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# DELAWARE VALLEY AWARE

Delaware Valley High School - Milford, Pa.

## FBLA qualifiers shine at state conference

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Managing Editor

The Future Business Leader of America's (FBLA) state conference demonstrated that Delaware Valley can not only hold their own with all the other high schools in Pennsylvania but out compete them as well. The state conference is held in Hershey, Pa. every year and this year was DV's best. There were 26 students that placed in the top 10 in the state.

"They did awesome. The studying paid off," said FBLA adviser, Mrs. Maura Angle.

The conference was held on April 10-13 and 46 students from DV attended and competed in a variety of team and individual events out of 4,000 competitors, advisors and guests. They were also able to experience different workshops with topics that ranged from college tips, entrepreneurship and dressing for an interview.

This year, Nationals is being held in Atlanta, Ga. and 19 students are eligible to attend. Those who placed in the top four include senior Hannah Matthews with first place in Word Processing, senior Justin Pranga with second place in Client Service, sophomore David DeFreese with third place in 3D Animation, senior Joseph Gurkan with fourth place in Database and Design and junior Leah Yost with fourth place in Graphic Design.



FBLA members qualify for nationals, which will be held in Atlanta, Ga.

Photo by Allison Wulforth

Senior Drake Eshleman, senior Brandon Haraldsen, sophomore Cyndi Li, sophomore Shane Fagan, senior Celine Mojica, sophomore Sophia Festa and junior Vanessa

Paoella are able to attend because they worked together to write up the Local Annual Chapter Business Report. Juniors Gabriella Cuevas, Anthony Gosch, Maecy

Chlebowski, Gabrielle Hoare, Paulina Henzel Kedzior and Randall Evers are eligible because other members in their event are unable to attend. In addition to having the most DV students place in the top 10, Shane Fagan was elected as PA State Officer Vice-President At-Large and Joseph Gurkan received the Keystone Leadership Award and America Level of Business Achievement Award.

Besides the students winning a multitude of awards, DV FBLA won specific awards as well. The school took first place in Local Annual Chapter Business Report, third place in the Big 33 Community Service Award with 3,524.5 hours, seventh in the William Selden Outstanding Chapter Award and ninth place in the BAA Award Submissions with 14. The BAA is an award that students can win by filling out FBLA related activities to earn four levels, Future, Business, Leader and America.

"[For] this state conference, Delaware Valley made great improvements. It was great to be able to cheer as members from our school district went up for their awards. It is a fantastic opportunity to network with other schools and attend workshops," said Gosch.

## DV sends care packages to troops in need

By LEXI FEAN  
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This year, Delaware Valley's Support the Troops program collected 31 boxes of supplies to send to troops deployed in South Korea and Egypt.

The collection started when Mr. Tom Walker, head of the Support the Troops program, reached out to the American Legion in Milford. He spoke with veterans to learn the best ways that students could help those deployed, and he found that care packages are ideal.

"The veterans said that when they received a care package out in the field, it meant the world to them," said Mr. Walker.

Mr. Walker met five veterans whose stories inspired him and students to start collecting nonperishable items. The boxes were out in various locations around the school for about a month and were collected on April 22. After

the items were equally spread and distributed, 31 care packages were boxed and sent to the post office April 29 for weighing and stamping. From there, the packages were sent to the American Legion, where a group of veterans escorted the boxes on their motorcycles back to the post office to be shipped out to the troops. After collecting 11 boxes last year, Mr. Walker feels this year has been a big success.

"It's a really good way to tie the veterans into [helping the military]," said

Fausta Phelan, post adjutant and district commander of district 15. "We're just excited for everyone to get to know

us and us to get to know everybody."

The five veterans that Mr. Walker met came from the Marines, Army and the Navy. They came together

for an assembly and a chance to talk with students in the Media Center on April 8. Each veteran got to share

his or her story, and students were given time to ask the veterans questions about their experiences. Four students going into the military after graduation were honored at the assembly: Kyle Carpenter, Luke



Photos by Lexi Fean

Bennett, James Roe and Jeremy Montalvo.

Surpassing their goal of 20 boxes this year, Delaware Valley is proud to send 31 to the troops.

"Last year, we had a 20-year Army veteran visit with his service dog, and after he shared his story, we had a student who raised her hand and said 'Sir, what can we do to help?'" and that was a common theme this year," said Mr. Walker.

# ?? FEATURE NEWS ??

## Karthik Ramaswamy



You've probably seen him in the pool or on the roof in the drama club's production of "Fiddler on the Roof." If you missed either of those, you probably caught him with a box of chocolates in his hands. While juggling AP classes, orchestra concerts and swim meets, senior Karthik Ramaswamy manages to sell Gertrude Hawk and Mars brand chocolate to raise money for impoverished children in India.

- Molly Scollo

MS: Molly Scollo(Interviewer)

KR: Karthik Ramaswamy(Interviewee)

MS: What activities are you involved in through school?

KR: Band, chorus, orchestra, swimming and diving, the Electric String Quartet, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. I'm also a math tutor and science tutor.

MS: Outside of school?

KS: I'm a part of a community swim team, and I take violin and piano lessons. I also volunteer with an organization called Udayan Care. It's an orphanage in India and I've been volunteering there since the summer of 2014. I was a lead on a project where we analyzed volunteer output, we quantified the work that the volunteers did. To prove certain test statistics about the different volunteers, we performed sample statistical tests, like T tests. I also worked with the children in the orphanage. The orphanage is more of a system. There are 13 homes, and I went to an all-boys home. I tutored them in English, Spanish, music and played soccer and other games with them. When I came back to the U.S., I realized I wanted to do more for them. I've been raising money for computers for the kids ever since. Right now, I've teamed up with the National Honor Society to raise more money through chocolate sales.

MS: Why did you choose to raise money to buy computers?

KR: Udayan care is well-off. They treat their kids great. They make sure their basic needs are met. They have food and shelter. We have a lot of our lives on our computers. These kids don't have that. It's a part of the world that they've never experienced, and I

think they deserve a chance to have that.

MS: How did you get started in music?

KR: I started music in fourth grade with flute and I loved it. I went to my first music festival in fifth grade and at that festival there was a youth orchestra. When I heard them, I knew I wanted to play the violin. As I continued

music, I've gotten more involved in different groups. I think starting so early has made a part of who I am.

MS: What was it like performing in "Fiddler on the Roof" this year?

KR: At first, I didn't know what I'd be doing. It definitely grew into so much more than just playing a few songs. I'm so thankful for the directors and cast for accepting me into the group and working on the show with me. I've seen some pretty amazing violinists who dance and play at the same time. I've always thought it was so easy and then actually doing a choreographed dance while playing is so much harder. You have to focus on how you move and how you play at the same time. As much as we think we can do something, you won't know until you try something. I want to thank everyone in the production for giving me that opportunity.

MS: What is your favorite activity that you're involved in?

KR: Music. When we get close to concert time, you can hear the music coming together and that holds something special. When you create music that moves you and then you listen to yourself, you feel fulfilled and you're proud of what you've accomplished.

MS: How have you developed as a musician and student from your freshman year to your senior year?

KR: I think that going through high school has helped me realize that not everything's under my control, but that's okay. I remember being in freshman year as both a student and a musician thinking, 'it'll be easy enough to get what I want, I just have to work hard enough for it and everything will work out exactly as planned.' I had that sort of overconfident attitude that I was in control. I realized of course

that music, or life in

general, doesn't work like that. Sometimes you just need to go with the flow, while controlling as much as you can.

MS: What are your plans after high school?

KR: As a life plan, I would really love to become a doctor, especially a psychiatrist or pediatrician. But much more recently, I'm looking forward to Texas A&M and studying marine biology there.

MS: What's the highest level you've achieved in orchestra?

KR: I think the answer most people expect is that I've made it to regional orchestra two years in a row. But for me, the highest level I've achieved is having been elected orchestra president. I can't express how honored I feel that the members of the orchestra feel that I was an appropriate leader, and I am very thankful.

MS: Any advice for underclassmen?

KR: My advice to the underclassmen is to use high school as a stepping stone for the great life ahead. There are going to be a lot of great moments in high school, but also some not so great moments, and some flat out terrible and horrific moments. But don't forget there is still so much to go. We are just getting started, don't lose yourself in the now, balance between the now and the later.

### *Favorites:*

*Color: Neon Blue*

*Activity: Volunteering*

*Class: AP Chemistry*

*Place: Venice, Italy*

*Song: "The Coast of Galicia(Celtic Women)"*



# School News



## DV goes blue for Autism Awareness

By GWEN NATHAN  
Staff Writer

For over a quarter of a century, the month of April has been recognized as Autism Awareness month. For years, the Autism Awareness Society has led a nationwide effort to raise awareness and acceptance of autism in local communities.

Autism is a mental disorder which, according to childdevelopmentinfo.com, "affects a person's ability to communicate, form relationships with others and respond appropriately to the environment."

Though the disorder was first identified in individuals by Dr. Leo Kanner in 1943, it isn't until recently that

efforts have been made to bring light to the disorder and assist those inflicted with it.

The Autism Awareness Society, currently the largest autism awareness organization, provides support to families in need as well as hosts a variety of online events and activities to raise money.



**Delaware Valley promotes autism awareness by wearing blue T-shirts on Thursdays in April.**  
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Milford's organization P.A.S.S., or the Pike Autism Support Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania, organizes these charity events on a local level, hosting events such as the Autism Awareness ribbon hanging and the T-shirt design to bring Milford

together as a community. P.A.S.S. also provides meetings, support sessions and funds to families to help them afford

any services their children may need outside of the school system.

This spirit of charity is also present at DV. The Passaro family, the founding members of P.A.S.S., began an Autism Awareness effort within DV when their son went through the school system.

"They saw a need, and they filled it," said special education teacher Mrs. Cathleen Kent.

In years past, Delaware Valley has participated in a variety of fundraisers to raise money for P.A.S.S., and though there is no official fundraiser this year, students and staff are invited to show their support by wearing blue or their Autism Awareness t-shirts every Thursday. T-shirts can be purchased in room A2.

With these efforts, committees such as P.A.S.S. hope to bring light to the disorder and help people realize that life with autism should not be a struggle.

"People with autism are some of the most loving people out there," said senior Chris Faust. "Sometimes, out of nowhere, my brother will just come up and hug me, as well as laugh at the silliest things."

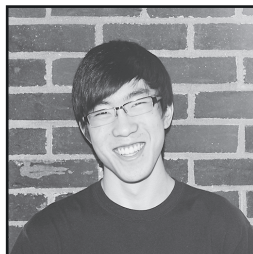
## Inquiring Photographer

"WHAT ELECTIVES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ADDED TO DV'S CURRICULUM?"

By LINDSEY TOOMER



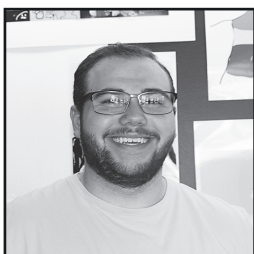
*"More gym classes like strength and conditioning"*  
**Ciera Cavallaro**  
Class of 2018



*"Asian American Studies"*  
**Nick Shi**  
Class of 2017



*"A class that can help you write a book"*  
**Kiki Ruggiero**  
Class of 2019



*"Theater History"*  
**Alex Miller**  
Class of 2016



*"A Veterinarian Class"*  
**Maeve Dowd**  
Class of 2018



*"Kayaking or something that will utilize the river"*  
**Anthony Gosch**  
Class of 2017

## Journalism students receive praise for recent success

By KIRSTEN PETERS  
Sports Co-Editor

Recently, the journalism students have been recognized and awarded for their stellar writing, layout, photography skills and overall production of the Del. Aware.

On April 6, seniors Madeleine Yost and Sabrina Stewart attended the Student Keystone Press Awards luncheon at the Hershey Lodge for their achievements. Yost won first place in the sports photography category for her submission of a boys' soccer photo, while Stewart won first place in the review category for her book review about "Eleanor and Park."

