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Frisbee by the rock

By Olivia Constanza

Imagine a wide open field with a slight breeze. With arms stretched out holding a circular plastic disk, you curl your arm and throw the frisbee directly at your teammate. The excitement builds up as he catches it swiftly and your team wins.

This is a normal scene for Park View's Ultimate Frisbee Club. This club was started last year, by Mr. Nicholas Balanc, a geometry and Advanced Functions and Data Analysis (AFDA) teacher at Park View. "I started it because we didn't have one. I started playing in high school and we didn't have one back then either."

The team meets twice a week by the rock in front of the school. They practice by throwing the frisbee for a bit and playing a small game between the teammates.

The rules for ultimate frisbee combine elements of soccer, football, and basketball. The object of the game is for a team to catch the frisbee in the end zone and for the other team

to try to stop them from scoring.

"We've competed with Potomac Falls and Dominion and we beat them both," Mr. Balanc said. Not only does the team play against other schools, but students from other schools are now playing with Park View. Recently, a student from West Fields High School has joined in on the fun that is Park View's Ultimate Frisbee Club.

The club would like to try and get all the schools in the county to join this exciting sport. In fact, they would like to host a tournament for all the schools and see who comes out on top of the ultimate frisbee clubs. The team's dream goal: to make ultimate frisbee an official spring or fall sport.

Mr. Balanc noted that anyone that is interested in this enthusiastic and motivational sport at Park View should take the time to, "Show up Wednesdays and Fridays by the rock."

He added, "It's a lot of fun!"

The YouTube dilemma

By Isabella Pineo

YouTube, a popular video sharing website, has stirred up a lot of controversy at Park View in recent months.

In 2011, access to YouTube was granted in schools. Teachers relied on the website to show students video clips that related to the curriculum.

However, a few months ago, the website was blocked due to SOL testing. The bandwidth was congested prior to SOL testing, and after some research, the technical team discovered the popular website was the problem.

They realized that YouTube was not being utilized solely by the teachers anymore; the majority of the YouTubers at Park View were students.

The administration decided to temporarily block YouTube during testing, but some students tried to bypass the blockade.

According to Technical Resource Teacher Ms. Beth Walker, a few students decided to download a program that allows people to bypass the internet filter." The program allowed everyone in the building access to YouTube again.

Students who downloaded the program faced severe consequences. Ms. Walker added that they are now able to "Monitor how it (the internet) is being used."

YouTube is currently available for use at Park View and many teachers have stressed that the internet is a privilege and students should not abuse it.

P.E.E.R. helpers at Park View

By Laura Brawley

Many have heard about P.E.E.R from students around the school, but what is P.E.E.R?

P.E.E.R stands for Positive Experiences in Educational Relationships. High school students go to elementary and middle schools to help kids with school work and lend an ear for their buddies if they want to talk.

It is a great opportunity to not only help kids that need it, but to also change their lives. When P.E.E.R. helpers walk into a classroom, the kids smile, reminding them why they are there.

P.E.E.R is considered a club but goes on during first and fifth block. The club sponsors are Ms. Lieb and Mrs. Meehan with help from

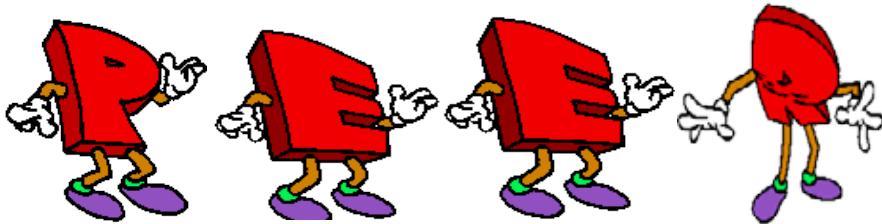
Ms. Eways.

This is Ms. Lieb's third year sponsoring P.E.E.R. "I was in P.E.E.R when I was in high school and I enjoyed it. When I found an open position to do P.E.E.R, I talked to Dr. Minshew and took it. I became a teacher because I love working with kids and this also helps me do so," said Ms. Lieb.

There are many fun things about P.E.E.R; from seeing the kids' excitement when they get a correct answer to joking around with the P.E.E.R. helpers and having fun.

At first, it can be a little awkward when the buddies are introduced, but once they bond, it turns into a wonderful experience.

"My favorite thing about P.E.E.R is when we go out to the schools, and I get



to observe [them] with [their] buddies. I enjoyed the training at the beginning of the year but going to the schools is my favorite part," stated Ms. Lieb.

When buddies get to work together for a long

period of time, many of the high school students and teachers have seen changes in the younger kids.

"Situations where kids are shy and nervous, in later weeks are not as shy. Kids get along more with other students and adults

more than before.

The high school students have been invited to their kid's classroom so that they could see the kid being praised in front of the class," Ms. Lieb described.

"I've seen more responsibility in my students as well, not only with attendance but with grades too,"

said Ms. Lieb.

P.E.E.R is a fun and educational experience. It really begins to touch the hearts of the high school students to see that their buddies need them and warm up to them as they become a big brother or sister to these kids.

The little ones will look forward to their buddy's return every other week and they will begin to see how much their lives have changed because of their P.E.E.R. helper. The helpers will be rewarded with all of the smiles on their buddies' bright and shining faces.

Anyone interested in signing up for P.E.E.R. should see Ms. Lieb for more information.

Patriot Spotlight

By Casey Barker

Students



Leigh Schull

Mighty, mighty senior Leigh Schull describes herself as a loyal, honest, trustworthy type of Patriot. Her favorite subject is English. Schull said, “My teacher makes it fun and interesting this year.” When asked how her time here at PVHS has been, she replied, “I loved every minute of it. I’ll definitely miss the band.” Leigh has been a part of band and Latin club all four years and she cheered her freshman year. She said her biggest accomplishments at Park View were, “All the competitions for band. Last year we went to nationals, we were state champs, and being a part of the Honor band.” Outside of school, she enjoys hanging out with her sister, “We’re very close,” Leigh said with a smile. Her favorite artist is the band Journey, and she enjoys watching all type of musicals, especially *Rent*. Like many, Leigh looks up to her mother. Her favorite quote is, “Don’t tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon.” After graduation Leigh will be attending Mercy College in New York. “It’s a private, four year Liberal Arts college. I’ll be majoring in criminal justice with a specialization in forensics.”

