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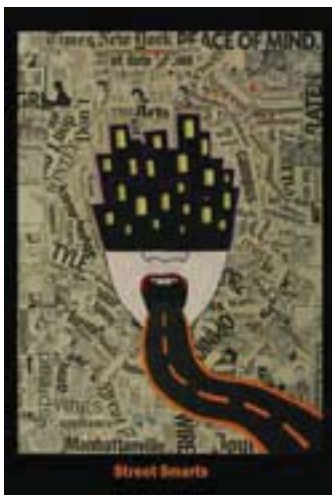
Art Awards With a Capitol "A"

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Most members of the Harrison community are aware that the 2010 to 2011 school year has been a big one for Harrison athletics. What many may not know is that the year has also seen great success for the arts.

This May, five Harrison High School students were hon-



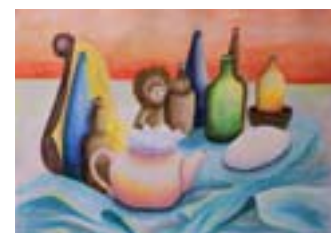
Alyssa Loffredo's runner up entry. or by the prestigious Congressional Art Awards, a nationwide artwork competition which members of the House of Representatives sponsor in their home dis-



Sofia San Marco's winning entry, "The Fight's Not Over," soon to be displayed in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

tricts. Each district contest yields one winner, and three runners-up. This year, senior Sofia San Marco, senior Alyssa Loffredo, junior Lauren Kim, sophomore Olivia Hymowitz, and sophomore Allison Fuerst were among

the fifty-four students in the 18th congressional district who submitted original artwork to the competition. Representative Nita Lowey, who has represented the district since 1993, recognized the efforts of all of the entrants at



Yuki Kamiya's Mayor's Choice winner.

a reception held at Westchester Music Conservatory in White Plains. At the conclusion of the reception, Representative Lowey revealed that San Marco and Loffredo had been rewarded first place, and first runner-up respectively. Sofia was recognized for a piece entitled "The Fight's Not Over." Alyssa was recognized for her work, "Street Smarts." Kim, Hymowitz, and Fuerst each received an honorable mention.

Sofia will be honored alongside the other first place winners in June at a reception in Washington DC. However, Sofia's accomplishment will continue to be celebrated long after she has returned home. For the next year, "The Fight's Not Over" will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel, the passageway which connects the Cannon House Office Building to the United States Capitol. Each year, thousands of tourists, politicians, and bureaucrats make their way through the

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Gotta get down on Law Day

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May 20 marked Harrison High School's annual Law Day, a prided event at HHS. This year's event was run by Harrison's Mock Trial team and was filled with intense arguments and debates. Throughout the day students were able to explore the world of law by participating in mock trials, workshops and practice sessions with a professional speech coach.

The day began with guest speakers Mayor Joan Walsh, Superintendent Louis Wool, and David Singer, followed by an introduction of the day's guest judges. Harrison's Law Day judges included two town justices, Marc J. Lust and Ronald B. Bianchi, and Mitchell Mandell and William Fried, who are parents

Nicole Suozzo. The Law Day judges act as real life judges during students mock trials, picking the day's winners and losers.

Mitchell Mandell is something of a Law Day legend. He shared, "I have participated in Law Day for the past four years because my son, Zach, now a senior, was also involved. My favorite part of Law Day is at the end where the judges get to teach the kids how a trial is actually run, because the mock trial model is not entirely true."

The first half of the day consisted of law trials for the students taking Law II. Students in Law II re-enacted a trial that they had previously conducted in class. The students were divided by class into different classrooms

where they proceeded with their trials before the judges. This was a chance for the students to put their skills to the test and see how they would manage before a legitimate judge, rather

than their teachers and classmates. This year's law classes spent weeks studying aspects of the court case, Pat Parker vs. The Village of Empireville and the

Board of Trustees of Empireville. The prosecutor, Pat Parker, sued Empireville for lack of due process when the town revoked parking privileges, preventing students from parking on streets near the high school.

Sophomore Rachel Kalichman reflects, "Law Day was helpful to me because it was different from regular in-class trials. It gave me more of a real-life experience. It enabled me to receive opinions from others that I wouldn't have been able to obtain in my class."

This year's court case forced students to answer the question: did the village violate Pat Parker's right to due process when banning parking? "The hardest part for me being a lawyer on the defense was that the facts seemed to favor the opposing side," shared Nicole Suozzo, "I was arguing with little room for error. One of our strongest points for the case was discovered after Law Day during commentary from our judge."

After the mock trials were over the debate team took charge and ran workshops for the law

students. The workshop provided students with an overview on campaign finance.



Students as lawyers.

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo



The jury ponders the case. Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

of Harrison students as well as attorneys. "The judges this year were very experienced and gave back more critical feedback than compliments," says sophomore

Law Day continued after school with optional practice sessions held by Beena Koshy. Beena Koshy is a nationally recognized speech and debate coach. This was her second year taking part in Harrison High School's Law Day. She provided all of the students who participated with constructive criticism, and complimented them on their work. Her practice sessions helped students to improve their delivery skills – a crucial factor in winning over the judges.

Law Day gave Harrison High School Students a chance to solve problems, work together, and associate with people who earn a living in the courtroom. Hopefully, Harrison High School's Law Day will continue to give students these opportunities for many years to come.

Vamanos, Amigos!

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This past spring break, 20 lucky Harrison High School students took the trip of a lifetime to Spain. Led by Spanish teachers Senora Garcia and Senora Surace, the students spent seven days exploring the cities of Madrid and Barcelona.

The trip was independent of the school and was planned through the travel company EF Tours. On the day of their departure, students were able to leave school early and miss the spring prep rally in order to catch their late-afternoon flight. However, the bus picked up the group an hour later than expected.

The group experienced a few other glitches prior to their arrival in Spain. The bus got lost heading to the airport, and senior Nate Berman's suitcase never left New York. But these minor setbacks quickly faded away when the group finally arrived in Barcelona.

After dropping off their bags at Hotel Atenas, the group immediately began exploring the city. The students were given the choice between a bike tour or a stroll down Las Ramblas, one of the city's main streets and tourist attractions. The boys chose the latter option, while the girls opted to bike. "The bike tour was definitely one of my favorite parts of the trip," says junior Cassidy Cohen. "I loved how we were able to get a sense of the culture as well as visit some of the most beautiful sites—all in such a short amount of time."

The next few days were just as cultural and action-

packed. Through a tour which began early in the morning, the group was able to visit many of the city's must-sees. Among other activities, the students took in Gaudi's renowned architecture, explored the holy city of Toledo, and visited the Royal Palace. It was tiring to constantly be on the move, but the enthusiasm of



La Sagrada Familia (The Sacred Family).

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

tour leader Kolja Van Zwoll kept the group going and sustained their interest.

A memorable part of the trip was visiting La Sagrada Familia. Though the church designed by Gaudi has been in progress for over a century, it has yet to be completed. Students were surprised to learn that more towers and levels were planning to be added to the already enormous structure. Builders intend on constructing a tower in the middle of the church to represent Jesus Christ, and plan on it being 100 feet larger than its four original ones! Though people predict that it will take 25 more years to complete the church, this didn't seem so far away compared to the amount of time it took to build it. Sadly, the group learned a few days later that a man set part of the church on fire. As a result, a few more years will be tacked on for its completion.

After getting familiar with their favorite shops and places and making great memories, the group was sad

to leave Barcelona behind. They spent their last night exploring the city's nightlife and dancing salsa in the main plaza. This was a special treat for the students since they usually had a curfew, and they thought it was a nice way to end the first part of the trip.

The next morning the group took a six-hour bus ride to their next and final destination: Madrid. Everyone felt exhausted from traveling and staying out late the night before, so the students were given a little down-time before exploring the new city. After a little R&R, a guide took the group to the Royal Palace and gave them a tour of its many rooms.

The students took part in some fun activities like pottery-making and visited several of the city's hot-spots within the few days they had, though one of their greatest highlights in Madrid was learning how to flamenco dance.

They first attended flamenco dancing class in order to learn the basics. The students had a good laugh seeing each other attempt difficult steps because most weren't too graceful or successful. After some practice they were given the opportunity to get on stage and show off their new moves. Later on the professionals put on a performance that



The flamenco stage in Madrid.

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo
showcased their singing and exceptional flamenco dancing. Rachel Hurvitz says, "It was so cool to see how the flamenco is actually done—it makes me want to perfect the moves that I learned!"

The trip was a fantastic cultural experience for everyone. From trying gazpacho and other Spanish delicacies to learning Salsa from Senora Surace in Barcelona's main square, the group embraced the Spanish culture and constantly tried new things. "I really enjoyed being able to experience a new culture with my friends, and I loved the social and educational aspects of the trip too!" says junior Lexi Rubenstein. No one wanted to leave Spain by the end of the trip—everyone had such an amazing time and left with memories they will keep forever.



Gaudi's famous dragon in Parque Guell.
Courtesy of Christie Suozzo



Students pose in front of the holy city of Toledo.
Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

New venture for Friends of Rachel

Meghan Molloy

Staff Writer

Remember when the organization Rachel's Challenge came to Harrison this winter to encourage kindness by starting chain reactions and eliminating prejudice? The presentation moved the school to tears as students and teachers promised themselves to become better people and befriend those in need. Before the presentation concluded, the presenters invited those interested to join Friends of Rachel, a club determined to make high school a better place. Since then, Friends of Rachel has been working hard behind the scenes to help students achieve the goals of Rachel's Challenge. As is stated on rachelschallenge.org, Rachel's Challenge consists of five parts: "Look for the best in others: Eliminate prejudice. Dare to dream: Write goals, keep a journal. Choose positive influences: Input determines output. Kind words. Little acts of kindness translate into huge results. And most importantly, start a chain reaction."

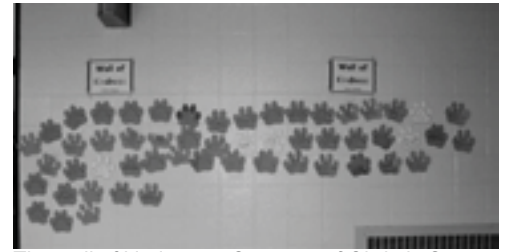
One project that the Friends of Rachel group worked on this year was the distribution of ribbons during the lunch periods. Ribbons of many colors were given to students based on their astrological signs. For example, Aries students (those with a birthday from March 21st to April 19th) received a green ribbon. When given a ribbon, each student was given a task to complete. These tasks included sitting at a new table for a day, and holding the door open for someone. As stressed through Rachel's Challenge, little actions like these help to make the school and community a better place.

Friends of Rachel has embraced a new task this spring, and on May 16 began constructing a 'wall of kindness' on which students are asked to record any acts of kindness that they witness throughout the day. When such an act is witnessed, students are asked to write the action down on a husky paw and submit it in an envelope. The paw prints and

envelopes are available in the main office, B104, D113, and in the library. Students, administrators, and teachers are encouraged to fill out a husky paw and submit it to Friends of Rachel. Each submitted paw will be displayed in the main hallway outside of the library for all to see as they walk by.

"The goal of this project is to improve the overall culture of the school," says Friends of Rachel officer Ms. Ganns. "There are a lot of people who are doing good things for their school, yet all of the attention is focused on the negative people. We hope that this project brings puts the focus on the positive things done at Harrison High School."

So far, the project has received positive feedback from students and faculty members.



The wall of kindness. Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

Freshmen Eileen Molloy thinks this project is worth the time. "I do agree that the attention goes on all of the negative things. This isn't just at this school; it's seen in the real world. The news only broadcasts terrible things and I think it's about time people focus on the positive. If people contribute to this project, they have the potential to change the culture of the school." That is true, the project can only succeed if the school community gets involved. Even the simplest acts of kindness can impact the actions of another. Kindness is contagious. Do your part by promoting acts of kindness, and witness the impacts on your environment.

"Reality Wall" hits home

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Underage drinking is a big problem in the United States. Studies have revealed that more than four million young adults between the ages of 12 and 17 consume alcohol in a given month. There are numerous causes for underage drinking. Some teens are pressured into drinking by their friends; some try it out of curiosity. Others drink as a way to temporarily feel good, and forget their problems. Whatever the reason, the risks are the same. Underage drinking can lead to car accidents, choking, seizures, damage to vital organs, and can land you in any number of scary situations.

This April, in recognition of National Alcohol Awareness Month, Harrison High teacher Mrs. McCarthy decided to begin a project which would increase stu-

dent awareness of the dangers of alcohol. Her idea culminated in the creation of the "Reality Wall." Located in the cafeteria, the two "Reality Wall" displays are made up of an array of anecdotes, submitted anonymously by Harrison High School students, which illustrate the consequences of alcohol consumption. Blunt statements such as "I was forced into doing things with a guy after being forced to drink stuff I didn't want to" and "I lost my virginity same night I was drunk" demonstrate with awful clarity just how brutal the effects of drinking can be.

Ms. McCarthy shared her hopes for the "Reality Wall" with this reporter: "I want the wall to encourage students to make smarter choices, so they can avoid getting into the types of situations described on the wall;

to make them realize that they are not immune to the consequences of drinking, because people their own age, at their school, have had it happen to them. I also want to show students that they are not alone when it comes to alcoholism or drug abuse in their families. My ultimate goal is to reinforce non-drinking students' decisions not to drink, and to motivate students who do drink to reduce their use or stop altogether."

Ms. McCarthy also shared a desire to continue the "Reality Wall" project next year, with new reality stories drawn from the Harrison community.

Through its highly visible



Courtesy of Superstar Project

locale, many students have become of the "Reality Wall" project, and have been influenced by its message. One student commented, anonymously, "Reading stories by peers is different from learning about drinking in school. It really makes you appreciate that these things really happen." Hopefully, this student is not the only one who has been impacted by the "Reality Wall."

In a world where movies and TV shows routinely glorify drinking, showing all of the fun with none of the consequences, projects like the "Reality Wall" help to keep teens grounded. If you haven't already, take the time out to visit this important display.

Getting Mega

Robby Tiburzi

Staff Writer

Early one Sunday morning thousands of students across the east coast took a sip of coffee and began tackling the dilemma that is the Colorado River Basin.

These students were all competitors in Moody's Mega Math Challenge, an applied mathematics competition that challenges teams of students to use math to solve important issues plaguing the world today. In past years, students have been asked to stimulate the economy, make sense of the 2010 census, and determine the viability of alternative energy. This year, competing teams were assigned the task of creating a mathematical model that would predict the water supply of Lake Powell. They were then asked to determine the implications of this model on the economy, especially with regards to power generation, and to

propose a way to reduce the amount of water that must be removed from the Colorado River to maintain Lake Powell.

After working for 13 hours straight, Harrison seniors Crystal Stowell and Laura Doherty and juniors Jacob Seidman, Jenna Clemens and Robert Tiburzi found the Colorado River Basin to be a "Fast Flowing Failure – A Dam Dilemma".

The team created a mathematical model to predict the capacity of Lake Powell over the next 5 years: $(I_a - I_a R) - E(V_i + \Delta V_{(t-1)})$.

This model led the team to predict a bleak future for Lake Powell. However, the team found that the construction of desalination plants and the renegotiation of treaties to establish lower amounts of water taken from



President of the Moody's Foundation, Frances Laserson. *Courtesy of SIAM.com*

plants would eventually allow Lake Powell to be restored to its previous level of capacity.

The competition pushed the students to think in new ways. Team member Jacob Seidman shared how the completion required him to think less unilaterally: "The most challenging part was finding a way to translate our thoughts about the problem into the language of math and then use this translation to arrive at a solution." The team relied on skills not solely based in

mathematics, and had to adopt an interdisciplinary approach to the problem in order to effectively analyze the information they collected.

The Harrison team's presentation qualified for the 2nd round of competition, recognizing Harrison as one of the top 100 teams on the east coast out of the 500 who participated. They were the first Harrison team ever to accomplish this feat.

Unfortunately, the team did not advance further in the competition. However, the competitors look at the competition as a learning experience. The knowledge gained by the three juniors on the team is sure to pay dividends when the time comes for Moody's Mega Math Challenge, 2012.

Chess makes a comeback

Danny Glass

Staff Writer

Chess is a very old board game said to have originated in the sixth century. Chess players engage in a battle of strategy as they attempt to corner the opposing player's king. At Harrison High School chess is currently experiencing a rebirth.

For the ninth period library-goers it all began one seemingly average day. The board rested easily on the table. It had been awhile since this reporter had played the great game. And the rest is history. Now, every time a person walks into the library he or she will see one or two active chess games. The greatest thing about chess is probably that everyone can play.

In the recent months this reporter has played an impressive amount of chess. Versus fellow junior Jacob Temkin, the record is two wins, two draws, and one crushing defeat. Versus Mike D'annibale two wins, two losses, zero draws. Every time one loses



Courtesy of Christie Suozzo.

at chess, it is analogous to having one's brain defeated. This has led to some budding rivalries, especially Glass versus Temkin.

The rules of chess take some time to learn, but it is imperative that when one learns the game, one learns it correctly. A chess game can be divided into three sections: the beginning game, the middle game, and the end game. Moving pieces is referred to as development. The middle of the board is generally considered the most important section. Ergo it is important to develop pieces in this section.

It is advisable to move pawns, then knights, then bishops, then queen. This order allows for successful control of the game.

A few weeks ago, I witnessed a game between Prince Lee and Chris D'Antona. The game was unorthodox to say the least. Rather than docilely removing them from the board, Prince claimed his opponent's pieces by viciously knocking them to the ground. But what really impressed me about the game was not the moves or the strategy. It was the bonding between the players. Twenty-first century teenagers were able to have fun playing an ancient game. Any game that retains relevance after thousands of years is a game well worth one's reverence.

Unfortunately, just as chess can bring people together, it can cast them asunder. Chess

should be a fun game that people enjoy playing, not a game where people fight over moves, or time wasted. Chess competitions should be gentlemanly affairs wherein shouting matches have no place. Recently, in a match versus Jacob Temkin, this reporter allowed his opponent to restart the game. Why? Because chess is not about the win-loss record, but the fun of the game.

Chess boards are widely available, and readily accessible. It is a game that anybody can play, and that those ordained should recommend to others. It is simple to learn, yet nearly impossible to master. But chess is a game that can be enjoyed whether one is a beginner or an expert. As long as the library supports chess, those lucky enough to have periods to spare should take the opportunity to play. However, if one happens to play Prince, one should take caution as he is a self-professed "chess ninja."

Spring Concert a Fitting Finale

Olivia Pagano

Staff Writer

On Tuesday April 12, Harrison High School held their annual spring concert. The concert featured performances by the orchestra, the dance classes, the chorus and the band.