On April 8, the junior members of the staff attended the 16th Annual Tom Bigler Journalism Conference at Wilkes University. At the conference, students got to listen to various acclaimed speakers, attend workshops with professionals in all aspects of the journalism field, as well as ask questions and receive valuable information about the day-to-day components of pursuing a journalism or communications career.

The staff won an assortment of awards at the conference: senior Lexi Fean won first place in both news writing and feature writing, senior Alyssa Mancuso won first place in the layout and design category, senior Nate Hayes was recognized with an honorable mention in opinion/editorial writing, Yost received an honorable mention in sports photography, and the whole Del.Aware staff won the excellence in journalism for an overall outstanding achievement in news production award.



**Members of the journalism class pose with the awards won at the Tom Bigler Journalism Conference.**  
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# Understanding gender identity

Today, as individuals find new ways to self-identify, it may feel hard to keep up: demisexual, gender dysphoria, heteroromantic... what do all of these terms mean? One may find it easy to dismiss a friend who expresses themselves in a way that is not heterosexual and cisgender (Another strange word! This refers to those whose self-identity matches his or her biological sex). However, this is not helpful. Instead, one should reach out to his or her friend and do their best to learn about their identity.

2016 is a year in which the English language has never been richer in words to describe oneself. For those who may not follow the new vocabulary--or don't frequent Tumblr--there are plenty of resources. The Human Rights Campaign, an LGBT advocacy group, has published a glossary of terms with which to become familiar.

Some may not be as excited with the societal changes. You may think that someone who identifies as transgender, or complains about dysphoria (distress one may feel if their birth gender does not match their self-identified one) is just following a fad, or isn't serious. Or it may sound like political correctness.

Such attitudes are harmful. To ignore how a friend truly feels is not good. That person may have gone through a difficult personal journey to accept his or herself. When someone comes out to you, they are looking for acceptance and appreciation.

For some, those things may not come to one easily. A friend identifying as gay can be a big change. Change is always a nervous thing.

That is okay. Take the time to think. Think about how frightened your friend may be to tell you. Think about how much they seek your acceptance. Most importantly, think about why their self-identity should change your friendship negatively.

It shouldn't. If anything, two friends who share a coming out experience may feel closer. Self-identity is a deeply personal thing to share. You may be spurred to share something of your own, something that you too want the world to know. Who knows, you may just learn something about yourself.

**COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER**  
*Class of 2018*

# Nine million dollars

Nine million dollars. You can buy a green monkey for 1.6 million dollars and a luxury Otam Millenium yacht for nine million dollars, with some extra money to spend. DV has other ideas though, constructing a new gymnasium on its campus. Yes, nine million dollars was not entirely used on just the gym, with improvements to the pool, more parking and less congestion with traffic on Route 6 & 209. But the new gym was a necessary change with over 1,600 students enrolled at DVHS. The current gym was built in 1970 when the enrollment was at 600.

During the basketball season, students, faculty and fans would crowd the small arena to support the boys' team. Most people who arrived five minutes late wouldn't be able to snatch a seat. And if you were a lucky fan, you were crammed against someone that probably is sweating just as bad and profusely as you were. Might as well wear your workout clothes to the game because that is what it is going to feel like.

I am 100 percent behind the construction of the new gymnasium and other renderings to the campus. Our gym has been trapped in the 70s for too long now and it might have been a nice time period in our history with daisy dukes and men with abnormally long hair, but this gym needed a makeover.

**ANTHONY CATALANO**  
*Class of 2018*

# Mozzarella sticks

Italian restaurants usually make people think of the wonderful pasta they are so famous for. But I can't help but be thankful for the Italian creation, the mozzarella stick. These fried, bread crumb covered cheese sticks are the highlight of my visit to any Italian restaurant by far. The satisfying string of cheese that appears after the first bite is just heavenly.

I have had the misfortune of coming across some dreadful mozzarella sticks. Don't order them from a low-class, crappy pizzeria or you'll end up with one of two terrible outcomes; first, you could receive the empty stick. It masquerades as a normal mozzarella stick but the first bite leaves you with just disappointment. Or you'll end up with that squishy dough covering that always indicates that there's more oil and grease inside than actual cheese.

Even though they are traditionally found in Italian restaurants, I have to say that two of the best places to get these godly appetizers would be Perkins and surprisingly the Milford Diner. In my opinion, the crunchier the better and they make them the crunchiest. So the next time you get a craving for mozzarella sticks, I highly recommend these restaurants.

**ASHLEY VECCHIO**  
*Class of 2016*

# Escaping your comfort zone

Class trips allow students to experience what it is like to learn outside of the classroom. There are not enough class trips provided in our high school.

There should be more class trips provided for art, music, history and science classes. Trips are an essential way for students to be able to receive additional information, as well as more understanding of a topic once they get more in depth with what they are learning about. They also would allow students to learn more visually by looking around at their surroundings, instead of sitting in a chair all day staring at a Smart Board.

Class trips allow students to get out of their comfort zone. For example, they can help freshmen from Delaware Valley get to know students from Dingmans or even Shohola. They would have to interact, as well as share ideas and thoughts about what they are being taught. Students would be with their classmates, learning and having fun somewhere outside of school.

Trips would provide a way for the students to be active as well. They would be outside walking around, taking pictures and enjoying what they are learning.

Along with all of those points, class trips are a way to connect students with real life and to open up their minds to new ways of thinking. It gives the students a chance to learn something hands-on, and it might even change their lives. Without class trips, some students would never have these experiences.

Some people might say that money and supervision is the issue, but that road block can be solved very easily. The school would have to start a fundraiser for whichever students would be interested in attending, then the students can raise the money for their own trip. For supervision, I'm sure teachers and parents would be more than willing to spend a day with their students. At the end of the day, the smile on their faces is going to be all worth it.

**KAIYA DeSTEFANO**  
*Class of 2018*

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# School News

## Where are they now? Mariel Brooke

By LINDSEY TOOMER  
Staff Writer

DV alumna Mariel Brooke is living what many would call the dream. Residing in Los Angeles working for Paramount as a manager of TV development, Brooke has first-hand experiences of seeing television brought to life.

One of Brooke's most recent projects was the "Grease Live" production that aired on Fox. She was involved with the early planning stages, helping to decide whether or not it would be filmed in New York or Los Angeles, finding a director and looking for actors for the production.

"It was our studio's project; we were very proud of it.



Brooke and her Paramount TV colleagues pose on the set of "Grease Live."

It did very well," Brooke said.

Brooke says her biggest accomplishment in her career so far was having the show "School of Rock" put on air at Nickelodeon.

"I'm most proud of that because it's the first show I had as an executive," said Brooke. "I have a few more now but my first will always be most special I think."

After graduating from DV, Brooke went to school for journalism and worked as a news producer in Washington D.C. Once she realized this was not the career choice for her, Brooke returned to graduate school at USC for TV programming.

"I have a lot of favorite parts of my job. I love working with writers and helping make their vision

become a TV show. I love hanging out on set and getting to see behind the scenes how the magic happens. I love that even on a tough day a lot of my job revolves around reading TV scripts and watching TV shows and how cool is that?"

Brooke's "big break" occurred when she received an assistant job at 20th Century Fox Television in Feb. 2012.

"I worked for an executive there and got promoted a couple of times," Brooke said. "You learn from your bosses...I was promoted to become an executive so now I run my own shows doing what they did for myself at a different studio."

The people Brooke knows from DV are what she says has made the biggest impact on her life.

"It's been a blessing to have her in my life all these years, and I couldn't be more proud of the creative, hardworking and successful person that she has become," said DV special education teacher Mrs. Nicole DeLauro.



Brooke sits on the set of "School of Rock." Contributed photos

## Puzzle Fun

Directions: Solve the phrase by decoding the nonsense. The first person to solve this edition's puzzle and email his or her answer to [the.del.aware@gmail.com](mailto:the.del.aware@gmail.com) will receive a prize.

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PUZZLE CREATED BY ASPEN NARVARTE

## Up to 306 lives could be saved by blood drive donations

On April 26, the second blood drive of the year turned out to be a tremendous success. A total of 102 students who were 16 years or older participated, surpassing the school's goal of 101. Enough blood was donated to the American Red Cross to save up to 306 lives.



School nurse Mrs. Ellen Orben organized the drive while HOSA students and especially a core team of volunteers—seniors Amanda Brown, Madison Retallic, Allison Coyle, Kailey Rosario, as well as juniors Amy Yoerg and Brianna Sommer—made the event possible. Family and Consumer Science classes also contributed by baking cookies for the Canteen, a place where students could go after giving blood to sit down, eat and drink some juice. Students who donated blood may have done so in order to receive a red cord on their cap for graduation, an incentive given out by the Red Cross. They must, however, fulfill a list of certain requirements. More information about red cords can be found at [leader.redcrossblood.org](http://leader.redcrossblood.org).

Caption and photo by Shaina Klein



# School News



## Choirs perform at spring Reading team scores well concert

By ADAM PARENT  
World News Co-Editor

On Apr. 28, both the concert choir and chamber choir performed at the annual spring choir concert. The concert not only served as an exhibition for choral performances of both classical and contemporary music, but also served as a celebration of the senior members of the choirs, who will be graduating in June.

The concert was initiated by senior Karthik Ramaswamy, who, in a speech, introduced the main theme of most of the songs that were to be performed at the concert: "Of the People, By the People, and For the People." The concert choir then performed powerful renditions of



**Senior chorus president Brianna Kislak conducts the Alma Mater.**  
Photo by Adam Parent

seven songs that correlated to this theme, such as George F. Handel's joyous "Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound," Howard Hanson's commanding "Song of Democracy" and Kurt Bestor's somber "Prayer of the Children," which the choir dedicated to Syrian refugees who have experienced hardships in attempting to escape their war-ravaged homeland of Syria.

Following the concert choir's performance, the chamber choir performed three radiant and ethereal songs that were conceptually inspired by Old Testament scripture, such as Rene Clausen's "Set Me as a Seal" and Charles Ives's "Sixty-Seventh Psalm."

After the chamber choir's performance concluded, seniors Brianna Kislak, Deborah Soler, Martha Morton and Alex Miller presented a gift to music teacher and choir director Mr. Richard Horst as

a symbol of gratitude for his role in helping each of them improve their skills as musicians and performers.

"You've never just been a teacher to us. You've made a personal investment in our growth and having us do the right things," said Kislak, the president of concert choir, to Mr. Horst. "I don't think that I've ever met somebody as passionate about what they do."

The concert choir then sang a series of amusing folk songs, such as the Zulu folk song "Jabula Jesu," which was accompanied by a quartet of bongoists, and Mack Wilberg's "Bile Them Cabbage Down," which was accompanied by groups of square-dancing choir members. They also sang the African-American spiritual

"Deep River," which was conducted by Miller.

The choir then performed "(I've Had) The Time of My Life," a song that was featured in the 1987 film "Dirty Dancing" and chosen by the senior choir members, shortly followed by a presentation by Mr. Horst of information regarding the respective college aspirations of the senior choir members. The choir concluded the concert by singing a rendition of the DVHS Alma Mater, which was conducted by Kislak.

"They should be proud of what they did," said Mr. Horst. "As they stood tall on the shoulders of those who came before them, future students will stand upon their shoulders."

By ALLISON WULFHORST  
Managing Editor

On April 28, the Delaware Valley Reading Team traveled to Easton for their annual competition with a total of 15 teams, including DV. We sent 25 students divided into three teams which were led by advisors Ms. Deanna Zarzecki, Ms. Erika DiMarzio and Mrs. Crystal Wummer. Ms. Zarzecki's team placed fourth with 55 points, Ms. DiMarzio's team, the Les Reveurs placed fifth with 54 points, and Mrs. Wummer's team, Team Awesome placed third with 67 points.

Every team that participates is provided with a list of 44 books to read. Based on their reading, each team is asked

20 questions each round for three rounds. They also have the opportunity to steal questions.

Every member of each team is only responsible for a smaller list of books so not everyone has to know details about every book. This divides the workload and makes the members work more as a team.

The top three teams won copies of a signed book and whenever a team from DV wins they give a copy to the school's library. The first place team won signed copies of "All the Bright Places" and Wummer's team won signed copies of "The Copper Sun."