Outgoing and ‘awesome,’ jammin’ jammin’ junior, Tyler Jones is proud to be a Park View Patriot. His favorite subject is History because, “It talks about war and interesting things, like the trench warfare.” Tyler has been a part of track both his freshman and sophomore year. He won the Pioneer Mile in 7th grade and is very proud of his hard work and results from going to the gym. Outside of school, Tyler enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with his friends, working out, and like a usual teenager, spending his time texting, as well as being on Facebook and Twitter. Lil Wayne, Mac Miller, and Wiz Kalifa are his favorite artists. Tyler says, “I look up to my dad because he is such an amazing person and taught me everything I know.” Tyler mentions that, “What goes around comes around,” is his favorite quote (due to past experience). Lastly, after graduation he plans on going to college, ideally James Madison University, or possibly going into the Marines.



Tyler Jones



Molly Ryan

Super, super sophomore, Molly Ryan is one of Park View High’s athletic Patriots. Her favorite subject is math. “I get to deal with numbers. I’m pretty good at it,” Ryan said. Molly has been on the JV basketball team and the varsity lacrosse team for two years. Last summer, she took a trip to England with an exchange program called People to People, where she won an award. “I loved it. Going to different countries to learn about their culture is just fun and amazing to me.” Outside of school, she enjoys playing sports and reading. When asked what her favorite music and movie was, she replied, “I don’t really like music. I like the movie *Forever Strong* because it has to do with rugby and I like that sport.” Like many teenagers, Molly looks up to her parents. Her favorite quote is, “There’s no I in team.” After graduation she plans on going to college; one in mind for her is Longwood University.

Freaky-freaky freshman, Tony Pham, is a talkative, spirited Park View Patriot. His favorite subject is theater. “You get to express yourself in many ways. It’s fun,” Pham exclaimed with a smile. He is a part of the Drama Club and tennis team this year. Tony received the Pats award for the first time this year. Outside of school he likes to swim, hangout with his friends and siblings, and play on Facebook. As far as entertainment goes, he is pretty relaxed. “I pretty much like listening to any type of music. My favorite movie would have to be *Titanic*,” Pham said. Pham looks up to his parents. “They’ve supported me and helped me throughout life so far!” After graduation, Tony plans on becoming a singer or an actor, or maybe even both.



Tony Pham

Veteran/New Teachers



Mr. Barton

Both honest and devoted, Park View’s very own 12th grade English teacher, Mr. Barton has been a part of the school’s staff for 10 years. After being in the Vietnam War, he taught in Charlottesville for seven years. Along with teaching here, he also is currently teaching English at NOVA. Mr. Barton enjoys the unpredictability of teaching. “I really love teaching. You find out different things in class,” Barton said. According to Mr. Barton, his students have “kept [him] young” with their ideas, choices of music, and outfits. His wife, a kindergarten teacher, suggested that he become a teacher after he had worked in college administration. Mr. Barton loved the change and wants to continue his job for as long as he can. Outside of school, he spends his time at the gun range. “I like shooting and fishing. I have a boat in the Chesapeake Bay,” Mr. Barton noted. Back in high school, he participated in football, basketball, track, and baseball the same season. His favorite type of music is a mixture of oldies songs from the 70s and 80s. His favorite movie is *The Gray*. Mr. Barton feels that the wisest saying is his own: “Don’t do it, see what happens.”



Mrs. Joyner

Mrs. Joyner is a new, energetic and happy teacher. Here at Park View, she teaches Business, Intro to Marketing, and Keyboarding. She is also in charge of the Futur Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. Mrs. Joyner has found that things have changed since her high school days. “High school was different from what it used to be,” she noted. Teaching is everything Mrs. Joyner expected it to be accompanied with a little more paperwork then desired. Her goal as a teacher is “to give as much knowledge to my students to prepare them for the real world.” Her mother was her motivation to become a teacher. “My mother was an English teacher. She actually told me to stay away from teaching,” Mrs. Joyner said with a laugh. Back in her high school days, she was on the cheerleading team and was a flag girl for a year. Outside of school, she likes to spend time and take care of her two sons, hangout with family, and shop with her mom. She loves a little bit of everything when it comes to music and her favorite movie is *Love & Basketball*. Her favorite quote is “Can’t is not a word.”

One Act Winter Showcase

By Emily Mooney

From February 2nd through the 4th, Park View drama presented the One Act Winter Showcase. The one act plays included: “Curtains,” “The Bald Soprano,” “To All Trains,” and “The Creepy Corpse of Cal Capone.”

“Curtains” was the first one act show and was directed magnificently by Michael French. Curtains told the story of an actor unaware that he was supposed to be playing his part.

After an introduction by Rachel Mengistu’s character, the play starts off with a superb performance by Padi Goudarzi as Mrs. Penn and James Kincaid playing the main character, Steven.

Steven arrives at the Penn’s house to go on a date with Lisa Penn, played by Faith Offerman, and misses several cues while he and Mrs. Penn wait for Lisa to get ready. More confusion results when Steven and Lisa sit on two chairs pretending to “get

into the car,” and Steven starts shouting that they are not really getting in a car as Lisa continues to play her part. A similar scene occurs at the movies and dinner, and Steven still does not understand that he is supposed to be acting.

At the end of the play, when Steven finally drops Lisa off at her house, Mrs. Penn says, “Home already, isn’t it a little early?” Steven replies, “Well it should be ma’am; it’s only been ten minutes.” The play ends

with Steven confused and the rest of the characters waiting for him to figure out what is going on. Actors Kincaid, Offerman, Goudarzi, and Mengistu all did a fabulous job. The audience laughed and smiled throughout the entire show.

“The Bald Soprano,” directed by Keaton Crowe, was the second

show in the showcase. The play follows the absurd and meaningless talk of two couples, a fire chief, and a maid having dinner in the suburbs of London. The main characters, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, were played by Neill Hensler and Molly Hamdan. Mr. and



Mrs. Martin were played by Devin April and Kim Lay. When they are first introduced, a scene shows them finally realizing that they are husband and wife even though they have no recollection of being together.

A rather passionate maid, Mary, is played by Jordan Wiegand. The maid is later shown to be in a re-

lationship with the fire chief played by Sarah Paquette. The fire chief is another interesting character due to the fact that throughout the whole play he is disappointed that there is not a fire to be put out and continues to ask if anyone knows of one to start soon. The acting was well-done, even down to the British accent.

