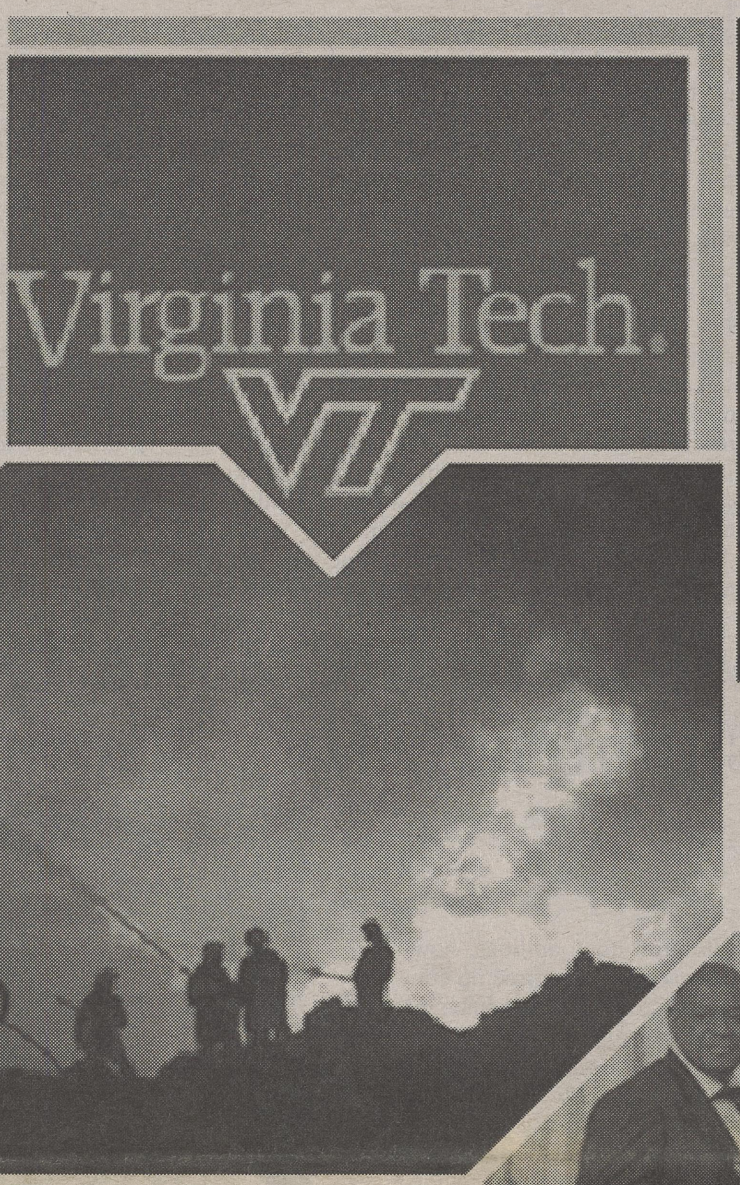
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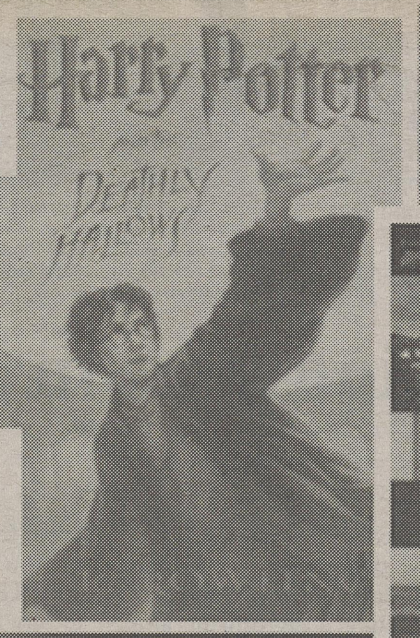


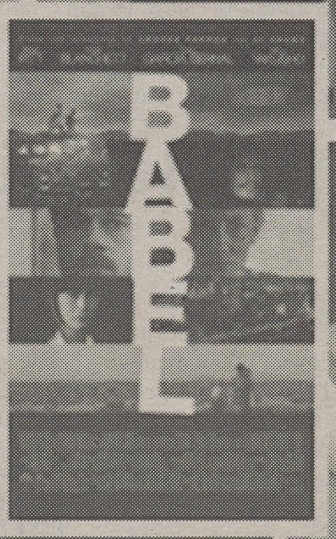


















It's been real, 2007

Mr. Ross signs book deal with Knopf

Kalen McNamara '09
Staff Writer


Peter Goodwin

"Cruelty, like every other vice, requires no motive outside of itself; it only requires opportunity." So said George Eliot, and so begins Adam Ross's soon-to-be-published collection of short stories entitled *Ladies & Gentlemen.*

Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. bought the stories along with Ross's unfinished novel *Mr. Peanut* in a two-book deal this fall. Both works have been undergoing revision and reinvention for more than ten years.

Mr. Ross began writing these works back in 1999, after one of his articles was published in a national magazine called POV. Within two days of the article's publication, he received calls from several production companies and eventually sold rights to the story to Touchstone Pictures.

Although the event was undeniably a success, he was frustrated. After having already invested several years going the straight route in the literary field, he had struck gold with a movie deal by happenstance. Seeking some sort of control, he abandoned screenwriting and returned to writing prose.

The characters and themes he toyed with then have since developed into the works currently being sold to international publishing houses Einaudi and Podium. Many of the short stories in *Ladies & Gentlemen* border on autobiography, drawing from Ross's relationship with his brother and his childhood in New York City. Every story in some way explores the nature of human cruelty, perceiving it in the same sense as Eliot did: an opportunity and a choice.

Another prevalent subject, especially in *Mr. Peanut*, is marriage, described by Mr. Ross as "the institution that can save you or doom you." Ross acknowledges in his writing that two people in love can still be disgusted by one another.

As he explains, "It's the same with families. The people closest to you can delight you and fill you with dread at the same time. And those are the things that interest me. I mean, how do you overcome that? Murder? Affairs? Disappearances? Or just true, Christian tolerance?" *cont'd. p.4*

Do you really want to be "One Less"?
Controversy stems from new HPV Vaccine

Kiki Bandlow '11
Staff Writer

Over 3,660 women will die from cervical cancer in 2007. However, with the help of a revolutionary new vaccine, Gardasil, scientists hope this number will decrease in years to come. Gardasil, approved by the Federal Drug Association in June 2006, is currently the only cervical cancer vaccine available.

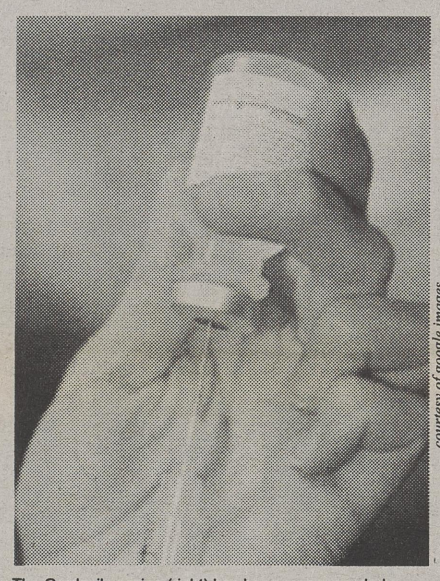
The vaccine protects against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), a sexually transmitted disease that can cause cervical cancer and genital warts. Although HPV is not the only cause of cervical cancer, Gardasil will protect against 70 percent of cervical cancer cases.

The vaccine, administered in three doses over the course of six months, is meant to be given to women before they become sexually active, an age group usually ranging from ages nine to twenty-six.

Despite its preventive abilities, however, the new vaccine has stirred up controversy. Some parents feel that since the vaccine protects against an STD, their child does not need it because they should not be at risk, especially if their children are preteens.

Others feel that Gardasil might encourage promiscuity because of the widespread misconception that it protects against all STDs.

Some Harpeth Hall students, including Aashbir Grewal '10 and Madeline Wiseman '09, had mild allergic reactions to the shot. Nonetheless, many women have already gotten the new vaccine, and the numbers continue to increase with the thought that cervical cancer is just one less cancer to be worried about.


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The Gardasil vaccine (right) has been recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics as an effective measure of prevention against Human Papilloma Virus. Some pediatricians, however, are skeptical of the vaccine's possible side effects.

WGA strike cuts television season short

Elizabeth Floyd '09
Staff Writer

There have only been three times in American television history when the Writers Guild of America (WGA) has gone on strike: once in 1960, once in 1988, and one going on right now.

On Nov. 2, the Writers Guild of America East and the Writers Guild of America West voted to go on strike against the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP).

Writers were under a three-year contract with Hollywood studios, preventing them from striking. When the contract expired at midnight Oct. 31, however, the guilds seized the opportunity.

The strike officially began Nov. 5, when over 3,000 members of the WGA marched in several New York stores and refused to cross the picket line outside 14 targeted studios in the Los Angeles area. Shows such as "Heroes," "Desperate Housewives" and "My Name is Earl" have stopped filming, and some shows, including "The Office," have been forced to show reruns.

If the strike continues, almost all primetime series shot in LA will stop filming, which will cost the studios approximately $20 million per day. The last strike lasted five months and cost the studios over $500 million.

The two groups immediately met to discuss a new contract. At this meeting, disagreements arose that led to the strike. The WGA feels that writers should get compensation for their work, no matter in what medium it exists. This includes what is available on the internet and through cell phones, as well as a percentage of the proceeds from DVD sales.

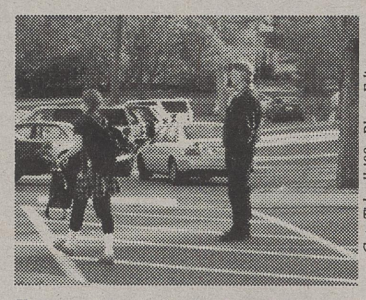
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In a closed meeting Nov. 26, AMPTP offered a new proposal to the WGA. The two groups will meet again in December. While continued communication between the two parties may shorten the strike, it may still take several weeks to reach a final agreement because both parties strongly disagree about how much money writers should receive when their work is sold or reused through the new media forms.

Photos: In Brief

Channing Garber '09
News Editor

Security Increases


Cate Tidwell '08 Photo Editor

Recent concern about campus security in the evening hours has led administration to hire security guards for the campus. The guards are on campus from 2:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. in hopes that students involved in extracurricular activities will feel safer when leaving campus late at night.

Sophomores "Go Green"


Courtesy of Picasa

The sophomore class has been selling canisters of a Harpeth Hall version of Partner's Tea Company fair trade green tea. In supporting Harpeth Hall's student chosen motto this year, the sophomores have decided to "Go Green" with their Prom fundraiser and donate a portion of the profits they receive from the tea to buying "carbon offset coupons" in an effort to reduce Harpeth Hall's carbon footprint. Canisters contain 15 bags of tea and are sold for $10 each. These fair trade tea bags not only support the growers with a fair wage, but are also produced in an environmentally friendly manner.

Ann Patchett visits Harpeth Hall

Critically acclaimed author Ann Patchett paid a visit to Harpeth Hall Monday, Dec. 10. Ms. Patchett spoke with several English students, ate lunch with selected students and teachers, and addressed the upper school in assembly.


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(Right) Upper School English teacher Ms. Nancy Grimes, converses with her former student, author Ann Patchett.


courtesy of Picasa

(right) Ms. Patchett answers students' questions about the writing session during a class session in the library after assembly.

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Students attend People of Color Conference

Emily Tseng '10
News Editor

Harpeth Hall sent five student delegates and four faculty members to the National Association of Independent Schools' 20th annual People of Color Conference (PoCC) and 14th annual Student Diversity Leadership Conference (SDLC) over the weekend of Nov. 28.

Students Aashbir Grewal ('10), Rohini Chakravarthy ('10), Emily Tseng ('10), Asia Brown ('09), and Courtney Vick ('08) were selected for this conference through an application and essay process earlier this year.

Upper School Math teacher Dora Biegl, Middle School Latin teacher Ben Abraham, computer technician LaQuita Smith, and Diversity Director Angela Brown chaperoned the students and attended the conference as well.

The nationwide conference, which included over 1200 students from over 400 independent schools, educated student on issues of diversity through engaging speakers and discussions of controversial topics.

Students were placed into 50-member "home group"s, which were then divided into "family group"s of up to eight students each, led by a trained "peer facilitator."

Each "home group" was led by two staff members, *(cont'd on page 4)*



Rohini Chakravarthy '10

Upper School math teacher Ms. Dora Biegl, Aashbir Grewal '10, and Asia Brown '09 smile as they reflect on the day's happenings.

Hand Sanitizer: Is it cleaning or killing?

Willa Fitzgerald '09
Business Manager



Cate Tidwell '08 Photo Editor

Laura Mullin '11, uses newly installed hand-sanitizer dispenser. These dispensers have been placed strategically throughout the school.

Many have recently heard rumors of a "super staph bacteria"—including the parents of Harpeth Hall students.

In response to the worries of many parents, Harpeth Hall has installed many dispensers of antibacterial hand sanitizer on the walls. However, this response may be counterproductive because these very same antibacterial soaps and antibiotics which we depend on to protect us are responsible for creating these "super bacteria."

"Bacterial populations will evolve due to selective pressure," said Dr. Schott, Biology and Ecology teacher. "The use of antibiotics selects for resistant forms, and the misuse and overuse of antibiotics makes the problem worse."

While it may soothe parent's souls to know that hand sanitizer is only an arm's length away, it is much more beneficial and effective to wash one's hands the old fashioned way, said Dr. Schott. "The best way to avoid Staph is to wash you hands after you go to the bathroom and before you eat," said Dr. Schott.

Staph infections are caused by Staphylococcus bacteria. According to Dr. Schott, one can contract the illness by coming into direct contact with an infected person or coming in contact with a contaminated surface. "The microbe needs to get inside of you, so it has to come into contact with an open wound, or enter you mouth or nasal passages," said Dr. Schott.

