldn't ask for a better group of seniors to play my last year of high school football with. We all put our hearts into playing the game, so I think motivating the whole team comes natural to us." Certainly, faculty, students, and fans have recognized the valor and dedication the seniors have put forth with the 8-2

record.

Heard's favorite memory of DWS football was defeating Mt. De Sales in the State Semi-Finals and he hopes to win another state title this year. Heard also humbly explained, "I just want to thank God for bringing my family and me to Deerfield. I am truly blessed to be a part of the Knights!"



Heard

## Sabrina Curry

By Ashley Rhodes

Senior Sabrina Curry played a major role in the 2011 softball season. She stepped up as a leader and always brought enthusiasm to her teammates.

During most games this season Curry started at her favorite position, catcher, but she would also play shortstop when sophomore Gabby Burt went in as catcher and even occasionally filled in as pitcher for senior Amber Young. Extending her skills to batting, Sabrina is the holder of the school record for homeruns. Curry has hit four homeruns throughout her high school ca-

reer, one of them this past season.

She is not only known for her softball skills, but also for the leadership she brings to the team.

"Sabrina brought energy and enthusiasm and kept up the team's spirit and she set an example as a leader of the team that pushed us all to go that extra mile and to really strive to do better," says junior teammate Emily Garland.

Despite some of the disappointing losses the team faced, Curry's teammates say she always did her best to lift the team up so they could strive to do better.

"Sabrina was the heart of the team. She kept us together, and lifted us up when we needed it. She never let us finish with our heads down, she would tell us to shake it off and make up for it the next time around! She pushed us to be the best we could, because she loves us like family," says sophomore Chandler Harris. "She is the leader of the team."

Although softball season is over, spectators can look forward to Curry's performance in basketball and track this winter and spring.



Curry

## Swim Team So Far

By Camille Fox

Last Monday Deerfield swimmers headed back to the pool for their first practice of the new season. With the departure of last year's seniors, the addition of new swimmers, and the search for a new head coach, the team is already facing many difficult structural changes. But, with the right amount of practice and determination, the teams plans to reclaim last season's astonishing success.

With the addition of new talent and the return of swimmers who have been practicing year round, this year's swim team has high hopes for state-level success. Many swimmers on this year's Varsity team have been preparing for intense competition through off-season training with USA teams like Jeff DeMott's Flint River Rapids and Will Breehl's Aquadarts.

Hannah Bowe, a long-time Aquadarts swimmer and one of this years three team captains, has been steadily building endurance for her distance events. "Swimming year round has been great for keeping many of our swimmers in shape. With so many practicing in the off-season, I think this years team will be very strong."

In the midst of all the chaos of the new season, the swim team has been on the hunt for a new head coach, as current head coach Lorraine Withers announced recently that she would be moving to North Carolina shortly after the team's first meet in mid-November. "Lorraine has been an amazing head coach," says Rena Divine, who has been swimming for DWS since seventh grade and is also one of this season's team Captain. "But change always brings about an opportunity for improvement!" Just recently the school announced that Morgan Garcia, the team's assistant coach from previous years, has been given the position of head coach.

The team's first meet will be held on November 12th at Albany State, where swimmers will compete against region schools and plan on bringing home a first place trophy!