The orchestra took to the stage prepared to give their all, and play their best. The orchestra consists of mostly freshman because the string program started in Harrison in 2006 when the current freshmen were in fourth grade. They were the first grade to be exposed to string instruments. Approximately twenty orchestra students played a composition written by William Hofeldt called "Dearpath Triptych." This exciting piece was followed a rendition of one of Beethoven's classics: "The Pastoral Symphony." Performing with the orchestra were band members Bryan Jacobowitz, Ryan Pollakoff, Mike Della Rocco, Elise Baik, Rachel Crozier, Mitch Coffin, Jenna Clemens, Allie Fuller, Kayana Jean-Phillipe and Daniel Morgen. Freshman Lucas Pettinato, a bass player in



Courtesy of Gary Morgen Photography

the orchestra, stated, "I thought that the orchestra played very well. We played dramatically and spiritedly throughout."

Next the dance classes performed a dance entitled "Alice in Wonderland," which interpreted the classic story through different songs and styles of dance. "Alice in Wonderland" was choreographed by senior and longtime dancer, Tiffany Reyes. Songs featured included instrumental versions of popular tracks by Lady Gaga and Gwen Stefani. Tiffany shared, "Since I have taken dance each of my four years at the high school, I had the op-

portunity to choreograph my own piece for my last spring concert. It was an amazing feeling having my work performed for my friends, family and peers. Dance is something I will cherish for the rest of my life."

The chorus, led by Ms. Lynn Fusco, performed next. Accompanied by senior Bryan Jacobowitz, the group performed four pieces: "Silver Swan," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Japanese Poems" and "Bohemian Rhapsody." The third of these selections required the chorus to sing part of the song in Japanese. Freshman chorus member Kyle Lefkowitz

commented, "I think the chorus did really well. We were able to perfect popular as well as less well known songs. Also, singing a song in another language shows that we are capable of meeting unique challenges."

Last to perform was the band, directed by Dr. Ferdinand Pasqua and Mr. Charles Briem. Selections featured in the band's program included "Second Suite in F For Military Band" by Holst, and "Bolero" by Maurice Ravel. Freshman Trent Lefkowitz said about "Bolero," "It is a song that gives each instrument an opportunity for its voice to be heard." The band also played the song that won them a silver medal in Atlanta, "Birdland." Following "Birdland," the Wind Ensemble, a select group of band members, played "Elegy for the Young American."

Overall, the spring concert was exquisite — a night of excitement and beautiful enjoyed by all who attended.

Bus driver toots his own horn

Matt Cysner

Staff Writer

Most bus drivers honk horns - Alvin Long plays one! Alvin Long has been a bus driver for Harrison since 2003 and takes great pride in his job. This reporter has had the privilege of riding on his bus for the past two years and he always is very happy. While a normal person might become extremely cranky when waking up early to drive boisterous, sometimes obnoxious kids to school, Mr. Long seems unfazed by this. In fact, he seems to love it. He always welcomes everyone that comes onto his bus and when leaving in the afternoons, he reminds students to make sure they have all their belongings. In short, he is one the friendliest men you'll ever meet.

The first time this reporter realized Mr. Long's musical ability was when trying to fall asleep on the bus one morning. Mr. Long was whistling some very complex classical music. At first it was annoying, but then an iPod came to the rescue. Later, this reporter learned that people could hear someone practicing trumpet outside by the buses. It could only be the world's nicest bus driver. He agreed to answer a few questions for the *Husky Herald*:

Husky Herald (HH): What instruments do you play?

Alvin Long (AL): The trumpet and tenor saxophone.



Mr. Alvin Long. Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

HH: When did you start playing each?

AL: I started playing trumpet while I was in high school, so around 1956 or '57, but I started playing the sax just last year.

HH: Do you do any professional concerts or shows?

AL: No but I do play at church, funerals, and birthday parties.

HH: What do you plan on doing in the future?

AL: I plan on getting better at the sax and trumpet, but especially the sax. I want my kids to continue playing an instrument and maybe make a career out of it, but for me, it will always remain a hobby.

Alvin Long is an inspiration to musicians (and bus drivers) everywhere. He really is quite good, although he claims to be only an "amateur." He ended the interview with this statement: "It is the best hobby that I can have." He loves his music and he loves his job, which probably explains his high spirits and perpetual good mood. It is truly spectacular to listen to — if you have a free ninth period, walk outside by the buses and give a listen. It is magical.

A day in the life of a new kind of teen mom

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When most look at Harrison senior, Kate Cioffari, they see an average high school student,



Kate with members of the Thai military.

Courtesy of Kate Cioffari

preparing to graduate and make the transition to college. But look behind that blonde hair, and you will see there is far more to her than meets the eye.

For the past four summers, Cioffari, through various community service projects, has traveled the world, spending time in Costa Rica, New Zealand, India, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Burma. Junior Alex Misisco, a friend of Cioffari's, shares "Kate's eyes have seen more than anyone else's I know." The life of a Westchester

kid is often sheltered; contained within the bubble of the Tristate Area. Through her travels, Kate has broadened her horizons. And along the way, she has become a sponsor mother.

Last summer, Kate traveled to Thailand with David Venning, the chairman of Rustic Pathways, interviewing tribal youth in Southeast Asia and documenting their stories of poverty and hardship. She spent time at Venning's Orphanage in Chiang Rai, Thailand. This is where she was given the opportunity to become a sponsor. Sponsor mothers provide money to help pay for living expenses, food, and an allowance – a big commitment for a girl who is barely an adult. Kate took on the challenge, and is now the sponsor of a lively teen girl named Dao. Dao lives in the orphanage in Thailand and, at 17, is the same age as Kate. Like many teens in the U.S., Dao enjoys playing volleyball. She also loves attending school, something many Americans take for granted.

To Dao, education is a privilege. The economic and political diffi-

culties that often plague developing countries have a tendency to cause individuals to concentrate on survival rather than education. Currently, the Thai government only provides access to free education to children between the ages of six and twelve. If a student wishes to continue their education after the cutoff, he or she must do so through a private school. Although the nation lacks an enduring educational plan, various organizations similar to Kate's provide Thai kids with the funds they need to keep learning. This kind of aid is what makes it possible for Thailand to have a literacy rate of almost 95%, one of the highest in South East Asia.

"In Thailand many people worship education, and are willing to do anything in order to learn," states Kate, "When I learned that sending Dao a couple hundred dollars every few months was enough to grant her an education, something she dreamed of, I couldn't say no. I became her mom in a way; someone to provide for her."

Since Kate's return to the U.S., she and Dao have stayed connected through email. In order to maintain her role as sponsor Kate saves her money, rather than spending it on shopping excursions or frivolous commodities. But according to Kate, it is worth every penny. She shares, "I see Dao's smile behind every email I get. It's really nice knowing that you're part of the reason behind a smile, no matter how little you did. I don't think Dao learns much from me in comparison to what I learn from her."



Courtesy of Kate Cioffari

Through her work as a volunteer, Kate has learned what the world has to offer beyond Westchester, and the United States. She is one of the few who fully appreciate the luxuries available in a town like Harrison. She recommends that all students try and get involved. Whether one volunteer in Cambodia, or spends a couple of hours at his or her local soup kitchen, the amount one learns through the experience of volunteering is priceless. Kate states, "The experience of having Dao in my life has taught me how far just a little can go."



Courtesy of Kate Cioffari



Kate and her "daughter" Dao. *Courtesy of Kate Cioffari*

Harrison's Got Talent

Ray Corona

Sports Editor

In the midst of all the AP Exams and preparations for finals in June, students were able to relax and enjoy the Talent Show, hosted by the Sophomore G.O. The ten groups from all grade levels showed off their skills in acts from hardcore rapping to laugh out loud comedy. Junior Cameron Ganis won top performance; however, each act added something special to the already great show.

The event was kicked off with an impressive beat-boxing performance by junior Ryan Ferrera, which got everyone up off their seats. Back to back freshman performances followed, with the duet by Kyle Lefkowitz and Jarrett Diaz singing "Love the Way you Lie" and then a solo performance by Sarah Curtis singing to Katy Perry's "Fireworks." Cameron Ganis would round up the vocal performances by treating the crowd to a series of songs from his album *The Vizion is Clear*.

Hannah Hochman enjoyed the singing portion, saying, "Having [them be] terrific singers is just enough. But you had rapping, duets, pop music; there was a wide range of music and all of them were exciting."

The only comedy performance was perhaps one of the best overall acts, with a hilarious duo of Chris Morris and Andy O'Rourke, with help from Michelle Barnstable and Adriana Nocco. The latter two also sang "Take Me or Leave Me" from *Rent* later in the night. The former two have been actors in many of the High School performances, and showed the audience their brilliant writing and acting over the course of their performance. In their two part act, the duo showcased skits named "Magical Wall" and "Football and Baseball."

"It really just came to us," says Chris Morris after his great performance, "The writing is a major aspect of how well you

do, but you also need to put on a great show. I'm just glad people enjoyed it."

The funny skit warmed the audience for the final section of show: the bands. Matt DiRe and Chris Doherty started off this portion of the show by singing "Soco Amaretto Lime" by Brand New. The next act was Weapon Prologue, a band consisting of seniors Zach Mandell, Bryan Jacobowitz, Joe Papa and Tetsuya Akashige, which sang "Around the World". Despite the different styles of both bands, each group caught the ears of the audience with its musical ability.

The next band, which featured Bryan Jacobowitz, Matt DiRe and Colin Frank, played an original piece adapted from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and came up with their performance just a day before the show. The finale to the show was an all-junior performance of "Hey Jude" played by James Nitis, John Brefere and Ryan Molloy. The group



Emcee Ahmad Ali.

Courtesy of Olivia Hymowitz

was even more impressive, considering their matching suits to accompany their performance.

"It was just a major success for everyone," says Lauren Jacobowitz, a member of the Sophomore G.O. who spent hours planning the event, "Although the G.O made money, the students had a great time," she said. "It was a perfect way to end the stress of AP exams week."

The sophomore class would like to thank all those who participated and were a part of this successful event, especially the host, senior Ahmad Ali.

Slump thing to talk about

Brian Lauro

Staff Writer

Everyone's high school career comes to an end someday. After those four long years, you finally are accepted into college. Everything you worked so hard for finally has paid off. You might then figure, what is the point of more school work? You already made it into college, what more is there to prove? Welcome to the infamous ailment known as the "Senior Slump."

Seniors everywhere fall into this trap of laziness and a care-free attitude. Many of our own Harrison High seniors have fallen into their own slumps, some going all the way back to this past September. Many of them were happy to confess and share their experiences.

"Senior Slump hit me real hard," noted Nick Puliafico. "I was only taking one AP, and once I got into college, that's when I just started taking it real easy in class. I don't care about class anymore."

Natalia Atehortua explained how it was a gradual process.

"Throughout the beginning of the year I didn't believe that I would have any trouble staying on task," she said. "As the year went by, I cared less and less about any of my classes except for AP Calc. Senior Slump definitely hit me as hard as possible and already getting into college made me care even less about any of my high school work."

But there are those students that noticed the trap they were falling into after they had already started their senior slumps. For some, they decided this was not how they would end their high school career. When they finally got that wakeup call, they knew it was time to gather up some energy, put some effort in, and hit the books once again.

Steven Ricciardi saw the signs by mid-year.

"From the beginning of the

year I didn't plan on doing any work," he said. "For the first half of the year, that's what happened. My grades were terrible and colleges definitely did not like it. I had a wakeup call and came back with a good third quarter. I plan on having a good fourth quarter as well and will graduate happy with my career."

"I had a 100 average in one of my classes," said Gary Castelli, and now that has turned into a 71. Fourth quarter, I decided to get my act together and finish off high school with at least 95 averages, eager to get out of my senior slump."

Not all students fall into this senior slump trap. Some are aware of how tempting it is to slack a little, but still muster the requisite determination to avoid it and carry their quest to achieve good academic grades.

"Avoiding senior slump was much easier than one might expect for me," noted senior and

wise panda Adriana DiFazio. "I've worked hard for the past four years, so it was kind of difficult to just completely stop caring about my academic integrity. I didn't realize how innate my work ethic had become until I realized that it wasn't really necessary to do perfectly on every test I had. You end up putting in the work to do well because you want to do well, because you want it for yourself, not because the grades actually matter anymore."

Only you can decide how to end your own individual high school career. Experts say that study habits in your last years of high school are a strong determinant as to how well you will fare in your freshman year of college. For all rising seniors next year, you've got all summer to think about whether you can overcome what's looming on the not so distant horizon. Will you have a Senior Slump?

The following is a list of the colleges and universities that some of our Harrison High School seniors will be attending:

Last Name	First Name	College of Matriculation	Last Name	First Name	College of Matriculation
Abinikad	Lisa	University of Delaware	Johansen	Danny	SUNY Albany
Akashige	Tetsuya	Stony Brook University	Kaplan	Rachel	Kenyon College
Al-Doori	Zaid	Binghamton University	Katz	Emily	University of Maryland
Algerin	Jonathan	United States Marine Corps	Kaufman	Drew	University of Delaware
Ali	Amahd	Western New England College	Klein	Spencer	SUNY Buffalo
Alvora	Duke	SUNY Maritime	Kronthal	William	University of Calif. Berkeley
Amompongpisut	Amy	New York University	LaDore	Michael	New York Institute of Technology
Angelone	Nicolas	Western Michigan University	Lee	Prince	Nassau Community College
Annatone	Dana	Quinnipiac University	Lindsay	Emma	Bates College
Arpaia	Nick	SUNY Buffalo	Linero	Lorena	University of Vermont
Aslanian	Lily	New York University	Loffredo	Alyssa	Miami Int'l. Univ. of Art & Design
Atehortua	Natalia	University of Rhode Island	Lovinger	Nicholas	Vanderbilt University
Azuaje	Alejandro	New York University	Maida	Alyssa	Binghamton University
Back	Edwin	University of Michigan	Maldonado	Naty	John Jay CUNY
Balk	Elise	Binghamton University	Mandell	Zachary	McGill University
Baker	Lindsay	Emory University	Marin	Edgar Emigdio	SUNY Buffalo
Balboni	Daniela	University of Tampa	Mennea	Cristina	Iona College
Basciano	Alexa	Iona College	Menniti	Benny	Iona College
Blum	Nicole	Bucknell University	Morel	Jailenn	Marymount Manhattan College
Boaz	Amanda	University of Vermont	Mogar	Nikita	Brooklyn College B.A.M.D.
Bracciolieta	Rosie	Manhattanville College	Mogavero	Olivia	Manhattan College
Bratberg	Ashley	West Virginia University	Montes	Jewels	Westchester Community College
Brennan	Lellani	Tulane University	Moschetta	Andrea	Springfield College
Brown	Alexandria	Penn State University	Mulderrig	Robbie	West Virginia University
Bruno	Gianna	SUNY Albany	Nardulli	Angelo	Penn State University
Cabrera	Andres Duarte	Westchester Community College	Nesheiwat	Nour	Fordham University
Cabrera	Ivan	Saint Lawrence University	O'Shea	Brendan	Quinnipiac University
Callari	Michael	Western Connecticut State Univ.	Pantore	Patrick	Saint Leo University
Canter	Kyle	Tulane University	Papa	Joe	SUNY Farmingdale
Carpiniello	Danielle	Marist College	Park	Thomas	Indiana University at Bloomington
Camavalla	Alexa	Loyola University Maryland	Parrello	Melina	Marist College
Catalano	Angelica	Pace University, Pleasantville	Pepe	Joe	Southern Vermont College
Ceglio	Vincent	Iona College	Pierro	Daniel	Hamilton College
Chadwick	Allison	University of Tampa	Pierroz	Adriano	Fordham University
Chiarella	Michael	Drew University	Piarnos	Irene	SUNY Oneonta
Chill	Alex	Univ. of Maryland, College Park	Pitiger	Jamie	University of Wisconsin Madison
Cirincione	Alexandra	SUNY New Paltz	Principato	Kenneth	University of Vermont
Coffin	Mitchell	Binghamton University	Pulafico	Nick	Penn State University
Conigliaro	Anthony	Saint John's University	Quigley	Amanda	Iona College
Cooper	Joni	Northwestern University	Repecki	Chris	Davidson College
Corona	Frank	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst	Reyes	Tiffany	Rider University
Crozier	Rachel	Fairfield University	Rinaldi	Daniel	Mitchell College
Daliapes	Spiro	Saint John's University	Sachse	Sarah	University of Michigan
Decarlo	Stephanie	Saint Thomas Aquinas College	Sanchez	Carmen	University of New Haven
DelliPaoli	Elissa	Pratt Institute	San Marco	Sofia	Skidmore College
Delpriora	Alexa	Butler University	Santiago	Alyssa	CUNY Lehman
Delpriora	Jesse	Indiana University	Santoli	Giuseppe	SUNY Buffalo
DiFazio	Adriana	Barnard College	Scavone	Ava	Manhattan College
Doherty	Christopher	Northeastern University	Sciandra	A.J.	Five Towns College
Doherty	Laura	University of Pennsylvania	Shannon	Kerry	Quinnipiac University
Donat	Joe	Pace University	Solomon	Jake	Michigan State University
Dowd	Jason	Manhattanville College	Spencer	Joanna	Northwestern University
Ducasse	Etienne	SUNY Buffalo	Stanton	Casey	Brandeis University
Elvira	Laura	SUNY Stony Brook	Stowell	Crystal	Harvard College
Evans	Ryan	Syracuse University	Sullivan	Michelle	Brown University
Ferrara	Philip	Binghamton University	Taliban	Jordan	University of Hartford
Flanagan	Lisa	SUNY Stony Brook	Tannenbaum	Lindsey	University of Michigan
Ford	Kelly	James Madison University	Tauthong	Atitaya	Hunter College at CUNY
Franco	Jessica	Boston College	Tejada	Sophy	Western Connecticut State Univ.
Gallace	Jenna	Manhattan College	Tenner	Nicole	Springfield College
Gasparre	Rhiannon	University of New Haven	Tirella	James	SUNY Cortland
Gazzola	Nick	Iona College	Torres	Kristina	SUNY Cortland
Greenspan	Lesley	Fashion Institute of Technology	Tsutsumi	Ida	Yale University
Grella	Mariangela	SUNY Farmingdale	Turitz	Matt	Florida State University
Hand	Sarah	Georgetown University	Van Tongeren	Gregory	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
Hart	Jaclyn	Loyola University Maryland	Vecchiolla	Christine	University of New Hampshire
Hendler	Scott	SUNY Buffalo	Veliz	Nick	Long Island Univ., Brooklyn
Huhne	Ryan	Western New England College	Vernali	Gerard	Mercy College
Jacobowitz	Bryan	Princeton University	Viserto	Anna	Michigan State University
Jacobson	Michael	Tulane University	Wissak	Bennett	Tulane University
Jean-Philippe	Kayana	New York University	Woodford	Christopher	University of Arizona

Internationally delicious

Erica Dattero

Staff Writer

On Wednesday, May 25, the International Club hosted the annual International Café. It was located in the HHS cafeteria from 6-8 p.m. The food there was from all different cultures, ranging from pasta and latkes, to ice cream, spring rolls, and even virgin sangrias. Unlike International Night at LMK, this was a very casual event without performances. Food was the main event of the evening.