Not all staphylococcus bacteria cause a Staph infection. "The majority of staphylococcus bacteria are harmless but pathogenic and can cause a variety of illnesses including pneumonia, mastitis, meningitis, urinary tract infections, food poisoning, and the ever infamous- toxic shock syndrome," said Dr. Schott.

"Obviously it's a threat to those who have it, but I'm not sure how much of a threat staph infections actually are to the general population. I don't think we are talking about the end of civilization as we know it," said Dr. Schott.

Library technology program merits national award

Bradley Moody '09
Staff Writer

A shiny crystal object recently took its place in the Ann Scott Carell Library, designating it the National School Library Media Program of the Year. The obelisk-shaped award is sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians and goes to libraries that effectively provide students and faculty with ideas and information, and that have are "exemplary…media programs that are fully integrated into the school's curriculum."

What that means, according to Library Director Ms. Karen Douse, is that "teachers and librarians work together to plan how students will use the library for classroom work." Harpeth Hall was particularly commended for these characteristics: encouragement to read (students here read a lot), strong use of the library, excellent use of research sources through the library, and the aforementioned strong teacher-librarian relationships.

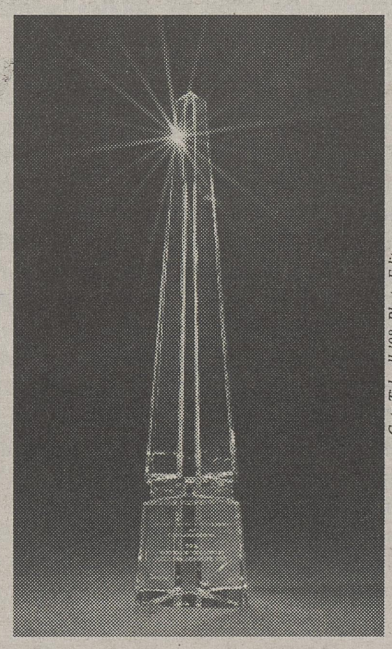
The award itself, a crystal obelisk, is intended to represent the beacon of knowledge that the library shines on the school. The Greek definition of an obelisk is a pointed object. The Egyptians made colossal obelisks from indigenous rocks, and they were characteristic monuments found all over the kingdom.

Since the obelisk in the library is crystal clear, the sun hits it at different angles, causing explosions of color and light. Because it is such a prestigious award, the librarians have placed it in a locked cabinet to the right of the fireplace to be admired by the students and faculty.

"I think it's a privilege to be given such a great honor, as young as the library is," said Christina Chapman ('10). Some, however, aren't as attached to the crystal sculpture as the librarians. "I must say I am indifferent to the reception of the award," said Ellen Thomas ('09). "I suppose it's an honor, but all it means to us as students is that we have a new decoration for the library that we love. We already appreciate and love the library, and this award has no effect on that."

Receiving the obelisk as a prize seemed quite fitting to Ms. Douse, who said, "I wasn't surprised [that the award] was an obelisk, but I was surprised it was expensive Baccarat crystal."

Ms. Douse and the library staff were notified of their nomination for the prestigious award about a year ago as they filled out their



Cate Tidwell '08 Photo Editor

The obelisk was presented to the Ann Scott Carell Library and Harpeth Hall School in an assembly this November.



Ms. Dottie Cocker

Ms. Patchett reads a portion of her newly released novel, *Run*. She elicited thunderous response from students with the following advice, "You can live a beautiful life without calculus, but you must be able to articulate your thoughts and feelings through writing."



Ms. Dottie Cocker

Freshman and Sophomore English students pose with Ms. Patchett. She met with several English classes in the library for informal fireside chats.

In Brief:

Whole Foods Burglary

Channing Garber '09
News Editor

The new Hill Center has become an essential shopping destination for many in the Green Hills area; however shoppers may want to make themselves more cautious when visiting this center. On sunday, Nov. 25, Lisa Cheek, a Green Hills resident, was assaulted and robbed of her purse in the parking garage of the Whole Foods store.

"[I] turned around and an African American guy with a big black hooded jacket, baggy clothes and a black scarf was pulling my purse away," Cheek recounted, in an email. "When I pulled it back he clocked me in the head with something hard in his hand."

Cheek screamed for help, and the man "jumped in a black Grand Am with tinted windows and unmarked plates…and drove off." According to Cheek's account, a bystander tried to chase the vehicle to catch the license plate number, but was unable to catch up to the car. While Ms. Cheek's purse was stolen, she managed to leave the encounter with only a fat lip.

Cheek warned all women, "Be alert in any parking area and try not to be in a parking garage alone at night… all these sassy oversized purses we carry are big targets for thieves."

According to the Tennesseean, one woman, Bertina Baker, 24, has been arrested by Metro Police in connection with the robbery and is now facing charges of "aggravated robbery." Sharandon Patterson, 21, was also accused of involvement with the robbery; however, she has not yet been arrested.

New Summer Programs Director

Channing Garber '09
News Editor

Ms. Sukey Johnson has been hired as Harpeth Hall's new Summer Programs Director. Ms. Johnson, an alum, was recommended to the job as the program has grown so much.

Ms. Jennifer Adams, Ms. Martha Ross, and Ms. Lisa Keen will continue to work with the program and Ms. Johnson has many new ideas for adding to the current offerings for summer camps.

According to Ms. Johnson, new programs cover a wide range of interests from robotics camps to Mother-Daughter Yoga classes, to digital photography.

"I want to keep high school students involved," said Ms. Johnson. She hopes to include more Harpeth Hall students as counselors for camps and hopes that all students will consider applying to be a counselor as a summer job for a week or two.

Justice League attends Darfur rally

Kaity Krupp '09
Opinions Editor

They marched down West End brandishing signs emblazoned with the English and Chinese words for 'Peace,' 'Hope,' and 'Dream,' shouting "What do we want? One world! What do we want? One Dream!"

Members of the Justice League protested China's violent involvement in Darfur Dec. 2. The goal of the protest was to demand that China stop funding the genocide currently occuring in Darfur, a region in Sudan.

The events, which consisted of a protest and a rally, were christened the "Olympic Torch for Darfur." Due to China's involvement in both the 2008 Beijing Olympics and in Darfur, activists have dubbed the 2008 Games the "Genocide Olympics."

The march began on Vanderbilt's Olin Lawn and ended in the USN theater. Marchers trekked down West End chanting and waving signs.

Marching in the front of the throng of people was a man carrying a lighted Olympic torch. Every ten minutes or so a car honked in support of the protestors, who would cheer in response.

"This was my first peace protest," said Megan Wilson ('08). "It's very cool to support something I believe in."

About 200 people protested that Sunday, including students from USN, Vandy, Belmont, Fisk, Father Ryan and Harpeth Hall.

Rae Ellen Bichell ('08), MaryLu Noah ('08), Sarah Steeves ('08), Sam Williams ('08), and Megan Wilson, all members of the Justice League, attended the protest. Father Ryan had the strongest showing with about 30 students.

Margaret Noah, a former Harpeth Hall student, also attended. "I think we got a lot of attention from everyone, and attention means we made a difference," said Margaret, now a junior at Pope John Paul II High School.

When the protestors arrived at USN, they were ushered into the theater. The program kicked off with live music from a Sudanese rock band known as "Susa Musica."

After the music, two members of USN's STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) chapter, Jillian Berkman ('08) and Paige Caldwell ('08), gave a presentation about the atrocities in Darfur.



Kaity Krupp '09

Seniors Rae Ellen Bichell, Megan Wilson, and Samantha Williams hold signs at the Darfur Protest at Vanderbilt.

The presentation included official numbers like the death toll, 400,000; the amount of internally displaced people (IDP), 2.5 million; and the amount of people reliant on international aid for survival, 3 million.

Next came Big Kenny from the country music group Big & Rich. He spoke about what he saw in Darfur in October and then sang "Holy Water," captivating the audience with the emotion he infused into his last, heart-felt speech.

"There's slavery on our Earth still today," he said. "Over there, a person's life is worth about $33. It's time for all of us to wake up. If there's anyone who doesn't know what's going on – tell them. Start screaming about it. We've got to give a d*** about everybody, everywhere! That's how it starts and that's how we make it all better."

"My favorite part was when Big Kenny talked about his experience in Sudan," said Megan Wilson. "It's nice to know that this celebrity actually cares. He went over to Sudan and experienced what life was like for those people instead of just sympathizing with them."

The local activist groups organized the protest. These groups included Tennesseans Against Genocide (TAG), the Race Relations Institute (RRSO), and Amnesty International. STAND chapters from Vanderbilt, Donelson Christian Academy, and USN also helped organize the protest.

New science and language courses added

Channing Garber '09
News Editor

Several new courses have been added to the curriculum for the upcoming school year. In the science department, Anatomy and Physiology has been added as an elective science for juniors and seniors, while the Astronomy class has been modified for next year.

The Anatomy and Physiology class will be taught by Lisa Keen, Upper School Biology teacher. Ms. Keen believes the class will be a good course for those interested in pursuing "Health and Behavioral Sciences such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, nutrition, and dentistry" among other career paths. The science department first considered adding the class about five years ago, due to Ms. Keen's former experience in teaching the class at Hillwood High School, Centennial High School, and Battle Ground Academy. "Our goal is to attract students who were not planning on taking a fourth year of science," said Ms. Keen. "Whether a student can take [this course] on top of another science completely depends upon the work ethic and seriousness of the student to learn in the area of science."

The Astronomy elective for seniors has been changed to a 2-semester course in which students may take either one or both semesters of the course their senior year. Dr. Matthew Huddleston, upper school Physics and Astronomy teacher, said, "The hope is that offering separate semesters of astronomy will allow more flexibility in student schedules." The first semester of the class will be "Observational Astronomy," while the second semester will be "Cosmology and Stellar Evolution." The latter part of the class will focus on topics such as, "Big Bang theory, stellar evolution, nucleosynthesis, and black holes," according to Dr. Huddleston.

Chinese III has also been added as a third year course in our new Chinese language curriculum. Ms. Josephine Huang, upper school Chinese teacher, said, "In addition to the dialogue skills, the reading and writing skills using Chinese characters (primarily in computer tying) will be the emphasis for the course." Chinese has also been added as a language option for Middle School students.

There has been a push from the Justice League to add an Economics class to Harpeth Hall's curriculum. President of the Justice League, Kaity Krupp, circulated petitions for the addition of this class throughout the upper school. Kaity has presented her idea to Upper School Director Ms. Hill, and has also met with Headmistress Ann Teaff to present her idea. According to Ms. Teaff, the class is expected to be added in two years, as the new history curriculum allows for senior electives in two years; however, it will be considered as an option for next year.

Students attend People of Color Conference (cont'd)

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typically college students who had been conference attendees in years past. These staff members led discussions and exercises aimed to educate students on topics such as sexual orientation, race, religion, and socioeconomic status.

The conference also used a series of conference-wide exercises to broaden the students' viewpoints. One of the hallmark events, known as the "silent movement exercise," occurred Friday night as students were split into two groups of about 600 each and ushered into a cavernous meeting space.

Students filled the room, leaving an empty oval space in the middle. As staff members read out a certain religious, racial, socioeconomic, or sexual orientation affiliation, a student identifying with that affiliation would stand and walk into the oval space.

The event was designed for students to publicly declare their affiliation through silent movement and meet others who shared it with them. The entire event occurred in complete silence, to enable personal reflection and to underline the gravity of each student's public declaration.

This silent movement was later utilized in each home group, to allow for dialogues in a smaller group setting. Each activity served to make students think deeper about issues of diversity.

Harpeth Hall's delegates brimmed with enthusiastic praise for the conference. "I have never experienced anything like the SDLC in my entire life," said Asia Brown. "I've learned so much and bonded with so many people."

Delegate Courtney Vick had attended the conference in 2005, when it was held in Dallas, and returned to it this year to serve as a peer facilitator. She considers the conference to be "the best thing that happened to me during my time in high school."

Aashbir Grewal had a similar opinion. "When I got back from the trip, I felt like a different person," she said. "Little things just didn't seem to matter because we covered some really intense subjects at the conference."

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Emily Hong '10
Staff Writer

Musharraf declares state of emergency

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf declared an unconstitutional state of emergency in Pakistan on Nov. 3, a move which defied US urgings to move the country toward democracy and will delay the 2008 Parliamentary Elections.

According to the *New York Times*, Musharraf has begun to censor anti-government press, sparking opposition leaders to condemn his authoritarian actions. The Pakistani Supreme Court has been debating Musharraf's presidency, due to his overlapping position as Chief of Army Staff.

As reported by the Associated Press, in order to legitimize his presidency, Musharraf will resign from his position as Army Chief and will resume his title as a civilian president.

Paris riots again

Paris has erupted into violence following the death of two teenagers after their motorcycle collided with a police car in the suburban town of Villier-le-Bell. The poorer suburbs have long histories of grievances with the French government due to racial and economic tension.

The boys' families claim the accident was a hit-and-run, while the French police maintain that the teens were recklessly speeding and driving an unlicensed vehicle.

The *Times of London* reports that the violence has escalated into systematic attacks against the police, and that the rioting may spread in a fashion similar to the riots of 2005.

Typhoon hits Phillipines

Typhoon Mitag made landfall on Luzon Island in the Philippines Nov. 26. With winds up to 109 miles per hour, Mitag has caused the evacuation of up to 400,000 individuals, as reported by the AFP.

The Philippines have already experienced severe flooding from previous storms. The Los Angeles Times reported that 23 have gone missing and 12 have died in the aftermath of the storm.

Book Deal *(cont'd from p. 2)*

Ross makes it clear that as a writer he aims for truth, adding, "I hope that my writing at my best looks at these relationships really honestly."

Because his publishers plan to release the novel before the collection of stories, students won't be picking up his books from Davis Kidd any time soon. Mr. Ross's novel will be on bookstore shelves in fall 2009.

Once in a Lifetime

"Talkies" Turn Tinsel Town Topsy-Turvy!