# ART CORNER

FEATURING WORK FROM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



By Ashley Rhodes



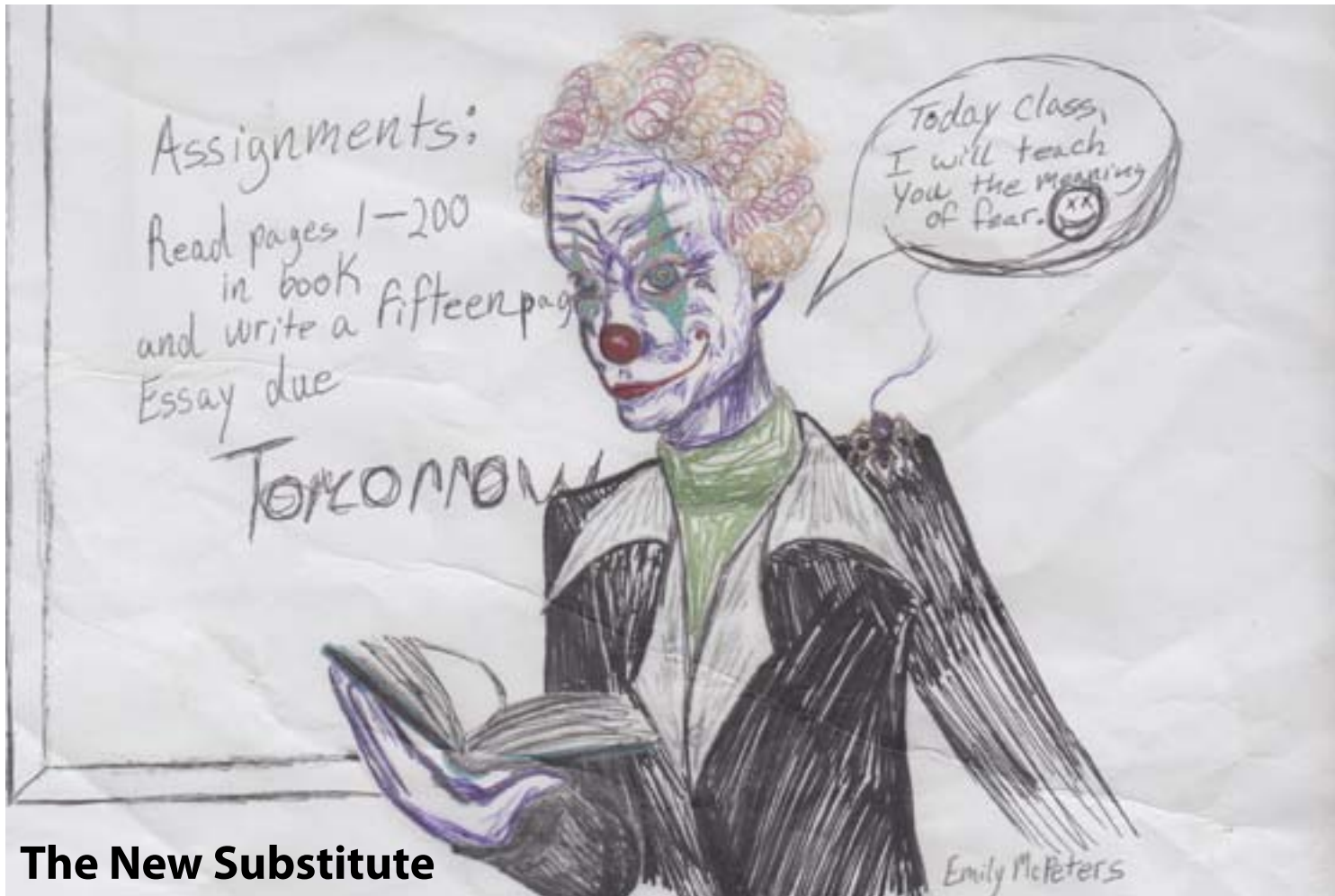
By Emily McPeters



By Heather Lash



By Katherine Hutchins



The New Substitute

## Mix It Up Day a Success

By Mackenzie Davis

Flyers decorated the hallways and the cars of many Deerfield-Windsor students asking them if they were ready to mix it up at lunch. Students looked at the lists posted throughout the hallways containing lunch table assignments, and the school buzzed with anticipation as fifth period ended and lunch began.

Over 2,000 schools participated in a National Mix It Up at Lunch Day on October 18 and Deerfield-Windsor was one of them. In an effort to promote Rachel Scott's dream of creating an atmosphere of kindness, the Friends of Rachel club organized and sponsored Mix It Up at Lunch Day encouraging students to meet and interact with new people in the lunchroom. Each Upper School

student was assigned a lunch table with people they normally wouldn't sit with and given conversation starters to help them step out of their comfort zone.