"They worked well together. The competition was harder because other teams were well prepared," said DiMarzio.

DiMarzio's team thought they were also well prepared, which showed how tough the competition was this year.



**Team Awesome won a signed copy of 'The Copper Sun.'**  
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## Engineering club succeeds

By OLIVIA TENNEY  
Arts & Literature Editor

On April 13-15 the Engineering Club traveled to Pittsburgh to compete in the state level of the Technology Student Association (TSA) competition. This year was the club's best performance. Students chose either an individual or group project at the beginning of the year and then they competed at different levels. Students competed by taking a test or by building something based on the list of projects that the students were given.

At the state competition, there were 26 events that DV students competed in, 12 students qualified for the national competition which is being held in Nashville, Tenn. from June 28 until July 2. Seniors Chloe King, Matt Madsen, Darian Dzirko and Johnny Miller; juniors Hannah Easow, Nick Shi, Chase Kruszka, Emily Finelli, Emily Lepore, Dylan Carey, Dan Curtis and Lauren Reno; and sophomore Harlan Muttee qualified to compete in the national competition.

Chloe King had two second place trophies for the Flight Endurance and Technical Sketching

events. The team of Dylan Carey, Dan Curtis and Matt Madsen placed fourth in the Robotics event. Darian Dzirko, Matt Madsen and Johnny Miller placed eighth in Engineering Design. Harlan Muttee placed ninth in Technical sketching. Hannah Easow, Emily Finelli, Emily Lepore and Lauren Reno placed tenth in Electronic Research. Nick Shi and Chase Kruszka were semi-finalists in the Structural Design and Engineering event.

"We were able to expand our knowledge and learn from other people at the competition. It was such a rewarding experience," said junior Hannah Easow.

The competition encompassed 90 high schools and almost 1,200 students.

TSA is open to any student who is enrolled in or has completed any technology education course. There are over 233,000 middle and high school students from more than 2000 schools.

"It is a great experience to be able to work with students who are competing in events that utilize knowledge that they gained in the engineering classroom," said Engineering Club adviser Mr. Bob Curtis.



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# School News



## Students place at SkillsUSA state conference

By CAITLIN FLORIO

World News Editor

On April 13-15 eight students from DV attended the state conference at Hershey, Pa. for the SkillsUSA competition. DV members competed in three events. Two groups, Chapter Display and Career Pathway Showcase, won third place

"All the kids did an exceptional job and had a great time in their event," said SkillsUSA advisor Mr. Mike Dobrzyn.

The group made up of sophomores Justin Uhl, Brandon Collins, and Brandon Minetti competed in the Chapter Display

event. They designed a scrapbook of safety checklists and build a promotional display for the SkillsUSA competition.

"We had to build a skyscraper. The lower of the skyscraper represented the start of someone's knowledge and career. As the levels get higher, it shows someone is furthering your career and knowledge within that career. The top of the skyscraper and crane represent the building up of

someone's career," said Minetti.

The group made up of sophomores Andrew Almodoval, and Daniel Shares competed in the Occupational Health and Safety event. The event consisted of inspecting the safety of an auto body shop and car. The competition consisted of making a scrapbook, and a test of safety in the workplace.

"I chose to do this this event because safety is a major concern in an auto body shop," said Almodoval.

The group made up of seniors Krista Cabany, Kaitlyn Galbraith and junior Rebecca Suta competed in the Career Pathway Showcase event. Their event consisted of having to create a display showcasing on how food made it from the farm

to the table. They also demonstrated how to make bruschetta with a side of virgin sangria. The theme was based on traditional Italian food.

"All in all we had a great experience. We plan to come back even harder next year. For anyone thinking of doing SkillsUSA, do it. It looks very good on your transcript and may even get you scholarships," said Cabany.

The students who attended the SkillsUSA competition in Hershey enjoyed their time there and walked away with more experience to apply to their future careers.

"I think the students were very well prepared and had a great experience," said Mr. Dobrzyn.



**This structure was built for the Chapter Display.**

Photo by Caitlin Florio

## Prom prep is possible even in a pinch

*Need some last-minute prom tips? Here are simple, quick solutions that anyone can create.*

By SABRINA SCHLENKER

News Co-Editor

Did prom preparations sneak up on you? Are all of the hair stylists booked and all of your favorite prom dresses or tuxedos swept off the racks? Well, never fear, because there are plenty of ways you can still be dressed to the nines on perhaps the biggest night of high school.

### Hairstyles

If your dress is simpler, go for a more complex hairstyle. If your dress is bedazzled and has a lot going on, go for a simpler hairdo. For female students, there are two major styles many sport on prom night: up 'dos or down. If you wear your hair down, wearing curlers with a wet head the night before works well, even if it seems old-fashioned. Wearing your

hair down is the easier of the two because all you have to do is use a straightener or curling iron. Using products is always a good idea to guarantee perfect hair all night. Dress up your down 'do with a sparkly clip or beret.

A popular trend for an up 'do is the sock bun. The sock bun trend started years ago but really is a timeless hairstyle. Fashion the sock into a circle, then pull your hair in a ponytail and lace it through. You can sport your sock bun high or low, loose or tight.

### Dresses/Tuxedos

For dresses, if it is slightly too long off the rack, wear high

heels so you are not tripping on the dance floor the entire night. In addition, you can hem it for a quick fix. But, you never know, you might find one that fits perfectly without the need for it to be altered.

Borrowing a tux is or purchasing it off the rack is handy, and a quick hem should do the trick. A "well-placed belt" is a possible solution as well, according to senior Nate Hayes.

### Makeup/Nails

It is important to ensure your makeup compliments your dress and skin tone. Grab some eyeshadow and eyeliner. With eyeliner, you can go with a simple look or go more dramatic with a cateye. Use mascara and lipstick/gloss to add to the look, all of which can be purchased anytime at many

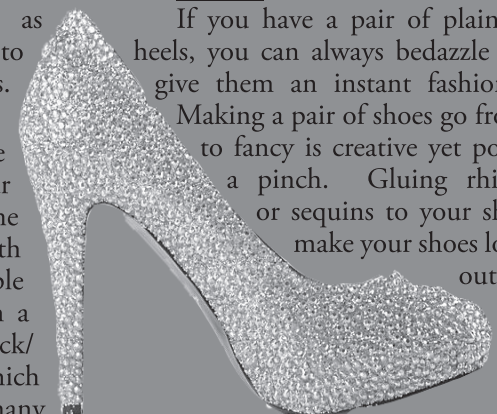
local stores. As for nails, grab a color polish that matches your dress, and add a few rhinestones here and there if you would like.

### Corsages

To make a corsage, purchase fake flowers at the nearest craft store (or buy a live bouquet if you would like) and glue them to a bracelet. Snap bracelets are a good solution in a pinch, according to senior Alyssa Mancuso.

### Shoes

If you have a pair of plain flats or heels, you can always bedazzle them to give them an instant fashion boost. Making a pair of shoes go from plain to fancy is creative yet possible in a pinch. Gluing rhinestones or sequins to your shoes will make your shoes look fresh out of the box.





# School News



## Scholastic Bowl team breezes through local competition, looks toward Nationals

VANESSA PAOLELLA

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On April 26, the varsity Scholastic Bowl team, comprised of seniors Jacob Ahlstrand, Drake Eshleman, Saimun Shahee and sophomore Collin Kawan-Hemler, competed against Middletown high school to win the Rotary Tri-State Scholastic Bowl League championship in a score of 430-105.

While the Middletown junior varsity team was unable to compete on this date, the junior varsity team, comprised of freshman Emma Dove, sophomores Chrissy Dedes, Frani King, Abhay Byadgi, and junior Julia Liszka, was declared the champions since they were undefeated in the preliminary rounds.

The varsity Scholastic Bowl team has won this tournament four out of the last five years and many more

times before that.

This was the first year the Rotary Tri-State Scholastic Bowl League hosted a junior varsity tournament.

Lizka said that some of her favorite parts of Scholastic Bowl this year were the different ways they prepared for competitions and improved their quiz bowl skills.

"We never did it before, but this year we had some of the members talk about specific topics and things that come up often in questions," Lizka said. "We also emphasized more on keeping notes...I've been keeping the notes and I see the patterns of what kind of questions come up."

The tournament was comprised of teams from Delaware Valley, East Stroudsburg North, Middletown and Wallenpaupack.

In addition to winning this tournament, members of DV scholastic bowl were named to the Greater Pennsylvania Quizbowl Resource (GPQR) all-star team. Shahee was one of five students in Pennsylvania named to the first team, and Eshleman was named honorable mention.

This recognition was decided on the basis of points won and through comparisons of other quiz bowl competitors in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kevin DeVizia, Scholastic Bowl coach, explained that this was big achievement, especially since the Scholastic Bowl team is comprised of four strong members. This made it difficult for any one player on the team to amass a significant amount of points.

However, it is a testament to DV's strength that both Shahee and Eshleman were recognized on the basis of points scored.

"Saimun built himself into the best literature expert in Pennsylvania, almost entirely through self study," Mr. DeVizia said.

After a successful year, the varsity team is now looking toward the Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence (PACE) National Scholastic Bowl Championship in Chicago, Illi. from June 2 to 6.



**Members of the junior varsity scholastic bowl team receive their award.**

*Contributed photos*



**The varsity scholastic bowl team celebrates their win.**

## Spanish students attend Marywood Immersion Day

NATE HAYES

Science & Technology Editor

On Thursday, April 14, Spanish teacher and Language department chair Mr. Gary Cotroneo and juniors Victoria Fitzgerald, Laura Horowitz and Shaina Klein traveled to Marywood University in Scranton, Pa. in order to attend the Annual Immersion Day celebrating Spanish language and culture with five other local schools.

The event included various activities such as obstacle courses, salsa dancing, interviews and games. They also enjoyed a presentation from the International Business Department Chair, who discussed the importance of being

bilingual and learning foreign language during and after high school.

"I hope that with these kinds of experiences students are able to realize how vital Spanish is to them in their lives outside of high school," said Mr. Cotroneo.

In their discussion they learned how large of a role Spanish plays in international business, being one of the four languages that one should know if they plan on entering the field of business (others including Arabic, Chinese and English).

"This opportunity has given me a hope to learn other languages and cultures and taught how important foreign language and culture truly are," said Fitzgerald.

*"I hope that with these kinds of experiences students are able to realize how vital Spanish is to them in their lives outside of high school."*

**- Mr. Gary Cotroneo**

*The Color Me Rad 5K will be held in Scranton on*

**May 15.** *Anyone interested in running the race can register online at [Colormerad.com](http://Colormerad.com) with the Promo Code SOPA, and seven dollars will go to the Area P Special Olympics.*

*Any student wishing to volunteer should see **Mr. Eric Kudrich** in room **R1**.*

*Ad by Shaina Klein*

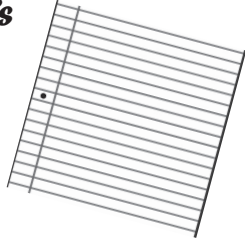
# Boost test scores with these helpful tips

By OLIVIA TENNEY  
Arts & Literature Editor

As test-taking season approaches, many students get anxiety about taking the exams. Some that are coming up are the NOCTI tests (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) for the career tech students, the AP tests and Keystone Testing. In honor of the testing season, here are some tips to boost the chances of improving scores.

## **Tip 1: Get a good night's sleep**

The brain does not focus as effectively if it is running on a lack of sleep, so make sure to get in bed early the night before to procure at least 8 hours.



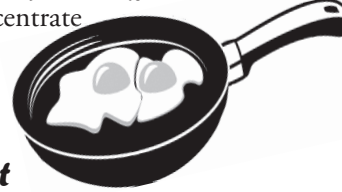
## **Tip 2: Do not study too hard**

Trying to cram in everything possible the night before will just result in unnecessary stress and frustration.

Take a deep breath and try to study every night for an hour or so for a couple of weeks before the test.

## **Tip 3: Eat a healthy breakfast**

It is hard to concentrate on anything but food when hungry. By eating a healthy breakfast, the brain gets refueled.



