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Hopewell High School Presents *On the Town*

By Kate McCallan

On the weekend of March 19, 2010, Hopewell High School presented three showings of the musical, *On the Town*. The show was directed by Celeste Beley with help from Lindsay Comness (vocal director) and Annette Bologna (choreographer). This production was possible due to the hard work and time from the Hopewell student body and members of the community.

At the beginning of the play, three American sailors are docked in Manhattan. The group has 24 hours to do whatever they please before they have to return to their ships and once again set sail. With not a care in the world, sailors Gabe, better known as Gabey (Ryan Vander Wagen), Ozzie (Justin Jackovic), and Chip (Nick LaSota) prepare their day in New York. Chip wants to go sight seeing while Ozzie would like to go out on the town and meet the ladies. After seeing a poster on the subway, Gabey decides he wants to spend his day with June's "Miss

Turnstiles," Ivy Smith (Jade Mitchell.) The duo decides to give up their free time to help out their friend in order to help him find "Miss Turnstiles."

Ivy is portrayed as the picture perfect girl not just for Gabey, but for anyone. In reality, she works by dancing at Coney Island to pay for her singing and dancing lessons at Carnegie Hall. Gabey, Ozzie, and Chip try to track down Ivy by going to all the places on her poster. When Chip decides to save time by taking a cab, he unknowingly gets himself into a relationship with the taxi driver Hildy Esterhazy (Nicole DiPietro.) Hildy is a free-spirited girl who knows what she likes. At the same time, Ozzie meets the studious, male obsessed Claire DeLoone at the Museum of Natural History. Both guys are having flings while their friend is alone in the area.

Gabey finally meets Miss Ivy when she is practicing at Carnegie Hall. They plan to meet

up later, but she does not show up because she has to work. The gang decides to go to clubs in order for Gabey to get his mind off her. Later, they head to Coney Island where he finally spots "Miss Turnstiles." She tells him her predicament. The next morning the gang goes too the docks to say goodbye. It is here that the story starts over again when three more sailors get off the ship.

About 40 kids worked hard to produce this year's play including actors, stage crewmembers, and musicians in the pit. The kids are not the only ones who put time and effort into the play; many parents



The cast of "On the Town". Courtesy Nick LaSota

and members of the community came together to make this possible. Nicole DiPietro says, "The musical is a unique opportunity that brings people and talents together. I couldn't have asked for a better experience my senior year. If more people come together next year, Hopewell High School is destined to have another outstanding performance."

Seven Honored at Celebrate Hopewell Banquet

By: Kate McCallan

On March 13, 2010, members of the community dined and socialized at The Fez to commemorate certain Hopewell High School alumni. Prior to the celebration, a large committee meets and votes on who in their opinion has had major achievements or success in their lifetime. All the proceeds from this event go directly back to the high school. This year's Master of Ceremonies was George Medich.

Dale Fouse was a member of the class of 1975. In high school, he was very active in sports. He was a three year letter winner in basketball, football, and track.

When he graduated, he attended the University of Dayton on a football scholarship. At Dayton he majored in Political Science with an emphasis on Pre-Law. In 1983, he became the Assistant District Attorney from Beaver County. Six years later, he joined the law firm of McMillen, Urick, Tocci, Fouse and Jones. Fouse became the District Attorney in 1999 and was reelected in 2003. Three years after his reelection, he retired his position. He is currently working at his law firm in Hopewell.

Brian Hall was a member of the class of 1982. After high school, he attended Harvard then

later attended the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He also attended Cambridge University where he earned his Master's of Philosophy in Economics and the attended Harvard again to receive his Master's and Ph.D in Economics. He is noted for working with President George W. Bush during his first administration as a Junior Staff Economist on the Council of Economic Advisors in the Executive Office. Hall is an Associate Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School.

Marjorie Neugebauer Meehan was a member of the class of 1949. In high school, she participated in the band under band director, Vic Pasquarelli. Members of the band were challenged to write the lyrics to our Alma Mater to go along with Finlandia by Jean Sibelius. Her entry was chosen by Pasquarelli and is still used today. Meehan will

forever be remembered as the matron of our beloved alma mater. Today, she is a very active member of the community as well as with her church, Our Lady of Fatima.

Ray Morrow was a member of the class 1973. In high school, he played football, basketball, and baseball as well as a member of the Drama Club. Morrow went to Penn State University for a degree in Law Enforcement Correction. He has been working for the Federal Law Enforcement System for 23 years (21 years have been with the FBI.) During this time, he has protected several noteworthy people such as Pope John Paul II and Jimmy Carter. Morrow was also active in the Secret Service and in the Executive Protection and Corporate Security program. He has worked on several investigations dealing anywhere from

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News

College Preview: Clarion University

By Sarah Bohy

Clarion University of Pennsylvania first opened its doors in 1867 as the Carrier Seminary of Western Pennsylvania. Twenty years later, the seminary was purchased by a group of stockholders and became Clarion State Normal School. In 1920, the state of Pennsylvania purchased the institution and remained in control for over 60 years. During this time, the establishment became Clarion State College. Finally, in 1982, Clarion was one of 14 colleges in Pennsylvania to reach university status by Legislative Act 188.