Some lunch tables erupted in singing as they bonded over their favorite songs and other students chatted and laughed loudly as they found common ground with students that they had just met. Many seniors floated from table to table interacting with younger students as they took hold of the opportunity to eat in the cafeteria and meet new students as well as bond with familiar ones.

"Mix It Up Day was so much fun because I got the opportunity to eat not only with underclassmen friends that I usually don't see at lunch, but also with new faces," says Tracy McGee.

While some tables had an easier time

getting to know one another than others, the students were forced to face their fear of stepping out of their comfort zone. Even though most students knew of everyone at their table, they didn't know them on a personal level.

"Having Mix It Up Day allowed me to learn much more about each of the people I sat with and gave me the opportunity to grow closer with many of them. It was great to see that when we got out of our comfort zone and sat together new friendships were able to form," says Emily Espy.

As uncomfortable as Mix It Up Day was for many students, the benefits certainly outweighed any of the negatives. The school was able to come together and participate in an event that allowed students to connect with each other.

## UGA Admissions Decisions to be Released a Month Early

By Camille Fox

Many Deerfield seniors were recently thrown into a state of disbelief when an email blast was sent from the admissions office at the University of Georgia announcing that early applicant admissions decisions would be released nearly a month earlier than expected. With the help of self-reported grades and the refusal to accept scores from tests taken after October 15, the admissions office believes they will be able to review all 10,800 applications by late November. A specific date and time for releasing decisions has not been announced, but applicants can expect to receive notice of their application status by mid to late November.

Brooks Breen says "It's exciting and nerve racking at the same time. In some ways I will be happy to get that date out of the way though so I don't have to keep thinking about it."

This is a stressful time for seniors, but also very exciting.



A senior art student, Katherine Hutchins, drew this picture in response to the elimination of her favorite cheer, the Cookie Monster Cheer.

## Cookie Monster No More

By Jarrett Martin

As many Deerfield students easily recall, the student body was shaken to its core this past September. After an E-mail sent by Headmaster Dave Davies went public, it became known that a long time Deerfield tradition was put to an end. That tradition was the beloved "Cookie Monster" cheer that has echoed throughout the Deerfield hallways for over 30 years.

According to an email sent to all Deerfield faculty, the cheer was deemed disrespectful towards the opposing team, because the Cookie Monster said the Knights are the "great big cookies at the top of the jar," while the "Eagles" are the "little bitty crumbs at the bottom of the jar." I can see where our administrators are coming from. Yes, we are cheering against the other team, and in that cheering, we are boasting our superiority, but isn't that what cheering is all about? There is a sense of competitive spirit that is possessed by students, alumni, and parents alike, and that sense of spirit must be fulfilled. A little "dissing" (disrespect for you older folks) towards the opposing team is always going to occur at sporting events. Yes, we should always be respectful, but this move to ban the Cookie Monster Cheer may

have taken it too far. Perhaps the administration would prefer a more communistic approach to the cheer. How does this sound? "The Cookie Monster says what the Knights are, 'The medium sized cookie in the middle of the jar!' The Cookie Monster says what the Eagles are, 'The equally sized cookie, also in the middle of the jar.'" Go Knights?

After hearing from students and faculty alike, I have heard many divergent opinions. Debbie Newsome-Allen, former Varsity cheer sponsor for 11 years, says, "I believe not only have lost a valuable cheer that always got the crowd riled up, but we have also lost a bit of our [school] heritage." She goes on to say, "This cheer has followed many lower school students to the upper school, many of whom probably never considered the words to be hurtful enough for the cheer to be banned." To concur with Mrs. Allen, I will add that I have been at Deerfield since K-5; hence I know what the Cookie Monster says. Never did it cross my mind to think of or say it in a negative fashion.