## **Tip 4: Be confident**

A positive attitude goes a long way. The day of the test there is nothing else that can be done to prepare. Do not get overwhelmed and have a positive attitude to increase the chances of scoring higher on the test.

## **Tip 5: Do not stress**

Stress can cause the brain to draw a blank. By having a relaxed attitude there is a better chance of scoring well.

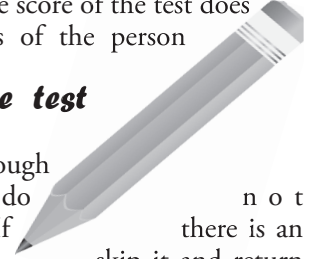
## **Tip 6: Be prepared**

Make sure to have everything required for the test such as a pen, pencil and scrap paper. Do not bring a cell phone.

Finally remember that the score of the test does not determine the greatness of the person taking it.

## **Tip 7: Manage the test time**

Make sure to leave enough time to finish the test, so do not get stuck on one question. If there is an especially difficult question, skip it and return to it.



## **Tip 8: Review the test**

When the test is completed make sure to go back and check for mistakes. Look over multiple choice to make sure that they are all bubbled in, and read over the essays to check for grammar and spelling mistakes.

## **Tip 9: Ask questions**

Do not hesitate to ask questions if confused. Ask the teacher if anything needs clarification.

## **Tip 10: Write legibly**

Write as neatly as possible to ensure the grader can read it.

## MAY 2016

Information compiled by Sarah McDougall

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP Chemistry AP Environmental <u>Afternoon:</u> AP Psychology	<b>3</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP Computer Science A AP Spanish Language and Culture <u>Afternoon:</u> AP Art History AP Physics 1: Algebra based	<b>4</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP English Literature and Composition	<b>5</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC	<b>6</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP German Language and Culture AP United States History <u>Afternoon:</u> AP European History	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> *The AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism test begins at 2 p.m. and is the only test to do so. 	<b>9</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP Biology AP Music Theory <u>Afternoon:</u> AP Physics C: Mechanics *AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	<b>10</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP United States Government and Politics <u>Afternoon:</u> AP French Language and Culture	<b>11</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP English Language and Composition <u>Afternoon:</u> AP Macroeconomics	<b>12</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP Comparative Government and Politics AP World History <u>Afternoon:</u> AP Statistics	<b>13</b> <u>Morning:</u> AP Microeconomics	<b>14</b>
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\*During Algebra 1 Keystone testing, the schedule will run as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. During Literature Keystone testing, the schedule will run as 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7. During Biology Keystone testing, the schedule will run as 6, 7, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2.

# A VOTER'S GUIDE TO POLITICS

INFORMATION COMPILED BY ASPEN NARVARTE

## TERMS to know

- Caucus:** closed meeting of party members to determine nominations
- Primary Election:** preliminary elections in which voters choose party candidates to run for office on the party ticket in general elections
- Convention:** a formal meeting of members of a party to nominate candidates to run for president
- Delegate:** a person given power or authority to vote for others; a representative
- Superdelegate:** an unelected delegate who is free to support any candidate for the nomination at the national convention, specific to the democratic party
- Electorate:** those eligible to vote
- Coattail effect:** the tendency for one candidate to attract votes to other candidates in the same party in other elections
- Winner-takes-all:** the candidate who wins most of the votes wins all the delegates at stake within the state
- Open primaries:** anyone of any political affiliation can vote for any party
- Closed primaries:** only those registered with the party can vote in their primary

## VOTER REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

In order to vote in the great state of Pennsylvania (specifically the Milford area) you must:

- Be 18 years of age before Nov. 8, 2016
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have lived in PA for at least 30 days

You may register online at either of the following:

- [www.VotesPA.com](http://www.VotesPA.com)
- [www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/](http://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/)

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Depending on where you live, you can register to vote at the following offices:

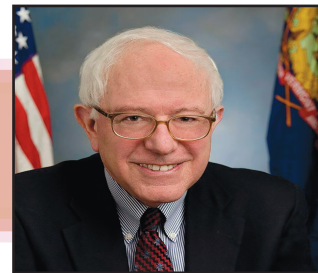
- o Delaware Township Municipal Building, Wilson Hill Road, Dingmans Ferry, PA
- o Dingman Township Fire Department, Log Tavern Road, Milford, PA
- o Matamoras Boro Hall, 10 Avenue I, Matamoras, PA
- o Milford Boro Hall, 109 West Catherine Street, Milford, PA
- o Milford Township Municipal Building, Route 6 & 209, Milford, PA
- o Shohola Supervisors Building, 159 Twin Lakes Road, Shohola, PA
- o Westfall Township Municipal Building, Delaware Drive & La Barr Lane, Matamoras, PA

### DEMOCRATIC

Hillary Clinton  
(Democrat)



Bernie Sanders  
(Democrat)



- Clinton is for gun control laws.**
  - She wants to “keep weapons out of the hands of criminals and the violently unstable while respecting responsible gun owners.”
- Clinton is for a federal tax increase.**
  - She believes more aid should be provided for those who need it. She also believes that those in the upper class should “pay their fair share.”
- Clinton is for the death penalty.**
  - She supports its use for murderous crimes and terrorism, but believes the trials for determining if the death penalty should be implemented need improvement.

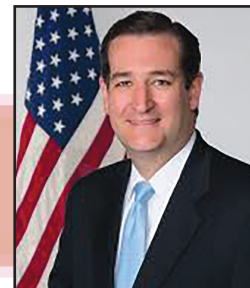
- Sanders is for gun control laws.**
  - He understands that there is a large population of Americans who hunt and do target practice, but believes there are people who take advantage of their right to bear arms.
- Sanders is for a federal tax increase.**
  - He wants to “use that revenue to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure,” create jobs and make public colleges tuition-free.
- Sanders is against the death penalty.**
  - He believes people are being put to death without fully understanding what they did wrong.

### REPUBLICAN

Donald Trump  
(Republican)



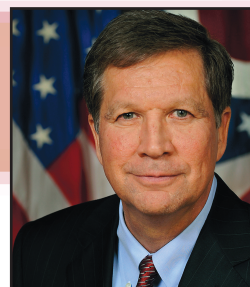
Ted Cruz  
(Republican)



- Trump is against gun control laws.**
  - He believes guns can be used against those who misuse guns.
- Trump is for a federal tax increase for the wealthy.**
  - He believes it would pay off the national debt and save \$200 billion a year.
- Trump is for the death penalty.**
  - He has stated that he believes it should be “brought back strong.”

- Cruz is against gun control laws.**
  - He does not want to “limit the constitutional liberties of law-abiding citizens.” He also believes gun control would not affect the amount of crime and murders.
- Cruz is against a federal tax increase.**
  - He promotes a flat tax rate for all Americans and aims to eliminate the IRS.
- Cruz is for the death penalty.**
  - He wants the United States to send the message that anyone seeking “to attack our homeland and bring harm to our citizens” will receive “the severest punishment under our laws.”

John Kasich  
(Republican)

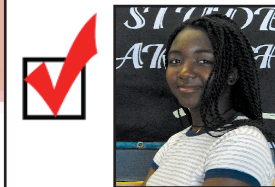


- Kasich does not have a clear position on gun control.**
  - He has said that he believes in the Second Amendment.
- Kasich is against a federal tax increase.**
  - He is planning a program to cut taxes because he believes the high taxes are “barriers to economic growth.”
- Kasich is for the death penalty.**
  - He believes those who have lost family members to murderous crimes need closure and justice.

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## What qualities do you look for in a candidate?

BY KIRSTEN PETERS



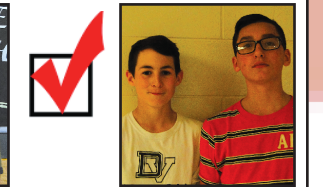
“Someone who is modest, understanding and has an active role in society.”

Ivana Djiya  
SENIOR



“I look for someone who is honest and has determination.”

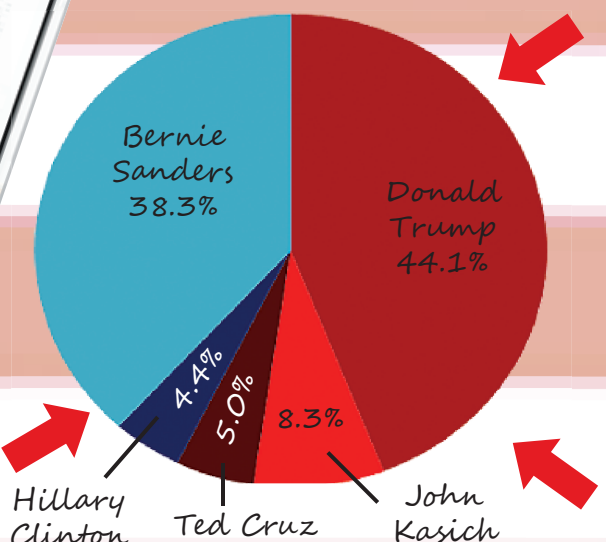
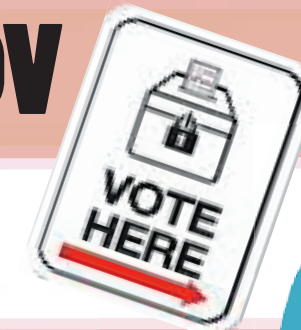
Brianne Hughes  
JUNIOR



“Someone who’s smart, will allow equal pay for women and will not allow illegal immigrants into the country.”

Brendon Ryan  
and Matt  
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## DV CASTS ITS VOTE



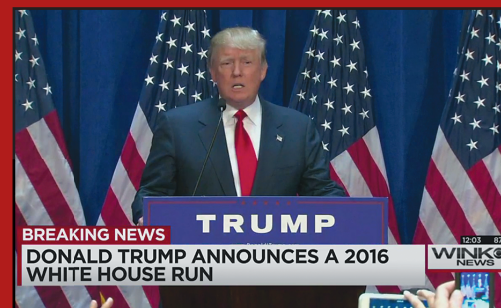
363 DVHS students participated in a mock vote, indicating who they would like to see in the general election. Donald Trump, with 44.1% of the vote, and Bernie Sanders, with 38.3% of the vote, were the clear winners.

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## ELECTION PROCESS

BY VANESSA PAOLELLA

What does it take to get to the White House?



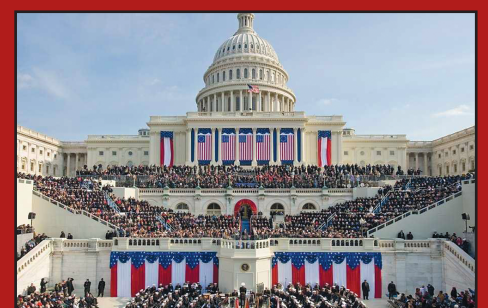
People who wish to run for president must first announce their intention to campaign and begin campaigning for their party's nomination.

Candidates campaign all over the country through speeches, debates and fundraising events.



Candidates must win over 50 percent of the possible delegates for each party; otherwise, the candidate will be decided at the discretion of the party at their national convention.

Candidates will then begin the second part of their campaign process. Now, they must convince those outside the party that they are the best person for the job.



Once votes from the general election are tallied, the next president of the United States will be sworn in on Jan. 20.

# World News

## ISIS documents stolen

BY GWEN NATHAN  
Staff Writer

Recently, the United States government discovered and analyzed a collection of leaked ISIS files which appear to be "the largest and most significant documents of their kind," according to NBC News. The documents have provided insight into the group's plans for the future, as well as what kind of people they are recruiting.

The documents were stolen from a senior ISIS commander by a Syrian man who stored the information on a flash drive. Over the past month, experts at West Point have worked to analyze the documents, while the Combating Terrorism Center and the elite military academy have organized it in a database.

To check the validity of the documents, the West Point Center cross-referenced them against a storage of ISIS records that has been maintained by the Defense Department. There was a 98 percent correspondence.

So far, the documents contain records of over 4,000 members from over 71 countries, ranging from teenagers to 60 year olds. They contain a profile on each fighter, including blood types, contact numbers and fighting status. However, only 12 percent of fighters registered to be Martyrs.