"I liked just hanging out and trying different foods from all different cultures," Elizabeth Klein, a freshman at Harrison High School said. "It was really laid back, which is what made it so great. I wanted to bring a to-go

bag to take leftovers home!"

"The students continue to own the purpose of this celebration and make it about who we are as a multicultural community," said Ms. Surace-Fazzino, a language teacher and co-director of the International Café. "International Cafe gives students and their families an opportunity to celebrate and share their

own culture and history as well as raising awareness and appreciation for all cultures represented in our community."

Want to get into the cultural spirit of International Café, but lack the requisite kitchen skills? There are tons of simple and

delicious recipes available at allrecipes.com. Here is one international recipe to try out.

The Basic Crepe

Ingredients

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup water
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter, melted

Directions

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour and the eggs. Gradually add in the milk and water, stirring to combine. Add the salt and butter; beat until smooth.



Students enjoy the café with their favorite teacher.

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

2. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 1/4 cup for each crepe. Tilt the pan with a circular motion so that the batter coats the surface evenly.
3. Cook the crepe for about 2 minutes, until the bottom is light brown. Loosen with a spatula, turn and cook the other side.
4. Fill with your favorite fruit, jam or other topping. Serve hot.

Let them eat cupcakes!

Erica Dattero

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Cupcakes are without a doubt the hot item in baked goods. They are everywhere, from bake sales, on the Food Network. Lately, cupcake eateries have been cropping up all over. With so many to choose from, you might wonder which ones are worth the trip. Here are two bakeries in our area that get a sweet seal of approval.

Crumbs Bake Shop

Crumbs Bake Shop was first opened in March 2003 on the upper west side of Manhattan by Mia and Jason Bauer. The unassuming couple ended up starting a cupcake revolution. Currently, there are thirteen Crumbs Bake Shops in the New York City area, and forty planned for the upcoming year.

Crumbs cupcakes are baked fresh daily, and are available in more than fifty flavors. Each Monday, stores showcase a new cupcake of the week. Your standard sized Crumbs cupcake is enough to satisfy any cupcake lover's sweet tooth, standing at almost four inches high and loaded with sweet icing (often, inside and out).

For those who crave more, there are Crumbs Colossal Cupcakes. Towering high above their smaller brethren at six and a half inches tall, these huge cupcakes are an inventive stand-in for your everyday celebratory cake. They serve six to eight people, and buyers can choose from seventeen flavors. The Crumbs quality is maintained, but there is more to love!

Some Harrison High School students are already very familiar with Crumbs. "Their moist, flavorful and unique cupcakes separate Crumbs from all the rest of the cupcake bakeries I have been to," raved freshman (and admitted Crumbs junkie) Amanda Fried-

man, "I even ordered their Red Velvet Colossal for my birthday party."

If you ever find yourself in the city with a sweet tooth, Crumbs is a surefire ticket to satisfaction. And you can always buy more to bring home, a move that is guaranteed to score you major brownie (cupcake?) points with your family and friends.

Baked By Melissa

If you want something sweet, but can't will yourself to consume the calories packed into a full-sized cupcake, Baked By Melissa is the place for you. This sweet storefront serves only bite-sized cupcakes about the size of a quarter. But don't be fooled by their size: these tiny treats are loaded with flavor. Currently, the bakery chain offers ten flavors, including S'mores, Peanut Butter and Jelly, and Chocolate Chip Pancake. And with each cupcake weighing in at a mere seventy to ninety calories, you can drift into sweet bliss, guilt free.

Baked By Melissa began when twenty-five year old Melissa Bushell was laid off from her ad-



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vertising job with the New York Times in June of 2008. When she ran to her older brother's office in tears, he suggested that she start a business doing what she loves most: baking. Driven by her brother's words of support and her passion for cupcakes, Melissa began her mini-business. The company now boasts four storefronts in New York City, one of them right next to Grand Central Station!

In addition to satisfying walk-in cravings, Baked by Melissa provides personalized cupcakes for special events. You must order a minimum of 300 cupcakes, but these are an indulgence sure to make your guests' mouths water. Bakery delivery makes it even easier to treat yourself and your friends to these diminutive delicacies.



Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

Wedding fit for a (future) king

Trent Lefkowitz

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Wedding bells rang throughout London, England on April 29 2011 when Prince William, the eldest son of Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana, married his girlfriend of eight years, Kate Middleton in the famed Westminster Abbey. A cloudy sky threatened rain, but the weather held off, allowing the royal couple to have their storybook wedding. Prince William met his future wife in college, and began dating her in 2003. Prince William proposed to Kate while on vacation in Ke-



Waving to the crowd. *Courtesy of Trent Lefkowitz*

nya in October. The public was notified about the wedding on November 16. People around the world promptly arranged their schedules to accommodate the wedding procession.

This reporter was fortunate enough to have been in the crowd while William and Kate made their first public appearance as husband and wife. The crowds that filled the Mall where the procession took place seemed unending. Everywhere you looked, excited bystanders stood with their eyes glued to the happy couple. Each time a royal drove by, British flags emblazoned with the faces of the newlyweds rose up, signaling to the crowd to ready their cameras. From an American's perspective, it was odd to see all of the cars in the procession driving on the opposite side of the road.

The extravagant wedding had three main components: the procession, the service, and the reception. The procession began at Buckingham Palace, home to the

Queen of England. From there, it progressed past the Clarence House (William's home), the British Mall, and the Horse Guard Palace. The procession also passed the residences of important cabinet officials on Downing Street, and the Foreign Commonwealth Office. At 9:45 in the morning, Prince William himself made the drive from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey along with his brother and best man, Prince Harry. Following the groom's arrival, numerous heads of states made the journey

down the Mall to the Abbey. The other notable guests did not leave the palace until around 10:30, half an hour before the wedding began. First came Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, followed by the Queen in a vibrant yellow outfit. However, the main attraction did not arrive until shortly before the wedding began. This was when Kate Middleton, accompanied by her father, made the trip past millions of screaming well-wishers on the way to meet her prince.

The wedding ceremony was a beautiful, extravagant service that incorporated many aspects of British culture. Featured in the service was the Choir of Westminster Abbey, the Chapel Royal Choir, the London Chamber Orchestra, the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, and the State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry. The most



The Queen goes by. *Courtesy of Trent Lefkowitz*

prestigious of these groups is the London Chamber Orchestra, which has been active since 1921.



The lovely Kate Middleton.

Courtesy of Trent Lefkowitz

During the ceremony, Kate's maid of honor was her sister Pippa, who captivated the world with her beauty. Other members of the wedding party included the Lady Louise Windsor, the Honorable Margarita Armstrong-Jones, Miss Grace van Cutsem (the little girl now famous for crying during the "royal kiss"), Miss Eliza Lopes, Master William Lowther-Pinkerton, and Master Tom Pettifer. No, I am not making these names up.

Following several prayers, the couple exchanged their vows and became husband and wife. The wedding then proceeded back to Buckingham Palace, where the Queen hosted a reception for some of the wedding guests. After the newly crowned Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrived at the palace, they shared a traditional public kiss on the palace balcony.

The reception was just as extravagant as the events that preceded it. Six hundred guests were in attendance. After this first reception died down, 300 friends and family of Prince William enjoyed a second, less formal reception, sans the Queen. This extravaganza was hosted by Prince Harry, who is known to be quite the party animal.

Although the United States broke away from the British Empire

over 300 years ago, students at the high school were very excited to get up early in the morning to watch the wedding take place.

Alexa Coloccia, a sophomore at the high school, was one of the royal wedding fanatics who woke up before the crack of dawn, determined not to miss a minute. Asked how she celebrated, Alexa shared "I woke up at 3:30 with my mom, and ate lots of snacks. I feel it was important to watch here in America because not only are we close to the United Kingdom, but Prince Charles' wedding to Princess Diana was a major deal here, so their son's wedding should be an even bigger deal!"

Alexa's forecast proved correct. Approximately 22.8 million Americans rose before they normally would have to watch William and Kate's wedding, as opposed to the 14.2 million Americans who tuned in to watch Lady Di's wedding to Prince Charles in 1981.

Olivia Manley, another Harrison sophomore, could not wait for the wedding bells to ring. "For the wedding, I bought me and my mom tiaras, and my mom went to a party at her friend's house to celebrate! I didn't wake up early to watch it, but I recorded it so I could watch it with my mom that night."

America was not the only outside nation to get into the action. Viewers from scores of countries tuned in for the historic event, and none of them had any reason to be disappointed. The wedding ceremony went off without a hitch, and the royal couple looked beautiful and happy. This reporter wishes the best of luck to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and hopes that their marriage will be as blissful as their wedding day. Long live the future king and queen!

Bin Laden dead, America reacts

Clarissa Karantzis

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September 11, 2001 – a day of despair, tears, and cries for help. May 1, 2011 – a day of relief, happiness, and tears of joy. This day will be remembered by thousands around the United States for many years. It is the day that Osama Bin Laden was killed.

Shortly after eleven P.M. President Obama delivered an on-air address in which he revealed Bin Laden's death to the public and divulged details about the military mission which succeeded in apprehending him. Bin Laden was found hiding in a large compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan when United States Navy Seals attacked and killed him. According to abcnews.go.com, he was shot two times – once in the head and once in the chest. He was 54 years old.

Bin Laden's ties to the 9/11 attacks are widely acknowledged, but most Americans know little about the man himself. According to pbs.org, Bin Laden was the seventeenth of fifty-four children. His father, Mohammed Bin Laden, was a Yemeni immigrant to Saudi Arabia who amassed



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tremendous wealth working as a building contractor for the Saudi royal family. Bin Laden's mother, Hamida al-Attas, was the tenth of Mohammed's twenty-two wives. Soon after Osama's birth, his parents divorced. Remarried, she had three more sons and one more daughter, Osama's step siblings. According to American intelligence officials, the Bin Laden family has around 600 members. Osama himself was married five times with around 24 children.

The news of Osama's death triggered a mix of emotions. Many felt a sense of relief that a prolonged struggle has finally come to an end. 9/11 was an awful disaster that resulted in the deaths of many innocent people, and left the nation in a state of dazed sad-

ness that proved difficult to shake. But on May 1, the mood changed. People gathered in New York City around Ground Zero, with their families and friends. People cheered, sang patriotic songs, waved around American flags, and celebrated together the death of a loathed enemy. Others remained at home and celebrated with their neighbors on the streets when they heard the news.

Freshman Jenna Lefkowitz heard the news when she was at home. "At first I was a little confused, and I just tried to make sense of things. I think that Osama's death is as much a symbolic victory as it is a literal one."

However one was impacted personally by the news, Bin Laden's death brings up an important question: how will the death of the leader of al Qaida affect America in the future? According to the Associated Press, the head of the CIA has stated that we must expect retaliation from al Qaida.

Another question that

comes to mind is whether the death of Osama will help Obama get re-elected in 2012. Even the biggest critics of Obama are praising his success in keeping his promise to kill Osama.

How has the death of Osama saved us from further disaster? When Osama's compound was searched following his death, officials uncovered information about a planned al Qaida attack. According to CBS News, the terrorist organization planned to attack New York City trains on the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

"I am very grateful that the CIA found the plans ahead of time. I feel safer now, even though there is still there is still the possibility of another attack," says freshman Kendra Deschamps.

Unfortunately, although Osama is dead, al Qaida is not. But the killing of America's most wanted fugitive has given people a sense of justice and, hopefully, peace to the families that lost loved ones in the mindless 9/11 attacks.

Do a good read: help Japan!

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Staff Writer

All around the world, people are chipping in to do their part to help the nation of Japan. Were you here in Harrison, wondering what you can do to help the victims of the tragic hurricane and tsunami? A great way that Harrison High School helped raise money was to organize Read for Japan. Read for Japan is a fundraiser that the Harrison High School Lit Club sponsored to raise money for the tsunami-ravaged nation. To be a part of the fundraiser, all you had to do was read! To participate, you needed to find sponsors that would donate money for every minute that you read. For those of you who do not enjoy reading books, students could also read magazines or newspapers to count towards their reading time. The society has created a disaster relief fund

to help victims of the earthquake, and all of the money that is raised will be donated to the charity.

"Read for Japan was started as a way to get the students to do their part and help Japan, but by reading," said Loren Griffo, a junior at the high school and president of the Lit Club. "We've extended the time for people to collect sponsors and read, so we do not know how much money we have collected so far."

According to Loren, next year the Lit Club will be doing a similar fundraiser for Haiti. The event will collect money to help rebuild libraries in Haiti that were destroyed in the terrible earthquake of 2010. The original plan for this year's fundraiser was to support Haiti, but just as it was going to kick off the earthquake struck. The Lit Club

then decided to use this year's fundraiser to support Japan, and hold off on helping Haiti until next year. The Lit Club stresses that even though these two natural disasters happened a little while ago, they cannot be forgotten. People in Haiti and Japan are still rebuilding their lives, and are still looking for missing loved ones. The shaking of the Earth may have subsided, but the constant hole in the lives of people who have lost loved ones can never be mended.

The Lit Club and Read for Japan fundraiser are supervised by Mrs. Johnson, the school librarian. She believes that there should have been more students participating in the Read for Japan fundraiser, but was happy with how involved the people who did participate became.

"We were hoping for more (students participating), but there has not been enough promotion of it," she said. "However, the students that are participating are very enthusiastic, and have been doing a great job."

There is still an incredible amount of damage in both Haiti and Japan. The cleanup will take years and possibly decades to be completed. However, with the help of the world, Haiti and Japan can get cleaned up much faster. It is everybody's duty to help out, and reading is an easy way to do it. You don't have to go door to door begging for donations, or put together a carnival to help out. It doesn't take much for you to take part in helping people across the world rebuild their lives. All that you need to do is find a couple sponsors and read a book!

Giving back is the new black!

Kiersten Colotti

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It warms the heart to give to others who are in need of money, food, clothing, and healthcare. That's all great, but how can kids and teens get really involved in giving while also creating a true learning experience for themselves? There are many easy, creative, and fun ways to give to others and get involved without spending any money at all!

There are countless benefits to giving. In Allan Luks' book, *The Healing Power of Doing Good*, he describes scientifically documented cases of people benefitting physically, emotionally, and mentally as a result of engaging in charitable actions. Luks even describes a "helper's high" that occurs after being generous that is similar to the high one might feel after exercising.

Erica Dattero, a freshman, said, "My mom is co-president of a charity organization called the Children's Hope Chest. We don't have money fundraisers, instead we have food and coat drives where people can just bring things that they may already have around the house. I really enjoy being involved in this charity. It really helps me understand the struggle for basic necessities, and learn to appreciate all the things that I have."

An original way for people to give do good while exercising their minds is to pay a visit to freerice.com, a trivia website that donates ten grains of rice to the United Nations World Food Program for every question answered correctly. Ten grains of rice may seem like a small amount, but since 2007 the website has donated over 89 billion grains of rice, all the while improving visitors' knowledge of subjects running the gamut from geography to languages.

Freepoverty.com is a second website dedicated to brain-powered charity. For every geography trivia question answered correctly, the website donates

ten cups of water. As unthinkable as it may seem, over one billion people in the world do not have access to clean drinking water. Pathogens in dirty water can lead to the development of a multitude of deadly diseases. The nearly 300 million cups of water that freepoverty.com has donated thus far have doubtless made a difference in many peoples' lives, and with just a few clicks (and maybe a map), you can be a part of it.

Those with a technology bent can get in on the action at worldcommunitygrid.org. The website, whose motto is "Using technology to solve problems," invites you to download a free, secure software that captures your computer's spare power when it is on but idle. Worldcommunitygrid.org then uses the collective grid from all of its users to research and develop potential solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues, from cures to viruses such as hepatitis C, West Nile, and yellow fever to improved methods for providing alternative energy. Visitors can also make their own user profiles, participate in forums, and check their grids and current research.

Of course, people can participate in events that give their muscles a workout rather than their minds. For bike riders, there is an event in New Hampshire this July called the Granite State Quest. Be prepared to ride your bike either 50 or 100 miles to support the fight to end child-



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hood cancer. If you aren't into biking, take part in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, which takes place from April through October at multiple locations.

Kylie Barnes, a freshman, participates in a walk for pancreatic cancer every year. She has been affected on a personal level by this deadly disease, which took a loved one from her not too long ago. Kylie shared, "As cheesy as the walk may be, nothing is more rewarding than fighting a disease which took away someone who didn't deserve to pass away. Knowing that you're supporting the people who are still fighting is an amazing feeling."

The number one thing you can donate to any cause is time. Websites like volunteer-match.org help to match people with volunteering opportunities based on factors such as where they live, their hobbies and their skills. Simple, readily accessible options include volunteering at soup kitchens such as the Carver Center in Port Chester or nursing homes. One can even volunteer by visiting a senior citizen at their home a couple of days a week. A lot can be learned from helping others on a personal basis.

With so many ways to get involved, and many of them completely free, everyone should be able to find something that interests them and try it out. Volunteering is the ultimate two way street: help others, help yourself.



Courtesy of World Affairs Council

HHS Students Win Art Awards



San Marco and Loffredo celebrate their artistic achievement.

Courtesy of Ms. Lisa Monti

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Cannon Tunnel. It is assured that Sofia's piece will enjoy a wide and varied audience for the duration of its stay in the capitol. Asked about her win, Sofia shared, "It came as a really big surprise to me. I am so excited to go to DC!"

In addition to testifying to Sofia and Alyssa's talents, the student artists' accomplishments speak to the strength and vitality of the arts program at HHS. Harrison High School art teacher Ms. Monti shared, in an interview with the Harrison Patch, "I have the pleasure of being proud of my students, the ideas they have, and the work they do every day of every year. It's why I walk around Harrison High School with a smile on my face. At this moment in time, I have the opportunity to be very proud of both Sofia and Alyssa, two artists who put their heart and soul into the works they create."

The Congressional Art Awards was not the only competition in which Harrison High School excelled. Each March in honor of Youth Art Month, the Mayor's Choice Art Award is rewarded by the mayor of Harrison to students in the district who produce outstanding works of art. This year, Mayor Joan Walsh selected Junior Yuki Kamiya to receive the award. Yuki's winning piece, a still-life done in watercolors, will be professionally framed and displayed in the town hall.

Mr. Petrillo, Yuki's art teacher at HHS, had this to say about his student's accomplishment: "We're so proud of Yuki. She's quite talented and really put in the time, effort and patience to create quite and successful artwork."

A real life treasure hunt

Rachel Breslin

Features Editor

This summer, rather than wasting precious days of sunshine sitting inside staring at video games, join the worldwide scavenger hunt known as Geocaching!

Since 2000, millions of geocaches have been hidden around the world. Geocaches vary in size and shape, but most are some sort of waterproof containers. Inside of these geocaches, one might find anything from a note to a random assortment of items. The only thing that is guaranteed in each geocache is a log book, which the finder of the geocache signs and dates.