That being said, I would like to point out ideas that I can agree with from the administration's point of view. What I believe they are trying to instill in our minds is to always be respectful, and not just in an average or typical fashion. Deerfield students should be

held at a higher standard, one which does not involve any form of cheering that degrades or distracts the opposing team, no matter if it's about a Sesame Street character or not. I'm sure that the administration does not believe that a member of the opposing team is going to go home crying to momma saying, "Those mean Deerfield kids called me the crumbs at the bottom of the jar!" However, what administrators are likely doing is cutting back on any cheer that crosses the line of respect into the territory of what might be construed as disrespectful. All of this effort is geared towards things such as cheers, so that we as students may learn to be 150% respectful, 25 hours a day and eight days a week. It's all about the "Deerfield standard."

Over the past few weeks, I've had many people walk up to me and ask, "What can we do to get the cheer back? Start a protest?" This is certainly not the answer. The administration does not like drama...Who does? I think the banning of this cheer can teach us valuable lessons. First of all, it teaches us to have respect, not only towards the opposing team, but to our fellow students and administrators. It may not make you happy to respect someone or something you disagree with, but you should still show respect. It may anger you, but why be angry and ruin

someone else's day when you could suck it up and deal with it? If there's one thing I heard a lot on that fateful Friday, it would be the bashing of the administration. Everything from "I can't believe they would do something so stupid," to, "All they are trying to do is suck the fun out of everything and micro-manage." Though students are entitled to their own opinions, I couldn't disagree more. The administrators are only looking out for the school, while also trying to develop mature, respectful students that are a step above the rest. In all actuality, there might be a hidden challenge or lesson here. If you don't like it, don't just complain about it. Do something! And when I say do something, I mean do something diplomatic. Don't start a revolt, but try making a petition, or form a student group to RESPECTFULLY and CALMLY bring the Cookie Monster issue back to the eyes of the administration. Then, maybe, you will get results and have the cheer ban lifted. If the ban is not lifted, at least you showed that you have a brain, and that you can handle situations in a mature way, even if you did not get what you wanted. If students don't want to oppose the ban in a respectful way, then consider this cookie crumbled.

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## Advice Corner

**My teacher hates me. They won't listen my side of anything and my parents take their side. How can I get them to listen to me without risking getting bad grades?**

As high school students there will always be teachers that seem to dislike or single you out, but the truth is, teachers are just normal people who get bogged down and fed up just as students do. The basis of most teachers' assumed "hatred" is as simple as the attitude of those around them. I think we can all agree that no one likes to be treated in a disrespectful manner, so if you know that your attitude is not at its best, try and see the issue from the perspective of the teacher. If you truly do believe that this "hatred" is not rooted from any of your actions, set up a one on one meeting with your teacher and talk through the issue in a calm and respectful manner. You might be surprised at the willingness of the teacher to hear you out when you aren't complaining with a whiny or defensive tone. You will most likely learn that this rivalry you have built up in your mind is just a simple misunderstanding.

**I like this guy but my friends hate him! What should I do? -Hopeless**

Dear Hopeless,

I think it's safe to say that we have all been in your position at one point during school.

When you find yourself having feelings for a guy that all of your friends seem to dislike, the first thing you must do is be sure not to get too defensive too quickly. You have to consider that your friends most always have your best interest at heart. Think about your feelings for the guy, and make a list of pros and cons so it will be easier to understand where your friends are coming from. Although love in middle and high school is something to cherish, you are sure to find that your friendships last far longer than your crushes.

**\*\*To submit a question to The Excelsior's advice column, please place your question in box located in the library on Mrs. Lentz's desk.**

## Somewhat True Account of a Day in the Senior Lounge

By Jarrett Martin

It was a morning like any other. I flew into the senior parking lot at 8:13:46 A.M., rushing only because I had to finish a paper that I had put off right up until the day it was due. I thought I would go check on my friends in the senior lounge that were likely in the same boat I was. They were on a different boat for sure...They had all passed out! Why? The senior lounge was stankin', and it was all because someone left their lunchbox unattended for at least one week under a sofa, only to be recovered by an unsuspecting member of the senior class.