The third show, “To All Trains,” was directed by the drama teacher, Ms. Gayle. The show gives a glimpse of what can happen on the D.C. Metro. Actors Tony Pham, Mackenzie Nelson, Sara Pendley, and Bryan Walser played people riding the metro.

The play consists of Walser’s character drinking a leftover cup of tea on the floor and stealing a lost phone, Pham’s character trying to steal Nelson’s character’s laptop, and Pendley’s character just watching it all unfold.

The play did a good job of simulating what a person experiences when

riding a metro in real life. The last show of the night was “The Creepy Corpse of Cal Capone.” Directed by Andy Vest, this show is about a woman named Remmy who is in charge of a bar with an illegal booze operation.

The owner of the bar is Cal Capone and is played by Johnny Nigh. Near the beginning of the show, Capone informs Remmy, played by Caitlyn Sullivan, that the bar is going to be shut down due to low profits. Therefore, Remmy promises to do anything to keep the bar from closing even though her friends warn her not to.

Capone then says that she will have to marry him that night. After Capone leaves, it is revealed that Remmy is in love with Pete – a drunk played brilliantly by Robert Hanna – who promises that he will figure out a plan to save her. Pete’s plan is revealed when one of Remmy’s friends, played by

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Multicultural Show 2012

By Megan Karmen

One of Park View’s many trademarks is its large array of diverse cultures. There are students whose families have come here from all over the world. Those students came together recently (with the help of their sponsors) to put on the annual multicultural show at Park View High School. The multicultural show included amazing acts that ranged from singing, to different dances!

The first group to perform was the Bollywood group. Their group members originated from Pakistan, India, El Salvador, and Afghanistan. The group danced barefoot to popular songs with Indian influences.

Sophomore Binafsha Saboorudin’s favorite song that she and the rest of her group danced to was called “Chamk Chalo.” “[We had] traditional Indian costumes; dresses that had beads, and they were really pretty,” stated Saboorudin. Her favorite part about the show was “Going up onstage and hearing the audience screaming” that was the best experience.” Saboorudin said. This was

Saboorudin’s second year in the multicultural show, and she plans on participating in it next year.

The second group that performed was danced the fast-paced Bachata, which originated from the Dominican Republic. The girls wore dresses, and the boys wore a black shirt and jeans. It takes quick feet, rhythm, and a significant amount of coordination to pull off a good Bachata.

The third group that performed was Park View’s own World View. In total, they had three performances. All three performances were acoustic; and two out of the three performances featured a ukulele. Their act emitted a relaxed vibe, which made them easily interactive with the audience. World View frequently

holds mini-concerts in the front of the library in the morning before school.

The next group exhibited a fast-paced, and entertaining salsa dance. The two partners were clearly very good at their craft; one of the dancers was none other than the Spanish teacher, Mr. Minino. Their dance even included a flip; which in turn, caused Mr. Minino’s partner to lose her shoes. The Salsa’s choreography also requires a great amount of coordination and rhythm in order to be executed perfectly.

The sixth group that performed was the Traditional Asian group. Senior Anna Rose Lazatin described their costumes as “traditional Vietnamese,” with “silky gold tops, and

silky black pants.” They also danced to traditional Vietnamese music.

Junior Vy Nguyen, sophomore Van Do, and Lazatin all agreed that their favorite part about the multicultural show was “exposing culture to others,” and “expanding diversity awareness.”

To prepare for the show, their group “practiced every week, met up on weekends, and [before school] in the mornings,” stated Nguyen. Nguyen has been in the multicultural show for three years. Neither student enjoyed the last minute rehearsals. Their act also included hats. They used the hats in their dance by waving them in many patterns.

The next performance danced to Ranchera

music. Their costumes were “country” themed; the girls wore plaid shirts, while the boys wore cowboy hats. Their dance had a swift tempo, and a good rhythm. Their act also included stunts, where the boys flipped their partners over backwards.

The eighth group that performed were sophomores Emely Callejas and Nicole Chantharangsy. They sang a beautiful duet to “You Will Never Be” by Julia Sheer. Their voices blended well as they sang and played guitars. Callejas described their duet as “R&B and country.” Their outfits for the show “showed our personalities,” according to Callejas. Callejas’ favorite thing about the multicultural show was, “Watching everyone’s different cultures.”

The ninth act that performed were juniors Nguyen Nguyen and Ryan Duncan. Their act consisted of Nguyen singing a Chinese song while Duncan played the guitar. Nguyen finished his passionate song with the words “Asian Pride.”

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Photo courtesy of Megan Karmen

Bermuda Day!!!



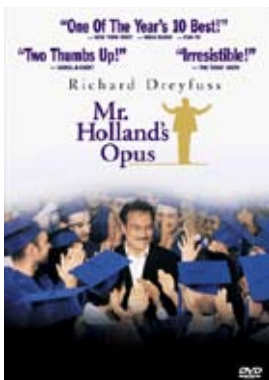
T e a c h e r ' s f a v o r i t e m o v i e s

By Deborah Wimmer

Park View High School is filled with amazing and inspirational teachers. Every teacher has influenced his/her students in some way, whether they know it or not. It is a teacher's job to educate the students who have a hunger and willingness to learn and, along the way, many teachers make an impact on their student's lives.

There are many movies that focus on teaching that have had an impact on one, or many students. A lot of teachers at Park View have a respect or hatred towards certain teacher dedicated movies. Some of the movies represent many different aspects of a teacher's job, while others seem to degrade their role.

"Mr. Holland's Opus is my favorite teacher movie!" said Mrs. Crystal Wolfgang. "My favorite part is the very end, when he sees all his former students there performing his piece of music." *Mr. Holland's Opus* is about a musician/composer who becomes a teacher, but his main goal in life was to

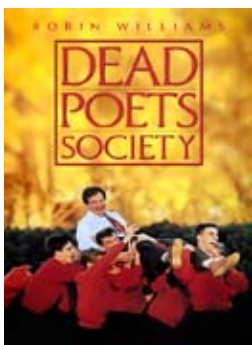


create a memorable piece of music. In time, he realizes his goal in life changes, and finds himself just wanting to spread his joy of music with his students.