Before you can begin searching for geocaches, you need to set up a free account on geocaching.com, and a GPS enabled device (an iPhone or iPod Touch with the Geocaching app from the Apple App Store will also work). Once you have logged in, simply enter your location and a list of hidden caches in your area will pop up. The locations vary in the terrain-type, as well as difficulty level, so you can choose according to the type of adventure you are up to that day. You will be provided with a map of the area, the geographic coordinates of the area, and a scrambled clue that you must un-jumble. The coordinates lead you to the general area of the cache. From there, you use the clue and your own skills to find the cache. The caches are usually hidden in hiking trails or in areas where there are lots of trees which make caches easy to hide. If you are lucky enough to locate the

cache, you can choose to take something from it. But if you do, you must replace it with another object of equal or greater value.

When this reporter went around asking Harrison High School students if they had ever gone Geocaching, few had any idea what I was talking about. "Geocaching? Is that some sort of disease?" asked junior Ariadne Rentz. However, after they learned what Geocaching is, several showed interest in getting involved. Senior Kayana Jean-Philippe said, "I've never heard of Geocaching, but it sounds intriguing! I'm always trying to find

new ways to get outside and this sounds perfect! This could be a great idea for anyone who is new to an area because they will be able to look around and see sights that they would not be able to find on their own!"

Kayana is right – Geocaching is a great way to get to explore your surroundings, and become familiar with new places. Seniors heading off to college this fall can even get to know their campus through Geocaching, whether by joining a Geocaching Club at their school, or getting together an independent group.

In spite of its obscurity in Harrison, the global Geocaching community is huge. When you set out to find a cache, you are pretty much guaranteed to find it in good condition. If you are visiting an area that does not have caches nearby, you can place your own cache. Just remember to post all of the necessary information on the website, so your fellow cachers will be able to find it!



Courtesy of Expect a Sold Sign

Get your Vitamin D!

Erica Dattero

Staff Writer

Researchers in Augusta, Georgia recently conducted an experiment to test whether high school students were suffering from Vitamin D deficiency. They chose 559 children, ranging from ages 14 to 18, to take part in the research project.

They discovered that 56.4 % of these teens had insufficient amounts of Vitamin D in their systems, while 28.8 % were entirely deficient. That means that more than 85 % of these students were consuming less than the suggested amount of the vitamin.

"I never knew that so many people didn't have enough Vitamin D," said freshman Clarissa Karantizis. "It makes me wonder if I don't have enough Vitamin D too."

There are two reasons why this particular vitamin is essential for our bodies. First, Vitamin D regulates over 200 genes in cells all over the body. These include cells in the brain, heart kidney, intestine, skin and bones.

Also, Vitamin D is important for bone health, due to the fact that it regulates calcium levels in the blood. It adjusts your immune system in order to fight against such conditions as arthritis and Multiple Sclerosis. It can also activate an immune system's fight against cancer, fight infections such as pneumonia and the flu, and decreases one's risk of heart attacks and strokes.

But what causes Vitamin D deficiency? According to WebMD.com, the main cause for this is lack of sunlight. With video game obsessions and obesity on the rise, it is not a surprise that high school students are not getting enough time out in the sun. This can also be because of the increased hazard of developing skin cancer. Instead of wearing sun screen to allow Vitamin D synthesis, people are wearing sun block, preventing skin from soaking up Vitamin D. Even some sunscreens can prevent Vitamin D from being absorbed into your skin (SPF 15 sunscreen can block 99% of Vitamin D synthesis).

Another factor behind Vitamin D deficiency is inadequate

intake from foods eaten. By not consuming Vitamin D-rich foods such as fish and soy milk, it further increases the risk of being D-deficient. However, most teens don't seem to be big fans of eating either fish or soy milk, so that makes it more difficult to obtain the necessary Vitamin D in foods.

"I don't really drink a lot of milk," confessed freshman Amanda Friedman. "It tastes weird to me. I had no idea that it contained so much Vitamin D."

So how can we prevent Vitamin D deficiency? By following these three easy tips, one can avert the problem:

Tip 1: Step away from the technology and get out in the sun!

Too little sunlight hurts one's immune system, bone health, and calcium circulation. Try to fit an hour block in each day to go outside, breathe in the fresh air, and soak up the Vitamin D.

Tip 2: Try some Vitamin D-filled fish.

It's common knowledge that most teens aren't crazy about eating fish. But with all of the different types of seafood out there, there is bound to be a type that might appeal to your tastes. Try to experiment with eating different types of fish. If you find a type you do like, it's another plus to check off the list.

Tip 3: Drink some milk!

Most teens only find milk acceptable when it accompanies cereal in their morning bowl. But try to drink at least one tall glass of milk each day. Not only will this provide Vitamin D, but milk also gives your body plenty of calcium with which it builds healthy and strong bones.

Each day, Vitamin D deficiency becomes a bigger issue in our country. By putting in just a little effort to provide your body with the vitamins it needs, you can forge the path to better health in the long run.



Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

Get it fast, without the guilt!

Kiersten Colotti

Staff Writer

When people think of fast food, nutritious food isn't the first thing that comes to mind. But what most people don't realize is that if one looks in the right places, and chooses carefully of the menu, it is possible to get a healthy meal at a fast food restaurant.

Fast food chains have been making big changes over the past few years in an effort to improve both the health and quality of their products, and their public image. Recently, a list published in Health Magazine ran down the top ten healthiest fast food chains in America.

Kicking off the list at number ten is Taco Del Mar. There aren't any nearby locations; the closest one is 237 miles away in Virginia. But this taco chain is bringing healthy back, with whole wheat tortillas available, baked rather than fried taco shells, and fresh ingredients. A healthy choice at Taco Del Mar is a 320-calorie chicken burrito. However, you might want to steer clear of the breakfast burritos, which can set you back more than a thousand calories.

Coming in at number nine is Einstein Bros. Bagels. Again, there are none locally but there are some in New York City that would be fun to check out. In place of high-fat spreads like butter and cream cheese, Einstein Bros. offers reduced-fat spreads, peanut butter, and different kinds of hummus that add healthy fat to a meal. Other healthy choices include a fruit salad, half sized salads, and the Good Grains

bagel that contains an impressive four grams of fiber. But if you choose to stop by, beware of the "overstuffed" size sandwiches, which are a calorie nightmare.

At number eight is (surprise, surprise) McDonalds. With 14,000 locations nationwide, it is easy to find a Mickey-D's nearby. McDonald's does not have the best reputation in terms of healthful food, but it has been the most active in the recent overhaul of the fast food industry, filling its menu with heart and weight-friendly choices like apple dippers and low-fat milk or juice with Happy Meals, and fries are made in canola oil. Snack Wraps, Paul Newman salads, and lower calorie breakfast options are also helping McDonald's to mitigate its unhealthy image. But McDonald's is still the land of large and super-sized, so it's up to a person to make the right choices there.

Number seven went to Atlanta Bread. The closest one is at City Center in White Plains. With their low-calorie breakfast muffins, whole-grain bread, fresh sandwiches and paninis, and hearty soups and salads, Atlanta Bread is at the forefront of healthful fast food. The entrée salads and fish dishes are great, and filling. Stay away from the pasta entrées at some locations, which come with sides of carbohydrate loaded bread.

Many Harrison High School students are familiar with number six on the list. The nearest Chipotle, which opened earlier this year, is located less than ten minutes away in Rye Brook. It is a revolutionary chain, importing organic and hormone free meat from local suppliers. The buffet-style service gives every hungry customer complete control over what he or she eats. What's more, you can be assured that the meal you put together is loaded with fresh ingredients. Something to try would be the Burrito Bowls, which skip the

tortilla and the extra carbs. But there are downsides to the buffet plan. Because the choice is yours, you can get as much food as you want loaded onto your tortilla. Be sure to refrain from piling on the toppings.

At the halfway mark is the Corner Bakery Café. Unfortunately, the storefront closest to Harrison is all the way in New Jersey. But if you ever find yourself in the Garden State, Corner Bakery Café has some of the healthiest breakfast foods in the business, including eggs and oatmeal, as well as tons of healthy lunch options like whole grain sandwiches, salads, and soups. Portion-controlled combos make limiting calories easier. A favorite of many customers is the oven-roasted chicken. A failing of the Corner Bakery Café is that it does not have nutritional information available on site. To get the facts about calorie and nutrient content, one must look on the company's website.

Noodles and Company is next, at number four. Sadly, there isn't a single location within a 100-mile radius, but this is an Asian eatery that goes beyond the grease of typical takeout. Only healthy oils are used in sautéing, and hormone and antibiotic-free meats and organic tofu can be added to any dish. Smaller portions are also offered. One unique and healthful dish served at Noodles and Company is the whole grain linguine. However, one must be wary of the desserts.

Kicking off the top three of the top ten healthiest fast food chains is Au Bon Pain, a chain well within reach for Harrison students. Au Bon Pain, which has a location in the Westchester Mall, serves up some of the most wholesome sandwiches, soups, salads on the fast food circuit, and hot entrées made with vegetables and hormone-free meats. New on the menu are



Panera Bread tops the listings. Courtesy of Panera Bread fourteen small portion dishes, all containing fewer than 200 calories. Unlike the Corner Bakery Café, Au Bon Pain has nutritional information readily accessible at computer kiosks. The soups are worth a try, but watch out for the sodium content.

Jason's Deli comes in at number two. Once again, this is a chain sadly absent from New York. Jason's Deli is devoted to organic food: about one-fifth of the ingredients used in its products are organic. The menu features ultra-healthy sandwiches and provides nutritional information. Creative salads compel customers to eat their greens, and reduced portions costing one dollar less are a popular option. Critics recommend trying any sandwich on an organic, whole wheat wrap, but warn against the high sodium content in some of these products.

The number one spot goes to Panera Bread. Luckily, there are about four locations close by. Panera Bread is well known for its wide selection healthy choices. Like many of the other restaurants included on the list, Panera Bread offers half size options for soups, salads, and sandwiches to make it easier for customers to control their portions. Panera Bread also wins top honors for kid-friendliness, but the kids fare served up is not your every Happy Meal. Kids love the squeezable organic yogurt, peanut-butter-and-jelly, and grilled (organic) cheese on whole wheat bread.

Whichever kind of food appeals to you, there is always a healthy option if one is willing to search for it. Let this list be your guide to making the right choices. It may not be easy, but it is definitely possible to eat healthfully at fast food restaurants.



Au Bon Pain features healthy sandwiches. Courtesy of Fast Food Blogspot

Summer Brain-Drain

Clarissa Karantzis

Staff Writer

Everyone looks forward to the last day of school, when summer begins, and the work ends. Students can't wait to go home, throw all their school supplies in a corner, and not look at them for a whole nine weeks. But what happens during these weeks of fun? The summer slowly melts away more and more of what we learned in the year, and we go into the next year remembering less than we thought.

It's commonly known as the "summer brain drain" or the "summer slide." When students have about two and a half months of school off, they tend to forget a lot of the material they learned the year before. This makes it harder for the next year coming up. According to school.familyeducation.com, students lose about one to three months of learning during summer vacation, and the most skills they lose are in math. This is a tremendous loss.

Many students also lose skills in reading, because they don't read books over the summer. During the school year, students have to read books in their English class, and some-

times read through textbooks for homework and notes. This all helps keeping students' reading skills sharp. Over the summer, students are usually required to read a summer reading book, but this is often not enough to keep their skills. But the library provides a wide variety of books that you can read over the summer. The books that you choose to read can be for your enjoyment rather than for work. If you read a little every day, it will keep your skills honed.

"I don't do any practice problems over the summer," says Freshman Alba Damaso. "I read the summer reading books that I have to for school, but this year, if I have time, I will read other books just for fun."

Although most students will forget some of the information that they have learned, there are many ways you can help prevent how much you forget, and make it easier on yourself when September comes.

Harrison High School provides sessions during the summer to prepare students for the next year. Many freshmen

are taking AP classes for tenth grade for the first time. These classes include AP World and AP Chemistry. From July 11-July 22, HHS is providing a program for students called the Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Academy. This program is free for students, and helps them prepare for AP classes by teaching strategies and skills that will help them to do well in their AP class. Even if students have already taken AP classes, they are still encouraged to join. This course lasts ten days at either 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. or 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. at LMK. This program is a quick way for students to prepare for next year. The application can be found on www.harrisoncsd.org.

"I would consider taking these courses over the summer," says freshman Kendra Deschamps. "It can provide useful skills that I can use in the future for AP classes."

Another program that HHS provides is the Summer Writers' Institute & College Essay Writing Workshop. This is a workshop that is free for Harrison students and is open to grades 6 – 12.

Teachers will be helping students with their writing skills. It is a good program for students going into their senior year, because it can help them work on their college essays. The times are 8:00 – 11:00 AM, or 12:00 – 3:00 PM, from August 1-August 5. This information can also be found on the Harrison website.

Even if you have no time to go to these workshops, there are other ways you can prepare for the following year. If you take just one hour a day when you aren't doing anything, to do some practice problems, it will help you when you enter the next grade. You will more likely remember things that you learned that year if you keep on practicing the skills. There's going to be times when you have nothing to do - if you just do a few problems in math or any other subject, it will help in the long run.

So whether you attend a program that can help you prepare for the next year, or merely practice problems in your spare time, there are many ways that you can make it easier on yourself for the upcoming school year.

Spice up your school-life

Jessica Tannenbaum

Staff Writer

Many believe that Harrison High School is, well, a little boring. Comparing our school to others, some say that HHS school has nothing going on that makes it different or exciting. We would love to do things to "pump" up our school. Various students shared their ideas for making out school a more interesting place. Here are just a few.

Play music in the hallway in between classes

Music can help many people keep calm, and focused. Playing music in between classes would help students to relax, and not stress about their homework, a math test next period, or issues with friends. Additionally, according to dailycampus.com, music has been shown to spark

creativity. And even if there were no positive results, what could possibly be the harm in four minutes of music in between classes?

Make school start later

Many students believe that high school should start around the time that elementary school does. Most kids in our school wake up won't get to sleep until anywhere between 10 PM and 1 AM. When you need to wake up at 6 AM, this can be problematic. According to parent-teen.com, teenagers need at least 9.25 hours of sleep every night. Younger kids are more awake in the mornings than teens are, and are able to run around and play much longer than we can. Teenagers do

much more work and school. Therefore, we need more time to rest. The fact that the district makes us wake up hours before the younger kids have to is ridiculous.

Let athletes opt out of gym

This idea was suggested by freshman Kristen Petriello. It makes a lot of sense too. Varsity sports are extremely rigorous, and require hours and hours of practice. This means less time to do homework and study for tests. The period currently filled by gym could instead provide varsity athletes with time to catch up on work. Gym is a great way for non-athletes to get exercise, varsity athletes get tons of exercise all ready from practices and games.

Eat lunch by grade

This final idea was voiced by freshman Kiersten Colotti. The first year of high school is already a nerve-wracking experience for most ninth graders. Usually, the most comforting fact about the first day of school is that you will be with your friends at least once period of the day. But in the high school, there is a chance that you will be assigned to a lunch period without any of your friends. Since we now have four lunch periods, why not have students eat by grade? This change would ease the transition process for freshmen, and would also be beneficial to upperclassmen unsatisfied with the crowd in their lunch period.

Color Me Cured

Amy Carton

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"Inspiration, hope and support, one bottle at a time," is the message that Bergen County Academy's sophomore Phoebe Steinfeld hopes to promote through *Color Me Cured*. This non-profit organization raises money for cancer research at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

After her father passed away from cancer in October of 2009, Phoebe looked for a way to both give back and share her passionate love for fashion and nail polish. It was when she combined these interests that Phoebe came up with the basis of *Color Me Cured*. The organization focuses its advertising and products on a line of nail polish, each bottle containing a unique and inspirational name. The polishes, which are sold individually, in packs of two, or in complete set include 'walking on sunshine,' 'power of pink,' 'glimmer of hope,' 'banish the blues,' 'orange you glad,' 'CuRed,' and 'Lovin Life Lavender.' Not only does each bottle of polish come with its unique name and logo, but it also comes with an attached dog tag, making for easy transportation and a stylish necklace when removed from the bottle. In addition to the nail polish, the organization also sells American Apparel styled tee-shirts, baseball tees and tank tops.



Courtesy of Lauren Jacobowitz

With increasing concerns about the cancer-causing chemicals contained in various nail polishes, *Color Me Cured* looked to erase the fear of such chemicals when buying their products. To do this, Phoebe and her designers worked in collaboration with companies from across the

country to ensure that the *Color Me Cured* products eliminated hazardous chemicals like Toluene, Formaldehyde, Dibutyl, and Phthalate.

The *Husky Herald* was given the opportunity to talk with *Color Me Cured* founder Phoebe Steinfeld about the launch of her organization. The launch was held on Thursday May 12 in New York City, where family and friends of Phoebe's, in addition to press and media, gathered to celebrate the official commencement of the organization. In her



Phoebe Steinfeld with her line of nail polish.

Courtesy of www.colormecured.org

interview with the *Husky Herald*, Phoebe further described her inspiration for *Color Me Cured*, as well as advice for other teenagers looking to start their own organizations.

Husky Herald (HH): What inspired you to create this foundation?

Phoebe Steinfeld (PS): After the death of my father, I was compelled to do something in order to wipe out cancer. After combining my love of fashion and desire to fight back, the idea for *Color Me Cured* was born.

HH: Are there other teenagers or individuals that have helped you jumpstart your organization?

PS: My mother and my sister have really supported me

every step of the way. Without their dedication and support, I would have never been able to accomplish what I have so far.

HH: In beginning *Color Me Cured*, about how much time did you put into planning and designing the organization?

PS: Starting this foundation really is a 24/7 job. *Color Me Cured* is always on my mind. In the beginning though, every day after school I would put in at least an hour working on content for the website, speaking with the

polish manufacturer, and other various tasks.

HH: What is your goal for *Color Me Cured*?

PS: My main priority is raising money to benefit cancer research. Every dollar makes a difference in finding a cure. In the future I see *Color Me Cured* branching out from just nail polish, and widening its horizons, allowing for more money to be raised.

HH: Being personally affected or knowing someone affected with cancer is without a doubt one of the hardest experiences that one can go through. How were you able to remain optimistic and strong while your dad battled with cancer?

PS: Although what hap-



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pened to me was horrible, it makes it easier knowing that thousands of other teens are struggling with the same situation as my family. With that said, I feel a responsibility to help others so that in the future they never have to experience the pain I endured by losing a loved one to cancer.

HH: How are you promoting *Color Me Cured*? Is there one official launch for it, or will it be spread by word of mouth?

PS: Right now we are relying heavily on word of mouth and social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter. *Color Me Cured* has also been featured in local newspapers, blogs and even *Seventeen Magazine's* online fashion blog. There was an official launch party on May 12 where friends, family and media came together to raise over \$10,000. It was a great success!

HH: What advice would you give to teenagers that are looking to start their own organization?

PS: I would definitely tell other teens that if they have an idea, to just run with it. The only way to succeed is by taking the risk and putting yourself out there.