That unsuspecting class member was Bryce Earnest. The smell coming from the lunch box was so strong that when she opened it, a small explosion of an unknown gas occurred right in front of Bryce's face, causing the bruising and burns that many students have observed recently. The initial shock was too much for Bryce, as she passed out and nearly busted her head open on the hard, unforgiving concrete floor. Thankfully, Big Pauli was there to save the day. He quickly sprang into action by throwing a soiled sofa cushion onto the floor in order to prevent Bryce from harming herself further. All the while, he was still able to continue looking at trucks on Autotrader.

com. Later, when asked to comment on the incident, Big Pauli had this to say: "Well, I would definitely call myself a hero! Had I not been present for the event, Bryce may have been harmed further! I'm just thankful that my rear axle didn't pop off my 2006 Chevy Avalanche (Big Pauli gives a wink to a female in the room) like it did last week. If that happened, I would have been late to school!"

The entire day of school was even more unpleasant than it usually was because of the wretched odor radiating from the senior lounge. Teachers and faculty alike were startled when walking past the lounge, but only because they believed the odor was coming from the office directly across the hall, the office of Coach Gordy Gruhl. A teacher, who wishes to remain anonymous, said, "We [teachers] just assumed Gordy had one too many DietCokes paired with those wings from the cafeteria, if you know what I'm saying."

Needless to say, after peeling smashed grapes and other food items off the soles of my shoes, spraying Lysol, and swatting fruit flies, I must make a meek little request to my fellow seniors. CLEAN UP YOUR MESS! I have already attempted to do so once before, but my results were shadowed by the spill of yet another drink that was not wiped up. I'm shaking my head in disbelief.

## Today in Music: Billboard Top 10

1. "We Found Love" Rihanna Featuring Calvin Harris
2. "Someone Like You" Adele
3. "Sexy and I Know It" LMFAO
4. "Moves Like Jagger" Maroon 5 Featuring Christina Aguilera
5. "Pumped Up Kicks" Foster The People
6. "Stereo Hearts" Gym Class Heroes Featuring Adam Levine
7. "Without You" David Guetta Featuring Usher
8. "Party Rock Anthem" LMFAO Featuring Lauren Bennett and GoonRock
9. "You Make Me Feel..." Cobra Starship Featuring Sabi
10. "Mr. Know It All" Kelly Clarkson

## Horoscopes

Compiled by Camille Fox

**Aries Horoscope (March 21-April 19)**

Look for the chance to add some stability in your life today. There is a growing fondness between you and an acquaintance that could turn into something much more. If true love is not to be found, know that better days in the romance department are coming in the near future.

**Taurus Horoscope (April 20-May 20)** This isn't a good time to be planning how you can get out of performing some your responsibilities. With everything else in your life, this would just add too much unneeded stress.

**Gemini Horoscope (May 21-June 20)** You should concentrate on what you're doing today. This is no time to be thinking about winning the lottery. Deadlines need to be met and social commitments be planned, so wait awhile until things calm down - then let the daydreams begin.

**Cancer Horoscope (June 21-July 22)** If you think you are deserving of praise or a promotion, this may be the time to ask for it. Chances are you will be pleasantly surprised. But remember that before others can believe in you, you must.

**Leo Horoscope (July 23-August 22)** Mixing pleasure with work may pay off this time, if you are up for it. A chance encounter with a someone you've been wanting to get to know better could end of finishing in the wee hours of the morning.

**Virgo Horoscope (August 23-September 22)** If you are desperately seeking some time away from the maddening crowd, why not combine fun with a little work? It may not seem the best thing to do, but the scenario is more plausible than any others

**Libra Horoscope (September 23-October 22)** Your delightful gift of gab is entertaining and thoughtful, but an insecure co-worker or classmate could easily find fault with it. Avoid the confrontation; this would be a good time to disappear.

**Scorpio Horoscope (October 23-November 21)** There is only one way to deal with personal insecurities and that's to talk with family members or a close friend. They will remind you of your worth and value and get you ready to face the world again.