What researchers found most interesting though was the amount of diversity within ISIS recruits. While top recruitment countries included are Saudia Arabia, Tunisia and Morocco, researchers found recruits from all over the globe. This was concerning for U.S. officials who noticed the ease at which members were recruited..

"It's very difficult to determine who exactly these types of programs should be targeted towards because they come from all walks of life," he said.

## Kidnapped girls shown alive in new video

BY ALYSSA MANCUSO  
Entertainment Editor

Two years ago, Islamic terrorist group Boko Haram kidnapped 276 schoolgirls from Chibok, Nigeria. Last month, a video was released that allowed parents to identify over a dozen girls, proving the girls kidnapped in 2014 are still alive.

Fifty-seven students have been able to escape over the past two years, but the rest of the girls have not been seen or heard from since. After months of little to no information, CNN obtained a video of 15 of the girls which has allowed several parents to identify their daughters.

The video was originally created around Christmas for negotiation purposes between the Nigerian government and Boko Haram. It was also used to prove that many of the kidnapped girls were still alive and to motivate the Nigerian government to give into Boko Haram in exchange for the girls' release.

The video features the girls in dark robes being asked their names, the name of their school and from where they were taken. Though the video is too short to determine the actual shape of the girls, they seem in

decent health. After numerous attempts by Nigeria to disband Boko Haram and take back the girls, the terrorist group has been able to secure several unknown locations where they hold the girls captive.

The leader of Boko Haram, Abubakar Shekau, said the girls were forced to convert to Islam and he also threatened to force them into marriage with his fighters or even sell them into slavery if the Nigerian government does not act soon.

The video has raised numerous concerns regarding the true motivations of Boko Haram; many do not understand the

purpose of releasing videos to the media as an attempt to negotiate instead of directly addressing the Nigerian government. However, it is clear that the group intends

to keep the girls as pawns until the government releases some of the Boko Haram commanders currently in jail.

"We think, from the intelligence available to us, that the remaining areas that we are working to move into, that is where we are hoping to be able to rescue

the Chibok girls," said Nigerian Army Maj. Gen. Leo Irabor.



Fifteen of the 216 schoolgirls who were kidnapped by Boko Haram fearfully identify themselves to an unknown man off camera.

## Panama Papers cause global uproar

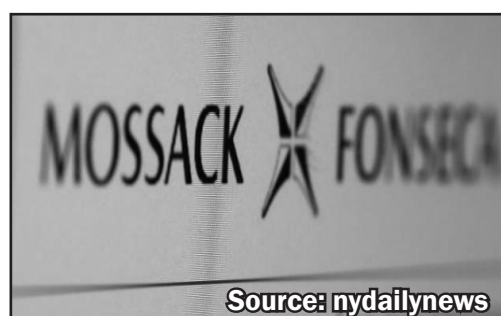
BY COURTNEY KELLY  
Editor in Chief

Over 100 media channels all around the world collaborated to expose the secrets hidden in the Panama Papers by wealthy citizens in order to avoid paying taxes. Many new organizations have joined the hunt to dig out the secrets in the documents.

The Panama Papers are a set of 11.5 million confidential documents that hold the information on 214,000 offshore companies compiled together by Panamanian lawyers. They are designed to illustrate how individuals and corporations hide their assets from public scrutiny to avoid taxes.

As of April 19, the United States Department of Justice launched a criminal investigation into the worldwide scheme to avoid taxes exposed by the Panama Papers. Specifically the U.S. attorney for Manhattan Preet Bharara said he had "opened a criminal investigation regarding matters to which the Panama Papers are relevant."

Bharara had made contact with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists to further assist him with the



Mossack Fonseca law firm is the center of the exposed scandal in the Panama Papers.

criminal investigation on the Panama Papers.

The recent release of the leak in the papers has sparked public outrage across the world; it has forcing the Prime Minister of Iceland and Spain's Industry Minister to resign from their positions.

President Barack Obama described the political uproar across the world that was caused by the revelations from the leak in the Panama Papers.

"There is no doubt that the problem of global tax avoidance generally is a huge problem," President Obama told reporters

in an unscheduled appearance in the White House briefing room. "The problem is that a lot of this stuff is legal, not illegal. A lot of these loopholes come at the expense of middle-class families; because they lost revenue has to be made up somewhere."

President Obama said many Fortune 500 companies took part in the scandal of tax avoidance, it was announced that trillions of dollars worldwide were found to have been hidden away in the papers.

"We shouldn't make it legal to engage in transactions just to avoid taxes," he added, praising instead "the basic principle of making sure everyone pays their fair share."

The U.S. Attorney General made a statement saying that the government couldn't provide numerous details due to the fact that the case is an ongoing criminal investigation. Bharara has led several movements to investigate more than 200 US citizens who were involved with the papers.

Wall Street financier Ben Wey has been charged with securities fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy fraud and money laundering by using family members to gain ownership in large blocks of stock in companies.



# ARTS AND LITERATURE



## SPOTLIGHT MUSICIANS *Michael Dever*

BY SABRINA STEWART  
Staff Writer

Music is something that can change a person's mood or feelings. Musicians have the ability to make these sounds with instruments and enjoy it the whole way through. Sophomore Michael Dever is one of these talented musicians.

In third grade, Michael's parents encouraged him to try something new, so he started playing the clarinet and the trumpet. He began participating in band soon after that and continues to do so years later.

Currently, Michael plays the french horn in concert band and the euphonium in jazz band. He enjoys playing and says it makes him want to be a better person.

"Playing makes me feel like I am fulfilling something bigger than something that I am," said Michael.

Michael's favorite part about playing and performing is listening to how the band comes together and that you, the musician, are a part of bringing that sound together. He also said when there is a hard passage and he finally gets it

to sound just right, it is such an incredible feeling to have. Teachers like Mr. Richard Bullok, Mrs. Susan Apgar and Mr. Lance Rauh have encouraged him to work hard in band.

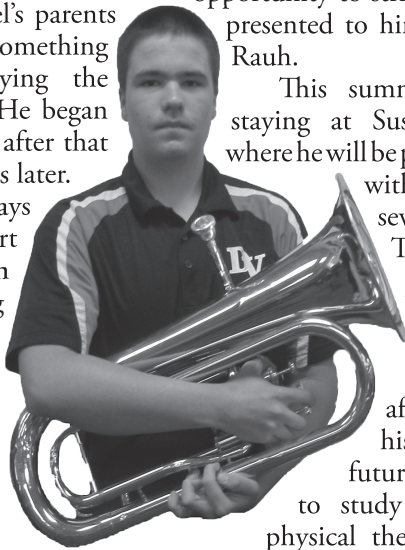
"Michael's dedication to self-improvement has served his musical development well. He takes every opportunity to strive and improve that is presented to him," said Michael's Mr. Rauh.

This summer Michael will be staying at Susquehanna University, where he will be playing and auditioning with professors and receive several lessons with them.

The students will then put on a concert at the end of the week.

Michael was one of two people chosen after auditioning with his euphonium. In the future, he also would like to study music education or physical therapy and is going to continue pushing himself musically.

"Don't give up on something you are pursuing. You will make it with hard work and dedication," said Michael.



## SPOTLIGHT ARTIST *Ally Fredricks*

BY VANESSA PAOLELLA  
Circulation Co-Manager

Working in the automotive career technology class for three periods of the day lies senior Ally Fredricks, a talented artist who has a passion for both art and auto body.

Though she has never sought formal recognition for her work, she is undoubtedly one of the defining artists of the senior class.

Ally loves a wide range of art, including pencil sketches and sharpie tattoos. In addition, though she has little experience with it, she has a lot of enthusiasm for auto airbrushing.

Specifically, her favorite pieces of art are those with a large amount of detail. One of her favorite works, a character from a video game, took her near 40 hours to draw the hexagonal-patterned skin.

"I've always been about really fine detail, the tiniest, littlest thing I can

get," she said. "I've always had patience."

Recognizing that painting is not her strongest medium, this year Ally decided to challenge herself and work to improve her ability by taking Painting Media I. She has also taken General Art, Drawing I and is currently taking Jewelry Design.

She cites her father as a major influence in her art. While many parents ask their children to keep their skin clean, Ally's father encouraged her to continue drawing on herself and other people.

In the fall, she plans to go to Ohio Technical College to participate in

their program for auto body and custom paint and graphics.

After college, she hopes to find a job where she can combine her love of art and auto body.

Ideally, she would like to work in an auto body shop where she can paint and airbrush cars on the side. She loves hot rods and their amazing flame designs and hopes to be able to airbrush cars similarly.



**Ally's mural was used at the state competition for SkillsUSA.**

## SPOTLIGHT WRITER *Rebecca O'Connor*

BY ADAM PARENT  
World News Co-Editor

Despite her gentle and modest exterior, junior Rebecca O'Connor possesses a mind that is often teeming with exciting and extraordinary ideas and stories that she loves to express through various forms of writing, such as essays, haikus, poems and short stories. A passionate and prolific author, Rebecca has enjoyed writing fiction for the span of nearly her whole life.

"I've always loved writing, even if I was just writing stupid stuff," said Rebecca. "I never really 'started' writing."

While Rebecca has penned stories and poems of many literary genres, she generally most enjoys writing fantasy, adventure and science-fiction tales, for writing stories of these genres allows her to, in her stories, explore themes, characters and settings that are not restricted by the laws and boundaries of reality.

"I enjoy all of the different possibilities. Writing these types of genres allows me to experiment with new, imaginative settings and characters," said Rebecca. "One story can be dystopian; another can take place in a fantasy land...you can create your own world."

During her career as a high school student, Rebecca has taken many English classes that have helped her improve her writing skills, such as English 9, Combo 10, Combo 11 and Effective Writing. She has also participated in multiple literature-related extracurricular activities such as Ms. Zarzecki's Reading Team, which she enjoys because her membership on the team allows her to analyze the writing styles of various authors, and the Creative Writing Club, which she cites as a significant source of creative inspiration.

"It's like a family," said Rebecca. "It allows me to experiment with different types of genres and characters."

Despite her passion for writing, Rebecca plans to pursue a career as a criminal profiler, and also continue to write fiction as a hobby.

### Writer's Sample

*I run and run until my feet are bleeding through the ice cold winter's night. I have no clue where I am nor where I am going. It's difficult to see through this storm and then all of the sudden I hear a voice, a voice that cracks like a whip through the frost-biting cold, a voice that is smooth like honey but is more often than not full of menace and every now and again a bit of sorrow. "Adalaide, it is much too cold out here. Will you hurry up and find a place where we can stay at least for the night."*



# ARTS AND LITERATURE



## Fashion Aware

BY SASHA HUPKA  
News Editor

Lazy girls, I have news – braids are now chic.

If you are like me, an uninspired hairstylist at best, this is a phrase that should fill your heart with joy. Braids are ridiculously easy to master, come in a variety of shapes and sizes, hold up well to a long day and, most importantly, look good even in unwashed hair. Yeah, they're pretty amazing.

And best of all, braids are in! Louis Vinton models just appeared on the runway with miniature plaits, and other fashion powerhouses such as Max Azaria and Gucci have also featured braided hairstyles alongside their summer clothing. In addition, braids are showing up in the DV hallways, along with high-waisted shorts and maxi dresses.

In fact, one could argue that braids have always been fashionable. Hair braiding dates back at least 5,000 years. Originating with African hairstyles, it quickly spread around the world. In Africa, hair braiding was often a social event among women, and in Europe, they were used as a method of keeping hair clean and lice-free. In Egypt, royals wore hand-woven wigs that often contained braided styles, and in the Americas, many Native American cultures used woven braids to keep their hair away from their faces as they worked.

This long and diverse history likely stems not only from the practical uses of braids, but also from their beauty. Braids can be exceptionally pretty, especially when mixed with other modern trends, and are often incorporated into prom and wedding hairstyles.

Simple, classic and wonderful, braids should absolutely be your go-to style of the summer. So hit the snooze button one more time – with this easy style, you won't be late.