"I believe that it does reflect a teacher's life. Most teachers give it their all, it affects relationships in their lives both good and bad, and most teachers never realize that they have made a difference, and sadly never do," stated Mrs. Wolfgang. She

even has her own personal reminder; "...the tattoo on my ankle with my starfish. That is to remind me that at some point I will make a difference to someone I just need to keep going!"

Mrs. Beata Bui also has a favorite teacher oriented film; *Dead Poets Society*. "It's been a while since I last saw it, but I remember the impression it made on me years ago," said Mrs. Bui, "the teacher had a great relationship with his students, and the final scene in which they all



stand up on their desks as a sign of their respect and love for him made me weep like a baby."

Mrs. Bui thinks that it is important for a teacher to build a strong bond with their students. In the *Dead Poets Society* that is demonstrated very well when an English teacher helps change the lives of his students by introducing them to poetry through a secret society. "A must-see, even for your young generation!" Mrs. Bui stated.

"*October Sky* resonates with me as a story of believing in and accomplishing what you are doing or want to do, and being persistent enough to achieve your goals despite setbacks along the way. This dedication is what life outside of school, including Park View, is all about," said Mr. Lawrence Wharton.

October Sky is a true story about Homer Hickam, who became inspired to take up rocketry, and to build rockets, after the launch of Sputnik. Most of the town and



his father do not have faith in him except a few friends and a remarkable teacher who helps him with his dream. "The success story in *October Sky* is based on the resiliency to failure and growing stronger. This really is what life is all about- a valuable lesson to take to heart," Mr. Wharton said.

In his opinion, he believes that the movie reflects the role of a teacher perfectly. "I think it accurately shows and reflects what a teacher should strive to do. My day is made every time a former student comes in to class to share his or her success story," stated Mr. Wharton.

"When, Miss Riley gave the rocket propulsion textbook to Homer is probably a standout for me. So many teachers at Park

View make unique contributions and support the students here too. Another key moment is when Homer and the Rocket Boys finally get their breakthrough moment in front of many in the town with the new rocket propellant. When you get that "breakthrough" mo-

ment as a teacher, when a student finally gets it, the light bulb turns on, the smile of success crosses a student's face- it just does not get much better than that!" stated Mr. Wharton.

Not all teacher-related movies accurately reflect the job, in some teachers opinions.

"Probably the only one that really bothers me is *The Principal* with Jim Belushi. I mean he gets into a fist fight with a student, that is never going to happen! I really hate to watch that movie!" said Mrs. Wolfgang.

Mrs. Bui does not think that the comedy *Bad Teacher* reveals the job of a teacher "the right way." She added, "I must admit I didn't see it, but my husband did, and, based on what he told me, there is NO way any teacher would ever be able to get away with what she did in this movie!" Mr. Wharton also isn't a fan of this movie.

Park View is filled with admirable teachers who want to help and create bonds with their own students. Like many teacher-oriented movies that justify the role of the career, many actual teachers strive to do the same, one year at a time.

N o t y o u r o r d i n a r y b a t t l e

By Kamara-Anais Parker

On March 29th, a fierce battle took place.

Teams of teenagers from four high schools competed in a contest of strong skill and even stronger knowledge. Hundreds watched as the teams faced off and proved their understanding of ten previously selected, highly-awarded books. In its seventh year, Battle of the Books is still a strong competition with a lot of interest from students across Loudoun County.

For Park View High School, this is its fifth year being involved in the battle. Its team included twenty-five students from all four grades.

"Each year, that we've competed, Park View has had the largest team," says reading specialist and sponsor, Mrs. Jane Sawyer.

Although it is a national program, in LCPS there were thirteen schools

(twelve high schools and the Douglass School) that competed. With so many schools, they were forced to be split up.

Dominion, Potomac Falls, and Broad Run were placed into the Eastern Loudoun division. These schools were to go up against each other at one of the semi-final battles. There, only the two highest scoring schools would move on to the final battle on April 13th.

At both competitions, groups of five from each school answered trivia-style questions asked by multiple judges. The answers were written on white boards, and all

groups that had the correct answers could receive the points for it (there were not any points deducted for wrong answers). Taking the pressure off even more was the refreshments were given to the participants.



Photo courtesy of Anais Parker

"They gave us as much Chick-fil-A as we could eat," said freshman Caleb Gregory.

There were four sponsors from Park View: Mrs. Sawyer and Dr. Karen Banks (who are reading specialists) and Mrs. Jennifer Fischer and Mrs. Can-

dice Rush (who are librarians). The sponsors started advertising for the club and accepting members back in September and they organized meetings, greatly supported the students, and planned fun activities for the participants.

Throughout that time, the members of the schools' Battle of the Books Club vigilantly prepared for battle on March 29th.

In order to compete, a student had to read at least five of the ten books in the competition. Yet, some went the extra mile and read all ten; like senior, Amanda Hansberger. She said, "I just really love to read, all the books were great."

The group got together at least once a month

to check each other's progress, quiz one another, and even have an occasional movie night. The sponsors were careful to only select films that were accurate reflections of the book, to not get plot lines confused. And as they got closer to crunch time, there were multiple meetings throughout the month to practice.

Unfortunately, even with all the team's dedication and effort, Park View did not win in the semi-final battle and could not advance to the finals. Though, they did come close, only losing by one question.

Potomac Falls came in second and Dominion in first. Yet, some members of the team still plan to go to the Final battle as spectators. "We're not sore losers," said sophomore Justice Colbert.

Better luck next year battlers!

The Park View wrestling team traveled to Potomac Falls

By Ed Pifer

Monday, March 12th, was an exciting day for the Patriots baseball team because it was the official kick-off of the 2012 baseball season. The Patriots faced off against the Vikings from Loudoun Valley.

The Patriots had high hopes for the game and season. “I’m excited for today. The forecast is a 70% chance of a Patriot victory,” said senior Ryan Biever.

“I’m really excited for the first game and hope that we can put out a win to start of the season,” said junior Geoffrey Staszak.

“If we can come together as a team, we will go far. We may not be the best, but we will look the best,” senior Wyatt Kinney added.

To lighten everything up, Park View’s own Dr. Minshew threw the first pitch to senior Dan Laub. After she wished the best of luck to the Park View baseball team, it was time to play ball!

Senior Bobby Mason started on the mound for the Patriots. Kinney was up first and got a base hit to start off the offensive game for Park View. Laub was second up to bat.