**Sagittarius Horoscope (November 22-December 21)** You may find that you're going to have to divide you time today between responsibilities and family - leaving no time for you. The thing to do is give of yourself, and then plan to spend at least a few minutes by yourself - absorbing some positive energies.

**Capricorn Horoscope (December 22-January 19)** The pursuit of a love interest could contain a surprise or two once you attain it. What once looked so promising, could turn into one big mess. Thankfully, you can always change your mind.

**Aquarius Horoscope (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** You need to walk through this day with your eyes wide open. Money could be on its way to you from an unexpected source. If possibility becomes reality, be wise and spend the cash carefully, as this new source of income won't last forever.

**Pisces Horoscope (February 19-March 20)** A combining of two interests in your life is possible in the near future. Use today to think about what you would do with this reality. This merger of sorts, could be related to business or something very personal. Just be prepared either way.

**\*\*source: www.dxpnet.com/astrology**

## By the Numbers

**1,810**

pounds world's largest pumpkin

**310 million**

dollars spent on pets in America for Halloween

**1.2**

pounds the average amount of candy consumed by an American on Halloween

**1880**

year that candy corn was invented

**415.9 million**

highest grossing horror franchise of all time: Saw

**87.78**

million households pass out candy on Halloween

**2 billion**

dollars spent on Halloween candy in the United States every year

**92%**

of people believe their neighborhoods are safe for trick-or-treaters

**13**

considered unlucky because there were 13 attendees at the Last Supper and Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was the 13th

**41 million**

people go trick-or-treating on Halloween

## Words of Wisdom

Compiled by Parks Pace and Camille Fox

**Weston King**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; And he shall direct your paths."

Proverbs 3:5,6

**Graham Lowe**

"He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world."

**Dr. Travis Campbell**

"If we set our goals low enough we shall always achieve them"

**Abraham Lincoln**

"If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?"

**Albert Einstein**

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

**Dwight D. Eisenhower**

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."

**Jimi Hendrix**

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens."

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## Halloween Must-Sees

By Tripp Mathis

With the spirit of Halloween in the air, everyone is always looking for a good scare. From the old classics to the new blockbusters, horror movies are always great to watch around Halloween. If you're looking for a good horror movie to set the mood for fall, you may want to consider these four movies. First, The classic Halloween will have you scared of what might be lurking around the corner. Second, Van Helsing reboots all of the classic monster stories into one gigantic adventure. Third, Se7en gives a creepy, new feel to the old detective stories. Finally, Paranormal Activity 3 will have you scared of anything and everything that you can't see or can't explain.

### Halloween

With Halloween right around the corner, what better movie to see than the 1978 film Halloween. Halloween is the story of the psychopathic killer Michael Myers and his attempt to kill his sister, Judith Myers (Jamie Lee Curtis). Halloween incorporates many elements that add to the whole mood. The very recognizable theme song sends shivers down your spine. The way Michael seems to just disappear makes you watch your back when you're alone. The scenes are dark and leave you on edge when you know Michael is around. For anyone with a weak stomach, you're in luck, because Halloween contains no blood. This movie shows that you can make an excellent horror movie without all of the gore. For a thrilling horror movie to watch for this Halloween, I definitely suggest Halloween.

### Se7en

With actors such as Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman, and Gwyneth Paltrow, Se7en makes for a great horror/mystery movie. Detective David Mills (Brad Pitt) and Detective Lt. William Somerset hunt for a serial killer obsessed with ridding the world of ignorance by use of the seven deadly sins. The story follows these detectives through each deadly sin, hoping to find any clue to what the killer might do next. The setting only adds to your fear. It takes place in an unnamed city filled with crime and poverty. It is always dark, rainy, and mysterious. The grim urban setting really reflects the theme of the movie. This movie will always have you wondering about what's going to happen next.