## Beloved children's author celebrates 100th birthday

*Cleary's characters leave a legacy that will continue to inspire future generations.*

BY LEXI FEAN

Arts & Literature Co-Editor

Beverly Cleary, known for creating characters like Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins and Ralph S. Mouse, celebrated her 100th birthday April 12. 91 million of Cleary's books have been sold worldwide since she heard a little boy complain in a library that he could not find any books he related to.

Cleary's first book, "Henry Huggins," was published in 1950. Working as a librarian in Washington state, she lived a life full of literature. Wanting to create something children could relate to, she wrote "Henry Huggins" about an average boy and his dog. From there, the portal into Henry Huggins' world expanded to include Ramona and Beezus Quimby, the infamous sister duo that so many little girls cherish still.



Beverly Cleary signs books in 1998 for her fans.

Source: startribune

Cleary is also known for creating Ralph S. Mouse, a clever mouse whose adventures included riding a motorcycle and outsmarting the vacuum cleaner.

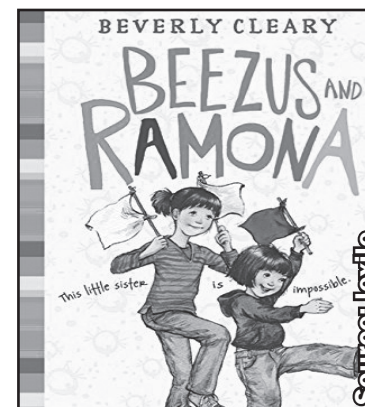
Cleary has won over 35 awards for her books and leaves a legacy that even of today can Delaware Valley second grade Paige Fean still Cleary's books because the kids much.

"Cleary the things experiencing the chance to not alone," said

Even school students reading and books.

"Her subjects are so relatable and clever, and she creates such an element of humor," said sophomore Bronwyn Yoncak.

At 100 years old, it is impressive that so many people today still enjoy the stories of Ramona and Beezus on Klickitat Street.



The cover of "Beezus and Ramona."

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Source: lexile

## Book Review: 'Everything, Everything'

BY SABRINA SCHLENKER

News Co-Editor

Drama, romance and noteworthy characters all mixed together to make one of the most outstanding young adult novels ever published is the only possible way I can describe "Everything, Everything." It is the perfect read if you're looking for a plot so intriguing that it will leave you on the edge of your seat while throwing in a romance so strong that great risks are taken by beloved characters.

The story revolves around 18 year old Madeline Whittier who happens to have a case of SCID, a disease that causes an allergic reaction to everything.

Because of this, Madeline is forced to live within the safety of her allergy-proof home. Instead of thinking about all she is missing in the world, she immerses herself in the world of books. She lives with her widowed mother, who protects her from the outside world in any and every way possible. Madeline accepts this as her reality, until one day, a mysterious boy moves in next door. Then everything changes.

Madeline and her new neighbor, Olly, make contact through their across the yard windows. Eventually, they begin to chat online and become instant friends. They feel a mutual pull toward one another, and they come to the conclusion they

have to meet in person.

So, against her disapproving mother's wishes, Madeline convinces her at-home

nurse, Carla, to allow Olly to come over. He undergoes screening and decontamination to ensure he is healthy, and then they finally are able to meet face-to-face. After that, contact via the Internet simply isn't enough. She begins to realize just how much she has been missing out on.

Finally fed up with being isolated from the world, Madeline and Olly go on a trip of a lifetime, totally aware of the potential risks involved, and they found out some pretty surprising news along the way.

"Everything, Everything" is the impressive debut novel of Nicola Yoon, which was published in 2015. However, it is unlike any debut I have ever read. For her very first novel, Yoon was able to create an atmosphere, characters and plot that only an experienced, published author could write about, and I was utterly impressed. She was able to create a powerful romance while tackling glanced-over issues.

This novel left me in complete awe. It took me on an incredible journey and wrapped it up with a satisfying ending. I give "Everything, Everything" five out of five stars.



Source: amazon



# ENTERTAINMENT



## Tour Preview: *Taste of Chaos*

By LAUREN ZIOLKOWSKI

*Opinions Editor*

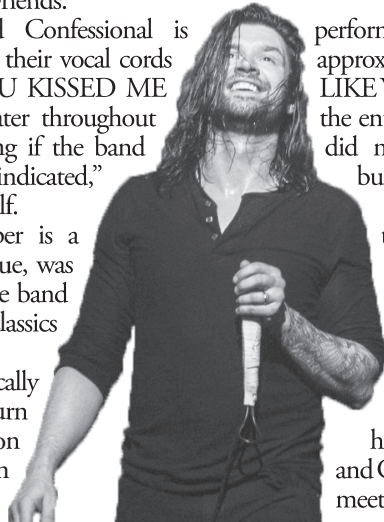
There is no greater evidence of the emo music revival than this year's Taste of Chaos Tour. Beginning June 3, nearly 40 venues will open their doors to touring music groups including Taking Back Sunday, Dashboard Confessional, The Early November and Saosin. Former middle school scene kids are tying up their converse sneakers and squeezing back into their skinny jeans in anticipation.

Taking Back Sunday will undoubtedly perform "A Decade Under the Influence," "You're So Last Summer" and "MakeDamnSure." These are the standard fan favorites that every attendee expects to hear. However, because the Taste of Chaos Tour is dominated by early-to-mid 2000's emo rock, there is no question that Taking Back Sunday will perform numerous ballads from their first album Tell All Your Friends.

Because Dashboard Confessional is the show should prepare their vocal cords. Shouts of "...AND YOU KISSED ME from the Sherman Theater throughout would it be disappointing if the band "Hands Down" and "Vindicated," against the entire tour itself.

The Early November is a latest album release, Imbue, was of the album's success, the band from it in addition to classics So Sweet."

Fans are enthusiastically especially with the return Anthony Green. Based on a vocalist for both Saosin Green's performance will



performing, those who plan on attending approximately two weeks in advance. LIKE YOU MEANT IT," must be heard the entire city of Stroudsburg. Not only did not perform emotional anthems but it would be an act of crime

tasteful addition to the tour. Their a huge hit among fans. Because will undoubtedly perform songs such as "Baby Blue" and "Ever

welcoming Saosin onstage, of the band's original vocalist, his success as a solo artist, as well as and Circa Survive, there is no doubt that meet high expectations.

## TV Review: *"Orphan Black"*

By ASPEN NARVARTE

*Entertainment Co-Editor*

Sometimes in the film industry, sequels and beyond are not nearly as good as the first movie. However, "Allegiant" without a doubt breaks this stereotype. "Allegiant" is the third film in the "Divergent" series, and the series is continuing just as strong as it was from the very beginning.

"Allegiant" continues the journey of Beatrice "Tris" Prior. Leaving off from "Insurgent," this film the unrest between the factions and the world beyond the wall persists. The factionless are fighting to break free from their dystopian society and join the outside world, while the factions believe the factions are the only way to sustain stability.

Meanwhile, Tris, Four and their friends go beyond the wall, completely unaware of what they might encounter. They find that most of the outside world is utterly destroyed and turned into a nuclear wasteland. There are, however, a few plots of livable land that serve as research facilities, where they have been watching Chicago as an experiment to see if humans could become genetically pure over time. Tris and her friends have turned into a nuclear. Tris and her friends have turned into a nuclear. Meanwhile, Tris, Four and their friends go beyond the wall, completely unaware of what.

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Source: thewire

## Movie Review: *"The Jungle Book"*

By SERA SHAFER

*Staff Writer*

"The Jungle Book" is a remake of the 1967 animated film of the same name, based on the books by Rudyard Kipling. This movie is a new adaptation to an old classic fit for the whole family.

The story follows man-cub Mowgli who has been raised in the jungle with a pack of wolves after he was rescued by a black panther named Bagheera. Mowgli is being hunted by Shere Khan, a tiger with a vendetta against the boy.

To keep his pack safe, Mowgli must go on a life changing adventure during which he finds himself along with some trouble. He encounters a new friend, Baloo, a bear with a good heart and a taste for honey. He also makes a new enemy, King Louie, a giant orangutan who wants the secrets of man.

Mowgli is forced to fight for his life, but is never alone in his true home, the jungle. He must face who he really is and who he wants to be. The boy must put his life in danger for the sake of those he cares about.

The characters were life-like and popped out of the screen, making you feel as if you were there in the jungle with Mowgli on his adventure.

I thought the movie was adorable and well done. It is a great family movie full of life lessons and some light humor. I would recommend "The Jungle Book" to anyone looking for a feel-good movie that will keep you interested until the end.



Source: slashfilm

## YouTube Review: *Zoella*

By ALYSSA MANCUSO

*Entertainment Editor*

As the YouTube platform continues to grow, more and more YouTubers are becoming increasingly popular. Excluding Vevo accounts, which include an artist's most recent music videos, beauty guru and vlogger Zoe Sugg, or Zoella by her channel name, is the second most subscribed-to fashion and beauty channel on YouTube with almost 10,500,000 subscribers.

Her videos focus around her daily life with fellow YouTuber and boyfriend Alfie Deyes, as well as fashion and beauty advice and tutorials. Most known for her skilled yet relatable makeup tutorials, Zoe makes every girl feel like she can sport some wicked winged eyeliner or rock a bold smokey-eye.

In addition to her make-up tutorials, Zoe often collaborates with her YouTube besties SprinkleOfGlitter, Tanya Burr and Tyler Oakley. Their videos together widely range from Disney challenges and no-mirror makeup challenges to baking challenges and vlogs of their daily adventures.

Many of her subscribers love the 26-year-old's spunk and relatability. Somehow Zoe is able to reach each of her millions of viewers on a personal level, myself included.

"She's so normal and down to Earth," said senior Sabrina Stewart. "I'm also just obsessed with her and her boyfriend... and her dog."

Zoe's authenticity and relaxed humor leave any viewer a little happier than before they logged on to YouTube. She is constantly viewers' days with simple her videos, tweets, and snapchats.

As cheesy as it sounds, nothing beats a smile and a bit of confidence," said Zoe. "As long as you feel good on the inside, you can still look beautiful without any makeup at all."





# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## Genetic 'superheroes' discovered

BY SARAH McDOUGALL

Science & Technology Co-Editor

Researchers have discovered that superheroes do exist – genetic superheroes, that is.

After examining DNA from 600,000 people, it has been found that 13 people have the ability to overcome genetic diseases despite carrying the mutations that should make them sick.

Further research could lead to inherited-disease prevention rather than simply diagnosis. Study co-author Stephen Friend from the Icahn School of Medicine noted that “finding the gene that causes the disease is not the same as finding a way to prevent the symptoms or manifestations of that disease.”

The team of researchers assembled existing genetic data from adults who had their DNA tested from other studies, and then searched for mutations known to develop inherited diseases. There were initially 42 candidates, but 15 cases were ruled out because the people actually did show symptoms. Fourteen other cases were ruled out because the people only had one copy of the mutated gene.

There remained 13 people who carried mutations for one of eight different diseases, yet never developed the symptoms. Three of these people carry dual copies of a rare mutation in the CFTR gene, yet do not have cystic fibrosis. The odds of this occurring is one in 88,000, and so having three people in this circumstance is extremely rare.

“It’s so exceptional that I believe it requires more extensive verification,” said Garry Cutting, medical geneticist at John Hopkins School of Medicine.

It will be difficult for further analysis to take place because the participants’ consent forms do not allow for researchers to contact the volunteers.

## Hawking sends robot into space

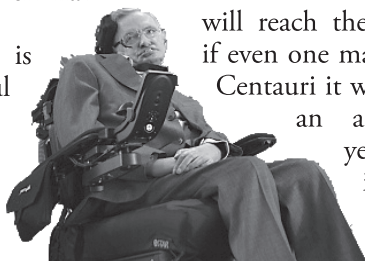
BY COURTNEY KELLY

Editor in Chief

Stephen Hawking, Russian billionaire Yuri Milner, former NASA research director Pete Worden and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg are teaming together to hunt for alien life.

They will send a \$100 million spacecraft the size of a postage stamp into outer space to explore the universe. Many astronomers believe that there is a planet similar to Earth within the “habitable zones.” It is assumed that the star closest to Earth called Alpha Centauri would be the optimal place similar to Earth.