Today, Clarion has an enrollment of approximately 6,700 students, an average class size of 26, and a student to faculty ratio of 19:1. Clarion offers over 90 associate, bachelors, masters, pre-professional, and certification programs. Twenty-Seven of these programs are nationally accredited. This is more than any other institution in the Pennsylvania

State System of Higher Education.

Aside from their main campus in Clarion County, Clarion University also has a branch campus in Venango, Pennsylvania. Clarion University – Venango Campus offers students many of the same opportunities as the main campus does. Students can begin any of Clarion’s 90 degree programs at the Venango campus and finish at the main campus. Clarion University – Venango Campus is the home of Clarion University’s Department of Applied Technology and its school of Nursing and Allied Health. Additionally, Clarion University is affiliated with the West Penn Hospital School of Nursing, located in the Bloomfield area of Pittsburgh.

In addition to their impressive list of study options, Clarion takes part in an outstanding international studies program. Students have access to study abroad opportunities in several countries, some of which

include Germany, Ecuador, Ireland, France, and Malta. Clarion recently signed a partnership agreement with Sanda University of Shanghai, China. This agreement provides both Clarion and Sanda students with abundant study abroad opportunities. Additionally, faculty and graduate students from both Clarion and Sanda have the chance to teach their respective languages at the other institution.

Clarion has over 140 Recognized Student Organizations, or RSOs. Some of these include academic organizations like accounting club and history club, multicultural organizations like the Black Student Union and Women United, and special interest organizations such as the Speech and Debate Team and



Picture of Rena M. Carlson Library. Courtesy Google Images

the Anime Club.

Clarion also offers Division II NCAA athletics. Some of these include men’s varsity baseball, basketball, football, and golf, and women’s varsity soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. In addition, Clarion students can choose from an extensive list of intramural and club sports.

Earthquake Devastates Chile and Causes Tsunami

By Alaina Altieri

On February 27, a devastating magnitude 8.8 earthquake struck the Maule Region of Chile and lasted 90 seconds. It stretched through 80 percent

of the population. The earthquake was one of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded, stronger than the earthquake

that devastated Haiti. The damage and death toll in Chile was less extensive because of strict building codes put in place after devastating earthquakes.

The quake is tied for the fifth largest in the world since 1900. This set off tsunami waves that swamped some nearby islands before moving across the Pacific.

Hawaii began evacuating in fear that the waves would reach shore but more than 15 hours after the earthquake, the fears of a destructive wave had passed. Countries including Japan and the Philippines were on alert and ordered limited evacuations in expectation of waves hitting as well. The United States Navy sent out

ships after the purported tsunami to help with aid relief in Chile.

“The United States stands ready to assist in the rescue and recovery efforts and we have resources that are positioned to deploy should the Chilean government ask for our help,” President Obama said.

The death toll as of March 1 was 708 but it has risen since then. The most hit area was around Concepción, Chile’s second-largest metropolitan area, which is roughly 70 miles from the quake’s center. A strong aftershock the next day struck Chile that left the country in cloudy wreckage.



Picture of the wreckage in Chile. Courtesy Google Images.

Perspectives

Age is no matter when crime is involved

By: Dan Gladis

The youth of America has elicited many words from our senior peers as to our conduct and the content of our character, which can be summed up in the simple phrase, "kids these days." Well, to be frank, "kids these days" have been progressively morphing into a rather seedy hodgepodge of vicious criminals. Or, so many media outlets would vociferously demand us to believe. Youth crime in America has been on a steady decline in the past 16 years, though this is not what this article intends to assert. It is not the crimes of my generations, but the punishments given unto us.

Many liberals proclaim that that the young mind is underdeveloped and not fully appreciative of the actions it may have completed, and therefore should not be subject to the same arduous punishments for the commission of an offense. Unfortunately, I must part ways here with my brethren and say that not only do the youth of America have the capability to understand their actions; they should be treated as such by the criminal justice system. Naturally, the benefits of childish ignorance extend to the very young and infantile. Nevertheless, if a young citizen commits a crime full in the knowledge that they have committed it and were able to accomplish it without 'adult' help, they should be tried and sentenced as an adult.