Ryllis Lyle '09
Arts Editor

Once In a Lifetime, MBA's fall show, kicked off at 7:00 p.m. at MBA on Nov. 29. *Once in a Lifetime* paints the very colorful picture of the film industry in the late 1920s, where silent films were being taken over by the "talkies."

Three struggling New-York actors, May Daniels (played by Caroline Winsett '09), Jerry Hyland (played by Brendan Mayhew '08), and George Lewis (played by Bennett Davidson '08), quickly realize that a revolution is taking place in Hollywood. They sell their act and travel to California to start a school of elocution for the new talking actors. Along the way, they come across some outrageous characters that one could only find in Hollywood.

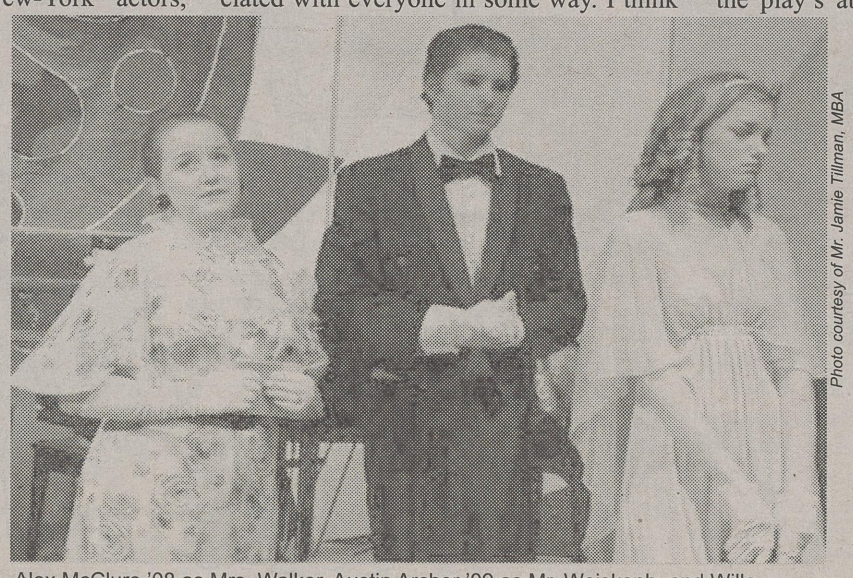


Photo courtesy of Mr. Jamie Tillman, MBA

Alex McClure '08 as Mrs. Walker, Austin Archer '09 as Mr. Weiskoph, and Willa Fitzgerald '09 as Miss Susan Walker.

Onstage, everything that happened resulted in utter chaos, and backstage, it was just the same. With 40 plus people involved in both the cast and tech crews, it was definitely a difficult show to put on successfully.

Because so many people were involved in this show, it was difficult to not lose costume pieces or your sanity. However, this show had so much energy. A great sense of camaraderie was created. "It's a huge cast and crew and it's really cool to get to know tons of new people," said Anna Carro '11.

"Also, in this play everyone has a role, there's no ensemble, so everyone is associated with everyone in some way. I think that has helped us to be united as a cast."

The set was also quite fantastic. A big film reel was the backdrop; in front of it was a multicolored arch. Hiding behind two paintings were two black-and-white, life sized, light up pictures of "Dr." George Lewis, which made an appearance in act three.

"This has been a huge production, almost the size of a musical. I'm on costumes crew, and there are so many costumes, especially extravagant ones since the play's about Hollywood. It's been a bit hectic, but really fun as well." Said Blythe Cate '09.

Members of the tech crew were as frazzled as the actors in this show. On Sunday, both the cast and the crew participated in "strike," which is when everyone dismantles the set. This only took two hours because the cast and crews were so large.

Once in a Lifetime was a huge success, and director Dr. Cal Fuller was very proud of what the cast and crews accomplished. As anticipated, the audience members were in stitches throughout the whole show, giving the actors on stage even more energy.

On stage next for MBA is *The Visit*, directed by Malcolm Morrison. This show will take place in late February.



Cate Tidwell, Photo Editor

Carolyn Murdock '08 as Helen Hobart amazes the train passengers.



Cate Tidwell, Photo Editor

The famous Willa Fitzgerald as Miss Susan Walker waves to her adoring fans.

Student Art Showcase



Pieces by Art III student Arianna Burkhardt '09



MBA vs. HH THEATER

Maria Asad '10
Staff Writer

With Harpeth Hall's storied theater collaborations with MBA, and now the Nashville School of the Arts, you might be wondering about the comparisons between the theater departments and student participation.

MBA has three directors, but no DJ Ranta equivalent. "Actors and techies are shared between the schools, and there's a lot of collaboration outside of the musical," said Ms. Janette Klocko.

The directors select shows to give students performance opportunities in a variety of styles. The directors don't consult each other on show choice, outside of taking care not to stage a Shakespeare production simultaneously. "Each school prefers shows with their gender protagonist and the director's different taste," said Ms. Klocko. With their show, *The Visit*, and its female lead, MBA is deviating from the norm.

Both schools have the same amount of support from its administration and community, and the same number of prospective theater majors—"there's a surge of them this year," she said.

The directors have the same ideological approaches concerning acting and directing, though Ms. Klocko chooses not to participate in the One-Act Competition, stating that "acting isn't a contest."

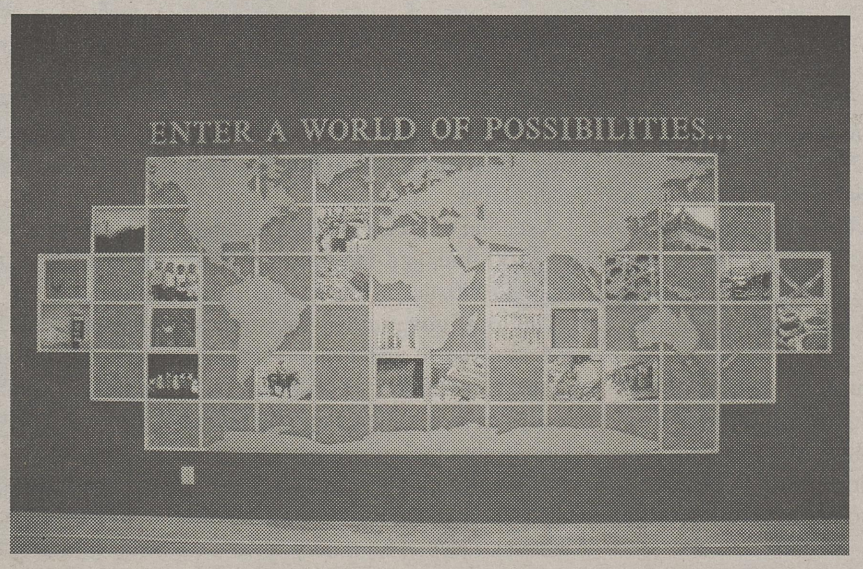
In technical matters, there are pros and cons for each school. MBA has a newer theater, a larger sound booth and backstage, but a much smaller seating capacity. The Harpeth Hall stage was also designed to be conducive to dramatic performance, while their stage is multipurpose.

MBA also collaborates with St. Cecilia on a small scale. Harpeth Hall's new collaborations with the Nashville School of the Arts detracts from our established connection with MBA.

"I love the collaboration. We [the directors] are close enough in belief and background that we work really well together." Ms. Klocko said.

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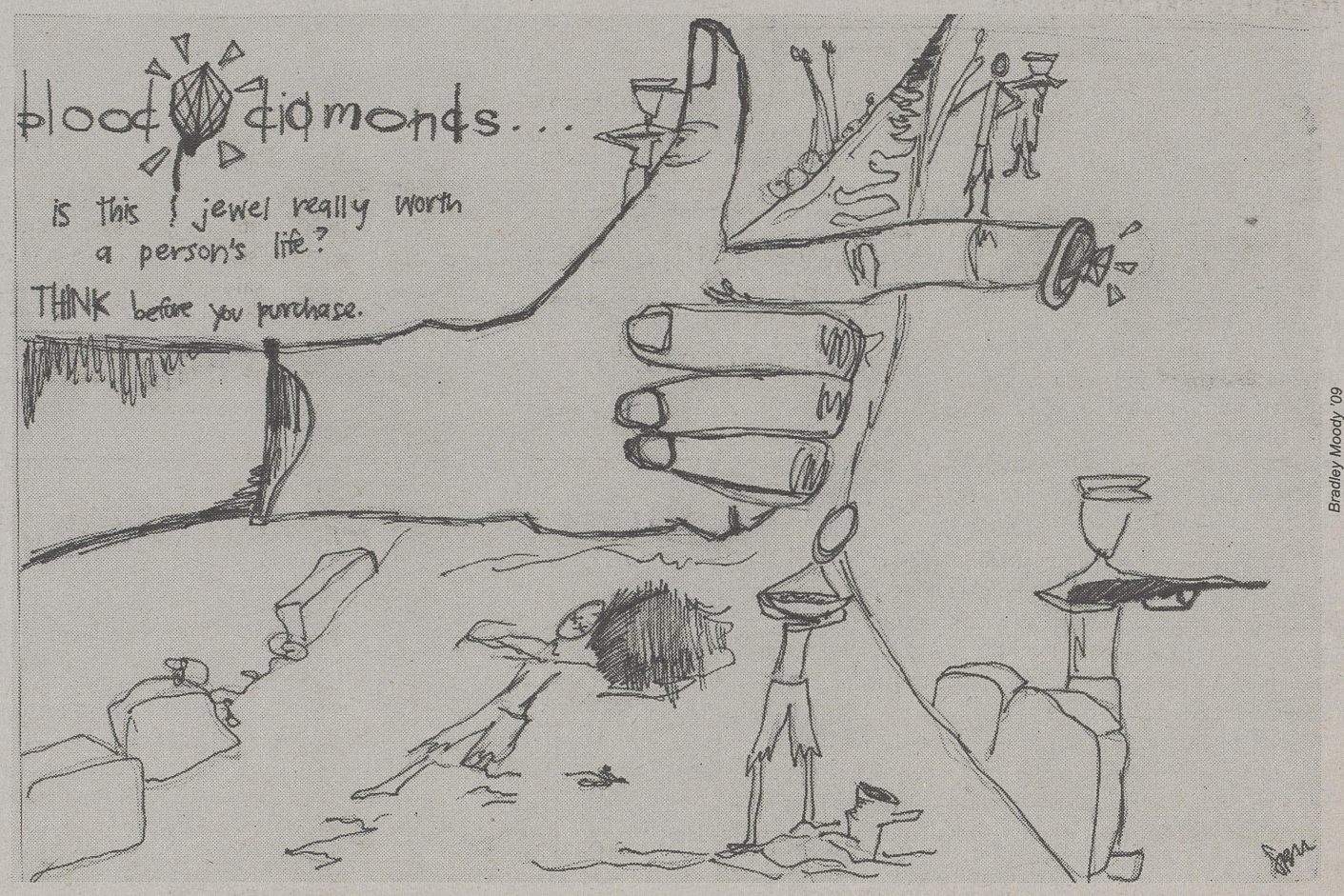
The new Middle School Mural



As you enter the Middle School for lunch, take a look at the new mural. This mural exhibits pictures taken around the world from students as well as faculty. The images inside the mural can be easily interchanged, just as the world around us is changing. Mrs. Malone and Ms. Curry were a part of the design team that made this testament to globalization possible.

The violent reality of blood diamonds

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Staff Writer



Bradley Moody '09

When presented with an engagement ring, who really stops to think about the human rights violations a continent away? According to an article in the *Boston Globe*, as much as 4 percent of the world's rough diamond resources are being used to buy weapons and support civil wars in many African countries, particularly Sierra Leone and Liberia. Even worse, as violent militia gain power over the diamond mining industry and profits, they force Africans into slavery at the diamond mines.

The widespread popularity of the movie *Blood Diamond* has made the nation minimally aware of the conflict at the root of diamond mining. But has the influence of the movie gone so far as to affect the Harpeth Hall community?

Only about 25 percent of Harpeth Hall girls surveyed had seen *Blood Diamond*, although virtually all had heard of it. All of the girls said their families or someone close to them owned diamond jewelry. As of now, I just don't know anything about it," said Claire Ballew ('09). Claire's statement was echoed in a majority of the girls' responses.

"If I were to buy one myself, having watched the movie, I would make sure it had been mined in the appropriate way. Anyone who is close enough to me to give me a diamond would know how I feel about it," said Ms. Croker. "But it's tricky, with a gift. You would probably just accept it and say thanks very much."

Does the importance of the source of the diamond differ if one is receiving a gift rather than picking one out? "I would accept it because I would feel guilty… not accepting it," said Blake Stadler, '08.

As a whole, the Harpeth Hall community seemed to be concerned with the civil unrest and human rights violations associated with diamond mining. However, most were unaware of what is going on in Africa.

Even though "Blood Diamond" isn't an appropriate movie for some of the younger members of the student body, it is important that the media builds on the movie's success in creating more awareness.

The best way to prevent fueling this corrupt market is to learn more about the conflicts and to urge others to follow suit.

"I really do wish more people could see *Blood Diamond*, because it's a good movie, period. But it also points to an important injustice in our society," said Ms. Croker. "I have a sapphire for my engagement ring; I know everybody reveres the diamond, but it doesn't have to be the only stone that is desired. [The issue] also tells us that we need to watch out for whatever we're getting. Coral is really beautiful, but do we want to wear coral jewelry and destroy coral reefs around the world?"

Though the strong capitalist markets of developed countries will always lend some support to products that are cultivated in violation of human rights, there are ways to help. The Kimberley Process, a certification scheme started in 2003, requires countries that export diamonds to screen all diamonds, verifying the gems' conflict-free origins. This way a consumer can avoid buying stones from countries that are funding civil war and using slave labor.

The Kimberley Process has been instituted in 71 countries. However, this does not mean it is a fool-proof method. There have been reports of false certificates issued by corrupt governments, and diamonds have been smuggled from countries like Sierra Leone into other countries before shipping.

One way to put pressure on the African market is to buy Canadian diamonds; Canada only sells diamonds that have been mined and cut in the country.