“Earth is a wonderful place, but it might not last forever,” Hawking said in a



statement. “Sooner or later, we must look to the stars. Breakthrough Starshot is a very exciting first step on that journey.”

The group Breakthrough Starshot hopes to launch thousands of the small spacecraft which are called “nanocraft.” They wish to reach the star system within a time span of 20 years. The nanocrafts are designed to fly at 20 percent the speed of light, and they are capable of carrying cameras, phone thrusters, power supplies, and navigation and communication equipment.

There is a slim chance that even one of the nanocrafts will reach the star; however, if even one makes it to Alpha Centauri it would take them an additional four years to send the information back to Earth.

## Wacky science stories surface

BY MEGHAN KIEDERER

Circulation Co-Manager

### Inky makes great escape

Inky the Octopus was living in the National Aquarium of New Zealand until he made a great escape. Inky climbed out of a top of his tank, feet across the floor, down a drain pipe led to Inky remains. Tom and star of “Freddy expressed support for Meyers, stating, “It’s a completely bizarre story... it’s an example of how bureaucracy can get out of control.”



Source: cbs

### Penguins move to stay together

Stan and Ollie are two gay penguins that have been moved to Hamburg’s Hagenbeck Zoo in order to stay together. The two penguins were part of the European Conservation Programme at the Berlin Zoo to breed with other penguins. It was soon realized that the penguins were not breeding with the females and were only interested in mating with each other.



## Review: Essential Oils

*Oils go mainstream, create controversy in society*

BY MADELEINE YOST

Sports Co-Editor

Throughout history medicine has been modified and worked on to be able to provide the best medical care for patients. However one of the most fundamental cures that have always been used is herbal medicine.

One of the more modern uses of herbal medicine is called Essential Oils. Essential Oils are oils that can be used to help people for different health ailments. For example, the Oil called Thieves is used as an anti-viral and an anti-bacterial, while Peppermint is a decongestant.

“Using Essential Oils is the gateway to natural living,” says Emily Mortenson, user of Essential Oils for six years. People who have used Essential Oils have found that they help with different health problems without using harsh medicine.

Although Essential Oils is natural and many believe that it can be used instead of modern

medicine, there have been studies done by doctors to show that there are misconceptions regarding Essential Oils. The chemistry of Essential Oils can be affected by the geography and weather of the time the plants are harvested. While researchers agree that Essential Oils can help with topical usage for infections and aroma therapy for pain, anxiety and have been shown to help cancer patients with nausea, it has not been shown to replace modern medicine.

“One should not always equate ‘natural’ with ‘safe’.” Herbs and their components, just like drugs, can have beneficial effects as well as unanticipated toxicity,” said Dr. Theresa LaFranco.

Essential Oils can be a useful tool that people can use to help treat colds, cuts, and other health problems that wouldn’t necessary need a doctor; however, just like any medicine, it is smart to do research on the products that you use before getting too invested.

### Loch Ness found?

The Loch Ness monster was thought to be found in Scotland’s Loch Ness when a high-quality scan from the robot Munin came back showing a 10-meter monster with a long neck and two humps. The supposed monster turned out to be a film prop from the movie “The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes.” Munin is being used by the Loch Ness Project to find a trench in Loch Ness and explore the depths of the loch.

### Fish-inspired eye can see in the dark

Engineers created an artificial eye capable of seeing in the dark by combining the most favorable features of a lobster and an African fish. Hongrui Jiang and his team set out to find a solution to refining images seen through telescopes at night and surgeons. The group of elephantnosed fish, with miniature vessels intensify red light. The vessels and arranged them across the surface of a uniform hemispherical dome. The artificial eye created by the group is able to refine images, so that images taken in the dark can be seen clearly. “He’s strutting his stuff and he’s wearing the tweed with style,” said Jon Ivan Duke of bookmaker William Hill, which commissioned the outfit.





# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## Extinction of bees creates buzz

By SERA SHAFER

Staff Writer

The bees around the world are dwindling, and many people do not understand the catastrophic effects this could have on the human race. This poses a great threat to the human race's global population.

"Most people don't realize that without bees, many plants and food crops would die off," said entrepreneur Guillaume Gauthereau, who is planning a first-of-its-kind "sanctuary" for millions of bees in upstate New York.

If the bees continue dying, there will be less availability for fruits and vegetables, raising prices considerably. It could lead to no almonds, less coffee and less alfalfa hay used to feed dairy cows.

Bees are critical to the country and contribute nearly \$15 billion to the U.S. economy each year. For example, the California almond industry depends

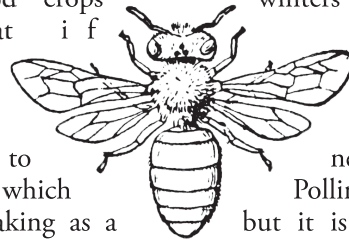
on 1.4 million beehives annually for pollination. Additionally, a Cornell University study estimated that every third bite of food in America is pollinated by honeybees.

"So many of our food crops are pollinated by bees that if we didn't have the bees to pollinate, there would be pretty massive food shortages. People would have to be hired to hand pollinate our food crops which I don't see a lot of people taking as a job," said AP Environmental teacher Ms. Bernadine Salak on the subject.

The United States began taking action to save the bees. President Barack Obama said the Environmental Protection Agency and United States Department of Agriculture have begun an effort to determine why honey bees, monarchs and other pollinators are dying and find ways to boost their conservation. Next year, \$50 million will be set aside to conserve

and research the bees.

Parasites, habitat loss, loss of genetic diversity, pesticides and diseases are all taking a toll on the honey bee and other pollinating populations. Recent harsh winters have also begun to harm many pollinators.



Bees derive all the protein and carbohydrates they need from floral pollen.

Pollination happens by chance, but it is necessary to the global ecosystem that it occurs.

Doing something as simple as planting flowers native to your region can make a tremendous difference. Cutting back on harmful pesticides and substituting herbicides or insecticidal soaps can prevent damage done to hives. When in doubt, avoid spraying anything that is in full bloom and avoid dumping leftover pesticide in a way that leaves a puddle the bees might drink.

## Zika virus has new development

By SABRINA STEWART

Staff Writer

Public health officials say that the Zika virus is scarier and more severe than what they originally had thought.

"Most of what we've learned is not reassuring," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, the principal deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Schuchat says that the virus is now known to continue the progression of birth defects throughout the pregnancy for a longer period of time. The effects are blindness, premature birth and a smaller brain.

There are 346 confirmed cases of the virus in America and of those cases 32 are pregnant women. These individuals had all recently been in a Zika prone country. Concern falls in American

territories such as Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands. Of the 354 cases in the territories, three are travel-related and 37 are pregnant women.

"This is a very unusual virus that we can't pretend to know everything about it that we need to know I'm not an alarmist and most of you who know me know that I am not, but the more we learn about the neurological aspects, the more we look around and say this is very serious," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Labs are starting to begin to make vaccines for the virus in the future with the hope of making this problem manageable.

## MMOs cause uneasiness with parents

By CAITLIN FLORIO

World News Editor

As video games become ever more popular, the varieties of audiences they attract are endless. Video games enrapture people from all ages. Although there are ways to separate different age groups into different parties on multiplayer games, age groups inevitably become mixed. Due to the diversity of ages within the game and the endless ways to communicate with the other players, problems unavoidably erupt.

Children are more susceptible to give out personal information as they are more trustworthy. This leads to problems of the children interacting and gaining trust with older untrustworthy individuals that they would usually not even interact with in real life. Despite the small numbers of actual predators lurking in the online game world, it is becoming more prevalent as multiplayer games become more popular with children.

"We have seen dangerous people using gaming platforms to lure unsuspecting children," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

The Pew Research concluded that "97 percent of young people's ages 12-17 play some form of video games. More than a quarter of them play with people they do not know."

Children playing games that are rated mature are more likely to not encounter a problem with the older individuals playing because it is aimed towards a more mature age group. The problem more so erupts when children play online games deemed to be safe because of the children's rating. Minecraft is a perfect example. It is rated suitable for children over seven, but allow other individuals enter each other's world, giving online predators an in to talk to children. In conclusion, parents should be aware of the ever-growing problem of children's safety on multiplayer games.

## Health Aware

### Vaping

By AMANDA BROWN

Sports Editor

Say goodbye to praising the so called "Vape Gods" now. People have moved towards e-cigarettes and vape pens to try and avoid the risks of heart problems and cancer associated with the smoking of cigarettes. Although, Harvard has recently discovered dangerous and lung-destroying chemicals found in the liquid used for e-cigarettes and vape pens.

Harvard researchers tested about 51 samples, 39 of contained a chemical called diacetyl. Diacetyl is a major contributor in the cause of lung disease and multiple toxicology studies have shown that in rats and mice the inhalation of diacetyl will damage the lining of the animals airways. Menthol was also found in the samples along with many other flavorings such as 2,3 pentanedione and acetoin. 2,3-pentanedione, the chemical cousin of diacetyl, is equally as toxic when inhaled.

"The chemicals destroy the lungs' tiniest airways, leading to scar tissue buildup that blocks airflow. It can result in a permanent, sometimes fatal, lung condition known as bronchiolitis obliterans," said journalist Raquel Rutledge from Watchdog Reports.

The number of young people using e-cigarettes tripled last year, according to data the CDC.

"The FDA or any other governmental agencies do not regulate the vape pens, so anything can actually go into them. They are also known for blowing up while using them, so there are dangers of that and the liquids hurting your eyes," said 11/12 school nurse, Mrs. Ellen Orben.

Also, vaping can create popcorn lung, the oils in the liquid clog the lining of your lungs and makes them expand like popcorn.

## SPORTS

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## Girls' Lacrosse



Maecy Chelbowski, JUNIOR

**"Maecy is emerging as an offensive and defensive threat on our team. She is a team leader both on and off the field."**

**-Head coach Bernadine Salak**

## Boys' Tennis



Kevin Oszczepinski, SENIOR

**"Kevin has really stepped up this year as he faces tough competition with great determination and focus."**

**-Head coach Larry Hudson**

## Softball



MacKenna Powell, SENIOR

**"MacKenna recently finished a string of 24 strikeouts for us. She helped us win three scoreless games against Western Wayne, Scranton Prep and North Pocono."**

**-Head coach Angelo Matz**

## Girls' lacrosse attacks competition

BY LINDSEY TOOMER  
Staff Writer

The girls' lacrosse team is playing consistently well with a strong defense, hard attack and a leading league record of 7-3.

**DV – 3, Wyoming Seminary – 9**

The Warrior defense fought a hard battle against Wyoming Seminary on April 25. Sophomore goalie Mandy Xu had 11 saves. Juniors Laura Reno and Leah Yost both caused two turnovers while sophomore Morgan Gifford contributed one turnover.

"I'm very proud of the team for holding their ground and managing to keep Sem's lead under 10 goals for the

first time in record history," said Reno.

Junior captain Maecy Chlebowska, sophomore Kayla Newsome and freshman Bailey Fedun each had one goal for the team.

"They are a very talented team; our defense held together really well and I was able to get very good clears," said Xu.



**Left wing Leah Yost snatches the ball for a successful turnover.**

**Photo by Lindsey Toomer**

**DV – 11, Scranton Prep – 10**

The team traveled to Scranton Prep on April 28. DV tied the score at the last second, pushing the game into a nail-biting overtime.

On the offensive side, Chlebowska led the team with five goals, including the game-winning goal in overtime. Fedun followed her lead with four goals, and Newsome and sophomore Kirsten Dunn each had one. The Warriors had a total of 23 shots on goal.

"Throughout the game it was close resulting in overtime, but our team work and drive to win brought us on top," said Dunn. "Everyone kept the energy up and played a solid game."

## Boys' tennis qualifies for Districts

BY SHAINA KLEIN  
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With continued success, the Warriors are showing more and more promise as the season progresses.

**DV – 5, Dunmore – 0**

The Warriors played an impressive match against the Bucks, winning all of their singles and doubles matches.

Senior Devin Paulison, freshman Thomas Reese and sophomore Ivan Vorobyev each won their singles matches in two sets. Doubles players followed suit, each completing and winning their matches in two sets as well.