In February 2009, a then



eleven year-old Jordan Brown shot and killed his father's fiancée, Kenzie Marie Houk, who was pregnant at the time. Some have claimed that, as a child, Jordan should be treated as such. However, what cannot be dismissed is the fact that Brown committed the crime with his own weapon. Brown willfully and without outside interference took the life of a sleeping mother-to-be. If children may own guns and be instructed in their use, should children not be held to the same standard an adult would if, perchance, Brown's father had been the perpetrator? In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the average would-be hunter begins a hunter's safety training course at age twelve with hope of gaining a license to hunt at age fourteen. It may be presumed that the gun was for hunting. And even by that standard, what was Jordan Brown doing having free access to a gun, let alone a gun that he himself owns? If he can carry that gun and know how to use it for a definite purpose, he is responsible for the damages that ensue.

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Kids deserve a second chance

By: Amy Kraus

Through the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roper vs. Simmons*, people under the age of 18 cannot be given the death penalty. In lieu of execution, juveniles receive a sentence of life without parole (LWOP). According to the Human Rights Watch study in the year 2009, there were 2,574 inmates with life sentences for crimes that they committed as juveniles, and Pennsylvania with 444 prisons has the most in the United States. Since juveniles are impressionable and can reform, they should be rehabilitated instead of becoming LWOPs.

Even though juveniles should be held accountable for their crimes, their environments often lead to criminal action. Since children learn through mimicking, they are easily influenced by their guardians and especially by those who are violent and abusive. Unfortunately, Joe Sullivan, a victim of abuse, is currently imprisoned for the sexual assault of an elderly woman. Without evidence against this accusation, Sullivan seems absolutely guilty and deserves a harsh sentence. Sullivan

is not only one of the youngest people to receive an LWOP sentence, but he is also mentally disabled. Although the woman never saw her attacker and the older boys in the case accused him, Sullivan lives in an adult prison with no hope of parole. Obviously, Sullivan is a victim of a terrible situation that would possibly never have happened if he was properly directed.

Some states such as New York and Oregon have already banned juvenile life sentences. Internationally, the United States is the 3 only country that voted against the United Nations attempt to prohibit an LWOP sentence for minors which is considered a person under eighteen in the U.S. While over 180 countries voted for Article 37 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, which states: "Neither capital punishment nor life imprisonment without possibility of release shall be imposed for offenses committed by persons below eighteen years of age," courts in the U.S. still sentence minors for life. Like Sullivan, some of these convicts are not in prison for murder.

As a result, these juveniles should not be incarcerated in a penitentiary with adults when they lack a mental and physical maturity. As the annual cost of housing a convict passes \$20,000, the United States should consider rehabilitating juveniles rather than making them LWOPs. The same children that are too young to buy cigarettes or get married without parental consent are regrettably sentenced to prison for the rest of their lives.

Dr. Dan

*Dear Dr. Dan,
I need your help. A guy has asked me to go to prom with him and I'm really unsure of what to do. I really don't know this guy all that well, but we are still friends and I don't want to hurt his feelings. However, I am waiting for another guy to ask me to prom. He hasn't asked me yet, but I think he will soon. What should I do?
Sincerely,
Between a Rock and a Sad Place*

Dear Between,
Ouch. I don't think I need to remind you, but you are in one of the dreaded nightmare scenarios that haunt the dreams of girls like yourself when it comes to prom. I know you must care about the guy who has asked you, or at least enough to contact me and ask for advice. In light of that, I have to say you have some serious thinking to do. It would be the admirable and principled choice to accept the invitation of the former student, if the guy asking was truly sincere about it. If you are looking for me to soothe your conscious about

rejecting someone who has asked you, then that is something I will not do. If you know strongly that the second guy will ask you and do it soon, then buck up and be honest to the first guy. However, if you really aren't sure about the second guy and you are just using him as an excuse to hold out on the first guy, then I question your decision. No one likes to be fooled or have the feeling that they are being hoodwinked, so be honest. If you just really cannot bring yourself to go to prom with the first guy; if it would be awkward or if it would be just unbear-

able for a number of reasons, then put on your game face and talk to the kid. Tell him no and gently explain why, that is if you think he can handle it. If he can't, then maybe the explanation wouldn't be necessary. I truly feel for you and your problem, and I wish it weren't so. However, this decision is yours entirely and I hope you can come to an amicable conclusion soon. Keep in touch.
Most sincerely,
Dr. Dan

Sports

Swim Team Makes a Splash at WPIALs and States

By Kate McCallan

The Hopewell Varsity Swim team showed their success this season with a Girls' section record of 5-2 and a Boys' section record of 4-3. With the

help of Coach Steve DeLatte and Assistant Coach Dave Drake, most of the team was able to attend WPIALs. Their hard work and dedication did not end there. A pair of girls went further.

On March 4 and 5, a number of qualifying Hopewell swim team members went to WPIALs at Pittsburgh University. This year's eligible swimmers were: Justin Beech, Tyler Gaydosik, Alex Guzma, Zach Kearns, Julie Marki, Logan McCrory, Kelsey Miller, Taylor Miller,

Brianna Morrison, Frankie Muia, Hannah Palochak, Vanessa Rohm, Sheri Symosko, and Kara Walker. This was a first time in many years that Hopewell had the majority of the team participating in such a prestigious event.