Junior Anthony Hernandez then got a big hit to bring Kinney home for the first run. Park View had a 1-0 lead after the first inning.

Valley then took a 3-1 lead during the second inning. Park View fought back when Mason got an RBI (run batted in).

After a big hit by junior Billy Leckemby, junior Tony Staszak brought in another score for the Patriots.

Valley tied the game again at 4-4 at the top of the fourth inning. Junior Brendon Foley was brought in as pitcher.

Valley scored a few more runs before the Patriots were up to bat.

The crowd was electrified as Laub got a double. One more pitching change took place at the top of the sixth inning and Hernandez came to the mound.

In the end, the Vikings defeated the Patriots by a score of 16-4 after a tough first game.

Boy’s Tennis: Battle with Woodgrove

By Rebecca Weller

The Park View boy’s tennis team fought a hard battle on Thursday, March 29th against Woodgrove High School. With a few losses under their belt, they fought very hard to get a big win.

Seniors Asik Rethwan and Andrew Lai had a special ritual to get themselves pumped up for the match. They started out by spinning the racket to see who would serve first, the racket either landing on a W or M.

Woodgrove got the first serve and their serve was on point. Each player tried to hit as close to the net as possible so it would be harder to return the ball. The first team to reach eight games wins the match.

The first two games went to

Woodgrove, with the Patriots right on their heels.

As game three started, the scores began to rise.

With a score of 15-30 Park View was in the lead, but then Lai broke his racket. They had to stop the game so he could replace it.

While doing so Woodgrove took

the opportunity to take a water break and discuss strategy.

They then resumed the game and Woodgrove took the lead. The Patriots never gave up, keeping the game close, but they ended up losing the match which brought the last standing score 3-1.

The Wood-

grove team then took the score to 6-1.

On game seven, the competition really heated up. The Patriots gave it their all to try to get the win. As the game went to deuce (40-40 all) the teams went back and forth trying many more times.

Despite their best efforts, the Pa-



In the photo: Andrew Lai, Varsity Tennis .Photo courtesy of Rebecca Weller

triot's ended up losing the game, with only one more game left in the match.

During the final game, Woodgrove quickly pulled away with a 15-30 score, but the Patriots quickly came back tying the game at 30 all.

Asik then broke his racket too. It is very common for tennis players to break strings on a racket, but two players, in the same game, breaking their rackets completely are unusual.

The game eventually ended with a final score of 30-40. Woodgrove ended the match with an 8-1 win over the Patriots. The Patriots fought hard and will no doubt come out swinging for the next match.

Heritage Pride pursues win over Patriots

By Megan Karman

On March 16th, the misty air hung in the damp stadium after an evening rain shower.

The Park View Patriots took on the Heritage Pride, while hopeful onlookers in the stands anticipated the outcome of the varsity girls soccer game.

The first half of the game exhibited good passing, and many great saves by sophomore goal keeper, Emilee Pierson. The Patriots held the Pride

scoreless at the end of the first half with the score 0-0.

The second half of the game wasn’t as promising. The score eventually shifted to 2-0 Heritage, and then swiftly changed to 3-0, Heritage. Even though our Patriots tried their best, the final score ended up being 3-0, Heritage.

Coach Kim McDonald thought that the girls, “Played very well in the first half,” but got tired quickly which contributed to their loss.

Their strategies going into the game against Heritage were to, “Move the ball quickly,” and “Move off the ball,” according to Coach McDonald.

The best moments in the game were when, The younger girls stepped up, due to missing center midfielders, stated Coach McDonald. Although, she also believes that the team, “needs to work together and pick up speed.” She foresees the team having A lot of

potential, regarding the remainder of the season.

The game that Coach McDonald is anticipating the most is against Potomac Falls because, “We beat them last year 1-0, which created a rivalry.”

Junior, Amanda Godby thought the game went well as she watched from the sidelines. “In the second half, we got tired, but the team continued to push hard.”

The rest of

the season looks positive to Godby as she stated, “We will continue to improve throughout the season and win some more games.”

Godby is most anticipating the games against Dominion and Potomac Falls because, “It is a fight each year to beat them, and it brings a sense of satisfaction to the team when we win against those rivals.” She added, “I definitely think we can beat them.”



Girl Tennis goes to the net

By Matthew Morley-Hillen

Park View’s girls tennis team has gotten off to a great start this season with a 2-0 record.

On a sunny Thursday, they hosted the Lady Falcons from Briar Woods, hoping to continue their great start to this season.

Senior Cheyenne Williams said that at the start of the season “hard work is paying off and really rewarding.” She added, “We played challenging matches to establish our ranks and practiced doubles,” to prepare for the match against the Falcons.

After taking a year off from coaching tennis, Coach Larry Hinderers said, “I have enjoyed being ac-

tive in the spring again and returning to a sport I’ve coached for many years.”

During the game against Briar Woods, Coach Hinderers mentioned, “if our girls play smart tennis and stay relaxed we should be quite competitive in that match.”

Park View’s no.1 seed, Cheyenne Williams, defeated Briar Woods no.1 D. Sianatgar 8-3, which gave Park View an early lead 1-0.

Up next was Park View’s no. 2 seed, Linh Pham who defeated Briar Woods’ no.2. A. Nguyen. This increased the Patriots lead to 2-0, but after the first two wins, Park View struggled to catch a

break.

With the rest of Park View’s players losing in close-fought battles with the Falcons, Briar Woods took the lead 4-2 with doubles coming up next.

Park View would have to win all three matches to win the meet. After an impressive start in doubles, Park View’s first doubles

team, consisting of Cheyenne Williams and Junior Vy Nguyen, won their game comfortably 8-2. This put the teams score to within just one: 4-3 Briar Woods.

Next up for the Patriots was the duo of Junior Linh Pham and Senior Anna Rose Lazatin, who also won their game but with much credit to Briar Woods for battling hard with a score of 8-5. This tied the score 4-4 with the winner of the match all coming down to the last game.

The final match was left to the team of Junior Allison Aviles and Junior Nancy Alfaro. It was neck and neck all the way until the end. The first team to eight would get to celebrate. It was a hard fought battle with the score 6-8.

Unfortunately, Park View fell to Briar Woods 5-4.