According to senior Kevin Oszczepinski,

the amount of success the team has had is especially impressive since the majority of the team is underclassmen.

"We have some good freshmen and some good sophomores, so there's a lot of potential," said Oszczepinski.

**DV – 5, West Scranton – 0**

On their senior night, the Warriors honored their three seniors—Paulison, Oszczepinski and Peter Genovas—by once again playing to win as they completely shut out West Scranton.

Both Paulison and Reese defeated their West Scranton



**Senior Devin Paulison returns with a backhand.**

**Photo by Shaina Klein**

opponents, winning each of their two sets 6-0.

Oszczepinski also contributed by winning his two sets 6-1.

Doubles pairs of sophomores Michael Dever and Andy Greene along with junior Dan Curtis and sophomore Josh Loyd each added wins.

According to head coach Mr. Larry Hudson, now that the team has secured its place at Districts, they are looking to fortify their standings with a higher seeding.

## Warriors go head-to-head with Trojans

BY AMANDA BROWN  
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**DV – 4, North Pocono – 0**

In the bottom of the first inning, junior captain Stef O'Grady hit a double towards third base and scored on freshman Mia Machado's hit to bring the score to 1-0. Soon after, Machado crossed the plate and brought the lead to 2-0.

In the top of the second inning, sophomore Gabby Buckley made a sliding play in centerfield to earn the first out and senior captain pitcher

MacKenna Powell followed with two strike outs to end the inning.

In the bottom of the third, O'Grady hit a single and stole second. Powell hit the ball to get on base, while O'Grady jumped



**Junior Stef O'Grady hits a line drive down third base line.**

**Photo by Amanda Brown**

over the Trojans catcher, stealing home and bringing the score to 3-0. Junior McKenna Quinn added the last run to win the game 4-0.

**DV – 2, North Pocono – 12**

In the top of the third inning, O'Grady got a base hit and stole second. Quinn hit a double to bring O'Grady home.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Trojans came back with a two-run homer allowing them to take the lead 2-1. By the end of the inning, the Trojans had scored again, leading the game 3-1.

In the top of the fifth, Machado walked on first and Quinn's base hit brought Machado home. By the end of the fifth, the score was 10-2.

"Sure we fell to them the second time around, but I know we will work hard for the rest of the season," said Powell.

## Track and field team defeats West Scranton

By MATT CAVALLARO  
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### Boys' Track Results:

Delaware Valley - 86  
West Scranton- 64  
100: Kyle Dillon (1st) 11.5  
1600: Michael Bell (1st) 4:41.9

## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES

### Boys' Track & Field



Mike Bell, SENIOR

**"Mike is having a great year. He is our top performer in the distance events and has high hopes for the post season."**  
-Head coach Nicholas Quaglia

### Girls' Track & Field



Joanna Kutchma, SENIOR

**"Joanna has been our leader in the throws for the past four years. She has broken her school record in the javelin and is working for a strong performance at the post season meets."**  
-Head coach Nicholas Quaglia

800: Michael Bell (1st) 2:11.7  
200: Kyle Dillon (1st) 24.1  
3200: Jared Krick (1st) 10:48.8  
Shot Put: Nick Haydu (1st) 43' 5.75"  
Discus: Chris Fancis (1st) 122' 4"  
Javelin: John Actisdano (1st) 133' 9"  
Long Jump: Shane Acoven (1st) 17' 5.5"  
Triple Jump: Shane Acoven (1st) 36' 5"  
High Jump: Shane Acoven (1st) 5' 6"  
Pole Vault: Bill Brigs (1st) 9' 6"  
**Records: DV 3-4, WS 2-5**



**Mike Bell surpasses opponent for the win against Western Wayne.**  
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### Girls' Track Results:

West Scranton - 41  
Delaware Valley - 104  
100 Hurdles: Kara Gearhart (1st) 15.7 (School Record)  
100: Jill Reich (1st) 13.6  
1600: Vanessa Paollala (1st) 5:26.5  
300 Hurdles: Kara Gearhart (1st) 47.5  
3200: Denali Hutzleemann (1st) 12:03.5  
3200 Relay: (Brockman, Conselyea, Quinn, Antonecchia) (1st) 12:24.9  
Shot Put: Joanna Kutchma (1st) 29' 10"  
Discus: Joanna Kutchma (1st) 97'  
Javelin: Joanna Kutchma (1st) 109'9"  
Triple Jump: Centa Quinn (1st) 27'6.25"  
High Jump: Centa Quinn (1st) 4' 6"  
Pole Vault: Jenna Pacella (1st) 6' 0"  
**Records: DV 3-4, WS 3-4**

## Warriors keep on winning

By MEGHAN KIEDERER  
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### DV – 3, Hanover – 0

On April 18, the Delaware Valley Warriors crushed the Hanover Area Hawks in three sets.

Right away the Warriors got on the board with a kill by senior Rafael Alexandre. The score reached 18-4 and the Warriors exhibited their strong offense and defense. With a kill by junior John Natiello, the set ended 25-9.

The momentum carried over to the second set with great defense by senior Colin Naturale and strong execution by the Warrior's front row hitters. The Warriors kept the lead and the score reached 20-7. Junior Joshua Croll served until point 25 and a block by Alexandre ended the set, 25-8.

After dominating the first two sets, the Warriors battled with the Hawks for the majority of the set. The score was tied up at 13-13. Croll's serve brought the Warriors in the lead, 19-15. Kills by junior Tyler Smith increased the Warrior's score and the set ended 25-19.

Smith and Alexandre led the team offensively, Smith had 13 kills and



**Smith goes up for a kill against the Hawks.**  
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Alexandre had nine kills and three blocks. Colin dominated with 23 digs and 14 service points. Sophomore Liam Naturale had 35 assists and 11 service points.

### DV – 3, North Pocono – 1

In four tight sets, the Warriors were able to outplay the Trojans and improve their record to 8-1.

The teams started out battling point

## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE

### Boys' Volleyball



Daniel Plaxe, SENIOR

**"For the last two games, Dan has really stepped up and become more of an offensive threat. He has provided us some good blocks and some really good moments."**

-Head coach Adam Holdredge

for point. The Warriors gained the lead with senior Dan Plaxe's serve. At 9-7 Colin had a great dig keeping the ball in play. The gap between the scores increased to 17-12, but some missed serves and trouble from the Trojan's middle blocker tied up the score, 20-20. With Liam's serve and a block by Croll, the Warriors won 27-25.

A kill by Smith started off the second set. The scores remained close until the Warriors gained a seven point lead for several points. The boys maintained the lead and the set finished 25-20.

The Trojans stole the third set. The Warriors had the lead towards the end but the score tied at 22-22. A block by the other team ended the set 23-25.

The fourth set started off with a great save by Croll and a push over by Liam to give the Warriors the first point. The boys kept the lead until a few errors brought the Trojans back up. The Warriors fought hard for the last few points and the set ended 25-22, sealing the win for the Warriors.

"We have three seniors who are really good, and I just try to play my part and do what I can to help win," stated Smith.

Smith led the team with 16 kills, followed by Plaxe with eight kills and five blocks and Alexandre with six kills and seven blocks. Colin had 23 digs and Liam had 36 assists.

SPORTS

Warriors move to first in the league

By MADELEINE YOST  
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**DV – 4, Sparta – 17**  
On April 23, the Warriors faced off against Sparta. The team worked hard and came out with a couple early goals but ultimately could not stop Sparta's offense. Senior Nick Pampalone, junior Rhett Padgett, sophomore Anton Mackey and senior PJ Matarazzo each had a goal. Senior Tim Cohen also added two assists. "It was a tough game but I think we got better as a team overall," said Pampalone.

**DV – 17, North Pocono – 4**  
Their win against North Pocono on April 26, helped the team move to first in the league. The team

came out right away and worked hard to take the lead. Pampalone had five goals and three assists. Padgett and sophomore Dan Matarazzo each had two goals. Cohen and Mackey added three each, and junior Trevor Martin scored a goal as well and had one assist. Junior Riley VanWie also added a goal, and senior Neil Roche saved 12 shots. "Our offense really came together, and made good passes. Anton has started to gain more confidence and has started to play to his potential," said Martin.

**DV – 12, Scranton Prep – 4**  
On April 29, the Warriors faced Scranton Prep at home. The Warriors worked together and were able to beat Scranton Prep who was first in their league. PJ had four goals and an assist.

Dan added a goal and four assists. Pampalone had three goals, Padgett added two goals and had two assists. Junior Parker Hamill and Mackey each added another goal. Roche also had seven saves to help secure the teams win. "We competed and fought right out the gates and came up with a big team win," said senior Aaron Castillo. "We are doing really well in the league, getting ready for Districts. We also have been testing ourselves by playing teams that are not in our league who are very good," said head Coach Krasulski.



Senior Nick Pampalone drives through a Sparta defender to score.  
Photo by Madeleine Yost

SPOTLIGHT  
ATHLETE  
Boys' Lacrosse



Nick Pampalone, SENIOR  
"He recently broke the record for the most career goals. He's the elder statesman on the team and a true leader on the field, and you can tell he is having fun out there."  
-Head coach Jeff Krasulski

SPOTLIGHT  
ATHLETE  
Baseball



Lawrence Cicileo, SENIOR  
"Lawrence is one of the most valuable players in the program. Whether it's offensively, defensively or pitching, Larry simply gets the job done. During my 24 years, he is one of the best all-around baseball players to come through the program."  
-Head coach Dave Peters

Warriors' record advances to 12-1

By KIRSTEN PETERS  
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Warriors sweep North Pocono in three match-ups and continue to excel against stiff competition.

**DV – 5, North Pocono – 4**  
In the bottom of the first inning, senior Zach Cerberville hit a line-drive to right field, moving senior Trevor Bertsch over to third base. Junior Zak Kain scored Bertsch on a fielder's choice to short, giving the Warriors a 1-0 lead. In the top of the fifth, the Trojans lead-off batter scored to tie the game up 1-1. Then in the top of the sixth, the Trojans scored again to take the lead 2-1. But in the bottom of the sixth, Bertsch was walked to start the inning. Cerberville pulled the ball to right field for a single, moving Bertsch over to third, which Kain capitalized on with a sacrifice fly to right field, scoring

Bertsch to tie the game 2-2. With the game still tied after seven innings, it went into extra innings. In the top of the eighth, the Trojans scored two runs to take the lead 4-2. In the bottom of the inning, sophomore Zach Klapak started a two-out rally with a single down the left-field line, which sophomore Ryan Simpson followed with a single of his own. With two men on base, senior Jesse O'Grady did his job with a double to left field, scoring both Klapak and Simpson to tie the game 4-4.



Junior Matt Cavallaro strengthens the Warriors defense with a solid performance at catcher.  
Photo by Kirsten Peters

The Trojans were unable to score any runs in the top of the ninth, leaving sophomore Jaden Jorgenson to start the bottom of the inning with a single up the middle. With two outs, Kain hit a walk-off single to right field, scoring Jorgenson and winning the game 5-4 in extra innings.

**DV – 7, North Pocono – 6**

In the first at bat of the game, senior Lawrence Cicileo hit a solo homerun over centerfield, giving the Warriors an early 1-0 lead. In the top of the third, Bertsch doubled to left field, followed by Cerberville's bunt, which scored Bertsch. Kain had a double of his own to centerfield, scoring Cerberville. Klapak singled, but Kain got tagged out at home. An error by the shortstop, allowed O'Grady to get on first and score Klapak. By the end of the inning, the Warriors were up 4-0. In the top of the fifth, an error by the third baseman allowed O'Grady to get on first, which junior Trevor Smith capitalized on with a double to centerfield, leaving men on first and third for Cicileo, who hit a three-run homer, bringing the Warriors' lead to 7-0. Junior pitcher Christian Jorgenson held the Trojans for four innings. But a pitching change and offensive boom in the bottom of the fifth allowed the Trojans to score five runs, making the score 7-5. In the sixth, the Trojans tacked on another run, making the game 7-6. But the Warriors defense kept the Trojans from scoring any in the bottom of the seventh, with Cicileo making the final out of the game.