Once they got there they made themselves at home. It did not take much time at all for the team to get down to business. All three of the girls' relays placed ninth. However, two of the three relay teams broke our high school records in the 200 and 400 Freestyle race. The boys had two relay teams that also got ninth place. In the individual races, Rohm placed seventh in breaststroke while Palochak placed eighth in backstroke. Due to these individual wins for these two swimmers, they were able to attend the PIAA Championships for swimming.

The duo attended the PIAA Championships on March 20, 2010. It was located in Kinney Natatorium at Bucknell University. Palochak and Rohm embarked on a four hour drive where family and coaches were there to support them. The girls competed in the Preliminaries, but did not make it to the finals. Rohm said, "We were hoping to do better (at the PIAA Champion-

ships), but because we are a sophomore and a freshman we have years to come. It was a great learning experience and we had a lot of fun." Palochak also commented by saying "The experience was amazing. I got to see the best of the best compete and I felt honored to compete along side of them." Both said they would love to go again with the rest of their team.

The team's efforts were shown through practices and meets this year. The ones who did not make it to WPIALs are more determined to make it next year while the others would like to go back and advance. Palochak and Rohm are inspiration, proving to others that age and gender are not barriers. With strength of mind, motivation, and hard work, Hopewell will return to WPIALs and States with vast numbers.



Top (left to right)-Kara Walker, Alex Guzma, Julie Marki

Bottom (left to right)-Vanessa Rohm, Justin Beech, Sheri Symosko, Brendan Miller, Hannah Palochak.

Girls' Basketball Wrap-up

By Paul Rosenstern

The Hopewell girls' basketball team went into the WPIAL playoffs with a perfect record of 22-0, and the number one seed in the WPIAL. They then breezed through the first three rounds, beating Montour 65-45, Blackhawk 59-43, and Chartiers Valley 57-50 to qualify for the WPIAL championship game. The WPIAL championship game was held on March 6 at the Palumbo Center, Duquesne University. Hopewell squared off against their section rivals New Castle.

During the regular season the Vikings edged New Castle twice, 48-47 in the first contest and 64-62 in the second, but in the WPIAL championship game New Castle got the best of Hopewell in a 61-66 overtime defeat. Hopewell jumped out to an early lead, and at halftime the Vikings were up with a comfortable lead. In second half New Castle turned things around, and by the fourth quarter they had their first lead of the game. Hopewell tied the score when senior Paige Alviani drained back to back foul shots, and regulation time expired with the score tied at 60 a piece.

New Castle buried the Vikings in overtime, and handed the girls their first loss of the season. Hopewell was led in the game by senior Elise Farris' 24 points, but that wasn't enough to overcome New Castle for a third time and Hopewell settled for second in the WPIAL class AAA. The loss did not end the season though, as Hopewell qualified for the PIAA playoffs. In the first round Hopewell beat Bellefonte 63-23, and in the second round the girls cruised past Slippery Rock 60-50. Then with a chance to go to the semi-finals Hopewell lost to Chartiers Valley 49-46 ending their great run in the 2009-2010 season.

The loss to Chartiers Valley marks the end of the careers of five senior girls, Elise Farris Paige Alviani, Olivia Bonovita, Sam Fisher, and Amanda Tocci. Alviani and Farris both surpassed the 1,000 point milestone in their senior season. Alviani will be attending Seton Hill to continue her basketball career next year. What these seniors and the entire Hopewell basketball team did in 2009-2010 will never be forgotten though. It was truly one of the greatest seasons in Hopewell history.

Hopewell Baseball Season Preview

By Cody McCullough

Hopewell baseball is about to start up once again. Coming off an amazing year in 2009 this group is looking to pull off another great season. Last year the team went 20-3, but lost in the WPIAL consolation rounds to Trinity. The group has high expectations and is hoping to qualify for the PIAA Finals.

However, this team lost a lot of senior leadership. The main leaders from last year's senior class were the pitching arm of Max Vogel, who got a baseball scholarship to Winthrop, and a very dangerous hitter in Brad Kubis. Seniors captains this year are Kevin Welsh, Scott Dierdorf, and Matt Boronsky. Other seniors include Paul Rosenstern, Matt Hundenski, Garrett Covalt, Austin Woolsey, Tyler Swihart, Ross Potts, Mike Brougher, and Aaron Zimmerman. One of the seniors, Paul Rosenstern, said, "We have

very high expectations for the success of our season. We have been working hard in practices [and] we are making sure everyone gets their 'reps' in so that we can be prepared to win." According to Rosenstern the strengths are they can score a lot of runs, and everyone in the lineup is a potent hitter. However, the team has weaknesses too. According to Rosenstern the weakness of the team lies in two areas. First, they have to eliminate errors. Second, they have to limit the number of walks given up. If they keep those two big things in check, Hopewell baseball is bound to have a great season.