### Van Helsing

If you're looking for a movie packed full of monsters such as vampires, werewolves, Frankenstein, and even more, Van Helsing is the movie for you. Van Helsing (2004) is an action-adventure movie full of monsters, epic fight scenes, and explosions. Starring Hugh Jackman (Van Helsing) and Kate Beckinsale (Anna Valerious), Van Helsing is full of action from beginning to end. The movie follows Van Helsing on his quest to defeat Dracula and help Anna's family so that they may rest in peace. Van Helsing incorporates many classic monster stories, such as Dracula, the werewolf, and Frankenstein. This movie is packed to the brim with action and adventure. Van Helsing must do what others have failed to do for centuries, kill Dracula, all while being wanted for murder and chased by Dracula's army. Van Helsing adds great twists to great classics, while ranging across huge and varied landscapes. Anyone looking for a more action-based movie that still incorporates some horror should definitely check out Van Helsing.

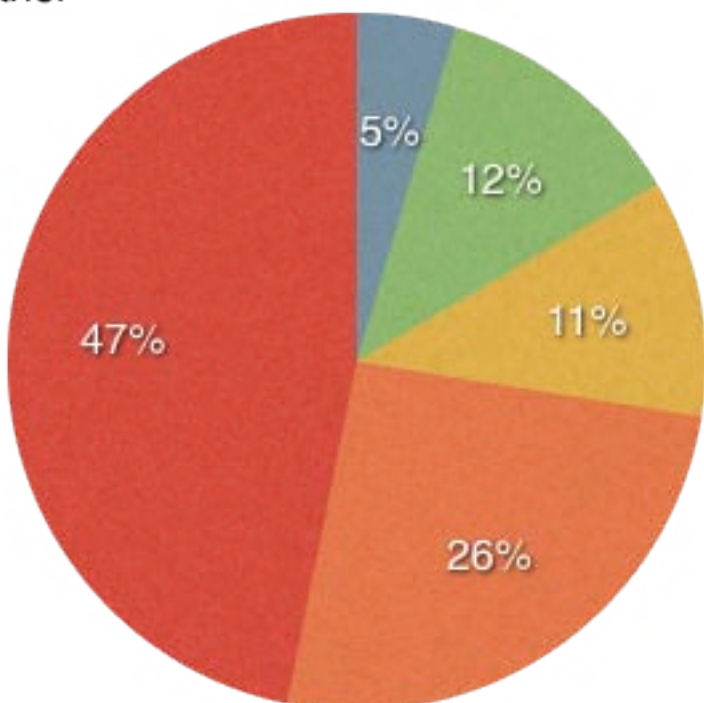
### Paranormal Activity 3

If you are looking for a haunting tale this fall, Paranormal Activity 3 is what you need to see. The movie follows the sisters from the first two movies as young children. You learn more of the history behind the hauntings through inferences of the boyfriend. He finds out about much of the grandmothers past and how she relates to all of these happenings. The movie incorporates many interesting changes to filming, such as the camera on a moving fan. This adds terror and suspense to an already terrifying movie. The thrilling story will make you distrust any man named Toby. Although the plot is similar to that of The Last Exorcism, the movie has a mind of its own. Suspense is created from start to finish from elements such as an auxiliary fan to a simple white bed sheet. So if you think you've seen everything from the story in the previous movies, you're wrong, and remember, be wary if you plan on playing Bloody Mary.

We asked the student body:

## What was your favorite Halloween costume as a child?

● Ghost ● Witch ● Animal ● Super Hero ● Other



## Fall Favorite: Pumpkin Gingerbread



### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease two 9x5 inch loaf pans.


In a large mixing, combine sugar, oil and eggs; beat until smooth. Add water and beat until well blended.

Stir in pumpkin, ginger, allspice cinnamon, and clove.

In medium bowl, combine flour, soda, salt, and baking powder. Add dry ingredients to pumpkin mixture and blend just until all ingredients are mixed. Divide batter between prepared pans.


Bake in preheated oven until toothpick comes out clean, about 1 hour.

3 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree  
2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1 teaspoon ground allspice  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground cloves  
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2 teaspoons baking soda  
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1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
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