Photo courtesy of Matthew Morley-Hillen
Junior Vy Nguyen serves the ball during her match against Briar Woods.

Track: Upcoming season about to begin

By Rebecca Weller

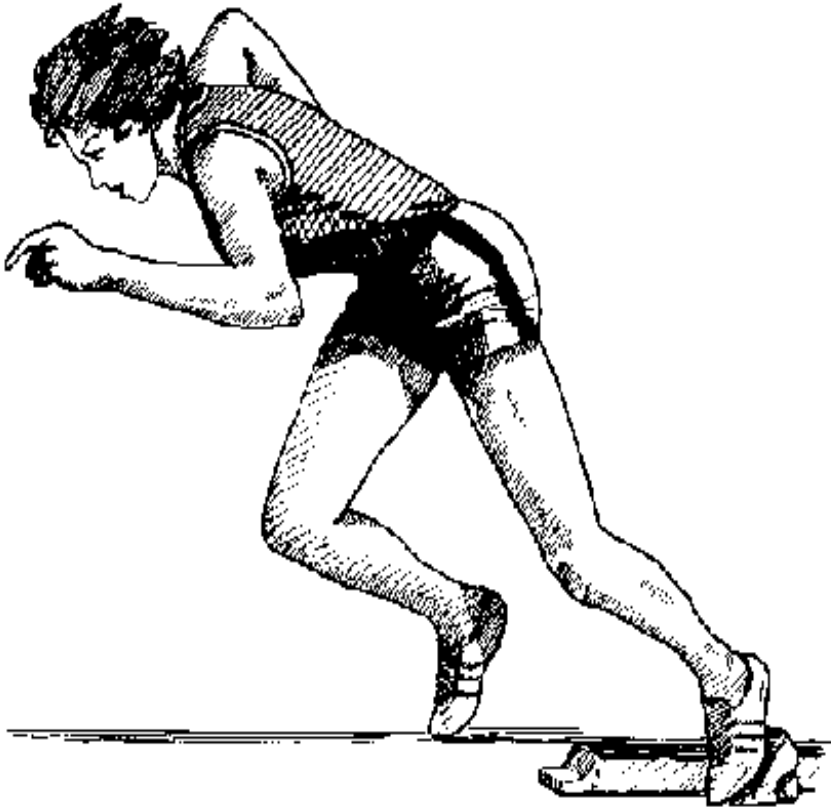
The Patriots were ready to go to battle as they suited up for their races.

The Patriots are training extensively to be in top shape for their events which includes sprints, long-distance, jumps, throws, and relays.

Some participate in track for exercise, while others do it for the competition.

When asked why he does track, senior Marcus Smith responded; “I do it for both. I’m trying to win while also staying in shape for college football.”

Many people do track to stay fit while also keeping their eye on the prize.



Track is the kind of sport where you have to be dedicated to running every day.

Senior Ray Williams said that he participates in track “So I can hang out with my friends and to get my beach body abs.”

Many people think that track is not that difficult because all people do is run around in circles. But the truth is it is a very demanding sport both physically and mentally.

Although track has not had a meet yet they are training hard daily for their upcoming opponents.

Girls Lax battles Potomac Falls

By Ed Pifer

The Park View girls lacrosse team opened the 2011-2012 season against the Potomac Falls Panthers.

Senior and team captain Allison Balik said, “My goal is to work together with my team and be a good leader.”

Senior Shannon Fanning added, “Our goal is to have fun and enjoy the season.”

The Patriots had a slow start to the game as the Panthers scored in the first 30 seconds.

After two more goals by Potomac Falls, Balik scored the first goal for Park View. Following a few more goals by the Panthers, sophomore Kelly Stewart scored the second goal for Park View with 7:10 left in the first half. The score was 11-2 Potomac Falls.

Two minutes later Balik scored the third goal for Park View. The score was Potomac Falls 11, Park View 3, with 4:55 left in the first half.

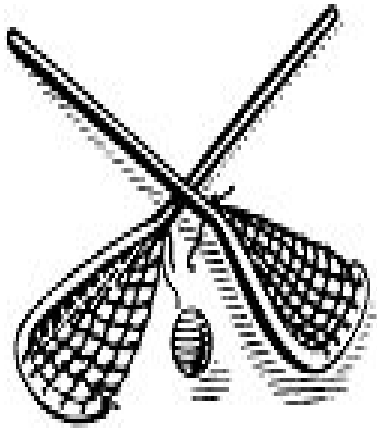
Potomac Falls took advantage at the start of the second half and they increased their lead to 12-3.

The Patriots answered back as Balik scored her third goal of the night and the fourth for Park View.

After two more goals by the Panthers, Balik scored her fourth goal of the night with the help of her teammates. The score was 14-5 Potomac Falls.

The Panthers scored soon after Balik’s goal, but the Patriots would answer right back as Balik scored again. The score was 15-6.

The Patriots would have one more crack at the net as Balik scored her sixth and final goal of the night. The final score of the game was Potomac Falls 20 Park View 7.



Spot the Difference

By Deborah Wimmer



At Park View, the library is much more than just a place to check out books. Luckily for the students, there are librarians that want students to feel comfortable and have fun, while being in an educational environment.

“We just want people to feel comfortable and make the whole Park View community want to come in,” said Mrs. Rush.

They do an unbelievable job at this; by being ready to help, but also by the fun displays set up in the library.

Currently there is a display that is titled “Salt & Pepper for the Soul,” which has a medley of unique salt and pepper

shakers, and behind each is a book that matches the different themes of them.

“I accidentally had a small collection of salt and pepper shakers at home, and thought they were fun,” said Mrs. Fisher.

They added to her small collection by asking fellow teachers if they would like to donate their unique salt and pepper shakers so they could make it in to a display.

Mrs. Fisher later added, “Kissing turtles. How could you not like cute salt and pepper shakers like that?”

The librarians put so much time and thought in to each display set up in

the library.

“We like to go big or go home, not just, use all posters,” said Ms. Rush. “Mrs. Lin makes a lot of the stuff incorporated in the displays; we are so lucky to have her,” she added.

They also like to incorporate other household items in their displays, many times they do not even need to purchase any items.

Having a book in the displays does also affect the likeliness of the book to be checked out.

“If it’s up, the library book in display it tends to go faster,” said Mrs. Fisher. “Like it or not we do judge a book

by a front cover.” When a book is in a display one does not just see the side of a book, but the cover also, which is more appealing and eye-catching.