Sports

March is Brain Awareness Week and National Doctor's Day

By Megan Sirko

The month of March contains two important celebrations that many people may not be aware of. These celebrations are National Doctor's Day and Brain Awareness Week.

National Doctor's Day always takes place on March 30. The first Doctor's Day observance was celebrated on March 30, 1933 by the Barrow County Alliance. Activities of this first observance included mailing cards to doctors and putting flowers on the graves of deceased physicians. Current forms of appreciation include sending greeting cards or e-cards, or simply thanking your doctor verbally. The idea for this holiday was devised by Eudora Brown Almond, the wife of Doctor Charles B. Almond. She created it as a way to show

appreciation to physicians. In 1990, legislation was introduced in the House and Senate to make this observance a national holiday. On October 30, 1990, President George Bush signed the resolution, designating March 30 as National Doctor's Day.

This year, Brain Awareness Week (BAW) takes place from March 8 to March 14. This year is also the 15th anniversary of this event. BAW is the global effort to increase the public's awareness of the progress and benefit of brain research. It is celebrated in multiple ways including open days at neuroscience laboratories, lectures about the brain and research on it, and displays at museums, libraries, malls, and other popular places. Brain Awareness Week was established in 1996 by Dana Alliance for Brain

Initiatives, a private charitable foundation. Brain research is important for multiple reasons. According to the Brain Research Foundation, important discoveries in basic brain research have led to much advancement in the treatment of brain diseases. Some advancements have already been made this year. According to neuroscientist, Joseph T. Coyle, M.D., "This year has provided a metaphorical splash of cold water in my face, reminding me that science is never as simple as it seems." One advancement this year is the discovery that methods



Kids Celebrate BAW. Courtesy Dana Foundation.

used successfully to identify genes responsible for many heritable disorders were shown invalid in identifying genes responsible for psychiatric disorders. Another finding is that early life experiences can change the functions of genes throughout life in ways that have behavioral consequences.

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public corruption to international terrorism.

Jodi Figley Renner is a member of the class of 1987. She has been golfing for the majority of her life. In high school, she won several major golf titles such as WPIAL Champion (four years in a row) as well as she was the first high school golfer to be a two time PIAA State High School champion (1984 and 1986.) After high school, she went to Stanford University for Human Biology. In 1992, she became the LPGA Tour Player of the year. She currently is a teaching professional golf at Island Sports Center.

Jimmy Ross was a member of the class of 1964. In high school, he played the tuba and got first chair in the Honors band. Ross was also in Mid-West District Band and State Band of Pennsylvania. After high school, he attended The Dana School of Music in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1966, he became a member of The Jaggerz. Two years later, Gamble Records in Philadelphia

signed the band and gave them their first recording contract. He has performed on Dick Clark's American Bandstand as well as with many other groups such as The Beach Boys, The Supremes, The Temptations, and The Four Tops. In his lifetime, he has produced over 100 radio jingles, 6 albums, and 11 singles. In 1983, he opened Jimmie Ross Video & Photograph where he works today; however, he still plays about 15 shows a year with the band.

Last but certainly not least, Hopewell High School's own Advanced Placement Chemistry teacher, *William Smith*, was honored. He was a member of the class of 1969. During his high school years, he was very academic, participating in the Science Club, National Honors Society, German Club, and Future Teachers Club. After high school, he attended Penn State University to major in Engineering. Later, he switched his major to Education. In 1973, he started teaching at

Hopewell High School. Smith has spent countless hours doing community service work with the Conservation, Fishing, and Hunting Club (CFH) in order to restore Hopewell Community Park. Initially his humbleness would not allow him to accept this award, but he chose to accept this award on behalf of all teachers. This award meant recognition for some of the stuff people do. Smith said, "It was nice to know someone was recognized for the work we did in the 80s." He also stated that the most influential person in his life is his father because of all the sacrifices he made. Whether we like it or not we grow up to be exactly like our parents with some of the same values and work ethics. He thinks the biggest difference in teaching today compared to when our parents went to school is the dependence on technology for both the teachers and the students. Smith expects the future of teaching to have an increase on certain qualifications so it will be like a business.

Students can act as products to meet criteria and that may not necessarily be a good thing.

This award calls attention to Hopewell High School and some of the alumni members with significant achievements. This fundraiser was a noble cause in which all proceeds were given back to the school in order to buy a new sound system for the auditorium. These honorees have worked long and hard to pave their way for a successful life. It is up to the reader to decide what their life will entail, but if you make it count, you too will become a winner of a prestigious award perhaps one that does not get a prize or receive a title. The current students in our high school could very well become future honorees into the Hopewell Hall of Fame.