Unfortunately, Africa supplies about $8.4 billion in diamonds each year, making business competition an unlikely possibility.

Further complicating the situation, "[the U.S. is] the largest supplier of small arms weapons in the world," said Mr. Tony Springman, Current Issues teacher. "Ninety percent of the weapons used for these conflicts in countries in Africa are bought outside the country… American business is profiting from conflicts like these, and then we turn around and give billions of dollars in aid."

Although diamonds have caused much suffering in Africa, uncorrupt diamond mines also employ and feed many Africans. The morality of the situation is far from black and white. It is certain that our thirst for diamonds is funding civil wars in some countries. By thinking twice about the source of a diamond or doing a little fact checking before purchasing, every student can play a role in encouraging the government to use its market power to support human rights.

Lake Lanier's disappearing act:
Atlanta faces century's worst drought

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Wells drilled in backyards, boats lying high and dry on red, cracked clay, and public phones installed to report on cheating neighbors. No, this isn't a desert teeming with paranoid inhabitants. It's Atlanta, GA, home of the nation's worst drought.

"It's the type of drought that we expect to see about once in 100 years," said David Stooksbury, a climatologist at Georgia State, according to ABC News.

Experts blame the drought on a number of factors: the severe lack of rainfall, prolonged overuse of Atlanta's water reservoir, the city's exploding population, and the miscalculations of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

This year has seen only twenty inches of rain – half of Atlanta's usual amount. This lack of rainfall has exacerbated the over-use of Lake Lanier, Atlanta's primary source of water. The reservoir is 16 feet below normal capacity, a depleted level that has not been seen since it was built in 1950. According to the *New York Times*, Lake Lanier could dry up completely in as little as 66 days. In a conflicting report from NBC, north Georgia can last until early fall if conditions remain the same.

The day before this hydro-scandal broke, Georgia governor Sonny Perdue had asked God to forgive Atlanta for its wasteful consumption of water.

Tennessee has also been suffering the effects of the drought. Since Sept. 11, over half of Tennessee endured an exceptional drought, which, according to T*he Tennessean*, resulted in "exceptional and widespread crop/pasture losses; shortages of water in reservoirs, and wells, [thus] creating water emergencies."

Since August, the tiny Tennessee town of Orme has had water shipments delivered by fire truck because of the drought, and in early November the Tennessee Emergency Mandatory Agency reported that twenty of Tennessee's water apparatuses had to function under conditions of water shortages.

A second offense results in a fine of $100, a third results in a $500 fine, and the fourth offense is rewarded with a fine of $1000, according to *The Atlanta Voice*.

The local government has suggested that residents reuse bathwater to water plants and flush the toilet less frequently. Despite such restrictions, one Georgia homeowner was discovered to be using 14,700 gallons of water a day, which is about ten times what the average American uses.

Originally, the US Army Corps of Engineers had continued to ship Georgia's precious water to Florida and Alabama. Despite an outcry from Georgia's residents, the Army Corps refused to relent until the middle of November, when they finally allowed 5 to 17 percent of the exported water to remain in Georgia.

Can students jam while they cram?

Rohini Chakravarthy '10

Staff Writer

It's F block and many students are trying to get their homework done. At one table, Coldplay plays from sophomore Christina Chapman's laptop as she does her history homework. At another, Emily Hong '10 struggles over an Algebra II problem because she's distracted by the music. But is music helpful or distracting?

> "It takes about eight seconds of intent focus to process a piece of information."

When music is used for "novelty or sensory stimulation," it can be beneficial. According to Ms. Skelley, Academic Enrichment Director, "Memory is like muscular strength; the more you work out your brain the better you'll be able to remember information." Novelty and sensory stimulation basically implies breaking the way you normally study and trying something new, which will help the brain remember facts. One example of novelty stimulation is using music as a study tool, such as making songs to memorize prepositions.

Gwen Skelley, said, "Music is almost always distracting… It takes about eight seconds of intent focus to process a piece of information and if you are distracted during those eight seconds the information may not be properly stored."

Ms. Skelley also says that listening to music can be good if it blocks out other noise, like conversations, because this noise can be more distracting.

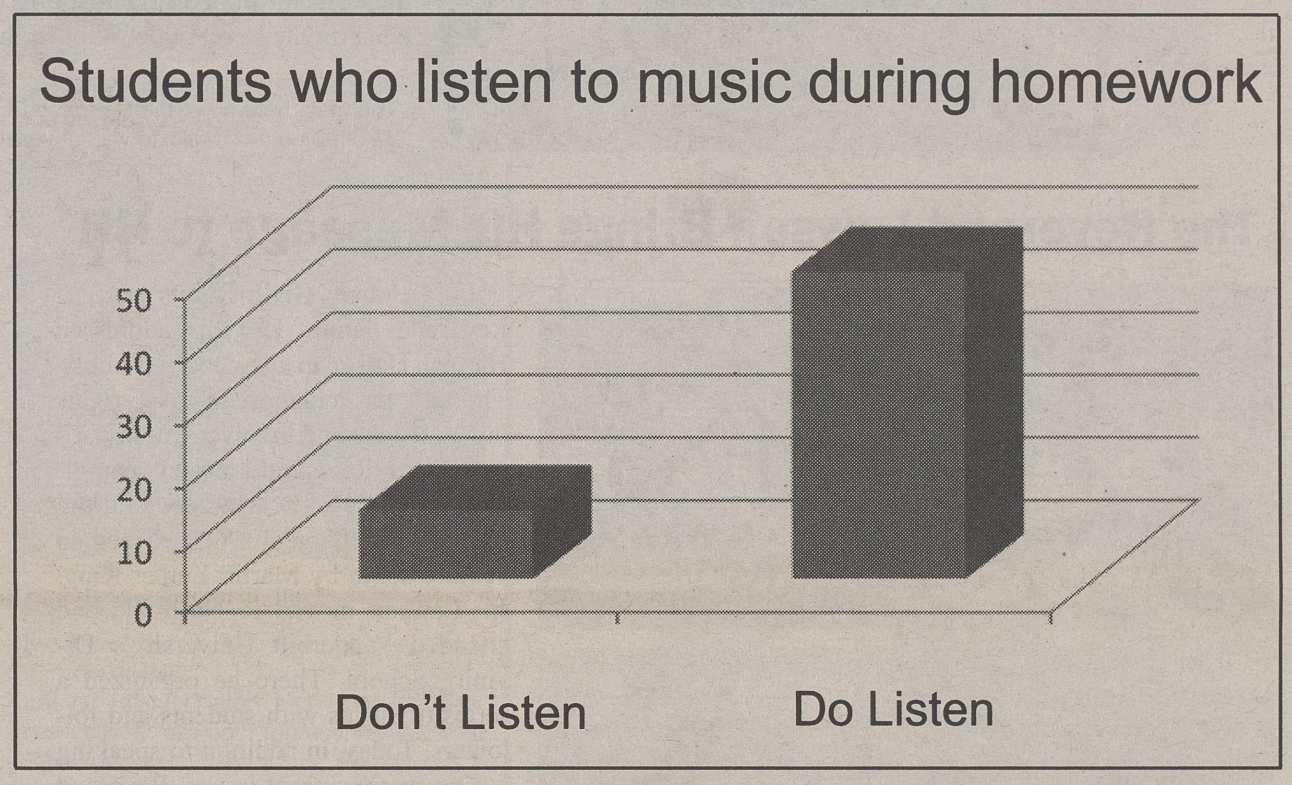
Many students argue that listening to music while doing their homework helps them concentrate. In fact, in a poll of 60 students conducted in October, 82 percent said that they listened to music while they did their homework. Almost half of these students thought that the music helped them concentrate.

"It helps me stay focused when writing essays" said Alex McClure '08. Rae Ellen Bichell '08 said, "Music helps me stay awake."

Does the type of music make any difference? Generally students listened to alternative, country, upbeat, classical or calmer songs. Ellen Thomas '09 said, "After Erin Brooks' senior speech, I listened to Beethoven all day before an AP Euro test. It was unreal how much it helped."

Results showed that the type of music and the subject of homework didn't matter. Some students, like Sabrina Mohsenin '10, complained that they couldn't listen to music while reading because it was too distracting, but could listen to music while doing work from other classes.

According to Ms. Skelley, there is little doubt among scientists that listening to music while doing homework is not helpful. However, 82 percent of the students surveyed at Harpeth Hall continue to listen to music while doing their homework.



True Hollywood story: *Willa Fitzgerald*

Madeline Wiseman '09

Staff Writer

We have a star in our midst. Willa Fitzgerald '09 has a profile on IMDB, the Internet Movie Database.

Willa filmed a mini-TV series for the Methodist Publishing House throughout September. She auditioned to get the role and filmed downtown at the Methodist studios.

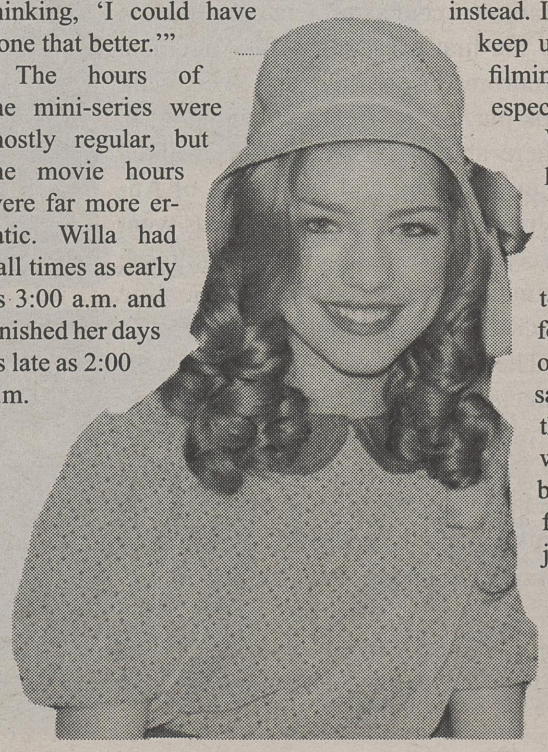
The series is about four friends in high school. Willa's character was the "quirky and creative" Ellis. "At one point she thought she needed to fit in more, so she changed her outside look and clothes," Willa said. "But her friends assured her that she didn't need to change."

Last year, Willa filmed the movie *For the Love of a Dog*, which will come out in Hollywood Video sometime in December. In the movie, Willa plays a character named Vivian. Her best friend Grace's beloved dog gets cancer, and her family doesn't have enough money for surgery.

Willa filmed the movie in Fayetteville, TN, which she guessed has a population of around 200. "There was one hotel there, a Best Western. And there was a Wal-Mart," said Willa.

Willa attended the movie premiere on Sept. 14. "It's really weird to watch yourself act because you're constantly critiquing yourself," said Willa. "I could barely watch the movie because the entire time I was sitting there thinking, 'I could have done that better.'"

The hours of the mini-series were mostly regular, but the movie hours were far more erratic. Willa had call times as early as 3:00 a.m. and finished her days as late as 2:00 a.m.



Willa missed school for both jobs, but her teachers were understanding and helpful. For the mini-series, she was able to attend A period before heading downtown to film. Her A period class is Journalism, but Ms. Croker allowed her to attend Precalculus instead. It was harder for Willa to keep up with her classes when filming the out-of-town movie, especially chemistry labs.

Willa is interested in pursuing an acting career as long as it doesn't interfere with school too much. "I don't want to forfeit my education for something that may or may not happen," she said. She is considering the theater department when looking at colleges, but she is also looking into fields like psychology and journalism.

Willa is on her way to the top– maybe Harpeth Hall will have another Oscar-winning alumna in its future.

Think Tank: Combating Stress

Katie Schull '09

Staff Writer

A Harpeth Hall girl is usually synonymous to a bundle of stress. We obsess over the next European test like it's the apocalypse, we stay up to all hours of the night finishing work, and we have about a million extracurricular commitments.

But this holiday season there is an easy solution to our anxiety: fish. According to a recent study by Purdue University, gazing at a fish for 20 minutes leads to a significant decrease in blood pressure. So purchasing a fish may be the most therapeutic thing you can do when those anxiety attacks come around.

Having a fish brings about the joy of having a pet without a whole lot of work. Just a twice-a-day feeding and a bowl cleaning once a week is all that is necessary to enjoy the wonders of a fish. I should know as I recently became the proud owner of a red-blue betta fish, more affectionately known as Friar Laurence.

Whenever I look at the Friar, I am both amazed and soothed by how simple his life is. He wakes up in the morning, swims to the top of his tank for a quick breakfast, and then spends the rest of the day swimming through his plastic barrels. In the evening, we have our discussion of the day. I tell him about everything that happened at school and the homework that I must work on tonight. He flaps his fins around and considers all of what I have told him. Talking to Friar Laurence is a good way to vent off the stress of the day. Even if we don't have time for a full discussion, just looking at his vibrant scales is enough to boost my spirits.

The Biggest Events of At Harpeth Hall...

Hortense Bigelow Ingram Upper School Is Unveiled



The main hallway of the Hortense Bigelow Upper School, in a rare moment of silence. The $7.5 million new building was unveiled on Jan. 23.