Over the past few years, there have been many displays set up in the library, so for the librarians it is hard to choose a favorite.

A noteworthy display in Ms. Rush’s opinion would be the Harry Potter themed display.

“When the last Harry Potter book came out we dedicated a display to that, and it said have you read all seven? Surrounded by Harry Potter logos,

and the Harry Potter books,” stated Ms. Rush.

“It’s hard to pick a favorite because we put time, effort, and love in to them, so it’s hard to narrow down,” said Mrs. Fisher.

There will be many fun displays to come in the future; the librarians have even taken time to plan out the themes from now to the end of the year.

“If kids have ideas we would love to hear them,” said Mrs. Rush.

Make sure to take some time to check out and appreciate the intriguing displays set up in the library.

Ready for the challenge? **Spot the difference!**



ANSWERS: The banner at the top, reflections, turkey shaker with turkey book, the lock at the bottom, penguin shaker on bottom shelf, and whale shakers separated.

What's Your Best Practical Joke?

By Isabella Pineo

When is the best time to pull a practical joke? April Fool's Day! It's the only day of the year that celebrates pranks! It's the ultimate day to get away with a joke. A few students here at Park View shared some of their best prank experiences.

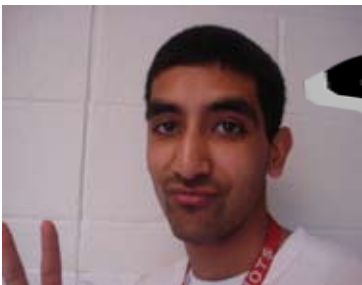


"Me and my friends were driving to "Bunny Man Bridge" at 2 a.m. When we got there, we were just chillin', and someone was under the bridge looking at us. I was really scared. He started running towards the car screaming. My friend tried to put the car in reverse, but he pretended it wasn't working. The man jumped on the hood. It turned out to be a friend of ours."



Senior Khalil Brooks

"My friends and I were ding-dong-ditching people and we told our friend Zach to go to one house (as a joke) and told him to ask to use the bathroom. He went to the bathroom and clogged their toilet with a whole roll of toilet paper. He ran out with the door open."



Junior Gurvinder Singh



"It was pouring rain outside, and my friends and I had been planning it for a week. We stocked up on toilet paper and eggs. At two in the morning we went to a girl from school's house. We put toilet paper all over the trees and the eggs in her bushes. Her initial reaction was 'Oh my gosh, who did this?' We were just following the tradition of TPing her house because it happened multiple times."



Junior Tony Staszak

Omar Khatib and his friends wanted to pull a prank on his little sister. They plotted to lie to Khatib's sister and tell her that she would be home alone. When she got there, expecting to be the only one in the house, she freaked out when she heard thumping coming from upstairs. The mysterious noise was Khatib and his friends hiding under her bed. They then called her and asked her to get something that he had left under her bed. She came upstairs and when she got into her room, Khatib and his friends pulled her leg from under the bed.



Junior Omar Khatib



What Colleges Really Want

By Kamara-Anais Parker

It's the beginning of the end, or maybe the end of the beginning: college. For many seniors they've already begun the preparing process for the feat by taking most of the necessary steps including researching schools, getting recommendations, and of course applying to the college of their dreams. But, just what exactly are these universities looking for? "Grades," says senior Holly

Burns. Grades are a pretty big part of

a potential recruit's likeliness of getting admitted and al-

though different colleges have different minimum requirements, average public schools expect at least a C average to even get an initial look.

Most private schools

require even more. "If you got all A's but only took easy classes, that doesn't necessarily guarantee you a spot," says PVHS guidance counselor Mr. Michael Isner.

The higher a student's grades are, the higher their chances are of getting in to his/her desired school and it is also helpful for scholarships.

But, there's got to be more to it. Obviously, a student's performance in their studies isn't the only thing
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How to Celebrate Saint Patty's Day

By Matthew Morley-Hillen

St. Patrick's Day, the only day of the year where 99.9% of the world thinks they're Irish.

For most people St Patrick's Day is where they celebrate their Irish heritage. Senior Julia Chelar and her sister sophomore Jessica Chelar explained that their



mom made corned beef and cabbage and bought green scones. While they were enjoying their meal, their parents talked to them about their Irish heritage.

Senior Jonathan Wooten said, "I took my best friend Britney to New York for her birthday to see the St. Patty's Day parade because she is Irish and always wanted to see it."

History teacher Mr. Larry Miller spent St. Patrick's Day watching March Madness with his friends and enjoying a cook out at the same time the Notre Dame Fighting Irish were playing.

The best way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day is to spend time with family and enjoy some Irish traditions.

Senior Kala Acker said, "I babysat little kids while the parents went out

and celebrated their Irish heritage."

March 17th is the day where the whole world knows about Ireland and believes all we do is party and drink green drinks while we chase leprechauns.

St. Patrick's Day in Ireland could be compared to a holiday in America like the 4th of July. On a day like St. Patty's, no matter where you are all the restaurants will be jammed with people

in green having a glorious time celebrating their nationality and heritage.



Social networking:How does technology affect our lives?

By Emily Mooney

Shouting in the halls. Whispering in class. Texting. Checking facebook. Tweeting the latest gossip. All of these actions may characterize a day of an average high school student.

Formerly dependent on the old paper and pen, teens today are turning to technology as the new and improved way to communicate.

At a time when mailing letters seems to be an extinct practice, texting, emailing, and "Facebooking" have taken over as the universal means of communication.

According to Media Use Statistics, teenagers aged thirteen to seventeen send an average of 3,147 text messages per month; this is over 1,500 more texts than any other age group. As texting has increased, talking on the phone has decreased. If one wishes to contact someone, texting is the method of choice.

At my friend's house, I was surprised to

find that when she had a question for her parents, she texted them rather than walk up the stairs to talk to them. Often, I have seen friends who text each other while in the same room.

Face-to-face communication seems to be disappearing with the rise of technology. Facebook allows teens to engage in "friendships" with people whom they would normally not approach or interact with.

Even though communicating through technology has become the norm, I question the effects of letting it rule our lives. What happens when a phone breaks or the Internet crashes? What happens when one leaves high school and goes out into the real world and needs to know how to present oneself in person and carry on a good conversation?