Entertainment

Movie Review: Alice and Wonderland

By Kate McCallan

Director Tim Burton has done it again. He has turned a once Disney Classic into an eccentric tale in which Alice returns to Wonderland. To Alice, Wonderland has been a dream or a mere memory ever since her first escape to it.

This movie was based on the novels *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll. When casting for the movie, Burton chose a wide variety of actors to play these zany roles. This production was made in both 2D and 3D versions for theaters. Also, it took a long time to make because of the combination of both film footage and animation.

In the beginning, nineteen year-old Alice Kingsley (Mia Wasikowska) decides to flee her surprise engagement party when she sees the White Rabbit (Michael Sheen). She follows him down the magical rabbit hole which leads her directly into Underland. Here she is greeted by a number of old friends who desperately need her to save the kingdom from the big headed and ill-tempered Red Queen (Helena



A scene from *Alice and Wonderland*. Courtesy Google Images.

Bonham Carter).

According to Underland legend it is Alice who must restore power to the realm. To do this, she must slay the Red Queen's champion, the Jabberwocky ("a dragon like creature.") Many of Alice's friends are not sure if this is the same Alice they met long ago. However, the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp) and the tea party gang are assured it is her and that she will once again regain her "muchness."

When the Red Queen heard

the news that Alice is back with the attempt of killing her champion, the Queen sends out her army to capture or decapitate her as well as anyone else who stands in the way. With courage and strength, Alice will accept the challenge and try to butcher the evil monster in order to restore the White Queen (Anne Hathaway) to power thus bringing peace to the land.

With Burton's colorful personality and crazy style, he transformed a children's movie into some-

thing much more complex. Although this movie is rated PG, it is so versatile that people of any age will be interested. *Alice in Wonderland* has already earned over 30 million dollars at the box office. It is in the opinion of this writer that the reader should add to that total.

Bowling

By Paul Rosenstern

In the 2009-2010 school year Hopewell sports have been all about winning, and one sport that may have flown under the radar this year was the Hopewell boys' bowling team. The Hopewell bowling team is coming off of a season that saw them compile a perfect 10-0 record where they beat teams like Quaker Valley, Sewickley Academy, Rochester, Beaver Falls, Ambridge, and others. Along with this perfect record came a section championship. During the season Hopewell won the annual MAC tournament, and they went on to place fifth in the WPIAL. After the WPIAL, Hopewell placed fifth in the regional tournament, and qualified for the state playoffs. In the states the Viking bowlers came away with a fourth place finish. The team was led this year by senior Matt Mowad, and the other starters Derek Suhoski, Jeff Hredjzak, Nathan Vitale, and Zach Diagostino. Mowad was amongst the best bowlers in the state of Pennsylvania. In his senior season Mowad placed fourth in the region and sixth in the state. "It was great" Mowad said of the season. "All the other seasons we never placed, it felt pretty good to place this year." "As serious as we were, we had a lot of fun this year." 2009-2010 was a nice finish for the three senior starters, Mowad, Suhoski, and Hredjzak. Next year the bowling team will bring back Vitale and Diagostino, but they will need to find three bowlers to fill the gaps Mowad, Suhoski, and Hredjzak will leave behind. 2009-2010 was a memorable season for the Hopewell bowlers, and it follows the recent trend of winning here at Hopewell.

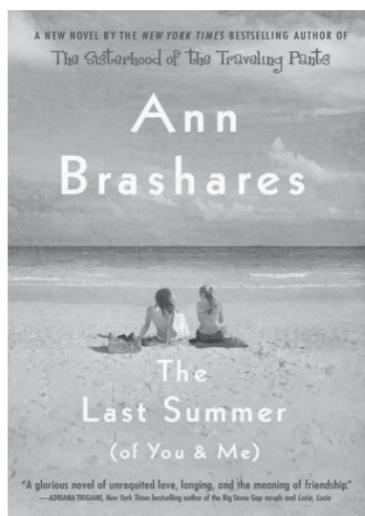
Book Review: Last Summer of You and Me

By Sarah Bohy

Sisters Riley and Alice have spent nearly every summer of their lives on Fire Island, New York with their parents. Riley, 24, is a bold, adventure-seeking tomboy who serves as a lifeguard for the stretch of beach on which her family's summer home is located. She never turns down the opportunity to go for a midnight swim or go fishing in torrential rain. Her sister, Alice, has always admired Riley for these traits. Alice is 21, a recent college graduate. She is shy and reserved, but beautiful and refined. Together, Riley and Alice share the same lifelong friend, Paul. Paul and his widowed mother live next door to Alice and Riley on the island. He is 24, the same age as Riley. The two of them have shared countless adventures together; they truly are the best of friends. As for Alice, Paul and Riley have always viewed her the same

way: as a little sister.