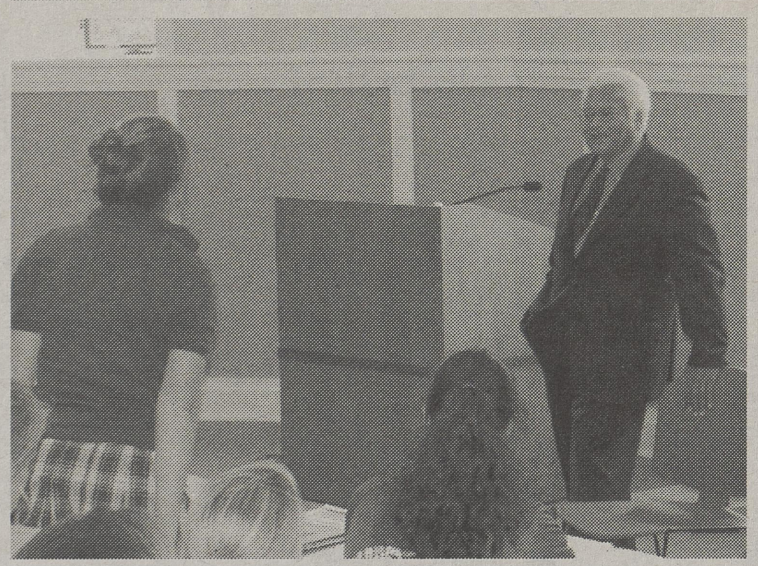
The Hortense Bigelow Ingram Upper School was unveiled to Harpeth Hall students returning from Winterim in January. The sophomores and seniors in particular celebrated the opening of the new Upper School after having been quartered in trailers behind Souby Hall for the entire first semester. Freshman and sophomores are also excited, as the two new pods offer larger lockers and increased study space.

The new building features huge skylights, giant bulletin boards, and even a wing on the lowest floor dubbed the Croker Corridor. It wasn't long before seniors broke in the new building by rollerblading down the main hallway on Senior Prank Day. The new upper school was accompanied by a renovation of Bullard Gym.

The Hortense Bigelow Ingram Upper School is a beautiful counterpart to the Daugh W. Smith Middle School, which opened in fall of 2004. Now Harpeth Hall girls will be able to go through two state-of-the-art buildings as they progress from middle school to high school.

The Reverend Lawson Brings His Message to HH





On October 23, Reverend Lawson spoke to Harpeth Hall about his role in the Civil Rights Movement. Here he answered students' questions at a discussion session after the assembly.

In October, Civil Rights activist Reverend James Lawson addressed Harpeth Hall at an all-school assembly. Through participation in civil rights organizations and involvement in various sit-ins, Reverend Lawson championed a policy of non-violence during the racially-charged 1960s. Urged to venture south by Martin Luther King, Jr., Lawson moved to Nashville and attended Vanderbilt University's Divinity School. There he organized a series of sit-ins with students and followers. Today, in addition to speaking out on many current issues, Reverend Lawson continues to educate students in nonviolent resistance. An unmoving symbol of nonviolence throughout the Civil Rights Movement, Reverend Lawson sparked much discussion on Harpeth Hall's campus.

HH Goes Green

The Green Team, founded in 2007, is a committee of faculty, students, and staff committed and united by the common goal to increase environmental consciousness. Initially titled the Environmental Stewardship Committee, the Green Team was formed by Ms. Teaff as a group of dedicated and involved members of the community to make Harpeth Hall greener.

During meetings, concerns over the school's environmental policy were voiced, and solutions have been enacted. The Green Team has increased Harpeth Hall's number of recycle bins, provided compostable plates and bowls in the place of the plastic bins, encouraged the use of plastic, supported and participated in the sale of green tea to decrease Harpeth Hall's carbon footprint, and increased environmental awareness. The Green Team aspires to motivate Harpeth Hall and to change Harpeth Hall to be a more environmentally conscious school.

Swim Team Sweeps State



For the seventh year in a row, the swim team won the state championship. The team's consecutive wins have set a state record.

Angelman Walk-A-Thon Raises $20,000

Rae Ellen Bichell, senior, and Jacquie Watlington, Director of Service Learning acted as project coordinators for the first ever Nashville Angelman Syndrome Walk-a-Thon. The walk took place May 19 at Centennial Park, where about 120 participants walked to raise money and awareness of Angelman Syndrome. All proceeds went directly to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation in order to fund scientific studies on the rare genetic disorder.

The 32 HH student and faculty volunteers were instrumental in securing corporate sponsors, food, and publicity for the event. Instead of meeting the initial goal of $3,000, the Nashville Walk-a-Thon raised $20,749, enough to single-handedly fund three studies.





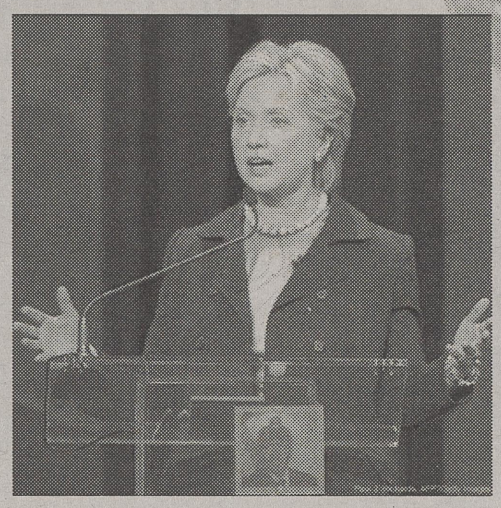
right: Members of both the Harpeth Hall and Nashville communities participated in the city's first Angelman Walk-a-Thon.

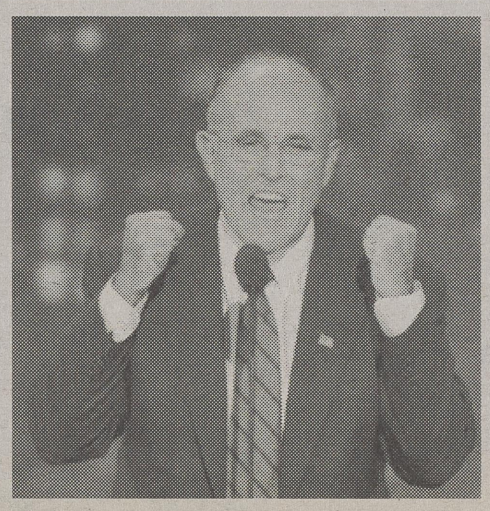
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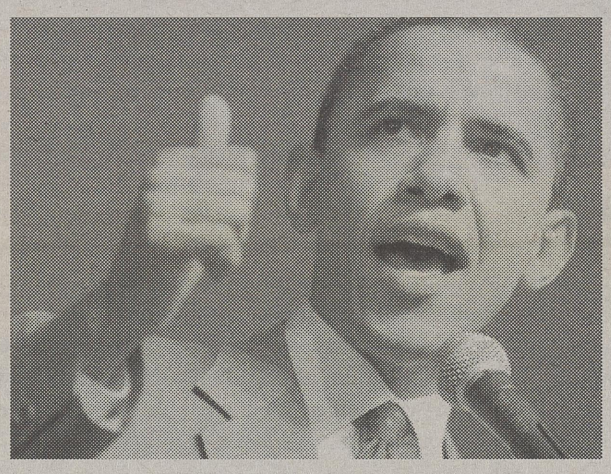
2008 Presidential Race Takes Off

Of all the events of 2007, nothing has caught more attention than the presidential race. With Hilary Clinton's declaration of candidacy in January, Rudy Giuliani's in February, and Barack Obama's in May, the potential candidates have dominated the news. The most visible faces of 2007, the presidential hopefuls have made themselves heard through all forms of the media. While Hilary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John Edwards lead in Democratic polls, Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, and Mitt Romney top the Republican polls.

As the candidates vie for their party's nomination, attacks have been focused on their fellow party members. Until the nominations are decided, candidates will continue to distinguish themselves from fellow party members by, as has already become evident, any means possible. As Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama lead the Democrat hopefuls, the 2008 race is the first in which both a woman and a black man are forerunners in the polls. With January's Iowa Caucus fast approaching, coverage of the presidential race has no imminent conclusion.

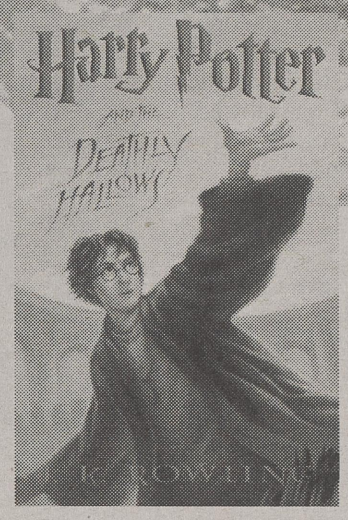






left: Barack Obama, currently the number two Democrat in polls, is a one-term senator from Illinois.
above: Hilary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani, respectively, are both representatives from New York.

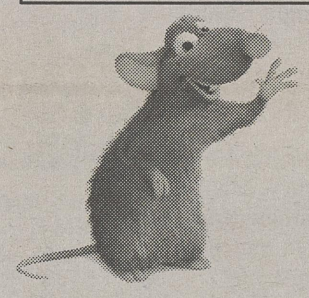
Harry Potter Comes to a Close



J.K. Rowling's last installment of the Harry Potter series was published this summer. Finally concluding the life-long battle between Harry and Voldemort, the seventh book left no questions unanswered. While there are still two movies left to be made, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows is the final book.

Top 10 Movies of 2007

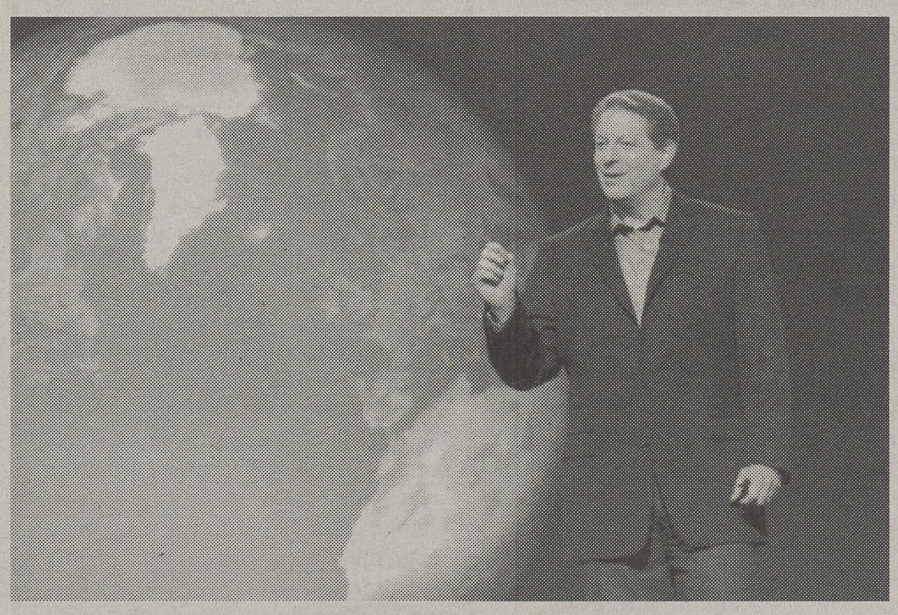
1. Spiderman 3	$336
2. Shrek the Third	$320
3. Transformers	$319
4. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End	$309
5. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	$291
6. The Bourne Ultimatum	$227
7. Ratatouille	$206
8. The Simpsons Movie	$183
9. Wild Hogs	$168
10. Knocked Up	$148







Al Gore Wins the Nobel Peace Prize



Stem Cell Breakthrough Is Made

This November, scientists were able to transform human skin cells into what seem to be embryonic cells. By bypassing the need to kill human embryos, this breakthrough may be the solution to the dispute surrounding the controversial research. Arguments have been made over the ethical use of embryonic cells, causing a split between federal and many state governments. If it is found that skin cells are in fact able to be transformed into embryonic cells, ethical concerns will no longer halt the ground-breaking research.

Stem cells are cells that have the ability to transform into many of the body's different cell types. One of the goals of stem cell research is to produce, for example, healthy heart cells and use them to treat patients with heart disease. Previously, stem cells have been obtained by creating embryos and, in extracting the stem cells, destroying the embryo. This new discovery has the possibility of quashing the heated debate over using human embryos, leaving researchers with the ability to conduct the potentially life-saving research uninhibitedly.

The iPhone Makes Its Debut



War Continues in Iraq



In September, General David Petraeus gave his Report to Congress on the Situation in Iraq. While it was reported that political progress had been made in Iraq, Petraeus also said that much was left to be done. The report came in conjunction with President Bush's troop surge, in which the number of American forces in Iraq was increased this year. In 2007 alone, roughly 900 Americans were killed in the war.

Books vs. Movies: What will pass the test?

Jasmine Miller '09
Staff Writer

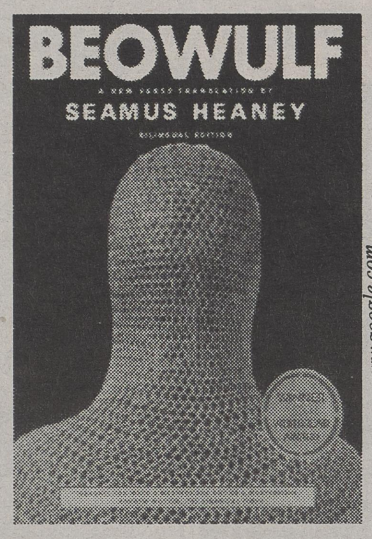
It seems as though every movie that came out this year is based on a book, from *August Rush* to The *Golden Compass* to *The Nanny Diaries*. Many famous works of literature, as well as children's books and popular fiction, are being adapted to the silver screen. Unfortunately, with this proliferation of adaptations comes the question, "Do I really need to read books anymore?" Well, if you want to pass English, the answer is, for the most part, yes.

In my opinion, there are three types of book adaptations for film. There are those that spring from page to screen, those that more or less follow the plot of the novel, and those that make absolutely no sense. An example of each of these respectively is Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, and the epic poem *Beowulf*.

Many of Shakespeare's plays have been made into movies, and the majority of these films are of a high caliber.I had the pleasure of reading *Much Ado About Nothing* last year in English class, as well as watching the film of the same name. The film used dialogue straight from the book and followed the plot of the play exactly.

When it comes to Shakespeare, English teachers usually want you to see the movie versions because the plays were naturally written to be performed. But could you watch the movie instead of reading the book? Maybe. You would certainly know what happened in the play, but when it comes to deeper analysis of the play's themes, you might have some trouble. There are lots of things that are hard to catch in Shakespeare, especially since he writes on so many different levels. So, if you're merely content with passing a quiz or test, you might be able to get by.

