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MISSION possible

Kelly Crider ❖ Features Writer

"If there is a poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your towns in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother; but you shall freely open your hand to him, and generously lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks." Deuteronomy 15:7-8.

Senior Courtney Mathews was not sure how she could work with the eclectic group of people that accompanied her on a seven-day mission trip to Honduras.

The mission team, which consisted of members of Mathews' church, Fairlawn Church of Christ, and members of Lindberg Road Church of Christ in Anderson, ranged from doctors and dentists to housewives and high schoolers. Mathews said it also had a wide age range; herself the youngest at 16, and the oldest over 70.

"I didn't see how I could work with all these different people," Mathews said.

Though Mathews felt this way initially, she certainly did not feel that way by the end of last summer's trip.

"Every time you have people working toward the same thing you just automatically get closer. Your differences fade away when you see the big picture," Mathews said. In this case, the team's common goal was to help those in poverty in Honduras.

Group members were able to contribute their different talents for the good of the people of Honduras. For example, while the doctors and dentists provided free medical care, Mathews and other group members conducted Bible school for the children.

One of Mathews' favorite days of the trip was when her team got to visit a school for blind children in Honduras' capital, Tegucigalpa. During their visit, the children sang gospel songs for them.

"It was cool to hear God being praised in a different language, and knowing it is the same God

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Mathews



Evans

The above Bible verse motivated junior Eric Evans to visit Louisiana to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"I felt like as a Christian it was my calling to help the poor and have compassion for these people," Evans said, explaining what these words meant to him.

He went on the mission trip with members of The Commonway, a group from his church, Union Chapel. Evans' group also joined members of Blood and Fire, an "out-reach" church, for the trip.

Before his trip, Evans only knew two of his 10 fellow mission team members. During the 18-hour journey to Louisiana and five-day mission trip, though, Evans said he truly got to know this diverse group of people. He described them as "full-hearted" and "compassionate."

They focused their work in St. Bernard Parish, and in the Ninth Ward, a district of New Orleans. The Ninth Ward is home to poverty and was left in further disrepair by the hurricane. Evans said they served about 15,000 meals every mealtime to the hungry there. They also helped rebuild houses that had been destroyed in the storm.

Evans said the victims of Katrina that he worked with were receptive and grateful for his help, despite the fact that the storm had left them feeling scared and with a sense of emptiness. He described them as "open-armed" and happy to have the mission workers there.

Though the work of Evans' mission team greatly helped the whole, they also catered to victims' individual needs. Evans recalls them driving a man who was visually impaired to a doctor's office

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that we worship miles and miles away," Mathews said.

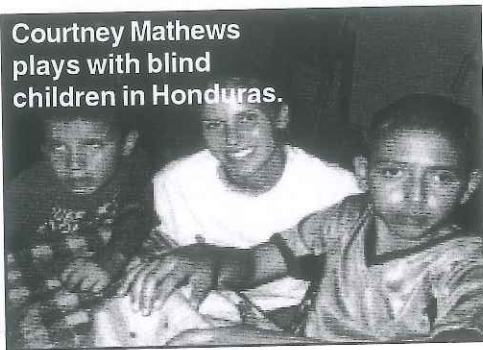
Mathews was also impressed by the enthusiasm for life that the children there had.

"They had a joy for life even though they had a lot of strikes against them," Mathews said.

Mathews had similar thoughts concerning the peoples of Honduras as a whole, compared to us as Americans.

"It seems kind of backwards that we who are blessed with everything can be unhappy, and they who have nothing feel blessed beyond anything," Mathews said.

Courtney Mathews plays with blind children in Honduras.



Mathews said she went on the mission trip on the recommendation of her older

brother, Tyson, and other members of her church who had gone on previous trips.

"My brother went after his senior year. ... He just seemed really touched by the people there," Mathews said.

Other members of her church told Mathews that traveling to Honduras could offer her a "new perspective," and that "God works through you when you're down there."

EVANS

to get him the glasses he needed to be able to see.

Evans' trip was not all work, though. He got to have a "mini-vacation" of his own, sightseeing and paying a visit to the French Quarter. While in the French Quarter, Evans got to eat at the famous Café DuMonde.

The mission trip itself was very meaningful to Evans.

"I would say that it's changed me," Evans said. "It's opened my eyes to poverty. We've grown up in a fortunate community, and so when you see [poverty] firsthand it opens your eyes."

Evans said that his experience on the mission trip also has affected the choices he makes. He now tutors at Muncie's Buley Center and also serves meals to the homeless at Blood and Fire.

"[The mission trip] helped me to realize what I can do here in Muncie. It makes me want to get more involved with the poor here," Evans said.



Eric Evans advertises his assistance in New Orleans.

Other Student Missionaries

Profiles compiled by Brianna Lee

Who: Zach Naylor
What: Celebrate Jesus Mission Trip
Where: Orlando, Florida
When: Summer 2005
With whom: Members of Union Chapel



Quote: "It showed me that not all teens are into 'the partying scene.' Most have strong faith in God in their everyday life."