I think teens need more "face time" and less "Facebook time." We are becoming addicted to our "devices" as we spend less and less time just talking

and listening to each other. I got the chance to test my own addiction to technology twice in February.

I went on a "Facebook fast" for a month and refused to reply to any emails, status updates, or notifications. After the initial shock of not being able to go on the site, I was pleased to find that I had a lot more free time. The pressure to stay up-to-date on everything was lifted, and I started to write letters to several of my friends instead.

The effect of the letters was amazing. My friends were so grateful to receive a letter in the mail; it made them feel special. When they wrote letters back, the feeling was returned. When one sees actual handwriting, one can almost hear the writer's voice as they read along, making the experience much more personal.

When I returned to Facebook, I was surprised at all of the events and information that I had missed and felt a twinge of regret

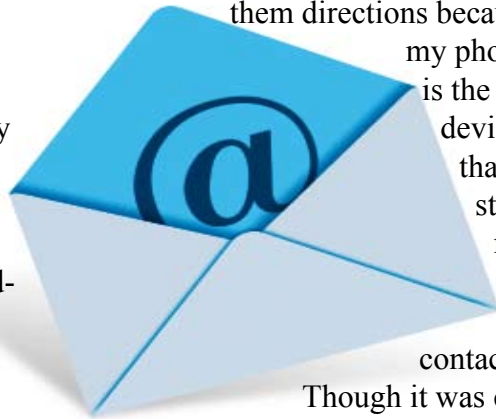
for having stayed away. So while I am afraid that Facebook can easily turn into a time waster, it is useful for keeping track of schedules.

The second time my tech addiction was tested was the last week of February when I lost my phone. I use my phone to make notes, plan my schedule, set and alarm to wake me up in the morning, and communicate with different organizations, friends, and family. Needless to say my phone is pretty key to my daily routine and is my primary method of communication.

Without my notes, I felt lost and was constantly forgetting things. The absence of my alarm caused me to wake up late and miss the bus three times. Since I could not text anyone, I had to rely on email to keep in contact with all the different organizations

I am involved in and was constantly worried that I had missed an important call. When a couple of friends were lost on their way to my house, I was not able to call them and give them directions because my phone is the only device that stores my contacts.

Though it was challenging and tumultuous, the "incident of the missing phone" has taught me to set new boundaries with my technology usage. I now make my lists on sticky notes and leave them in my room. I check my email more quickly. I plan ahead more and try to be prepared for last minute trouble. Most of all, however, I have learned that face-to-face communication and letter-writing are still valuable ways to communicate.



Do you know enough about your college picks?

By Michelle Rosado

College. For some, it's a scary reality about leaving high school as well a majority of your friends and entering a whole other chapter in your life. For seniors, they are nearing the last step in their college search: choosing a college.

There are so many to choose from nationwide and it is tough choosing a college without knowing what to expect. All of those websites do not

exactly prepare you for the experience, so what is better than getting a first-hand opinion?

Take Mrs. Lynn Rose, for example. She went to Virginia Tech, a college that stands out amongst other colleges simply by being so well-known.

"If you hear someone say 'Virginia Tech,' you already

know what exactly that is," she added. As for the academics, she says



although they are not superior to other colleges, VT has set a pretty high bar thanks to the professors.

"Most professors there knew what they were teaching," Rose commented. "They have a practical experience in what they teach."

How about an out of state college? Mrs. Candice Rush can give you a taste of what to expect at a college like her own: DePauw University.

She shared how this university was located in a small town where everyone knew each other and how

it was easier to get to know new people. They had sorority and fraternity houses where there would be several fun activities. That's not the only thing she enjoyed about DePauw, "I learned a lot about academic subjects I was interested in, like history," she said, "and I learned how to function and live on my own as an adult, making my own choices and planning for the future."

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that goes on paper or that colleges look for in a potential student.

Whether college hopefuls love sports, music, drama, chess, magic, or even taxidermy, putting time into something other than a text book is actually a positive thing.

"I try to encourage my students to balance their time," says PVHS guidance counselor Mrs. Cynthia Fillman.

What gets the most attention from an admissions office recruiter is following through with only a few specific activities and holding leadership positions. These show that the student is dedicated and a strong leader. So, being well rounded is great, but what else do colleges want?

"Personality and ambition," thinks senior Sarah Phung.

More often than not,

when a recruiter is looking over an aspiring student's application or giving an interview, they're truly focusing on that person. They want to know more about you and figure out if you'll be a great addition to the school facility. Regularly, the process of weeding out the noteworthy applicants from the "average Joes" is quite painless.

"Every college is different; some pinpoint

certain factors over others," says Mr. Isner.

So, essentially schools look at grades, extracurricular activities, and the student overall. But remember: college is meant to be an engaging, challenging, and even a life-changing time that should be truly appreciated and enjoyed.

Although working hard to get in is a trying journey on its own, don't let the process be too stressful.

It is still really important to keep focus on your current studies all throughout senior year, because slacking off can (and in many cases will) carry over to college.

"Excellence is a habit," says Mrs. Fillman. So, go out and reach for those goals by exploring, learning, and staying focused. Sooner or later, everyone could be a college student!

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(Multicultural Show continued)

The tenth group that performed in the show did an interpretive dance to the popular 90's Backstreet Boys song "I Want It That Way." It started with a dark stage, but eventually evolved into spotlights, silhouettes on a blue background, and jumping off the stage into the audience. Every move that the dancers made was unpredictable, which kept the audience on their toes.

The eleventh and final group that performed were the belly dancers. They had traditional outfits that jingled every time they moved. Their group also used elaborate hand movements in their choreography.

Finally, the multicultural show ended with a fashion show that featured all groups and their costumes. This show was a very culturally enlightening event that any Patriot would have been lucky to attend. I was very impressed and look forward to attending next year.

Izzy Paraan, appears at the wedding pretending to be the ghost of one of Capone's victims. Capone promises to do anything if only the ghost will leave him alone. The ghost demands that Capone let Remmy keep the bar and leave immediately. The show ends with Capone being caught by the police and Remmy and Pete kissing. Hanna's acting and antics as Pete was

definitely the best part of this show.

The One Act Winter Showcase this year was predominantly student-directed and possessed a variety of content than in recent years. Each of the individual shows had unique themes and successes, and the showcase was quite interesting.

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