Then comes the classic *Pride and Prejudice*, which has served as the basis for many movies and miniseries. There are several excellent film adaptations of this novel, the most recent starring Keira Knightly as Elizabeth Bennet and Matthew Macfadyen as Mr. Darcy. This adaptation garnered rave reviews from many critics and was even hailed as the best adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* yet.



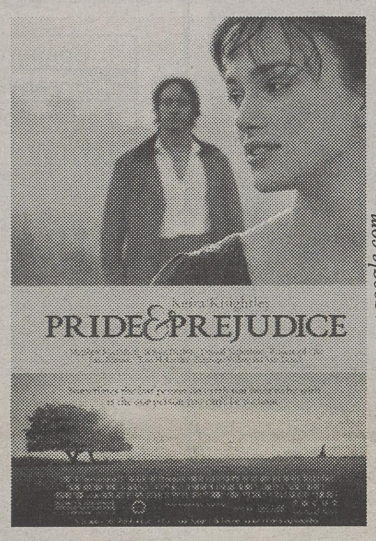
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Seamus Heaney's translation of the epic Old English Poem.



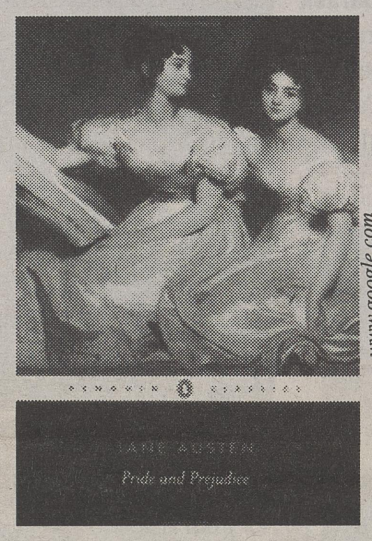
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Angelina Jolie as Grendel's sultry, scantily clad, seductive mother.



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Keira Knightley and Matthew Macfayden as Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy and Miss Elizabeth Bennet.



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A traditional cover of Jane Austen's beloved second novel.

But would watching this movie be enough to garner a rave review from your English teacher? Probably not. Jane Austen's book is about 300 pages long, and a movie script would be about 120 (for a two-hour flick), so about half of the material would have to be cut out. In the 2005 version, many supporting characters were taken out, several major events were shortened, and most of the characters' reflections on events were omitted.

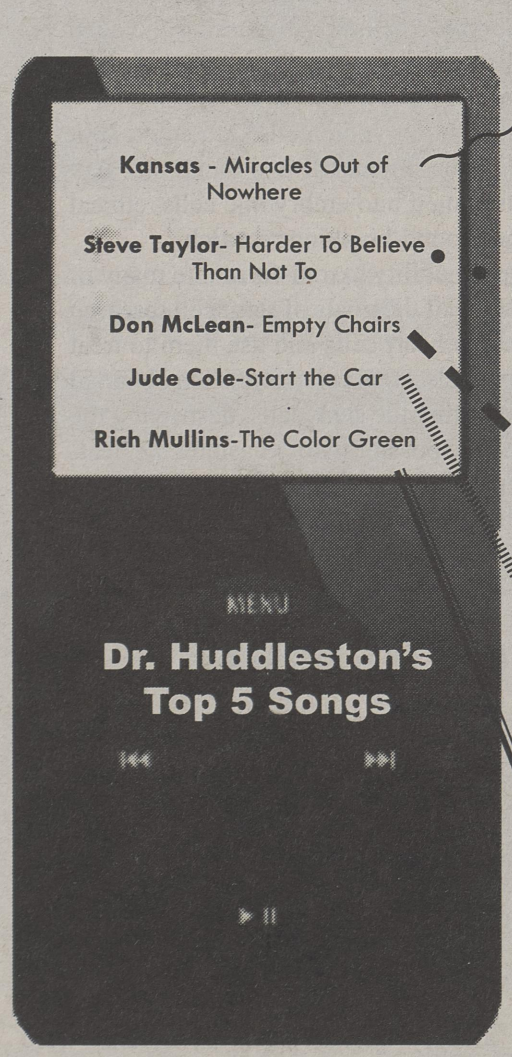
If you were to take a test on *Pride and Prejudice* after watching the movie, you wouldn't be able to identify any quotes or write about any of the missing characters, scenes, or even comment on Jane Austen's writing style. Even though the movie follows the book pretty closely, it can not possibly encompass everything the entire plot and doesn't use Austen's narration style, unlike a Shakespeare play.

Last, and probably least, is the newly released film adaptation of *Beowulf*, which looks like it might be the worst movie ever made. The filmmakers took great liberties with the poem, inventing a whole storyline involving naked Angelina Jolie as Grendel's mother.

In the book, Grendel's mother is an evil hag who is killed off by Beowulf in the first half of the story, but in the movie, Grendel's mother is a seductive temptress who convinces Beowulf to have a child with her and is never actually killed. The movie also involves some sort of dealing with the Horn of Hrothgar that wasn't ever in the novel. So basically, if you tried to watch *Beowulf* instead of read it, you would be completely off track.

However faithful producers may be to original texts, the transition from paper to screen will inevitably entail major omissions. The reason that books make it into the curriculum usually depends on the author's skillful ability to present information, rather than just the bare content. So, the next time you stay up past midnight reading a book for English class, pat yourself on the back, because you're definitely doing yourself a favor.

Faculty iPod: Dr. Matthew Huddleston





"Miracles out of Nowhere" by Kansas. It is so hard to pick out my favorite Kansas song out of so many classics, but this song, with its philosophical ponderings delivered through a combination of rock and baroque, undoubtedly represents Kerry Livgren at his best, both musically and lyrically. This song just edged out other personal Kansas favorites including "Child of Innocence," "Pinnacle," and "Icarus."



"Harder To Believe Than Not To" by Steve Taylor. Lyrical mastermind Steve Taylor has an amazing way of combining clever, and sometimes irreverent, wordsmithing with profound theological insight. In this song, he adds a perfectly fitting melody that completes the package.



"Empty Chairs" by Don McLean. Although McLean supposedly preferred to sing upbeat and peppy tunes, his genius only emerged in his haunting and melancholy compositions such as this one, which still blows me away.



"Start the Car" by Jude Cole. I had to include a Jude Cole song on my list even though he lacks the lyrical depth of the others. Cole has an amazingly solid way of writing and performing, and I don't think there is single song of his I haven't liked. I still pull out this song whenever I'm heading out of town.



"The Color Green" by Rich Mullins. An extremely poetic song about the beauty of spring, penned by the passionate songwriter Rich Mullins, whose life was cut tragically short.

Magazines to Consider

Rae Bichell '08
Copy Editor

Surface

The motto of *Surface* is "substance and style," and it is just that. There are no personality tests, pages of fall fashion that will die once winter comes around, or excerpts of fabricated embarrassing moments. It skips over all of the hot pink adolescent drama, instead focusing on, as a line beneath the title says, "fashion, architecture, design." The pages are filled with oddities like sleeping bags that change color like a mood ring, giant metal musical instruments that double as sculptures, chairs shaped like eggs, and clothing made completely out of rubber and pleated paper.

Archaeology

Any art history aficionado or history buff will enjoy *Archaeology*. It is the *People* magazine of ancient history. More often than not, it contains an article about newly discovered tombs and civilizations, accompanied by pictures of a funky looking mummy or remnants of pottery and gold jewelry. The magazine reports on the most significant archaeological findings, which might range from a dangerous encounter with a band of looters to the discovery a murder that had remained unsolved for two thousand years.

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Back in the Day with Ms. Klocko

Parker Davis '11
Staff Writer



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The opening festivities of Carrascolendas.



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James Dean: the man made famous by his cardboard cut-out.

Janette Klocko, our ever beloved Theatre Teacher and Director, had a very unique and exciting teenage experience. Her mother owned and directed her own theater, helping to cultivate Ms. Klocko's passion for the art. From childhood through early adulthood, she took part in many productions with her mother's theater company, among others.

Nine-year-old Ms. Klocko got her first acting role while living in Austin, Texas. For two years, she was among the cast of a "Carrascolendas," a television show which she described as "a Spanish/English version of Sesame Street."

Following that, Ms. Klocko got her first role in a theater production as the little kangaroo named "Roo" in "Winnie the Pooh." Some of her favorite roles included Alexandra in "The Little Foxes," Fredrica in "A Little Night Music," Laura in "The Glass Menagerie," and Edna in "Come Back to the Five and Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean." This last role mentioned led to her eternal love for Jimmy Dean and her prized possession of a cardboard cutout of him which can be found in the Little Theater and which she treasures dearly.

During the course of a few years, Ms. Klocko moved four times, attending four different high schools in Louisiana and Texas. Her educational experience ranged from public school to private all-girls' school, and finally to the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts. Ms. Klocko's favorite high school memories took place at this school, where



half of her classes were theater courses. She graduated high school in 1980.

Her favorite courses were English and theatre. She had, and still maintains, an eclectic taste in music. Some of her favorite artists included The Who, Joni Mitchell, David Bowie, Jackson Brown, The Tubes, ELO, Bob Dylan, and countless others. As a young adult, she loved movies but always preferred theatre performances and music concerts. She was also an avid reader, dividing most of her time between fiction books and action. Her love of books has lasted to this day, as evidenced in her home and office.

Movie Review

Across the Universe



Bradley Moody '09

Sara Schott '10





As one of those girls who inherited Beatles fandom at a young age from my father, I was suspicious of Across the Universe's renovation of the classic songs. My wary expectations were exceeded, but it came nowhere near to fabulous.

Certain songs were overhauled so dramatically that it seemed the entire spirit of the song was lost. For example, the new rendition of All You Need Is Love begins with an acapella performance from Jim Sturgess that seemed to take away the upbeat, carefree nature of the song, particularly with the absence of those famous five chords following the lines of the chorus. Now while some songs were so different that it shocked me, there were ones, Hey Jude for example, that were practically identical to the originals. And as much as I love the songs, if they are remaking it, they should certainly add a little of their own flavor.

Despite these lapses to please my personal preference, one song in particular did appeal to me on the Across the Universe soundtrack. I appreciated their new version of Strawberry Fields Forever. So despite the dramatic change, the songs on this soundtrack alone are of a creative quality that I can appreciate. It is possible that had I not know the original so well, I would find that my opinion of the CD would be full of praise. But as it is, I would say nice try, but Let It Be and leave the Beatles as they are.

The Songs of Across the Universe



1. All My Loving
2. I Want To Hold Your Hand
3. It Won't Be Long
4. I've Just Seen A Face
5. Let It Be
6. Come Together
7. Something
8. I Am The Walrus
9. Oh Darling
10. Across The Universe
11. Helter Skelter
12. Strawberry Fields
13. Happiness Is A Warm Gun
14. Blackbird
15. Hey Jude
16. Lucy In The Sky



Bradley Moody '09

Claudia Crook '10

Across the Universe, in my opinion, did not live up to the hype it accumulated, but the soundtrack did a good job of not ruining the classic Beatles songs that were integrated into the movie. It's an undeniably difficult task to attempt to cover songs that Paul, John, George, and Ringo did so perfectly; some praise-worthy recordings did come out of this ambitious project.

T.V. Carpio sings a refreshing rendition of "I Want To Hold Your Hand" and "Let It Be" is wonderfully soulful. However, the majority of the other covers either lack the energy, emotion and soul that can only come from McCartney's vocals, or completely change Harrison's perfect solos.

The soundtrack was good. It was solid. The artists involved deserve their props, but to all the Fab 4 enthusiasts out there, you'd do well to stick with the original recordings.

RATING SCALE

One Hedgehog: Abysmal
Two Hedgehogs: Still bad
Three Hedgehogs: Getting Good
Four Hedgehogs: Great

Upcoming ...

CDs

Dec. 11
Mary J. Blige.....*Growing Pains*
Wu-Tang-Clan.....*The 8 Diagrams*

Dec. 18
Rod Stewart.....*Smiler*

Jan. 15, 2008
Ringo Starr.....*Liverpool 8*
Natasha Bedingfield....*Pocket Full of Sunshine*

Jan. 22, 2008
Catpower.....*Jukebox*
Drive-by Truckers.....*Brighter Than Creation's Dark*

Movies

The Kite Runner
Dec. 14





Atonement
Dec. 14

Sweeney Todd
Dec. 21





How She Move
Jan. 25, 2008

Events

Dec. 14
Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus
Sommet Center

Up to Dec. 23
A Victorian Christmas at the Belle Meade Plantation

Up to Dec. 30
The Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes

Dec. 20
Daughtry
Ryman Auditorium

Jan. 4, 2008
R. Kelley
Sommet Center

Feb. 12-18, 2008
Monty Python's Spamalot
TPAC

EDITORIALS

Flops and Props

Cassie Sanders '10
Staff Writer

Pants in the Uniform



The student council has been researching the idea of having pants in the uniform. At the recent student forum, senior Liz Barcus provided a sample of what the khaki pants would look like to the student body. This was received with mixed reaction, and the cons outweighing the pros. The general feel at the forum was that most students will not buy them, even if they are warmer than leggings. Also Harpeth Hall girls are known for wearing their plaid skirts, and the skirts show school pride. No matter what, students are not going to the pants even if they are introduced into the uniform. I know that I sure will not. Flop!

Green Tea Fundraiser



"The Cool Your School" tea project was created to sell organic green tea and to use the profit to buy energy blocks that would help erase the school's carbon foot print. The sophomore class then adopted this project as a fundraiser, and it's going nowhere. The project is great in theory, but in actuality it is just not working. The tea cost too much at $10 per tin, which consists of only 15 bags. At the grocery store you can buy a box of tea for a mere three dollars. The tea has also not been advertised well. This is a great project that might get back up on its feet, but as of now it is slowly failing. Unwillingly, I must say that this project Flops.

YouTube



In the beginning the mission of YouTube was so one "can see first-hand accounts of current events, find videos about their hobbies and interests, and discover the quirky and unusual." What started out as a way to share interesting and weird moments with people, as turned is to a site for viewing celebrity sex tapes and scantily clad women. Now YouTube is not all X-rated material; it still has funny videos and current events. But it is increasingly being filled with more and more promiscuous videos. Flop!