Who: Alex Paschal
What: Mission Trip
Where: Zacapa, Guatemala
When: Summer 2005
With whom: Eden United Church of Christ



Quote: "There was a witch doctor and he was very ill. We got to meet with him and he asked Jesus Christ into his life and the impact was great. Then a week or two later he died but after he accepted Christ he lived for Him the week or so while he was still alive."

Who: Jonathan Broyles
What: Mission Trip
Where: Zacapa, Guatemala
When: Summer 2005
With whom: Eden United Church of Christ



Quote: "I would say that I have a lot more appreciation for what people in other countries have to go through, and I have a lot more respect for how people who are in these tough situations can just smile and be happy."

Degrassi – The Television Show



SIGHTS & SOUNDS

Your guide to the latest crazes in film, music, literature and television.

Review by Cheyenne Rench and Candyce Anthony

Excitement ran through some Degrassi watchers' minds as they found out something new about one of the characters and they caught a glimpse of the next episode.

Degrassi is a Canadian broadcast TV show. Degrassi airs every Friday at 8 p.m., with encores on Saturday and Sunday. It is on noggin. Degrassi is a show about a group of high school students. They deal with issues like sex, drugs, sexual orientation, friendships, jealousy and dating.

Gaby Bonilla, freshman, said, "It's about real teenage life situations that we go through in our regular life."

"It's like a teenage soap opera, with people just like us," said freshman Hannah Sanders. "It's so realistic."

Degrassi goes back to the 1970's when *The Kids of Degrassi Street* first aired. Then, it progressed into *Degrassi Jr. High* and then *Degrassi High*, which progressed into what we watch today, *Degrassi: The Next Generation*.

Many people from elementary students to adults watch Degrassi. Some students think that most episodes are appropriate for all ages, but there are two or three that should

be monitored. It is mainly targeted toward 12- to 18-year-olds.

"Degrassi is addicting and fun to watch," said junior Keri Lowe. "It targets high school kids our age."

Some parents approve of Degrassi because it helps teach teens a lesson and can be very informative. It usually shows different situations and different responses to those situations. Once students watch it, they can decide which character is most like them. They can learn from their character's mistakes and hopefully follow the lesson.

Some students watch Degrassi with their parents, too. Students think that if their parents watch the situations they can know what this generation is going through.

"I wish my mom would watch it with me, because I think it would help her understand me more," said freshman Katie VanHooser.

Degrassi isn't watched as much as some people wish it would be, but for those who do watch it they like it and learn things from it. Just look for "noggin" or "the-n" on your television provider and tune in on Fridays at 8:00 to check it out.

Degrassi – The Quiz

1. What are the tag lines for *The Next Generation*?
2. Why did Ashley not return to Degrassi in season 5?
3. Which episode was not aired in the United States and why?
4. What was the first year that *Degrassi: The Next Generation* aired?
5. What grade is the oldest cast in, during season 5?
6. What are Degrassi's school colors?
7. What is Degrassi's mascot?
8. Who are the producers of *The Next Generation*?

Answers: 1. "If your life was a TV show, this would be it"; "100% Intense"; "It goes there." 2. Ashley stayed in England with a guy. 3. "Things Will Happen," because of the subject of abortion. 4. 1991. 5. Seniors. 6. Purple and white. 7. Panther. 8. Katlin Schuyler.

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How Powerful is PowerSchool?

It was a common scene. The class is quiet, when the administration comes over the intercom and says, "Teachers, we need you to log out of SDS. We will let you know when you can log back on." But thanks to a decision pressed by Assistant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Mapes, this scene is far less frequent.

In late 2004, Delta's previous grading and attendance system, SDS, started incurring some disappointing problems. SDS started to have frequent crashes that would last, in most cases, close to an entire day. One of the worst crashes was near the end of 2004, when SDS was down for nearly a week, and the school lost about two weeks of information.

Administration had hoped to eradicate the school of these errors when they purchased the program of Power School. Many other schools in the area have had great success with Power School, including schools such as Noblesville, Burris, and Wapahani. According to Principal Greg Hinshaw, the large numbers of school board members that have access to Power School are very pleased with how it performs.

If Power School is so wonderful, why did Delta wait so long to get it? The only hesitation in buying it was price. Power School's cost was in the "tens of thousands of dollars," said Hinshaw. But with the higher price comes more options.

Power School will open a student's information to his or her parents. On November 29 and December 1 there were meetings that trained parents on how to use Power School and give them their access passwords. There was a disappointing turnout of only about 55 students being represented. Though it was disappointing it was not surprising. In the last open house that Delta hosted there were only about 24 students being represented.