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opinions & editorials

Legalize weed? A rebuttal

Jacqueline Ledesma

Guest Writer

The debate over legalizing marijuana has been one of the most controversial issues ever to occur in the United States. Its use as medicine has existed for thousands of years in many countries worldwide, but presently our culture has violated its function as a medicine and refers to it as a source of rebellious drug use. The idea that marijuana can have a positive effect on society is misleading; legalizing marijuana can have numerous negative effects on the body, brain, and society.

Marijuana smoke contains the same cancer causing compounds as tobacco, including tar, benzanthrene, and benzpyrene. Marijuana smokers inhale more deeply than tobacco smokers and therefore expose the lungs to more of the cancer-causing agents. Smoking marijuana daily or even occasionally for a period of years increases the risk of lung cancer. Within a few minutes after inhaling marijuana smoke, an

individual's heart rate speeds up. The heart rate- normally 70 to 80 beats per minute, may increase by 20 to 50 beats per minute. Someone who smokes marijuana regularly may have many of the same respiratory problems that a tobacco smoker has, such as daily cough and phlegm production, more frequent acute chest illnesses, and a greater risk of lung infections. Even smokers who do not smoke frequently can experience burning and stinging of the mouth and throat, and a heavy cough. Many teenagers avoid the effects marijuana has on their bodies because they are not always immediate, but once the drug has been used any number of times, the accumulated effects stand out and the use of marijuana often is regretted.

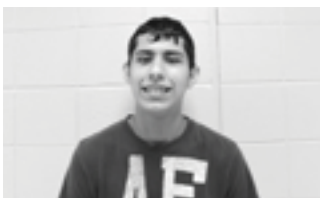
Marijuana abuse has been tied to brain damage; the brain damage has been shown to cause memory loss and difficulty in problem solving. There is a

reason as to why this drug is illegal and it is the government's duty to protect the public from such a dangerous drug. As THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) enters the brain, it causes the user to feel euphoric (or high) by acting on the brain's reward system. THC activates the rewards system in the same way that nearly all drugs of abuse do, by stimulating brain cells to release the chemical dopamine. Other effects, which vary dramatically among different users, include heightened sensory perception, laughter, an altered perception of time, and increased appetite. After a couple of hours, the euphoria subsides and the user may feel sleepy or depressed. Marijuana can produce anxiety, fear, distrust, or panic. Marijuana use also impairs a person's ability to form new memory cells, but does not destroy memories that already exist before the user gets high. Because marijuana affects

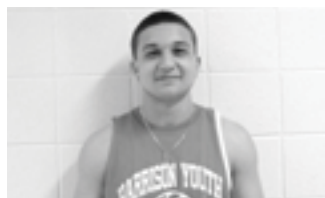
memory and learning, daily use can undermine a student's ability in school or a worker's capability on the job.

Marijuana does affect short-term memory and the brain's ability to process new material. It also impairs attention, judgment, other cognitive functions, coordination and balance, and could result in psychotic episodes. People who smoke marijuana regularly almost always experience declines in grades and difficulties in the classroom related to the drug's use. A study released in 2005 by The Office of National Drug Control Policy found that people who begin smoking marijuana at a young age run a higher risk of mental problems later in life. The study found that between eight and nine percent of the general population develops serious mental illnesses in adulthood. Marijuana could be addictive, and drug addiction is very hard to escape. Many

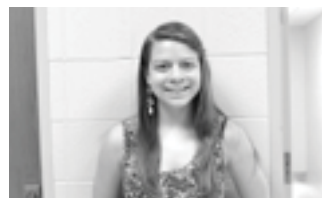
You're about to graduate. Looking back on your four years at HHS, what was the single most memorable moment?



"Chemistry with Mr. Cole!"
- Albert Amarilla



"Getting taped up on Tuesdays!"
- Michael Stigianese



"Doing the musicals and making so many friends because of it!"
- Rachel Kaplan



"Math with Phil, English with Phil, and lunch with Phil."
- Laura Doherty

individuals underestimate the difficulty of overcoming addiction. It takes more than just willpower to be able to defeat it. A drug user cannot make an informed and rational decision to continue using drugs because the use of the drug eliminates that user's ability to think logically. Marijuana is an addictive drug and it robs the user of free will, a right that has been promised to be kept by the government. If marijuana were to be legalized this promise would not be fulfilled and the people of America would not be living under safe conditions.

For decades, marijuana has been describes as a "gateway drug," one that leads users to experiment with more danger-

ous, more addictive substances such as heroin, LSD, cocaine, etc. This is a big problem, since most people will not directly start abusing the harder drugs that are generally understood to be harmful. Still, marijuana could have the effect of leading some users to experiment with harder drugs.

Another problem of legalizing and potentially making marijuana smoking more popular may be that it would increase the dangers of secondhand smoke. Common sense dictates that more widespread usage of marijuana increases the likelihood that bystanders will suffer the damage of inhaling other people's smoke. Thus, the health damage to society becomes somewhat

exponential.

The legalization of marijuana would increase the chances of the drug falling into the hands of kids. The easy availability of this drug would create new consumers rather than rescuing current ones. The acceptance of marijuana will send a message to children that drug use is acceptable and honestly, kids do not exhibit the same reasoning, responsibility, and judgment of an adult. Their bodies are not fully developed to handle the intake of such a substance and their developing brains will be at high risk of damage from marijuana use.

Marijuana should not be an option to the future of society. Driving under the influence of marijuana definitely impairs the ability to drive safely. Many health students were taught this through the ROADD Program (Reduce Our Adolescent Drinking and Driving)

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this year and most were surprised that marijuana has such great power over the user. Students learned that because marijuana has adverse effects on many of the skills needed for driving a car such as peripheral vision, coordination, night vision, and depth and time perception, driving after smoking marijuana can lead to car crashes. Studies presented to students indicated that 94% of drivers failed the field sobriety test 90 minutes after smoking, and 60% failed after 150 minutes.



President of SADD Club, Jackie Ledesma.
Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

Marijuana smokers who decide to drive with impaired abilities will increase the death rates in car crashes, and will also put non-smokers at a higher risk of death on the road.

Legalizing marijuana altogether is not accepted by a great majority of the population due to the many effects described here. It should not be legalized. Even though many kids find it "fun" or "cool" to relax, or have a "good" time by smoking, it is not an action that should be accepted

by society for the betterment of kids. The SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club at Harrison High School tries its very best to send positive messages out to the students.

The mission of SADD club is to provide the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, and other destructive decisions. If you or anyone needs help with making the right decision, please talk with Mrs. McCarthy in room D205. If you have additional questions, or merely want to join SADD, please talk with either Jacqueline Ledesma or Jenna Clemens.



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REALITY Sheck

In "Reality Sheck," Harrison junior and frequent contributor to the Opinions & Editorials section Izzy Sheck tells it like it is. In this installment, Izzy attacks vanity sizing.



Finding clothes that fit is becoming an increasingly difficult challenge for women. A woman might think that she knows her clothing size, but it seems that even if she doesn't gain one ounce, her size changes from store to store. Women are paranoid already, constantly worrying about their appearance and the way they are perceived by others. The last thing they need is to have clothing designers mess with their minds as they struggle to find a clothing size that they can depend on.

The issue is that each store adopts its own sizing system, and these systems are subject to change. Junior Angela Troia shared, "J. Crew has recently decided to up their clothing sizes, meaning that a zero is now a two. I already have trouble finding my size because a small and extra-small can be too big. This just complicates my life further."

Discrepancies in stores' sizing systems can create serious problems for women who just want to be able to walk into any store in the mall, and know what size to look for. It can be funny watching women running in and out of dressing rooms in a single department store visit, but any girl knows that there is nothing more frustrating than to spend an hour in a dressing room trying on eight different sizes of the same pair of pants, only to walk out of the store empty-handed.

Really, frustration doesn't cover it. After struggling for that long of a time, women can begin to feel like maybe the clothes aren't the problem. According to a survey conducted by *Glamour* magazine, 97% of the women who participated admitted to having had at least one "I hate my body" moment. The survey research also found that the aver-

age woman has 13 negative body thoughts daily – roughly one for every waking hour! Additionally, a disturbing number of the women confessed to having 35, 50, even 100 hateful thoughts about their bodies each day. This clearly is not healthy. Inconsistent sizing in popular stores only contributes to these feelings of anxiety and self-hate.

On TLC's long-running reality series What Not to Wear, hosts Stacy London and Clinton Kelly advise guests as to the kinds of clothes that are best suited to their body types, but anyone who has watched the show can tell you that *finding* these clothes is easier said than done. When guests are forced to go shopping without the help of the expert hosts, they often struggle with the daunting feeling that they are lost among the clothing racks, unable to find anything that fits them properly. They do not struggle because they are overweight or because they have an unappealing body, but because the convoluted sizing systems are enough to upset anyone. Sometimes, the guests suffer mini-breakdowns related to low self esteem. Like many



This season at H&M.
Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

women, they assume that if the clothes don't fit, they are the ones with the problem, when in fact it is the other way around.

Over the years, many brands have adopted a practice known as "vanity sizing," which adjusts sizing charts to fool customers into believing they wear a smaller size. With vanity sizing, women who wore a 12 can fit into a 10 or an 8. Vanity sizing is designed increase sales by padding customers' egos, but can lead to even more confusion and hurt the next time they walk into a store that uses a different sizing system, and find they have gone up four sizes. According to the *New York Times*, a woman with a 27-inch waist is an 8 or a 10 in Marc Jacobs' high-end line, while at Chico's, she is a triple 0.

A new company called MyBestFit is working to mitigate the sizing issue. The idea is to set up kiosks in malls that offer free 20-second full-body scans that allow shoppers to pinpoint their *actual* size, without all of the confusion. The scans would also provide tips to shoppers as to where they can find clothes that their body properly, and where they cannot.

People talk a lot about the confidence boost that vanity sizing can inspire, but at the end of the day what women really want is a clear answer; one size they can count on. Sure, it can be nice to fit into a 00, but the number on the tag doesn't mean a thing if you can't trust its accuracy. If women want to fit into their dream size, the answer is not shopping at a store with a larger sizing system. And stores who want to increase their bottom lines should not do so through customer manipulation.



Courtesy of Google Images.

Sound off!

Arnold Schwarzenegger, anyone?

"Oh boy. I think it's really sad that people enjoy fallen heroes, as opposed to real ones."

- Mr. Petrillo

"American politics has always been crowded with stories like his. It's sad that Americans care more about a governor's illegitimate child than real issues."

- Junior JT Nangle

"One, the guy is a conservative maniac. Two, he has no idea what he's talking about. Three, have you seen his new girlfriend? Talk about trading down."

- Junior Jose Porretti

"I feel this baby mama drama does not belong in our political news. Everyone has family drama, especially in America, and it has no place in politics."

- Senior Eva Mangone

"If you're a celebrity, and you know people will be throwing themselves at you, and you know you can't handle it, why get married in the first place? It's not fair to anyone involved."

- Junior Alice Fitzgerald

Who wears short-shorts?

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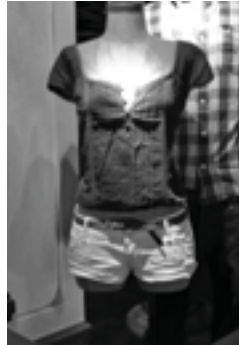
Phew! It's getting hot out and girls all around the world are pulling out new tanks, bikinis and shorts. Of course, as the weather gets hotter and hotter girls will wear less and less clothing. But how short is too short?

Short and revealing clothing haven't just been a recent trend. Even since the Roaring 20's, women have developed a new sense of style that asserts their freedom of expression and breaks away from traditional values. Since then, women's clothing bottoms have gotten shorter and shorter—first full length pants turned into Capris, then Bermuda shorts, then eventually shorts that fall just above the knee. Women began not minding how much skin they showed—or what others thought of it—and soon enough short-shorts were taking over the fashion industry.

But how acceptable are short-shorts really in our culture today? Radical ideas have made their way into our society, but do we really have control over them?

It seems as if short-shorts are becoming the norm of our school—though they are apparent, they aren't necessarily accepted by all. Although not all HHS students wear short-shorts, those that do are more than enough. They wear them everywhere and for nearly all occasions—class, gym, and even sports.

Short-shorts serve as a distraction and are seen as very disrespectful. They may seem acceptable to some since everyone has the right to express themselves and their own style. However, those who wear short-shorts do not take into account other peoples' feelings and perspectives. While some girls who wear revealing clothing think it's attractive and "okay", others may view them as provocative and feel uncomfortable. Such clothing not



Hollister's shorts getting shorter.
Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

only has a sexual connotation, but it affirms the idea that anything is acceptable to wear to school.

What about the message it sends to the opposite sex? Suppose a female classmate drops a pencil on the ground and has to pick it up—this could

inevitably lead to the guy behind her feeling some sexual vibes. Girls with high-rising short-shorts show more than what needs to be seen, causing guys to get together, "check her out", and ultimately disturb the class.

According to the Harrison High School Code of Conduct, "Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students

develop understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting, "Beach Type" clothing is prohibited. This Code of Conduct also mentions that extremely brief garments like tube tops, net tops, halter tops spaghetti straps and short-shorts are inappropriate and not permitted in school. Students must remember that "everything" must be covered at all times in school, whether they are sitting in class or participating in gym activities.

There is no uniform rule for what is considered an "acceptable" length for short-shorts, so it is up to the students to make an appropriate judgment. In other words, girls must be responsible for knowing what is considered too short and what not to wear to school. Short-shorts are clearly one of them. Just as guys are not permitted to wear a Speedo to school (as bizarre as that may seem), girls should not be able to wear very short and high rising shorts.

Violent Winter = Global Warming

Izzy Sheck

News Editor

The United States has just faced one of the toughest winters in its history. Although at first everyone loved the white stuff, after a while people began to wonder what was causing the heavy snowfall. They definitely began to question it when southern states started getting hit with snow storms. There are many things that could have contributed to this year's increased snow fall, but they don't quite make sense. Some say that the massive snows were just by chance, however, the leading reason is global warming. This logic might not seem clear now but, according to scientists, global warming could very well be the culprit for this past year's snowy winter.

One of the misconceptions about snow is that the amount of moisture in the air has more effect on snowfall than air temperature. Due to global warming, the oceans heat up and gener-

ate more moisture. This in turn causes larger storms. In addition, global warming also causes large swings in the weather. The consequence of global warming is not necessarily the increase of temperature on earth, but violent changes in the weather. For example, there could be a major snowstorm occurring in one area as a hot spell is occurring in another. This makes weather patterns much more difficult to understand.

Global warming might be a controversial topic, as people question whether it has been caused by human actions, but one thing is for sure: if nothing is done about global warming and the earth continues to heat, there will be more moisture in the air to drive more monster storms and hurricanes at the same time as droughts and hot spells. Global warming will also continue to cause more bizarre and unantic-

pated weather patterns.

"If the climate continues to warm, we should expect an increase in heavy snow events for a few decades, until the climate grows so warm that we pass the point where it's too warm for it to snow heavily," said Jeff Masters, director of meteorology for the Weather Underground, a private weather service.

The amount of rain or snow falling in the heaviest one percent of storms has risen nearly 20 percent since 1958, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists. The Northeast U.S. has seen the greatest increase in extreme storms. The amount of precipitation falling in the largest one percent of storms has increased 67 percent in the region since 1958. Over the same time period, the Western U.S. has seen a 9 percent increase in the amount of rain and snow falling during the heaviest storms, according

to the data.

Although parts of the U.S. benefited from the snow, other parts experienced declines as the snow took its toll on the lives of farmers. For example, in Mexico, the extreme freezing temperatures caused a decline in crops which led to an increase in food prices. Because of the changes in weather (caused by global warming), areas that are not meant to experience cold weather now have to deal with not only cold temperatures, but also snow. The cold weather has additionally been affecting southern states as they too are not equipped to handle bad weather.

As global warming takes its toll on us, we have to think more about how we can change. If we continue treating the earth in these ways, we can expect to have many more drastic changes in weather that will cause serious problems for thousands.

ARTS & entertainment

Kaplan directs talented cast in Black Box "Pygmalion"

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The Harrison High School Troop of Traveling Performing (better known as H2T2P) rounded out this year's performing arts calendar with George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," which played three shows in the Black Box Theater from April 29 through April 30. As has become tradition, this final production was directed by a graduating senior. The honor this year fell to

British class system, recognized as well for its witty dialogue and sharply realized characters. "My Fair Lady," the 1956 musical later adapted into a movie, is based on "Pygmalion."

The H2T2P production was driven by a stellar cast which tackled the challenging material with skill and enthusiasm. Senior Eva Mangone took on the coveted role of Eliza. Eva delivered

Chris Morris were equally enjoyable as Colonel Pickering and Alfred Doolittle (Eliza's ne'er do well father), respectively.

Further elevating the production was Kaplan's interpretation of text. The inherent brilliance of the classic work was complemented by a brisk pace which kept the play buzzing, and a subtlety which preserved the lampoon without beating the audience over the head with it. The comedic timing was also spot-on, indicating a developed understanding on the part of both the cast and the director of the play's sometimes less-than-obvious humor.

"Pygmalion" was the first, full-length production to be performed in the Black Box Theater. But far from hindering its quality, the smaller setting created an intimacy which made it easy for members of the audience to fully engage with the play, and appreciate just how much work the students on stage put into their performances. Even better, due to the limited size and semi-circular shape of the Black Box Theater, there were virtually no bad seats!

The excellence of the production did not go unnoticed by those in the audience. Junior Christie Suozzo, who attended the Saturday night performance, commented, "The actors and

actresses obviously worked hard to perfect not only their lines, but also their accents. It really paid



Eliza Doolittle, flower girl.

Photos courtesy of Christie Suozzo off. I thought the play was a big success!"

For members of the cast and crew, taking part in "Pygmalion" was enriching as well as enjoyable. Kaplan stated, "Directing 'Pygmalion' was such an amazing experience. I had such talented actors to work with, and they brought so much life to one of my favorite plays. I learned so much about aspects of theater that I knew nothing about before."

Mangone shared, "I think we all enjoyed 'Pygmalion' because it was a challenge. Audiences know and love the characters from watching 'My Fair Lady' with Audrey Hepburn, so the cast members really had to work hard to make their performances authentic."



Higgins takes on the challenge of transforming Doolittle.

senior Rachel Kaplan. With the help of faculty adviser Ms. Mansfield, Ms. Kaplan succeeded in mounting an impressive rendition of the classic play.

The premise of "Pygmalion" is simple. Following a run-in with flower girl Eliza Doolittle, renowned professor of phonetics Henry Higgins bets fellow elocution enthusiast Colonel Pickering that, given the opportunity to teach Eliza proper diction, he could pass her off as a duchess. First performed in 1912, "Pygmalion" is a biting satire of the

an exceptional performance which drew rave reviews from the audience, deftly adapting both her accent and demeanor as Eliza is transformed from a ragged street urchin into a sophisticated lady. Senior Ivan Lovjer also impressed as Henry Higgins. His portrayal of the curmudgeonly professor was heartfelt as well as nuanced. Junior Adriana Nocco delivered a finely tuned performance in the role of Mrs. Pearce, Higgins' long-suffering housekeeper. Sophomores Andy O'Rourke and

Hamlet comes to Harrison

Hayley Kronthal

Staff Writer

The English Department at Harrison High School hired the Lincoln Center Institute to put on a shortened rendition of Shakespeare's longest tragedy *Hamlet*. On the date of the performance, only some of the English 10 classes had begun reading the classic tragedy. For those who had already begun reading the play, the performance allowed them to piece together the plot and themes, and for those who had not yet begun the play, the in-school assembly provided them with background information and a general understanding of the plot.