Hillary Clinton



No matter whether you are a Republican or Democrat, people just do not like Hillary Clinton. Not only has she been criticized for her politics, her stern and power-hungry personality, but also for staying in her marriage with former-president Bill Clinton. After President Clinton's illicit affair with Monica Lewinski, many would have understood if Mrs. Clinton divorced him after all the embarrassment she suffered. In actually she did the reverse; she upheld her marriage vows. Divorce is increasing at a rapid rate, and is seems hypocritical to criticize Hillary Clinton for trying to beat the statistics. Props to Hillary for working through her marital problems.

Oblivious to the World

Blythe Cate '09
Staff Writer

Too many students at Harpeth Hall act like they care about the outside world when they really don't.

Every day I hear comments like, "I forgot to study! My life stinks," or "I can't believe he doesn't like me. Why is my life so horrible?" and the ever so popular "I want to kill myself."

These people don't even think about what they're saying.

These students concentrate on petty problems and take it to an extreme instead of realizing how blessed they are.

We have many assemblies, announcements, and activities that promote awareness of world issues like Invisible Children and Race for the Cure.

However, people are still self-absorbed and oblivious to the world around them.

When a student wails that her life stinks because she got a C on her paper is ridiculous. Doesn't she realize she could be starving in Africa?

Why do we worry so much about the next dance coming up? Or about getting that boy to like us?

About being prettier and smarter and better than everyone else?

Why are so many people pretending to be thankful when they aren't?

Many of us concentrate on the bad instead of the good and concentrate on our own minor issues instead of other's more significant ones.

Despite daily declarations of "I want to kill myself," joking about suicide isn't funny.

People without depression are so lucky, and when they joke about wanting to kill themselves, they insult themselves as well as the gravity of suicide.

I understand being upset because of a bad grade on a test. I understand liking someone who doesn't like you back.

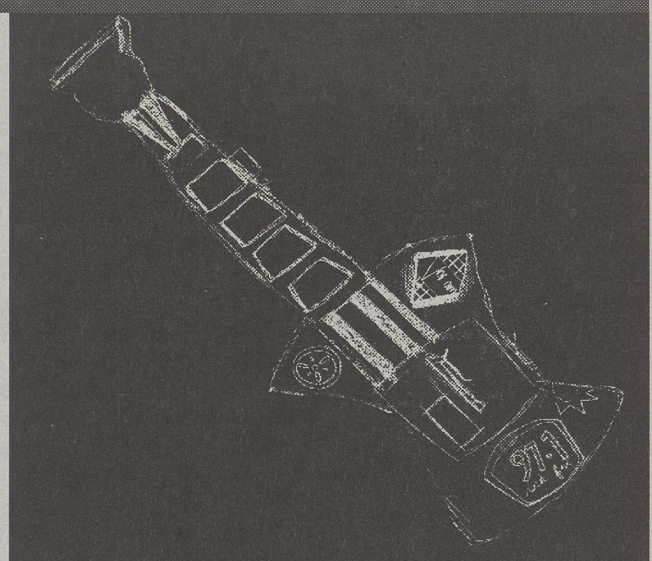
I also understand wanting to look pretty for the next dance, but inflating these issues to the point of hysteria is unnecessary.

We can do things to help those around us, but that doesn't necessarily change our mindset.

It's crucial to put others before ourselves in order for a more peaceful and loving world to be possible.

I'm tired of selfishness and ignorance.

Changing the mind isn't difficult, all it requires is dropping the hypocrisy and replacing it with a caring heart.



GUITAR HERO

Ryllis Lyle '09
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You know those songs with roaring guitar solos that make you dance around and whip out that famous air guitar? Guitar Hero isn't just the equivalent; it's almost the real deal.

Guitar hero is a new videogame made for the XBOX 360 and PlayStation. The controller is a smaller, plastic version of a real guitar.

It has a white "strum" button and six other variegated buttons at the end of the device that act as chords.

The game provides a rock-thirsty crowd that cheers for your accomplishments and mercilessly boos your mistakes. Envious friends, siblings, and parents can also make-up your audience.

You might be less than impressed with the guitar or adoring fans, but somehow, this game transforms you from average adolescent to big-time star.

Guitar Hero has picked the best guitar solo songs ever written, such as "Message in a Bottle" by The Police, "Girlfriend" by Matthew Sweet, and "Sweet Child o' Mine" by Guns N' Roses. Guitar Hero even has songs your parents rocked out to, back in their rad college days.

Being a beginner is a little rough. But once you find your beat, you feel like a full-fledged rock star. Guitar Hero will soon have you dancing, rocking, singing, and yelling.

For those with extra groove, programers added "star power," which is a special mode in which the player tips the guitar to win extra points.

By far, this is one of the best video games on the market. While most video games require the player to sit and stare, Guitar Hero makes you stand and requires involvement.

Spin-offs soon followed, like SingStar (a karaoke game) and Rock Band (just like guitar hero, but with drums, vocals, and a bass guitar).

Guitar Hero and Rock Band are the best gifts this holiday season.

If you want to test Guitar Hero before purchasing it, you can stop by Wal-Mart, Target, or Best Buy and rock out there.

Whether you play it in the store or fight with your little brother over it, Guitar Hero will make you feel like one of the Guitar Gods.

What do you think? What's your favorite part of the holidays?



My favorite part is watching my father turn the lights on for the tree and the house. After he sets them up, we all go outside and clap when he turns them on.
- Mary Hampton Elam '10



"Santa's hotness and Christmas lights."
- Shaye Sullivan '09, accompanied by Lauren Bounds '09

EDITORIALS

Eight Reasons For Economics

Rohini Chakravarthy '10
Staff Writer

The administration is considering adding an economics class next year. These are the reasons why they should:

Reason 1: Economics rules the world. Knowing how to manage and manipulate money is vital if students want to fully comprehend the world and their future. Understanding the force that governs the world seems like a pretty useful thing to me, so shouldn't it be obvious that an economics class be added?

Reason 2: Stereotypically, women aren't in business fields. Only 28 percent of businesses and 10 of the Fortune 500 Companies are owned by women. Having an economics class would teach students basic financial skills that would prevent women from shying away from careers in business. In addition, MBA offers an economics class.

Reason 3: Demand. Harpeth Hall students will take an economics class if it's offered, which was proven by a survey conducted by the Justice League. The survey said that 44 students would take the class. Also, many juniors want to take the class, but won't be able to unless it's offered next year

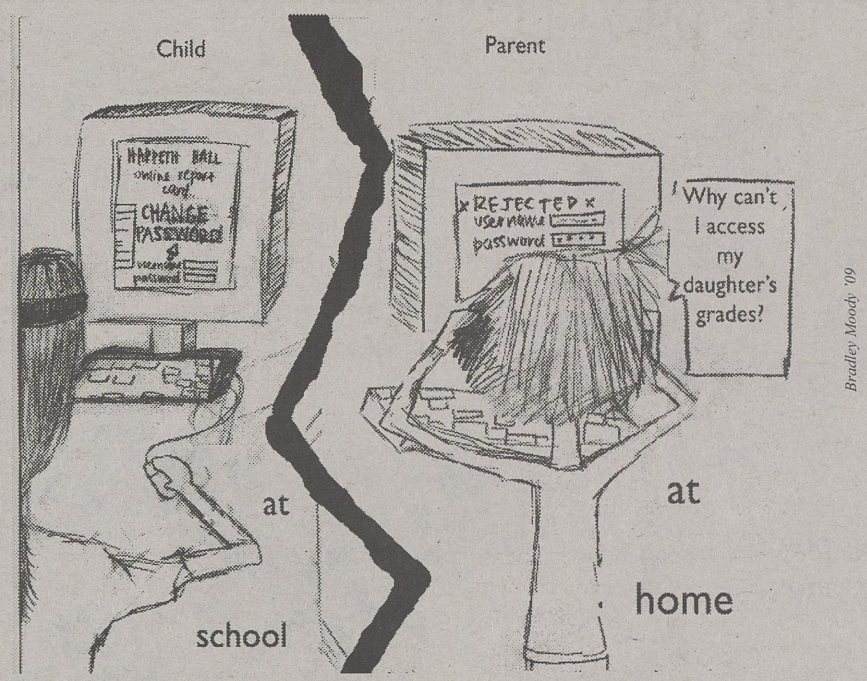
Reason 4: College preparation. Harpeth Hall is a college preparatory school. Without even having basic exposure to economic concepts, students can't be expected to take a college class with other students who have taken full courses on it. Because of this, Harpeth Hall has made students less prepared for college. And if students aren't going to take the class in college, they'll probably never understand economics, hindering any further improvement in the area.

Reason 5: Comprehending the stock market. NASDAQ? Buying shares? Stock? How does that even work? Adding an economics class would decode the foreign, fiscal language of money, which would help students in the real world. Plus, investing at a young age leads to greater future funds.

Reason 6: Develop higher order thinking skills. Learning the complicated formulas and concepts of economics would challenge students and teach them to think in different ways.

Reason 7: It could function as the counterpart to Contemporary Issues. Currently, the Contemporary issues class doesn't have a second semester option, while the other History classes do: American Government and Psychology, Religions and The World Since 1945.

Reason 8: Developing successful careers. Managing money is essential to having a fruitful career. The class would teach students how the market functions so they can understand how and where to spend their money. The class would also prepare students for the impending barrages fueled by rabid credit-card companies. Armed with economic knowledge, students would deflect their heinous overtures and never fall into college's pit of despair: credit card debt.



Bradley Moody '09

Technical Foul: Down with the Electronic Report Cards

Kate Wiseman '11
Staff Writer

In addition to major changes this year such as the schedule, Harpeth Hall now distributes report cards online.

Not only does this save paper and postage, to go along with this year's theme of "Go Green," but, as Ms. Maxwell says, "posting grades online supports our belief in technology as the most efficient form of communication these days."

The administration also says that online report cards are the fastest way to get grades to students.

Though I fully support the school in conserving paper, money, and time, there are problems with the new system.

To start, students should be the first ones to view their grades because they are the ones who poured their blood, sweat and tears into earning them.

By viewing them first, students can also prepare parents for a C in math rather than being horribly surprised when the unexpected and probably unwelcome grade arrives.

It is never fun when a grade is a nasty shock, and even worse when you get home and the first thing you hear is "Why did you do so badly?" when you had no idea that you did badly at all.

I know that the snail-mail report cards were addressed to parents, but I would hope that parents opened their daughters' report cards with her rather that ripping into it first.

I think that it would do everyone a service to give students access to their grades a few days before their parents.

It was hard enough to wait for the grades to come out all week, but it was worse when we figured out that we could see our grades only if we knew our parents' password.

That Friday I saw many girls on the "PCR Login" page trying over and over to hack into their own grade reports, because their parents had not yet told them what the password was.

Still worse, many students received emails of congratulation from their parents without ever having seen the grades themselves.

Also, if given the password to the website, students can access not only their own grades but also all of their siblings' grades.

I'd like to think that no one would be tempted, but isn't it hard to resist seeing if little Sally got a better grade in Geometry than you did back as a freshman?

And wouldn't it be fun to know how your senior sister is doing as she applies to college?

As Ms. Maxwell said, this process will get more familiar each time the grades come out.

I think that, once the glitches are smoothed out, the online grades could be a great system. When students can see their grades first and password problems are solved, this new system will be a positive step in the right direction.

Student Holiday Favorites...



"Everyone is much nicer this time of year. People are more willing to help you out."
- Megan Wilson '08



"Snow!"
- Annalee Mueck'11, with Joanna McCall '11 and Margot Henderson '11

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Move of the Issue
Lower Abs: "The Bicycle"

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Madeleine Byrd

1. Lie down on your back, shoulders up and hands behind your head, with legs in air parallel to ground. Bend one knee towards stomach and pull opposite elbow towards the knee of that leg.


Madeleine Byrd

2. Return back to starting position with shoulders up, and switch knees.


Madeleine Byrd

3. Repeat step one in reverse direction. Repeat this exercise in sets of twelve.

Scoreboard Reports
Winter Sports Updates & Records

Basketball
3 wins to 3 losses
Win vs. Westview High School 53-48
Win vs. Ezell Harding 74-73
Win vs. ECS 61-31
Loss vs. Briarcrest High School 59-67
Loss vs. David Lipscomb 39-42
Loss vs. Dyersburg High School 43-54

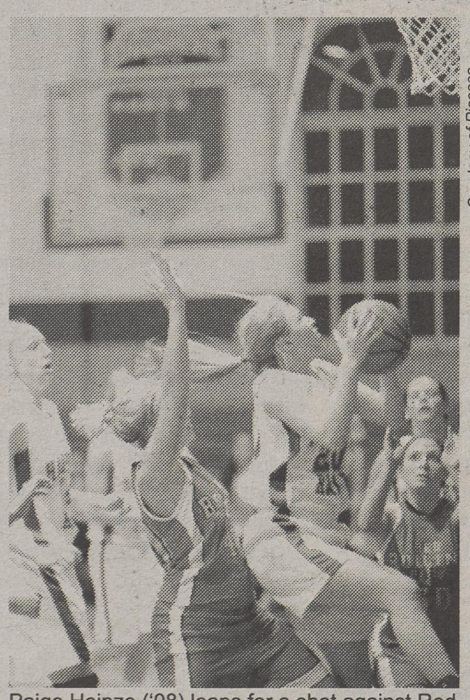
Swimming
2 wins to 0 losses
Win vs. Ravenwood High School
Win vs. Franklin High School

Bowling
2 wins to 6 losses
Win vs. FRA 14-13
Win vs. FRA 16-11
Loss vs. JPII 6.5-20.5
Loss vs. Father Ryan 7-20
Loss vs. Father Ryan 6.5-20.5
Loss vs. JPII 3-24
Loss vs. JPII 4-23
Loss vs. Father Ryan 13-14

Sports Updates and

Basketball

Lucy Follansbee ('09)
Staff Writer


Courtesy of Picassa

Paige Heinze ('08) leaps for a shot against Red Boiling Spirngs. Despite a double overtime, the bears lost in a close game of 53-38.