In Ann Brashares' *The Last Summer (of You & Me)*, Paul, Riley, and Alice are back on Fire Island together for the first time in three years. While they are all pleased to be back in one another's presence, they are also puzzled by the changes that have occurred since they entered adulthood. After a few days, they are able to settle back into their old ways and their old selves. Paul and Riley are as audacious and carefree as ever, and Alice and Riley share the same indivisible sisterly bond that they always have. However, Paul soon realizes that Alice is



no longer the little girl he once knew.

These three individuals come together bound by love and friendship, but face being torn apart by a deep secret and an unexpected illness. Can the three of them save the friendship they've cherished for so long? Or will they allow the trials of adulthood to come between them, making this their last summer together?

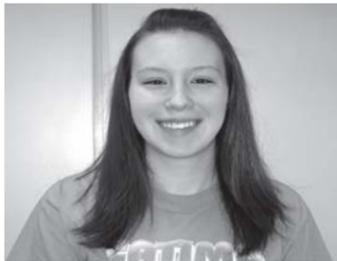
Features

Hopewell, How Do You Feel?

How do you feel about juvenile delinquents receiving life in prison?



Monique Smith-Teenagers are responsible for what they do. They knew what they were doing.



Lauren Spezialetti- It's fair. They knew what they were doing.



Richie Smallwood-It depends on the crime. If it was not as serious, he or she deserves a second chance.



Rob Swan-Life in prison seems like seems too long. This should be the maximum punishment.

March Student of the Month

By Catey Burget



Alan Salopek



Jordan Neush

Alan Salopek received the upperclassman award for March's student of the Month. Alan is extremely interested in art and creativity. During school, and at vo-tech, Alan's favorite subject is art. He likes his art classes because he can practice and improve his skills. Earlier in the year, Alan won the Beaver County S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering and Math) T-shirt logo contest. Alan's junior year has brought him many new opportunities. He loves being a part of Service Learning. "Recognition for my talents and abilities," is what Alan considers a major accomplishment. Alan plans on attending a school that offers commercial art. Alan has many abilities such a drawing, working with technology, and using the bamboo drawing table.

Jordan Neush was chosen for the underclassman Student of the Month award. In school, Jordan's favorite subject is history because he loves learning about the past and how it relates to the present. Jordan's teachers have made this school year most enjoyable. "They are all very helpful and I look forward to each and every class." Jordan has worked his way up to taking all honors class to his previous schedule which had none. He also was able to obtain honor roll while playing on the football team. He would like to participate in debate club and Spanish club next year. After high school, he wants to graduate with high honors or honors. He wants to attend Robert Morris University to obtain a degree in either Nuclear Medicine or History and obtain a teaching degree.

Congratulations Alan and Jordan, you both have made great achievements!

Teacher's Pet

By Sarah Bohy

Mrs. Shadish, a Spanish teacher at Hopewell, has two dogs named Rylie and Murphy. Rylie is a German Shepherd mix, and Murphy is an Australian Shepherd/Collie mix. Mrs. Shadish got both of her dogs a few years ago while she was living in South Carolina. Rylie was adopted from a shelter, and Murphy wandered into the Shadish's back yard during a cook out. "We gave him a burger and he never left!" Mrs. Shadish explained with a laugh.

When Rylie and Murphy first met, it was obvious to Mrs. Shadish that they would be the best of friends.

When Murphy happened upon the Shadish's cookout, he and Rylie immediately started playing. "It was like he was her missing piece," Mrs. Shadish began. "She wasn't totally happy by herself."

Murphy can typically be found causing mischief around the Shadish home. He especially enjoys playing with dishtowels, socks, and shoes. Rylie, on the other hand, enjoys nothing more than spending a quiet evening sound asleep on Mrs. Shadish's pillow, whether or not her own head already occupies that space.

This is Mrs. Shadish's second

year teaching Spanish and sponsoring the Spanish Club at Hopewell. She received her Bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University of Pittsburgh, her Master's degree in education from Chatham University, and is currently attending the University of Pittsburgh in pursuit of a Principal's Certification.



Mrs. Shadish's dogs, Rylie(right) and Murphy (left).

Spring Flowers

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 JACK IN THE PULPIT
 LADYS SLIPPER
 LILY
 MARIGOLD
 MAY APPLE
 MAY FLOWERS

NARCISSUS
 PHLOX
 POPPY
 PRARIE ROSE
 SHOOTING STAR
 SNOWDROPS
 SPRING BEAUTY
 TULIPS
 VIOLETS

Academy Awards

By Tricia Marsick

After all The Hurt Locker won best picture at the 82 Academy Awards in Hollywood. The movie battled against ten other nominees, the highest staked race since Casablanca won more than sixty years ago.