The Lincoln Center Institute is a performing arts troop that travels to high schools across the nation, and around the world. The institute was founded in 1975 and has since become known for bringing dance, music, theater, and vi-

sual arts to high school classrooms in ways that are both entertaining and educational. The institute has performed for over 20 million students and faculty members.

Following the Institute's visit to Harrison High, the *Husky Herald* interviewed students who attended the play to gauge their reaction to *Hamlet*.

Sophomore Logan Epstein says, "In my opinion, the character that stood out the most to me was Ophelia. She was able to play and convey the personalities of two different roles, and her portrayal of the characters made it seem like there were actually two different actors. I also thought that Hamlet was really committed to his role and got really into character which was reflected a lot throughout the play." In response to the staging and technicalities of the perfor-

mance Logan shared, "I thought the staging was really good. As for the sound effects, they were perfect. They included them at the perfect times and it was soft enough to hear the actors but also hear the exact sound that it was making. The costumes reflected each of the characters very well, and their clothing was old fashion, representing the time period they were living in."

Sophomore Sarah Valarelli also viewed the *Hamlet* performance. She later shared, "Hamlet stood out the most to me during the play because he portrayed his anger and his emotions very well. I could tell that he was upset and hurt by his mother and angry at the same time, and because he was feeling all these emotions he acted drastically and started talking to ghosts." Unlike Logan, Sarah found the set to be slightly

confusing and distracting. She explained, "I thought the set was kind of confusing because the actors were always moving around the 'walls' and turning them, and sometimes I got confused as to which was a wall and which was a door. On the other hand, however, the characters' costumes matched the personalities of the characters perfectly. The lighting helped detect the time of day and when it was dark it also made the scene a little scarier. The sounds also helped me get a better sense when was going on. When Hamlet was talking to the ghost there was a wind noise and to go along with that the walls were shaking."

Overall, the English 10 students and teachers seemed to enjoy the performance. Both Logan and Sarah gave the performance a rating of three to four stars.

Students' website a Revo-lution

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Many of us are familiar with "The Social Network," the hugely popular film which tells the story of the creation of Mark Zuckerberg's website Facebook. If you've seen the movie (and probably even if you haven't), you know that Mr. Zuckerberg has become incredibly wealthy as a result of Facebook. Are the next web-made millionaires among us at Harrison High School?

Recently, a new website has become the talk of HHS. The site goes by the name of RevoFive, and was founded by five Harrison sophomores.

The new website offers great music suggestions, clothing tips, news, and more, but the fact that it was created by five Harrison High School students has sparked the most conversation and interest.

Sophomores Rajan Mehra, Spencer Rosenstein, Sebastian Pellejero, Tom Lovinger, and Robert Waldman created the webpage hoping that it would one

day be widely popular and viewed by various high school students throughout the nation. In the "Fab Five" section, each founder briefly writes about their aspirations for the site and explains why they personally chose to create it. Co-founder Spencer Rosenstein writes, "We want to be able to introduce people to music that they wouldn't ordinarily listen to."

Co-founder Sebastian Pellejero also explains his motives for creating the site. "I wanted to make RevoFive a reality so that high school and college kids everywhere can have access to the newest music and news."

The website is divided into five sections: sports, news, reviews, music, and clothing. The diversity of these sections makes the website appealing because it captures a wide variety of teens with different interests. While sports-oriented teens are able to read about scores and



Courtesy of revofive.com details of the latest games, teens interested in music can learn about new record releases and concert updates—all from the same website.

Each of the co-founders constantly updates the website and adds something new to each section daily. Guest writers also contribute articles and reviews to RevoFive so readers can get a different flavor of writing and opinions.

These five students have invested much of their time and effort in the website and have high expectations for it in the future. Co-founder Rajan Mehra fills the *Husky Herald* in on these expectations: "We plan on expanding the website into a place where our viewers have access

to a large number of artist interviews, music, and much more. We intend on having a one-stop-shop where any person can go and get top flight music, news, sport analysis, and even some lifestyle tips." Rajan hopes they can eventually begin to advertise and create a profitable business.

If the website has received so much attention only a couple of months after its appearance, imagine the success levels it can reach in the future. These five exceptional students are working hard to please their viewers and expose the newest and best features on their website.

Be sure to go online and check out revofive.com and what it's all about. Who knows, you may see these five co-founders following the footsteps of Mark Zuckerberg or Bill Gates as innovative and successful millionaires someday. One thing is for sure—the website is off to an incredible start!

Photos prompt reflections

Sarah Lisk

Guest Writer

We all suffer in silence sometimes. We all experience it at one time or another, that feeling of the walls closing in on you and lacking words, the feeling that even if you did find the words, the world wouldn't accept them. When I saw the work of Alex Prager, this, in all honesty, was not the first thing I thought. My first impression was that the women in her photographs looked like very depressed versions of Barbie. It took me a good look to understand what the point of the photos were, what the meaning was behind each of them.

Another thing that I noticed was that her work was of women alone. This was something that was very thought-intriguing. It made me think of the way women seem to be more restricted in society. We no longer live in the Victorian age of corsets and such, but we all abide by an unspoken rule now: silence is key. Our problems are our personal business and do not necessarily *need* to be expressed. We all act and dress the same now, especially us girls: Abercrombie and Hollister are basically the only brand names I ever hear of anymore. In these photos, instead of the big name clothing

brands, I see the classic look of red lipstick, worn by women who seem to be concealing damage. The emotionless eyes are dressed up with makeup, which appears to act as a mask.

To me it appears Alex Prager's work showcases these beliefs in a big way: her photos are of women trying to conceal their problems. It is more or less synonymous with what our definition of glamour is. Have you ever heard of Angelina Jolie speaking about her problems on TV? (Neither have I.) We don't make it seem acceptable to show genuine emotion in our society. The emotion that occasionally rears its head in the media is usually, if not always, criticized, made melodramatic or bluntly mocked, almost as though to make example of what the consequences of speaking up can be.

For example: anyone remember the Kanye West incident from last year's VMAs and how he ruined Taylor Swift's acceptance speech? People couldn't stop talking about it, only it wasn't as much empathized as thrown around as a funny conversation topic on radio stations and comedy shows.

This may seem a pointless rant that has nothing to do

with Alex Prager's work, but in my mind it has everything to do with it. Her work got me to think deeply about all these things in a way I never had. I had realized these points before, but I had never thought to put them all together, to connect the dots so to speak. Her works made me ponder the theme of glamour she was trying to relay. In a sense, glamour is monotony. And yet glamour is something most of us aim for.

The most eye-catching element of her work is the distinct way she can make the perfection of each photo eerie and nearly unnerving. Naturally, that is something I am going to be drawn to: she presents her point without sugar-coating it. It gets the point across very clearly. If she had sugar-coated this topic, no one would have taken it very seriously. I entirely believe the eeriness was called for.

This silence is a hard thing to fight. There is no lying about that much. For me it has become hard to become close with people who are not willing to open up, who have learned to live with that latent rule. It seems like no one is willing to talk about what's really on their mind anymore. Personality seems to be fading, and people seem to be drowning in their own agonies. In my mind, this rule of silence could easily be the most dangerous thing ever created in our society.

I have a friend (whom shall remain anonymous), who has always been in the limelight. I never resented her for it; it just came as naturally as breathing to her.

Fair-weather friends came in and out of her life, and with the arrival of each one she claimed that they truly were her best friend, and that they were people she could trust. Each and every time, she was proven wrong.



You may not see the point of me telling you this, but stay with me here.

Last year was one of the biggest and strangest I've ever experienced. My friend experienced all the things that teenagers typically go through, only in ways ten times more dramatic. You can imagine any strange situation and she will have been through it, and I was being dragged down with her. I was constantly watching her go through all this; I've seen with my own eyes just how twisted and melodramatic situations can get.

She never seemed bothered by any of it whatsoever. Nothing ever seemed to bother her much. It always looked as though after every disappointment she'd pick up and move on to the next without an issue.

That was, until one night she stayed over last summer (I have two beds in my room). At first she seemed fine, cool and collected as I'd become accustomed to seeing her. But at some point she broke down. Every negative thought that had previously been silenced was coming out. And believe me, it was an alarming thing to watch: I was watching a person come undone.

So I've seen what this silence can do firsthand. I see how it can mutilate a person from the inside. I leave you with this sentiment: silence is not golden, and only the truth can truly set you free.



Photos courtesy of Alex Prager

Losing Never Felt So Good

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News Editor

After 17 weeks of emotion, surprise getaways and brutal workouts, the four remaining contestants of *The Biggest Loser Season Eleven*, as well as those previously eliminated, prepared for the luxury that is the live season finale.

There weren't always just four contestants, however. In fact, in the premiere episode that aired on Tuesday January 4, 2010, 22 immensely obese individuals walked onto the Biggest Loser Ranch, ready to change their lives forever.

The weight-loss reality drama, which began in October of 2004, brings together top celebrity fitness trainers and health experts to help obese Americans transform their health, bodies, and ultimately their lives. The contestants are placed on four competing teams at the beginning of the season and then must follow extensive diet and exercise plans. At the culmination of the season, all contestants are brought back for a live finale in which they reveal their tremendous transformations to the American people. Each contestant is then put on the scale for a final weigh-in, and ultimately the individual who has lost the

etary prize of \$250,000.

Once on the ranch, Season Eleven got off to a quick start as contestants were thrown into a challenge that determined which trainers they would work with. While some felt particularly strong about training with the traditionally successful trainers Jillian Michaels and Bob Harper, others took a risk and selected new (and at the time unknown) trainers Brett Hoebel and Cara Castonuova. To add to the already difficult decision, host Allison Sweeney announced that those training with the unknown trainers would receive four weeks of immunity, a valuable prize never before seen in *Biggest Loser* history.

Upon the completion of the challenge, the teams were sent to their respective trainers for introductions and training session number one. Although this first workout was exceptionally brutal and involved a combination of tears, vomit, and sweat, it served as a wakeup call to not only the contestants and trainers, but to those watching from home as well. Sophomore Hannah Hochman is among those inspired by the *Biggest Loser* contestants, and told the Husky Herald, "Their motivation is contagious and it's amazing to see how they transform as the season goes on."

Over the past eleven seasons, *The Biggest Loser*

has strived to reach its goal of beating the battle of obesity and in doing so has reached out to



Contestant Austin Andrews.

Photos courtesy of nbc.com

Americans across the country. Obesity has become one of the leading causes of death in the United States, and by advocating the show and its message, *The Biggest Loser* reaches out to motivate communities and families outside of the show to get healthy.

Sophomore Michelle Loguidice also watches and follows the *Biggest Loser*, and she shared her favorite parts of the season.

"I enjoy the live finale and seeing all the contestants and how they look today," she said. "They all look so great and it's nice to see that all their hard work paid off."



Contestant Jen Jacobs. Talk about a transformation!

highest percentage of his or her body weight is crowned the biggest loser and receives a mon-

Loser Tweets

Tweets from Season 11 contestants:

Season Eleven contestant and one of the final five players, Austin Andrews used the workouts and *Biggest Loser* experience to change his perspective on life. In a recent tweet, Austin shared, "I have a new statement now too- Check into Life! Cause I checked out as a kid- hit 435 lbs- and had to check back in!"

Courtney Crozier is another Season Eleven contestant who, in order to qualify for the show, had to lose over one hundred pounds on her own. Since then, Courtney has become an inspiration to thousands across the country and a living example that obesity can be overcome. In a recent tweet, Courtney shared, "No matter what happens on that scale, I've won!" In another tweet, Courtney reflected on her weight loss journey and tremendous transformation saying, "Most of us realize that the finale isn't a finish line... this is for the rest of our lives!"

Another Season Eleven Contestant is Olivia Ward, who walked onto the Biggest Loser Ranch with her sister Hannah, and 20 weeks later, left the ranch still by her sister's side. Olivia and Hannah, the first team in biggest loser history, both made it through the entire season and competed for the title of the 'Biggest Loser' at the finale. Ultimately, Olivia prevailed, losing a total of 129 pounds. Helping inspire Americans to embrace even the most difficult tasks, Olivia tweeted, "Don't get caught up in your failures...let's always move from Victory to Victory!! What was your latest victory... big or small?"

White Men Can't Rap?

Danny Glass

Staff Writer

The number of successful white rappers can be counted on less than one hand: the Beastie Boys, Eminem, MC Serch, and a few others that many have forgotten over the years. White rappers who make a mockery out of white rapping haven't helped much either. Take Vanilla Ice, an artist that has done just that, and has undermined the progress that rappers such as Eminem have made.

"After *Ice Ice Baby*, I felt like I didn't want to rap anymore. I was so mad, because he was making it real hard for me," says Eminem about Vanilla Ice's song.

Fast-forward to 2009 where Asher Roth's was featured on the XXL Freshman List, a list devoted to "up-and-coming" rappers. In the past, the List featured, and essentially launched the careers of artists such as Kid Cudi and B.o.B. In his feature on the List, Asher Roth was highlighted for his representation

of a new style of rap- a distinct sub-genre classified as college rapping. As a result, Asher's first big song was aptly titled "I Love College".

With new digital technology and easy access to the Internet the rapping game has been considerably altered. Essentially anyone can record a mix tape, edit it, and upload it to datpiff.com, a site for aspiring rapper to share their mix tapes. Rappers like OnCue, Na Palm, Sam Adams, Chris Webby, That Kid Era, and especially Mac Miller have become YouTube sensations through this method, and rappers from this 'new generation' have attracted much attention, paving a path for other up-and-coming artists.

Looking beyond the conformity of these rappers, it is easy to see that they have created a niche for themselves in a highly competitive music industry. OnCue in particular has done a

brilliant job in sampling classic and alternative rock songs. Mac Miller has also been recognized for his talent and creativity, and recently released a mix tape that was downloaded nearly half a million times on datpiff.com within only a week.

Despite the tremendous effort and success of these individuals, the rappers are constantly faced with an uphill battle. Not only do they have to defeat the stigma of being a white rapper; they also have to break the mold and stereotype of white rappers. Overcoming negative perceptions of white rappers poses a great challenge, and for many white rappers, making music has become a double-edged sword.

The field of 'white rappers' is slowly becoming a mockery again after some of the more recent songs of rappers like Chet Haze and A.T. They have brought a sense of monotone conformity. It seems as if nearly every verse

is about playing beer pong and smoking weed or corporate influenced replicas of "music". Whatever happened to originality and speaking about real issues?

Junior Maddie Pollack expresses her hatred for white rappers: "all white rappers do is whine, and moan. White people can't dance or rap. I hate white rappers, they have no soul."

Junior Mike Spurduto, a self-proclaimed anti-rapper, says "iThey suck!"

Although there are a lot of unqualified and ridiculous white rappers out there, it would be wrong to say there is absolutely no talent among them.

Skillful white rappers are slowly being accepted more and more into the collective rap society. Lupe Fiasco invited Asher Roth into his All City Chess Club, Chiddy Bang has been collaborating with Mac Miller, and Na Palm is consistently selling out college shows.

Facelift for the Grammys

Amy Carton

News Editor

After 53 years of glamour, music and awards, the Grammys announced several changes to their traditional repertoire. According to www.grammy.com, the Recording Academy chose to enforce the changes to further evolve the production and satisfy the requests of the viewers.

In evolving the show for its 54th year, awards and categories were revamped and consolidated, cutting the number of categories to 78 from a previous 109. This change was made to restructure the overall process and comply with the requests and demands of viewers and producers. Despite this elimination of categories, the existing categories will remain essentially the same, sustaining only minor alterations. Separate categories for males and females were also eliminated, further consolidating the production. In an announcement made at the Recording Academy Press Conference

on April 6th, Grammy CEO Neil Portnow said "After careful and extensive review and analysis of all categories and fields, it was objectively determined that our Grammy categories be restructured to the continued competition and prestige of the highest and only peer-recognized award in music."

Since its first showing in 1959, the number of awards and categories had increased from 28 to the 2011 show's 109 categories, allowing for increased exposure to unique and hidden genres. Many of these 109 awards were not distributed live on air. Rather, the majority of the awards, many of which concerned mainstream genres, were handed out pre-telecast, and therefore were not seen by the general public. The award process received its first comprehensive evaluation in 2009, and since the evaluation there have been numerous requests

and desires for follow up evaluations and reforms. The number of categories was not the only component of the Grammys that changed as a result of the evaluation. Rules and category names were changed as well. For instance, rather than featuring seven awards in the pop, rock, and country categories, the 54th Grammy Awards will include only four awards in each category.

The Grammys also ended the practice of dividing awards categories by gender. Now, male and female artists must compete head on. While some commend this change, others question a possible bias toward a particular gender. Sophomore Nicole Suozzo, a student who has watched the Grammys in the past, commented "I don't necessarily see it as a bad change. I think it increases the competition between genders, and with fewer awards there

will be more pressure on the performers and directors. Only the best of the best will receive the attention and accolades that they deserve."

Other changes that will be implemented at the 54th Grammy Awards in 2012 include changes to the entry threshold per category, as well as the number of ballots each voting member receives. Whereas in the past, each category required a minimum of 25 artist entries, the 54th Grammys will require a minimum of 40 entries. Further, categories that receive significantly fewer entries than required will be discontinued and the entries will be moved to a similar existing category. To prevent voting members from casting too many votes for a given category or artist, the number of ballots per voting member has also been decreased, allowing voters to vote in up to 20 categories.

Making meal time EPIC

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What started as a simple YouTube video has now given birth to the legend and mystique of Epic Meal Time. The concept behind Harley Morenstein and his friends' YouTube videos is simple; make unbelievably large amounts of food (using insane ingredients) and video tape the cooking and eating of these epic meals. It has caught on, as Epic Meal Time videos have reached a combined 73,766,596 views since the YouTube channel was first created at the end of September, 2010. Each episode now garners some three million individual views.

The first Epic Meal Time video from July 9, 2010, is a far cry from what fans of the channel have come to know and love, but it was still a good first step toward what they are today.

For their first meal, Harley and his friends they made a pizza topped with fries and a Baconator from Wendy's, a Big Mac and chicken nuggets from McDonald's, a Teen Burger and onion rings from Canadian fast food restaurant chain A&W, popcorn chicken from KFC and a Taco Bell crunch wrap supreme. All of these foods were added to the pizza and topped with cheese to create a meal with 5,210 calories and 286 grams of fat. Just to put it in perspective, a regular Big Mac has 540 calories and 29 grams of fat. Needless to say this meal might clog some arteries.