The basketball team started off the season with an overtime win at Donelson Christian Academy. The Bears were handed their first loss of the season in their second game, at home against Red Boiling Springs in double overtime. They now have a 4-4 record with upcoming games against Webb School of Knoxville, Saint Cecilia, and Battle Ground Academy, all before winter break. Additionally, they will be traveling to Phoenix, AZ, to play in the NIKE Tournament of Champions following exams. Their schedule continues into January, when most of their region games will be played. Their first game of the new year will be at home against Father Ryan on Jan. 4 at 5:30.

New Climbing Team

Samantha Lewis ('09)
Staff Writer


Samantha Lewis

Bradley Moody ('09) and Saxby Wiles ('11) climb at weekly practice at Climb Nashville.

This year Harpeth Hall has started a climbing team. The idea came to Bradley Moodey, junior, after she saw a flyer at Climb Nashville and decided that Harpeth Hall needed to join the ranks of climbing glory. And so, the climbing team was born. After explaining her idea to Samantha Lewis, Bradley and Sam pitched the idea to Marie Maxwell, received approval, and got the team up and running in no time.

Not expecting much, they were extremely surprised when almost 30 girls expressed interest in joining. The numbers slowly dwindled, and the climbing team is now left with a solid group of ten girls. Weekly practices are held Wednesdays at Climb Nashville. The team has now been practicing for about a month and face their first competition Dec. 14.

Ivy League Recruits

Madeleine Byrd ('09)
Sports Editor


Courtesy of Beth Binkley

Beth Binkley ('08) hopes for a shot against Red Boiling Springs.

Beth Binkley ('08) will play basketball for Princeton University. She was recruited from her Amateur Athletic Union that she played on from March to August. Beth was also a part of the Junior Olympic team for Tennessee that competed this past summer. College coaches saw her play at those and various other exposure tournaments, including nationals. Beth will be in a class of three other recruited girls.

Alison Geraghty ('08) has been recruited for University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to play lacrosse. Last year the UPenn lacrosse team made it to the NCAA Division One final four. They are currently ranked fourth in the nation, and won the Ivy League Championship. Alison was recruited as a midfielder and will be entering with a class of six other recruits.

Mary Killian ('08) will be attending Princeton University as a recruited swimmer. See next page.

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A Scholar-Athlete's Reflection

Mary Killian ('08)
Staff Writer

The YMCA was having a week-long swim clinic, but it was right in the middle of gymnastics practice. I had to decide, did I want to swim or cartwheel? Never once did it cross my 7-year-old mind that I was not just choosing a sport for that sole week, but for the rest of my life. I never dreamed that I would be swimming for two-and-a-half hours each day, waking up for 5 a.m. practices twice a week, or going to meets every other weekend. When I first put on that cap and goggles, I never imagined I would still be swimming almost 11 years later. Swimming has become my passion, my obsession, and my life. Waking up at 4:15, spending 20 hours a week at the Sportsplex, and not shaving for three months may not sound enjoyable to most, but for me, it's routine. After selling my soul to the pool, there was no question for me about swimming competitively in college. I only had to decide on a school and a team.


Courtesy of Mary Killian
Mary competes in the backstroke at one of her many events.

In choosing a college, each Harpeth Hall senior researches schools and decides her likes and dislikes. She makes lists comparing location, size, academics and majors. She can buy books, go online, and talk to the College Counselors and her parents.

For many, the search ends there. But not for athletes. They begin the stressful but exciting recruiting process. First, she must decide in which division she can compete–Division I, II, or III–and if she wants to go to a scholarship school. Scholarship schools, which are only in Division I, have special opportunities and regulations for athletes, such as early class placement, required study hall hours, free tutoring, and even designated dining facilities. Non-scholarship schools don't offer all of the aforementioned perks, but there are usually academic advisors and faculty sponsors. The biggest difference between the two is receiving money. Scholarship schools have an allotted amount of money that they divide between their top recruits. The scholarships range in amount, but it is extremely rare to receive a full ride.

No coach can contact a possible recruit directly prior to July 1 going into her senior year. Because of this, it falls on the athlete to put herself out there. The first step is to fill out recruiting questionnaires. These forms ask for basic information about an athlete's academic and athletic credentials, such as SAT/ACT scores, GPA, high school information, recent notable accomplishments, possible majors, and fastest times (or position stats, etc.).

Recruiting officially starts on July 1. On that fateful day, the schools can finally call their top recruits. They talk to her about their teams, schools, and answer all of her questions. After July 1, a coach can call her once a week to check in. Throughout July and August she decides which programs sound reasonable to her, and which ones she can eliminate. Toward the beginning of September, she decides where she wants to take official visits.

At NCAA Division I schools, an athlete can take five official visits, during which schools pay to bring in recruits so they can see the school and team firsthand. Most trips take place between early September and late October for early signing. Recruits will stay with a member of the team, go to classes, eat in the dining facilities, see the social scene, meet the team, and experience what it means to be a student-athlete, all free of charge. After the trips, it's time to make the big decision. Once an athlete decides on her top choice, she calls the coach to ask what the next step is.

For many scholarship schools, early signing begins on Nov. 14, which means that the recruit signs a national letter of intent to compete for that school. If the school does not offer Early Decision, an athlete may receive a "likely letter," which means that she will be admitted to the school unless she fails a class or gets arrested. Athletes attending non-scholarship schools do not sign a letter of intent because they are not receiving a scholarship. Once an athlete commits, everything is over, and she knows where she is going to college–often before everyone else.

All those early mornings and long practices finally paid off when I committed to swim at Princeton next year. College swimming offers an entirely new level of competition, and I am excited that I get a chance to experience it. I guess I made the right choice when I jumped in that pool 11 years ago.

Support Your Bears
Upcoming Games

Basketball

12/11/07, 6:00 PM
Home game VS. St. Cecelia

12/14/07, 6:00 PM
Home game VS. Battle Ground Academy

12/19/07-12/22/07
Nike Tournament of Champions

Swimming

12/10/07, 5:00 PM
Away meet VS. Smyrna High School

1/9/08, 4:30 PM
Home meet VS. Brentwood High School

1/12/08
Excel High School Invitational at
Williamson County Indoor Sports Complex

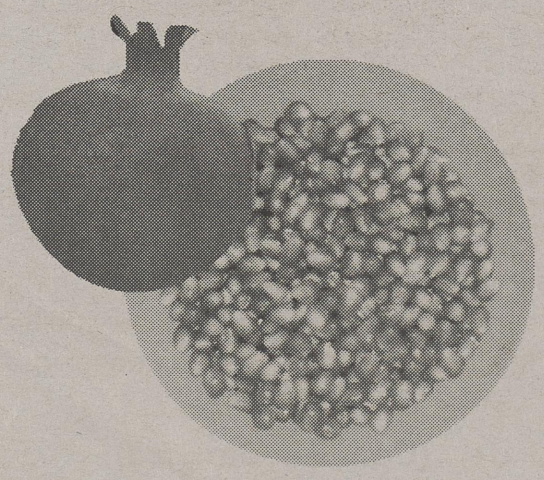
Bowling

1/11/08
Regions Tournament at
Melrose Bowling Lanes

1/24/08-11/25/08
Individual State Tournament at
Smyrna Bowling Center

11/25/08-11/26/08
Team State Tournament at
Symrna Bowling Center

Health Tips:
The Hidden Health Benefits of Everyday Foods


Courtesy of Google

Pomegranates contain antioxidants to fight cancer and other diseases and to slow the aging process (fewer wrinkles).


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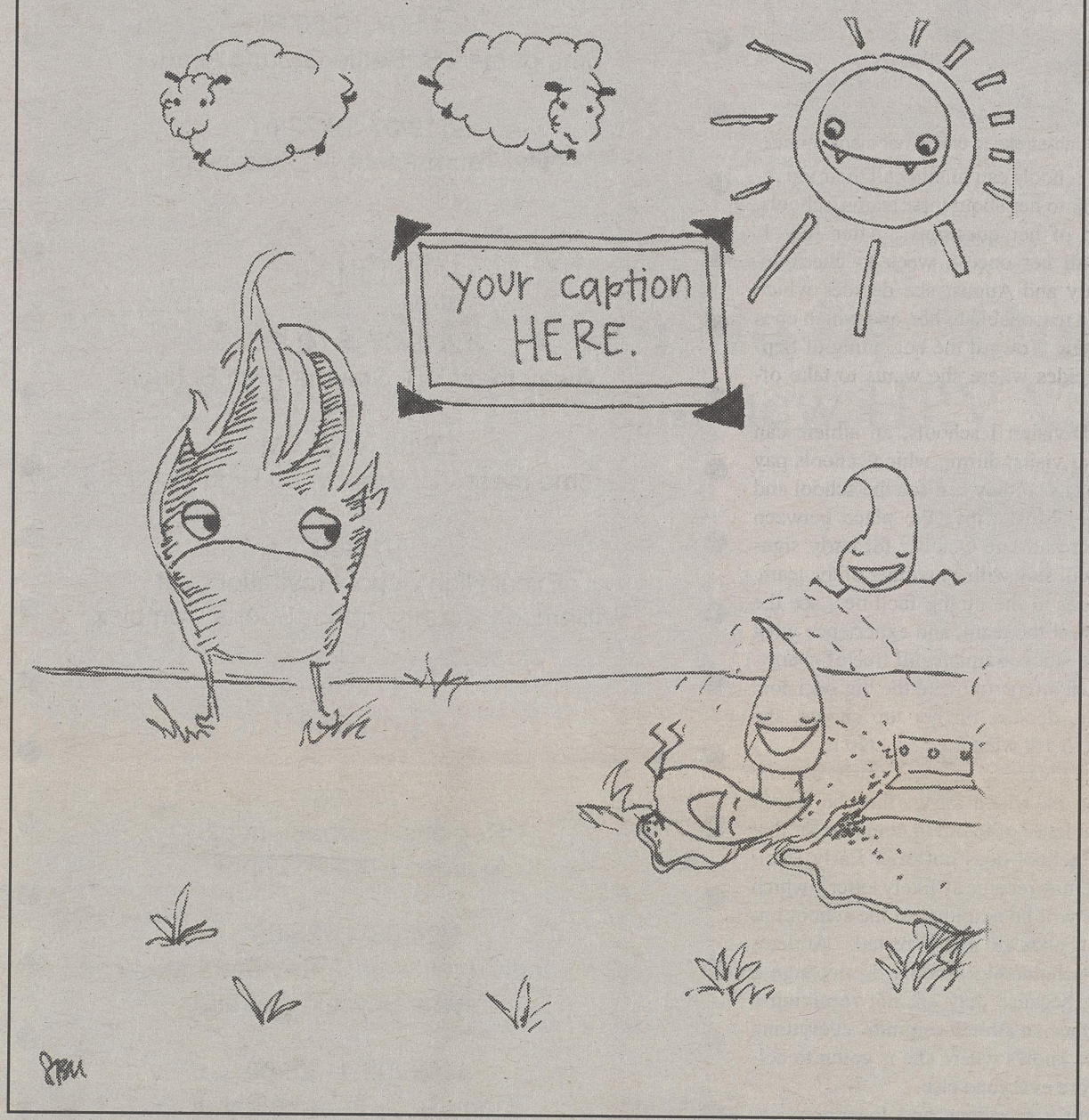
Eggs are a great source of protein, vitamin D, amino acids and choline, an important nutrient that helps regulate the brain, nervous system, and cardiovascular system. Eggs are also great for the eyes, hair and nails and may even prevent breast cancer.

Blueberries are jam-packed with nutrients and flavor, but still very low in calories. Researchers at Tufts University analyzed 60 fruits and vegetables for their antioxidant capability. Blueberries came out on top, rating highest in their capacity to destroy free radicals.


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Cartoon Caption Contest

What do you think is going on in this cartoon? Cut out your answer and put it in the Logos box in the office for a chance to win a $5 Davis Kidd gift card! Look for the winning caption in the next issue.





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December Fun

"I don't get why parents are always complaining about how tough it is to raise kids. You joke around with 'em, you give 'em pizza, you give 'em candy. You let 'em live their lives. They're adults for God's sake."
- The Office

"Dear Santa Claus, How have you been? Did you have a nice summer? How is your wife? I have been extra good this year, so I have a long list of presents that I want"
- Sally Brown from *The Charlie Brown Christmas Special*



December Horoscopes

Aquarius
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
December is about romance, entertainment, and good times. Your creative abilities are at a peak during this month of your life.

Pisces
(Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
You are likely to receive good news about your personal life this month. A new project will grab your attention at the end of the month.

Aries
(Mar. 21 - April 20)
You receive eye-opening emails, letters, or phone calls and opportunities abound to get "out and about" and in contact with interesting people. You are easily enthused about your plans, projects, and opinions.

Taurus
(Apr. 21 - May 21)
You are likely to receive gifts or money you had previously written off. December is a rather domestic month–pleasurable and slow the way you like it!

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
Your personal plans and initiatives are at the forefront of your mind this month. This is an excellent month for clearing the air, as long as you are unambiguous and logical.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
Your tendency is to retreat from daily pressures until the last week of December. Daydreaming will help you regain your courage to go after what you want when you're ready.

Leo
(July 23 - Aug. 22)
Your social agenda is hopping, and your personal magnetism runs high. Tensions with a romantic partner can figure but needn't be frustrating.

Virgo
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
You find yourself in high demand, but in a pleasing manner. Support arrives from loved ones and your superiors.

Libra
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Social complications of the last few months have a way of clearing up. This is an excellent month for strengthening friendships.

Scorpio
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
After the first three weeks of December support arrives when you need it most!

Sagittarius
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
Romance matters figure strongly. Even though misunderstandings could surface, you'll be t feeling good about your relationships.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
December is likely to be pleasantly rewarding for you. You are especially productive , although not always focused.