Another bit of history to add, Kathryn Bigelow was the first female to be named best director for her film The Hurt Locker. This film also took home the film editing award, sound editing, sound mixing, and writing.

Jeff Bridges won best male lead for his country-style role in Crazy Heart as "Bad Blake." The former headliner did shows in bars and bowling alleys, always arriving in a beat-up '78 Suburban.

Playing a woman from Memphis who takes a homeless teenager into her home and welcomes him as family, Sandra Bullock won best female lead in The Blind Side. For the role Bullock changed her hair from brunette to blonde and hired a dialect coach.

Mo'Nique, who won best supporting actress in the movie Precious, played a treacherous, abusive mother. In Mo'Nique's true childhood, she was molested by her older brother. Today she is a wife and mother of three.

The 82 Academy Awards Show proved to its viewers that it is truly about the performance, not the politics.

Best Picture: "The Hurt Locker"
 Best Actress: Sandra Bullock, "The Blind Side"

Best Supporting Actress:
 Mo'Nique, "Precious"

Best Actor: Jeff Bridges, "Crazy Heart"

Best Supporting Actor: Christoph Waltz, "Inglorious Basterds"

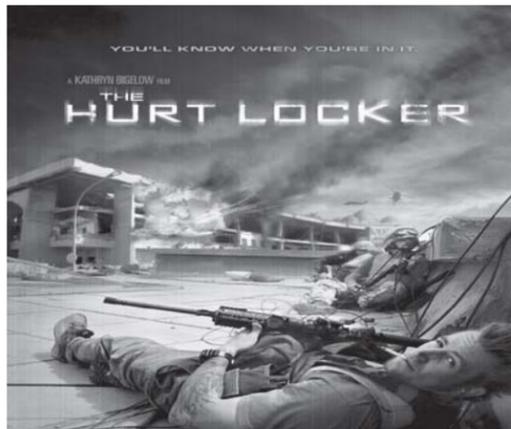
Best Director: Kathryn Bigelow, "The Hurt Locker"

Best Animated Feature Film: "Up"

Best Original Screenplay: Mark Boal, "The Hurt Locker"

Best Costume Design: "The Young Victorian", Sandy Powell

Best Makeup: "Star Trek", Barney Burman, Mindy Hall, and Joel Harlow



"The Hurt Locker" was named Best Animated Feature Film.

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In Illinois in 2007, a ten-month old baby was given a gun license. Reread that sentence one more time, as the idiocy is doubled with every reading. Naturally, a ten month old shouldn't be charged if the gun were to go off while in its possession. This does beg the question as to which should be reformed: Gun laws or laws governing child criminals. In the humble opinion of this writer, it would make much sense to do both. In the end, it is up to the parent to

raise a child to be respectful of others and to keep irrational impulses in check. What the government can do, though, is toughen the laws governing juvenile delinquency so that these offenders may have the full weight of the law pressed upon their shoulders. If a minor is able to commit a crime, they should be punished for it, not like an adult or a child, but like a citizen who has broken the law.

Spring Cleaning

By Catey Burget

During the months of winter, many people often allow themselves to accumulate mess and dirt. Therefore, the months of spring and summer call for a complete spring cleaning. Organizing life can be hard to do but is the first step. A good place to begin can be in your locker or car.

A locker tends to be the first place to collect clutter and with the excessive amount of papers and books we receive in school, throwing away what you do not need is the best place to start. Having a separate folder and notebook for each

subject properly labeled will help keep papers from getting lost, crinkled and destroyed. Your locker is the one place you have to throughout the entire school day, and allowing it to be messy can result in many consequences. So don't leave your old gym clothes and shoes there for the janitors! Your car can be just as bad as your locker. It is not a closet or a place for garbage. Your car gets you from point A to point B and storing unnecessary excessive junk is one of the most common messes.

Aside from your car and locker, home cleaning is the most

imperative place to work on. The places you forget about during your weekly cleaning routine such as, the refrigerator microwave, and kitchen appliances, windows, door knobs, toilet, shower, sinks, and other places throughout the home are the dirtiest and

most bacterial.

Cobwebs begin to form in the corners of the walls, and are usually left for years. To begin spring cleaning, there are few things to do. Make a checklist of everything that you usually do, and everything that isn't ever done. Wash the walls from the bottom up to avoid

streaking. Never mix cleaning products, ammonia and bleach are toxic. Clean as you go, it saves yourself a lot of work. When dusting, start at the top of the wall and work your way down. Remember to check the list as you go, crossing everything off. Use old rags and towels for the windows and doors, and do not forget vacuuming. Doing the little things such opening the windows on a nice day for a breath of fresh air will contribute to cleaning out the house. Spring cleaning is a great opportunity to get rid of clutter that may have gathered over the winter, so do not miss your chance.



Time for spring cleaning!

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