On February 1, 2011, they broke the 100,000 calorie mark for the first time with a hamburger creation that sophomore Joe Maida states, "Officially made Epic Meal Time truly epic."



The Sloppy Roethlisburger.

Courtesy of Indian Tube

They made a hamburger with a 14,200 calorie bun, a 75,765 calorie bacon beef patty, 11,700 calories of cheese spread, 8,761 calories of barbeque sauce injected into the center and to top it all off, a lot of bacon strips. They called this creation "The Sloppy Roethlisburger." This monster of a burger consisted of 20 pounds of bacon, 13 pounds of ground beef and 11 pounds of sausage. All of this was ground up into a 44 pound bacon, beef and sausage mix patty with a 10 pound bun. The final product was a 138,226 calorie burger that contained



Harley shows Jay Leno how to make a meat car.

Courtesy of eater.com

8,452 grams of fat. That's 18.63 pounds of fat!

The team itself is made up of a group of friends from Canada. The enthusiastic and often hilarious host is named Harley Morenstein. He and cameraman Sterling Toth served as substitute teachers before hitting upon their epic idea. Another key member of the epic team is named Alex Perault, a personal trainer famously known on the show as "Muscles Glasses." He is known for doing most of the eating when the meals are done. Each one of the shows works sort of like a normal cooking show. It shows them preparing the meals and the viewer sees the process from the begin-

ning to the end and the show finishes off with the team eating the meal together with close-up camera angles.

All meals feature an insanely large emphasis on bacon as well as alcohol, mainly Jack Daniels. One episode, "The Breakfast of Booze," featured pancakes, hash brown balls, waffles, ham, lots of bacon, and eggs all deep-fried in beer batter and covered with Jack Daniels.

Just as Epic Meal Time has devoted fans, they are various numerous 'haters.' One organization who has had some harsh

horrible spoof."

Although the group seems to be getting some unwanted press, the creators of Epic Meal Time stand by their statement that they are not creating videos to be offensive, they are making them to be epic.

"They are the best cooks in the world," says sophomore Albert Camardella. "Epic Meal Time is the greatest cooking show of all time," agrees junior Matt Porto.

The show has managed to reach people who typically don't spend their time watching cooking shows. The top three demographics of the show are 18-24 year old males, 25-34 year old males, and 13-17 year old males.

Sophomore Rajan Mehra noted how unusual it is that there is a hit cooking show with 13 to 24 year olds.

"This show teaches people that, if presented the right way, a cooking show can be a huge

hit with males," he said.

Their most watched video is among the 30 top "sports" videos in YouTube history. With the episodes receiving millions of views, Harley Morenstein quit his job as a substitute teacher in order to focus entirely on the show. It's also appearing everywhere else. Jay Leno recently featured Harley and his friend, cooking an inside-out shepherd's pie.

All in all, Epic Meal Time is doing something that hasn't been done before and it isn't going anywhere but up. Morenstein and his buddies just signed a contract with Revision 3, an internet-based television network. Their goal is to get their own television show. With the way things are going, additional fame and popularity seem not too far off.

criticisms of the show is PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). In December 2010 they printed an article on their website stating that the creators of Epic Meal Time were "over-the-top meat-centric YouTubers who seem to not give a hoot about their health, animals, or the nastiness of their gluttonous creations."

PETA even went so far as to create their own Epic Meal Time spoof, which contained an epic vegan meal rather than meat. However their spoof drew more criticism than support. Many viewers posted complaints on their vegan spoof, claiming, "The vegetable-only video took the epic-ness out of it" and "Epic Meal Time looks more delicious and is much funnier than this

This summer, on screen

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Arts Editor

Summers are known for beaches, warm weather and best of all, great entertainment. This summer, Hollywood is cranking out some of the best it has to offer.

There is only one time a year when Americans can adopt an Aussie accent and watch their favorite underwater killer do what it does best. I am referring, of course, to Shark Week. For years, the Discovery Channel's Shark Week has reeled in millions of viewers with a week's worth of programming showing shark attack after shark attack. The annual special, set to run from July 30 to August 4, promises to be even more epic this



Courtesy of Discovery Channel

year, with "Saturday Night Live" star Andy Samberg hosting. Last year's Shark Week attracted over 31 million viewers; with Samberg at the helm, it promises to do even better.

"I love Shark Week and I love Andy. It's a perfect mix," said sophomore Nicole Suozzo, who is looking forward to tuning in to Shark Week.

The small screen is not the only media serving up big things this summer. Some of the year's funniest films will grace movie theaters nationwide. Heart throb Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis of "Black Swan" and "That 70's Show" fame will share the screen in "Friends with Benefits," a film which avoids the clichés of romantic comedies by focusing on pair that wants a relationship based purely on sex. The trailer features clips of Mila and Justin wearing minimal clothing and enjoying some intimate moments. But make no mistake, this *is* a comedy: another shot shows Justin's character being hoisted off the Hollywood Sign while wrapped in aluminum foil. Earlier this year we watched as Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher navigate similar territory in the

hit "No Strings Attached" but "Friends with Benefits," which hits theaters July 22, promises more laughs, and more skin.

"I literally can't wait for this movie to come out. I have watched all the trailers and will be sure to go see it opening night!" shared enthusiastic junior Chloe Williams.

Another comedy to keep on your radar this summer is "30 Minutes or Less." Fans of NBC's "Parks and Recreation," this is the film for you. The movie stars "Parks" actors Aziz Ansari and Tom Haverford, as well as Jesse Eisenberg of "The Social Network." In this action-comedy, life gets twisted for a small town pizza delivery boy (Eisenberg) when he is kidnapped by wannabe criminal masterminds. Along with his ex-best friend (Ansari), Eisenberg's character is forced to rob a bank. The two must deal with the police, hired assassins, and flamethrowers in order to get the job done. The film debuts August 12, and this reporter predicts it will be laugh-out-loud funny.

The action film "Green Lantern," debuting June 17, is a



Reynolds glowers at an unseen foe.
Courtesy of Warner Brothers

third forecasted summer hit. In this highly anticipated movie, a test pilot is granted a mystical green ring that bestows upon him incredible powers, and membership in an intergalactic squadron charged with keeping peace in the universe. The film took a risk casting Ryan Reynolds as the Green Lantern, who is not known as an action actor.

"When I think of Ryan Reynolds, I think of comedies like "Just Friends," not movies with serious characters. Watching him as the Green Lantern will be something new," commented freshman Marissa Goldstein.

Whether you're into sharks, superheroes, or dysfunctional couples, rest assured that there is something for you, on screen, this summer. Just remember to get outside at least once!

Head-boppin' summer

Jessica Olivier

Staff Writer

Yeah, summer is all about sleeping in and getting the darkest tan you can get, but there is something else worth doing besides hitting the bed and the beach: attending concerts! Summer is the best time of year to go to concerts, because you don't have to stress about them falling on a school night, or having to turn down a ticket to study for an exam. Also, you're less likely to be busy on the day of the concert, especially if you plan in advance.

Many artists have summer tours planned, with tickets available now. Rihanna and Cee-Lo Green kicked off their "Loud" Tour on June 4. Usher and Akon

began their "OMG" tour April 27. Katy Perry is also on the road, and finally in the U.S. Whether you're into rock, pop, hip-hop, or alternative, there is a concert out there to suit your tastes.

One notable music festival taking place this summer is the Vans Warped Tour. There are multiple venues supporting the Warped Tour in the U.S. as well as in Canada. Most people from Westchester who are attending the Warped Tour are going to the Nassau Coliseum in Long Island on July 23 or the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, NJ on July 21. The Ready Set, A Day To Remember, 3OH!3, Gym Class

Heroes, Asking Alexandria, Sum 41, and Paramore are just a few of the bands that will be performing. A cool feature of the Warped Tour is its use of multiple stages, so if you're not into a particular band, you can head over to the next stage, or the one after that! Why spend money on tickets to separate concerts when you can see tons of high caliber bands at the same venue, one the same date?

Harrison freshman Nicole Paolillo had this to say about Warped Tour: "Warped Tour is like the Woodstock of our age! It has so many bands that come together for one night and play. I



Courtesy of exclaim.ca

can't explain how many memories you can make in one night."

Even if you're not interested in Warped Tour, be sure to check out at least one of the amazing concerts coming to the area this summer. Two months of freedom aren't worth anything, if you don't get out there and enjoy them!

Jersey turns Geordie

Kiersten Colotti

Staff Writer

The pop-culture phenomenon has literally taken the world by storm. As we all know, the classic Jersey Shore gang is going to Italy to film season four of their hit show, and they're not exactly receiving the warmest welcome from the Italians. Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi and Jenny "JWOWW" Farley have their own spinoff show that will show the pair dealing with life and love off the Shore. Pauly Delvecchio is set to have his own show too, which will follow him on the road as he aspires to become a famous DJ.

But nobody could be prepared for this: MTV UK has announced a new reality television series entitled *Geordie Shore*, a remake of *Jersey Shore* set to premiere in England on May 24 (a "geordie" is the British version of a "guido").

According to MTV UK, it will take place in Newcastle, England, and the new hottest club

interesting.

Sharing her opinion about the show is sophomore Bernadette Recchia, who says, "I think that they are trying too hard to be American guidos and they're trying to be too much like Jersey Shore and it's terrible. It's going to be such a bad show because you can't remake Pauly, Mike, Vinny, and Snooki, any of them. It's just not good – like, what are you doing? Stop."

Each character on the new show is set to parallel one of the original cast members.

First up is Jay, who, according to the *Huffington Post*, is just like Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino. He is described as "rarely pictured with his top on" and sports a look of heavily waxed eyebrows and tight t-shirts in order to get the lasses.

James seems like Pauly D, hitting the gym at least 14 hours a week and getting regular tans, facials, and waxing sessions. *Huffington Post* says that James likes to keep everyone happy and tries to avoid conflict as much as possible.

And the Snooki is Sophie. Portrayed as the nutty, pint-sized bundle of fun who loves her blingy accessories and dancing on tables,

Sophie is sure to stir up some fun in the house.

Then we have Vicky, who, according to MTV UK, enjoys shopping and going to the gym with the guys just like Deena Nicole.



The *Geordie Shore* cast strikes a pose.

Holly is just like JWOWW, explaining herself as "the most real 'fake' person you'll ever come across." She often ends the night by getting into a fight.

Charlotte-Letitia parallels Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola.

Most of the comments on the website itself are negative, saying how *Jersey Shore* is better and that these people are going to give Newcastle a bad name. People are now embarrassed to be Geordies, saying that these

right young lads and lasses are giving them a bad name.

A typical comment reads like this one, from user bethX: "I can honestly say I have never seen anything more fake. Looks terrible. *Jersey Shore*



Geordie Jay bares his muscles.

Wearing tons of make-up, having tons of boyfriend issues, and seeking attention wherever she goes, Charlotte-Letitia is sure to stir up some drama.

Greg can equate himself to Ronnie, being the real ladies' man and worrying about "quality, not quantity." Greg hits the gym at least four times a week and drinks protein shakes to build up his muscle.

Last but not least is the Vinny of the show: Gary. He is described as the cheeky, chappy joker and loves making the most of being young and free, according to MTV UK.

MTV UK says, "Make way for a summer you'll never forget!" But how is the public responding to the show?

wannabes."

A majority of the videos of *Geordie Shore* on YouTube also have more dislikes than likes. So what is going to become of this new show?

Felicia Prignano, a freshman and *Jersey Shore* fan, sums it all up for us: "The English *Jersey Shore* is mocking the Italians. They have guidette voices (well, they attempt it) mixed with their English accents. You don't see the people on *Skins*, a show originally from England, trying to have English accents. They keep their own voices! And by the way, their tans are insulting."

So, what do YOU think about this remake of *Jersey Shore*?



Snook-alike Holly. Photos courtesy of mtv.co.uk

outlet will be the Diamond Strip. With its own new set of lingo, such as swilling, which means throwing a drink over someone, and "it'll be proper mint," meaning "it will be great," there is no doubt that this show will be...

WHEN THEY WERE 17

Do you recognize them? In honor of our seniors graduating and going off to college, here are a few of your favorite teachers when THEY were seventeen!

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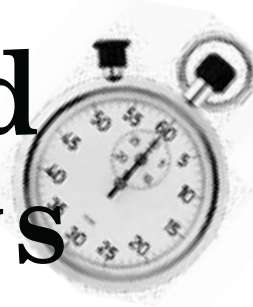


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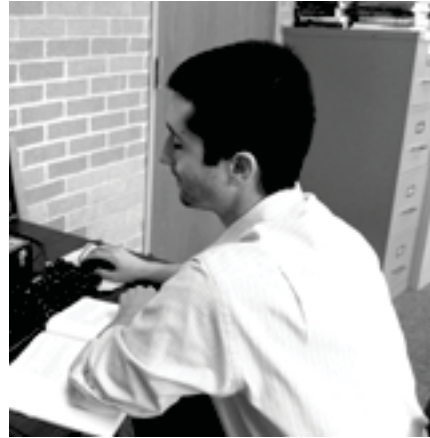
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90-Second Interviews



"90 Second Interviews" is a new feature where we sit down with a teacher and see how many random questions they can answer in just ninety seconds. For our final issue, we sat down with world history extraordinaire Ms. Markarczuk (better known as Ms. Mak), and math man Mr. Gino.

Mak



Gino

Favorite band?
Anything from Bush to Lemonade Mouth.
Favorite baseball team?
Try soccer - Chelsea, I bleed blue.
Fashion staple?
Sneakers and a pony tail holder.
Favorite chick flick?
Ew. No. Zombie movies!
Home Town?
Cortlandt Manor.
Celebrity crush?
Sean Connery.
Favorite cartoon character?
Voltron.
Guilty Pleasure?
TV.
Memorable teaching experience?
Having a latke party in my AP World class.
Favorite unit?
Inches!
Lucky number?
Eighteen.
Age of first kiss?
Oh, that's dirty. I'm not answering that.
First car?
Volks Wagon Jetta.
Favorite color?
Green.
Favorite rapper?
Luda.
Favorite ice cream?
Cake batter.
Pet peeve?
People who say anyways and supposedly.
Favorite holiday?
Halloween.
First cell phone?
Nokia 51 60i.

Favorite band?
Tough...right now, The Roots.
Favorite baseball team?
Yankees.
Fashion staple?
Ties. I wear a lot of ties.
Favorite chick flick?
The Expendables. I'm gonna be sarcastic with that one.
Home town?
Bohemia, Long Island.
Childhood hero?
Lou Gehrig.
Favorite cartoon character?
Garfield. It's a tie between Goofy and Garfield, but it's Garfield.
Guilty pleasure?
Pizza.
Celebrity crush?
Scarlett Johansson. Done. She's single now. Actually, that's a lie.
Memorable teaching experience?
Teaching Christie Suozzo. [interview conducted by Christie Suozzo]
Favorite unit?
Anything except Geometry Proofs. I hate 'em.
Lucky number?
14.
Age of first kiss?
Pass!
First car?
1987 Honda Accord
Favorite color?
Blue.
Favorite rapper?
I'll change that question to favorite group...Jurassic 5.
Favorite ice cream?
Can't eat ice cream. Lactose intolerant. That's why the pizza is a guilty pleasure.
Pet peeve?
Kids that don't do their homework.
Favorite holiday?
Christmas.
First cell phone?
It was one of those Nokia phones with the snake game on it. The original snake game. That's all I did.

SPORTS

NFL Draft Day Offers Late Round Surprises

Ray Corona

Sports Editor

Like past years, the 2011 NFL draft was full of players eager and ready to make their mark on the 2011-12 season. Some teams positioned themselves for successful seasons in the fall, while others failed to address the weaker aspects of their rosters. But despite all the lawsuits and fighting between the players and owners, fans could finally see one of the biggest moments in the NFL season. From Cameron Newton to "Mr. Irrelevant" Cheta Ozougwu, the players of this NFL draft should be a major part of the National Football League's next season.

In the first round, the Carolina Panthers selected quarterback Cam Newton from Auburn. Despite picking Jimmy Clausen in the second round last year, Carolina is hoping that their second try at a franchise QB will be more successful. Along with Jonathan Stewart, DeAngelo Williams and Steve Smith, the addition of Newton will make Carolina a young and explosive offense, if healthy.

The Broncos then proceeded to pick OLB Von Miller from Texas A&M, a man who can play practically all positions on the defensive line. Denver has become weak at the pass rush in the past few years, so he should be a big help. The Bills also went defense, by selecting DT Marcell Dareus out of Alabama. Dareus will have the responsibility of

taking over the role of Marcus Stroud, who is going to be 33 this season.

The Bengals took the first wide receiver with Georgia's A.J. Green, which will serve many purposes for Cincinnati. The addition of Green could persuade Palmer to stay with the team. Green could also take over as the number one wide receiver if Chad Ochocinco decides to leave.

After the top five picks went as expected, the draft seemed to take a surprising turn. The Falcons traded a handful of picks, including their first round of this year and next year, to draft Alabama's WR Julio Jones. Jones will give Ryan a perfect 1-2 punch along with Rodney White, giving their offense an explosive threat.

Although most expected Blaine Gabbert to be the second QB selected, the Tennessee Titans went with Jake Locker out of Washington instead. Though Locker experienced a down year prior, the attitude and potential of Locker was just too much for the Titans to pass up.

"I love the pick of Locker, even though everyone seems shocked," says senior Mike DiSante. "Although Locker is a little too aggressive, he can throw well in the pocket and keep his composure."

Gabbert would eventually go two picks later to the Jacksonville Jaguars, where many wonder about the future of the Jaguars since they already have Pro Bowl QB David Gar-



Cam Newton, first draft choice overall.
Courtesy of MJB Sports Network

rard.

Other notable selections include Florida State QB Christian Ponder going to Minnesota, who can immediately serve as the starter, working with elite offensive stars like Adrian Peterson and Sidney Rice.

"The first round was one of the more interesting ones, compared to others in the past," says senior Matt Rowan, who attended the first round at Radio City Music Hall in NYC. "The craziest moment was Mark Ingram going to the Saints because it was unbelievable to see him drop so low, despite being the best running back. But the Jets and Giants didn't do badly either."

On day two, many players were still left who had been rated as first round talent. The Bengals made another big offensive move, selecting QB Andy Dalton out of TCU, making it clear that the Carson Palmer era was done. The Texans, who drafted J.J. Watt in the first round, improved their line even more by selecting DE Brooks Reed out of Arizona. Watt and Reed will join a line already consisting of Mario Williams and should make the Texans much better against the passing game. Da'Quan Bowers ended up going to the Buccaneers at pick 51, even though he was a projected number one overall in February. If he can stay healthy, Tampa Bay will have definitely gotten the steal of the draft.

But another possible steal includes QB Ryan Mallet of Arkansas going to the Patriots in Round 3. If Mallet can be mature off the field and continue to grow as a QB, the Patriots could have another QB dynasty.

In every draft though, there must be winners and losers.

The Detroit Lions were very fortunate to have their second overall pick last year, Ndamukong Suh, have a very productive season, but now the Lions have gone a step further, drafting Nick Fairley. Fairley, Suh and Vander Bosh will make running against the Lions nearly impossible. But the team also

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NFL Draft Great for Giants, Jets

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significantly improved on offense, drafting Titus Young to complement Calvin Johnson and Mikel Leshoure to go along with Jahvid Best. If the Lions can improve the secondary and have a stable QB group, the Packers and Bears might have some real competition.

Although the Panthers did select a franchise QB in Cam Newton, the rest of their draft was weak. The Panthers were the first team since the 1995 Bengals to have the first pick overall, and not have another first or second round pick. In simpler terms, the Panthers missed out on plenty of prospects and offensive players to help Newton. The future is uncertain with Steve Smith and DeAngelo Williams, and that would make the offense weaker than before. But there is some hope on the line when they drafted Terrell McClain and Sione Fua.

New Yorkers and even Harrison High can be impressed with the job done by both the Jets and Giants.



The Giants selected Prince Amukamara in the first round.

The Giants got two steals in the draft, with their first being Nebraska's CB Prince Amukamara, who will be the leader of the secondary along with Antre Rolle. In round two, the Giants selected North Carolina's DT Marvin Austin, who although suspended last year, did well in his sophomore year. Even though the Giants did not acknowledge their offensive needs

as much, the Giants made their defensive one of the top in the NFC.

Junior Kevin Vendola, a loyal Giants fan, feels optimistic about the Giants selections.

"Prince was a projected top ten pick while Marvin was a projected first round," he said. "The Giants got some of the best talent and didn't have to trade up to get them."

Similar to the Giants, the Jets helped the defense by selecting Muhammad Wilkerson from Temple, who will likely take over for the aging Shaun Ellis. The Jets then selected Kendrick Ellis out of Hampton, to make the line significantly younger and deeper. The last four picks for the Jets benefited the offense by drafting Jeremy Kerley out of TCU and Scotty McKnight from Colorado.

"I can see why the Jets focused on defense," says senior Joe Papa. "Sanchez and the offense is growing so quickly, while the defense is getting older and older. The picks helped out the Jets for the future and will keep them as the best defenders in the NFL."

Although it's unpredictable as to who will be destined for greatness or who will be the next bust, this year's draft class seems promising. Can Cam Newton be the next face of the NFL, or will he be another Ryan Leaf? Will any late round selections turn into a Pro Bowler or Hall of Famer like Tom Brady? Stay tuned for the 2012 NFL season to find out for sure.



Man trains for the toughest sports challenge. *Courtesy of Prohab*

Hardest Race Ever: Yukon Arctic Ultra

Matt Cysner

Staff Writer

Those who have seen marathons know what an amazing feat of strength they are. Runners have to run for 26 miles straight with minimal to no rest. People train for months in preparation for running a strenuous marathon. However, Canada has one-upped the marathon. Its Yukon Arctic Ultra is arguably the most difficult race in the world.

The Yukon Arctic Ultra takes place in Canada, in the dead of winter, when the temperatures are well below freezing. Those conditions would make most people throw in the towel and go inside for a hot chocolate. But the real athletes tough out the frigid weather. They have the choice to run, mountain bike, or ski 26, 100, 300, or 430 miles.

Consider how 430 miles is a long distance to drive, never mind running, mountain biking, or skiing. The majority of the competitors choose to run. These super athletes put it all on the line just for the glory. For such an amazing feat of strength and endurance, athletes should get a large sum of money as a reward, right? In this case, wrong. Competitors have to pay €1,900 (roughly equivalent to \$2,500) just to compete. They receive no cash purse in the end.

When some of the strongest athletes in Harrison High School were asked about this race, they were so confused that they couldn't speak for a few seconds.

"430 miles?" asked Ben Konigsberg, a very talented track star and Harrison High School junior. "I get fatigued after running 400 meters. This race sounds insane. I would never do it." Ben, usually a fearless athlete, even bungee jumped last summer. This

only proves how the athletes who compete in the Yukon Arctic Ultra are more physically fit and mentally daring than most of us will ever be. What it takes to complete this sort of race is almost an athletic super-human.

Junior Eric Fuerst had similar thoughts.

"As a lacrosse player and a skier, I can run pretty fast and handle the cold pretty well," he said. "But I would never participate in this race -- it sounds impossible."

According to past results, most people who compete in the longer distances do not complete the race. But for the handful of athletes that actually finish the grueling Yukon race's challenge, the times are very impressive. In 2009, running results for the marathon ranged from just under four hours to just over seven hours. Professional runners in the New York Marathon take from 2 to 3 hours to run 26.2 miles on paved streets with enjoyable weather. This makes the Yukon Arctic Ultra's competitors seem even more athletic.

For the 100-mile race, results range from 31 to 61 hours. For the 300-mile race, there was only one competitor who finished. He had a time of 186 hours. The longest race, 430 miles, had times ranging from 221 hours to 290 hours. Time spent sleeping is also included in these times. This makes the times seem even more impressive.

If ever you feel the need to prove to everyone on the planet that you are better athletically than the rest, participate in the Yukon Arctic Ultra. For athletes in the know, it's a guarantee of immediately respect.

Track Stars Shine

Ray Corona

Sports Editor

In the midst of a successful baseball and softball season, the high school's track team has quietly been picking up record after record. The team is hopeful that this will lead to great things come the June State Championships. Although most of the track success is from a strong senior group led by Zaid Al-Doori, Rob Merritt, and Joe Papa, juniors like Nina Sarmiento and Ben Konigsberg have contributed in many ways. It's still uncertain as to how the Huskies will perform in States, but no matter what, this season has already been a major success.

"You always want to win States; that's the ultimate goal," says senior Joe Papa. "But on this journey, I've had a lot of fun this season and saw that our hard work paid off."

The boys' squad has already had their share of awards this season. The team participated in the Penn Relays, where some of the best track teams in the nation compete. The 4x100 relays, consisting of Joe Papa, Gary Castelli, Rob Merritt and Zaid Al-Doori, finished twentieth in the Small School division, while finishing forty-seventh overall.

In the 4x400 relays, Ben Konigsberg, Gary Castelli, Rob Merritt and Zaid Al-Doori came out of the Penn Relays as League Champions.

Rob Merritt was very proud and happy about the overall success the Huskies had at the Penn Relays.

"You work so hard for major events like the Penn Relays, and you don't want to lose," he

says. "Our success was well deserved."

In the Westchester County Championships, another major track event, the Huskies finished second to New Rochelle. Despite finishing second, it was the highest position won by the Huskies in school history.

After being successful in both the Penn Relays and Westchester County Championships, the Huskies must now focus on the State Championships coming up in early June. The major events the Huskies will be competing in are the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, the most success events for the Huskies this year.

"We know that we can win," says junior Jacob Seidman. "Although we all will be a little nervous, we just need to do our



Joe Papa springs into action.
Courtesy of Joe Papa
part and try our best."

With success on the boys' side, the girls also have done their share of winning as well.

Nina Sarmiento had been the top runner for the girls as she competes in the 400-meter hurdles. Throughout this year, Nina has won in the 400-meter hurdles, 400x4 relays and the 400-meter dash. In the 400-meter hurdles, Nina broke her own school record despite finishing second to a Mount Vernon

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Laxmen end disappointing season

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The Huskies' lacrosse season has ended at the hands of their rivals. The Huskies lost their first playoff game 15-3 against the Rye Garnets to conclude their season. Although the 6-11 overall record with a 1-6 record in league seems disappointing, there are a lot of positives about this year's Husky team, as well as plenty to look forward to next season.

This season did have its successes. The Huskies were a streaky team this season, at one point losing seven straight games; yet, in another 10-day span, the Huskies won five out of six games. The season finished on a downward note with a three game losing streak, further exemplifying the streaky tendencies of the team. Consistency is something that needs to occur for these Huskies to have a chance at a league title next year.

Let's break down the Huskies' record. While the Huskies were a mere 1-6 on the road, they were a far more success-



The Huskies swarm the Foxes.
Courtesy of Brian Lauro

ful entity at home, finishing the season 4-5. This is a good sign for Husky fans looking forward to competitive home games next year. If the Huskies can win a few more games on the road, they will be amongst the top teams in the league. What also needs to change is the minus 40 goals-to-goals allowed ratio, a tough statistic to read for a team with such high hopes coming into this season.

Although depth was not their strong suit on offense this year, contrary to the plethora of 10+ goal scorers last season, the Huskies had only four players this year with 20 or more goals this season. Seniors Alex Acompora and Brandon Bonistall were two of those players, both

spectacular weapons who will be dearly missed by the Huskies. But the glimmer of hope for the Huskies' offense comes from the two other players who scored 20+ goals this season. Junior Drew Pritchard and freshman Jake Marino had 24 and 26 goals respectively.

These two players will provide the experience and athleticism necessary to keep the Huskies' offense flourishing. With Dean Brancucci, Kevin Imperia, and Brian Lauro all stepping up as seniors, a potent Husky offense should take the field in 2012.

The defense is losing just as much experience and quality play as the offense, if not more. Seniors Duke Alvora, James Tirella, and Tony Conigliaro are key components of the defense who will be graduating this spring. Still, next season the Huskies' defense should compete just as well as this year's defense. Zack Davidoff will step in nicely as goalie, and will be able to use the varsity experience he gained playing this year to cata-

pult him into being a dominant force in the twine by early spring next year. Next year's senior class contains a solid group of players who will keep the opposing offense at bay. Jacob Temkin and Lucas Wolf will provide senior leadership to guide younger players throughout the season. Sophomores Rob Mackenzie and Robert Waldman will also be able to play a bigger role after this year's senior exodus, as well as Michael Amacucci, who lost games this season due to injury.

The Huskies' disappointment this year is something that can be used as a motivational tool for next year. No athlete enjoys the bitter taste of defeat, and this past season may give next year's roster a reason to play with a chip on their shoulder. The Huskies will open up 2012 with a clean slate and a fresh mindset, ready to show everyone who overlooked them due to this year's failures that they will not make the same mistakes again.

Softball best take on the rest

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Sports Editor

The Varsity Softball team has been nothing short of amazing this spring season. The pitching, fielding, and hitting have all been great and there have been contributions from everyone up and down the roster. There is no other reason behind their superlative 17-3 record other than the fact that simply they are the best.

After their impressive record last season, the Huskies came into this new season with high expectations, ranked seventh in the states and among the top 200 in the nation. After losing key seniors Ashley Marino and Gianna Lodolce, it was imperative that the girls receive great performances from the new underclassmen Samantha Angilletta and Amanda Evangelista. But it was also key that the current players such as Alyx Scapperotti and Jenna Webb step up and be leaders for this young squad.

"I knew before this season that we were capable of great things," says senior Alessandra Neu. "If we just kept working hard to develop our chemistry, I knew it would be a successful season."

Right away the Huskies started off strong, winning their opening day matchup against Tarrytown 14-1, with a complete game pitching performance by Samantha Angilletta and a three hit, three RBI game by Jenna Webb. The team would then go on to win their next five games, with an overwhelming 15-1 win

over Rye, featuring three runs batted each from the trio of Elijah Webb, Alessandra Neu and

resilience, winning every game since.

"We look up to girls like



Jessica Magnotta gets ready to field one.

Courtesy of Jenna Webb

Jenna Webb.

After their stinging 5-4 loss to Pearl River, the Huskies went on a tear, winning 10 in a row while averaging over 11 runs per game. In four of those games, the Huskies won by a margin of 10 or more runs. In their 18-2 routing of Rye on May 11, Jenna Webb went five for five, producing five RBIs, with her sister adding an additional five RBIs of her own. The 10-game winning streak was ultimately snapped in a tough 5-4 loss to Fox Lane, after beating the same squad 11-6 four days earlier.

But despite that tough loss, the girls have shown their

Jenna and Elijah to help us through thick and thin," says Patty -Jane Geller, in her first year on Varsity.

The production has been stellar by Jenna and Elijah this season. Together they have combined for five home runs, seven triples, 10 doubles, 56 RBIs and a stellar batting average of .524.

But the production can be seen throughout this whole squad. Junior Allyson Brabant and senior Jessica Magnotta have done well, putting themselves in the top three in triples and batting averages. Underclassmen Amanda Evangelista has done her part, putting up

a .382 average and having 15 RBIs.

But the perfect complement to the strong hitting has been the superb pitching by Samantha Angilletta. In her 129.1 innings, she has only let up 35 earned runs, while striking out 100. One of most impressive pitching performances of her remarkable year was her one-hitter thrown against Port Chester on May 5. On that day, she had three strikeouts and gave up no walks. With her successful record and 1.89 ERA, it will be crucial for the team's future success that she continues her strong season.

With a final record of 17-3, the Huskies emerge into the playoffs as one of the best teams. While those 17 wins already are a fine achievement, the Huskies also never lost two consecutive games all season long.

With the playoffs approaching, it's important that the Huskies stay on track. With some of the best hitters and best pitcher in the state, expect the Huskies to make a deep run.

Sara Arce likes the direction this team is heading as they approach playoffs.

"We want to win every day," she says. "We are not going to stop until we win it all, no matter what obstacles we come across. We can win, and we will win."

Track Team Shatters Records

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athlete.

"We all look up to a girl like Nina," says sophomore runner Hannah Hochman. "She works so hard in practice and has a winner's mentality for competitions. She's what most girls on the team strive to be."

But although Nina's journey continues in the postseason, most of the girls can reflect on the great season they had. Sophomores Hannah Hochman, Erika Gunderson, and Ashley

DelliPaoli have improved tremendously from their freshman year. This trio complemented Nina's accomplishments with their own successes in the 100- and 200-meter hurdles. All of these girls will be back next year along with Nina, which bodes well for the future success of the girls' squad.

The hard work and effort has already been seen by the track team since day one. Both the girls and the boys delivered

on all the hype they received at the start of the season. As some teammates make preparations for their last race as a Husky, the experience and lessons learned will live on.

"As I pursue track in college, I can only thank Mr. and Mrs. Zanot for all they taught me," says Joe Papa. "I'm glad for everything I achieved in my years here and I look to achieve more heading to States. It was a great journey, but it's still not over yet."



Rob Merritt in mid-relay form.
Courtesy of Rob Merritt

Red Hot Huskies On Deck For Playoffs

Ray Corona

Sports Editor

The Huskies Varsity Baseball team hasn't cooled off from their red hot start as they approach the playoffs with an impressive 13-6 record. With a .321 team batting average and an astonishing .940 fielding percentage, it's not hard to why the Huskies are so successful this year.

"We just simply enjoy playing baseball," says Austin Pollack, who is playing his first year on the varsity level. "We have such passion for the game and strive to do the best when we get out on the field."

After dropping two of three down in Florida, the Huskies have rebounded by going 9-4 to end the season. But even more impressive is the how the Huskies, in their six losses, have only lost by a total of 10 runs. Win or lose, the Huskies have always fought and the record shows it.

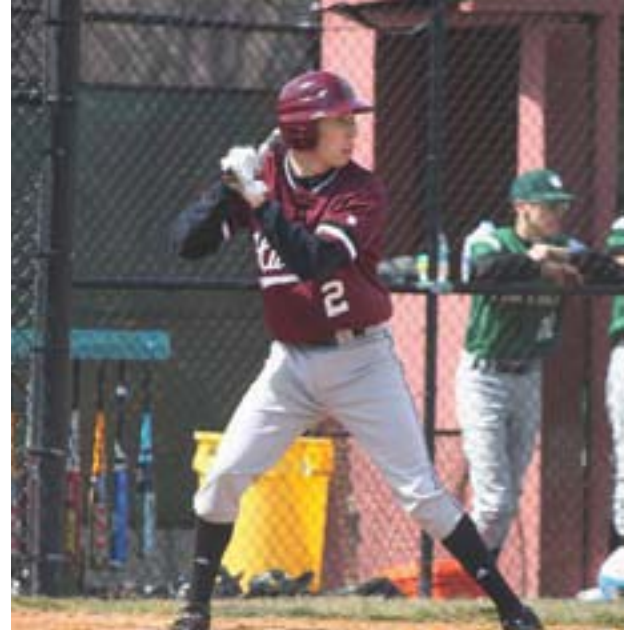
Offensively, the Huskies have averaged just fewer than seven runs per game, and have a total of 165 hits, 30 doubles and six home runs, with senior Mike Jacobson having two of those round-trippers himself.

"It's great to have such a productive offense," says pitcher Max Bruckner. "No matter if you're lights out or having a tough day, these guys always give us pitchers an opportunity for a win."

Some of the most impressive offensive performances include the Huskies' 12-7 victory over Yorktown on April 29 when Mike Chiarella, Alex Beckett, and Pete Viscogliosi combined for eight hits and eight runs batted in. They also have had their share of blowout wins, including their 11-3 victory over Greeley and 13-0 spanking of Rye Neck, followed by a 12-run performance over Fox Lane, despite losing 13-12.

Despite the great all-around team effort, some Huskies have stood out. Senior Mike Chiarella is having a career year, batting .417, having 23 hits and also 14 RBIs this season. As one of the two team captains, Chiarella has been the driving force behind the Huskies' success.

"These guys look up to me and you don't want to let them down," says Chiarella. "Although you can take the heat sometimes for losses, the reward is greater



Mike Jacobson eyes the next pitch. *Courtesy of Mike Jacobson*

when you win." Along with strong performances from senior class members, the underclassmen have elevated their game as well. Junior Alex Beckett has been one of the top sluggers, being in the top three in home runs, triples, doubles, and hits, with an equally impressive .328 batting average. Junior Max Bruckner has been a positive effect on the team as well, but on the mound. Max has delivered, even considering all the hype and expectations put on him prior to the season. He has put up an impressively stingy 1.99 earned run average, while only giving up 16 runs in 57 innings pitched. Although Max has seven complete games in seven starts, he has a powerful bullpen that has backed him up. Brian Lobel has been great as a closer, while as a starter he posted a 1.66 ERA in four starts, along with 30 strikeouts.

Senior Brian Lobel, currently in his last season, will miss the experience of being a Husky pitcher.

"No matter how the season turns out, it has been a

fun and exciting season," he recounted. "Although the Huskies will miss my pitching, I'm sure Max and the others will do great and lead us to victory."

As the Huskies end their season, they will have to overcome one of their toughest losses, giving up three runs in the seventh frame to a hungry Fox Lane team and ultimately falling short by a score of 13-12. The Huskies rebounded to beat Port Chester 5-0, but lost the final two home games to Port Chester and Rye. Despite losing, the Huskies come into the postseason with an impressive 13-6 record.

"The most important thing for us is to not slow down," Captain Mike Jacobson says. "One loss and you're done, that's the reality of the playoffs. But we know that if we play to our potential, we can achieve anything."

With most of the players having playoff experience, the Huskies will know what it takes to be successful. With the Huskies finishing strong, both the players and fans have the utmost confidence going into the playoffs. Expect this group to make a deep run in the playoffs and makes some big news in June.



Mike Chiarella, about to drive another run in. *Courtesy of Michael Chiarella*