With information getting out about what is available, more parents are expected to ask for their own passwords. If parents are interested about getting their own passwords, but were not at one of the meetings, they can call the school to ask about a

time that they can go to the school and get training and a password. This parent involvement falls under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Power School is also more reliable than SDS. Up to this point, of all the times that Power School has been down, only one of the instances was due to a server error. When Power School is down, it is down for a shorter amount of time. When it is down, it is "not like the great crash of 2004," said Hinshaw.

Julie Brown, technical secretary for Delaware Community Schools, works with the program of Power School, and the technical personnel at Delta

High School work on the upkeep of the server. So far most reactions have been positive. Even so, there has been some negative feedback. Some of the teachers have expressed some frustration, but with change comes frustration.

When teachers have a problem, it usually has something to do with the "My Documents" folder. Most of the time the solution to the problem is refreshing the folder. But if the problem cannot be identified, Computer Technician Josh Landis said, "We sometimes scratch our heads."

Brown said one of the greatest advantages that Power School has over SDS is that it is

html format, while SDS wasn't. This means that Power School can be accessed anywhere there is an internet connection. In the days of SDS, in order to access it, you had to be connected to the server. In other words, SDS could only be accessed from the schools, but Power School can be accessed almost anywhere.

This helps Brown because she can work with Power School from the office or at home. According to Brown, the school has to send a report of student statistics to the state. Because Power School is html formatted it is easier to send information to the state. That means it can get back to working condition quicker.

With expectations high and remaining options low, the true potential of Power School is yet to be seen. Now all we can do is wait and see how powerful Power School is.



Julie Brown explains Power School at a parents' meeting.
Photo / Dillon Rees

Colts Hype Continues

Paige Devine ❖ Features Writer

The Indianapolis Colts are tearing up the field, and DHS students are starting to notice. With their undefeated status, the Colts Hype keeps on growing.

The interest in this Indiana team has grown more intense. Delta fans have been watching the Monday night games, celebrating with family and friends, staying up late, and feeling a sense of pride.

"This has been the best team, offensively and defensively, I have ever seen," said senior Ross Riggin, who has been watching the Colts since he was four years old. Riggin was also able to go to the

Cleveland Browns game this year.

The offense makes things happen with the team of Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison and Edgerrin

CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES TO START A SEASON (regular season only)

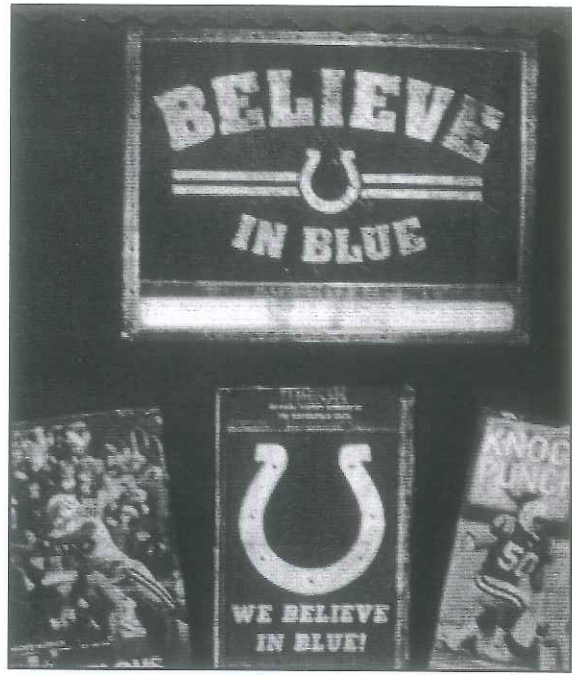
- 14 Miami Dolphins (1972)
- 13 Indianapolis Colts (2005)
- 13 Chicago Bears (1934)
- 13 Denver Broncos (1998)

James. The defense has stopped all the teams that come between them and the end zone.

Sophomore Alex Wagner was able to go to the Cincinnati Bengals game in Cincinnati where he sat in the fourth row.

"We were 10 yards from the Bengals sidelines. You could really hear the hitting. Also when Chad Johnson, a Cincinnati player, proposed to the cheerleader after scoring the first touchdown, then held up a sign, it was right in front of us. It was a cool experience," said Wagner. He went to the game with his father and senior Drew DeHaven and junior Josh Chambers.

The Colts are dominating the NFL with a 13-0 record. They continue to crush each opposing team's hope that they would be the one to break the winning



streak. Students are getting fired up for each game and excitement grows with the hope of a first time trip to the Super Bowl. Supporters are showing their pride by wearing jerseys, hats, sweatshirts, t-shirts, wristbands, or anything that says the Colts.

Even though many are cheering for the Indianapolis Colts, others are hoping they will crumble under the pressure and some lucky team will stop them dead in their tracks. So far, this has not been the case. One of the last teams that tried to derail the Colts from their perfect season was the Pittsburgh Steelers who came to the RCA Dome in a hyped up Monday Night football game. The Steelers, who boasted of a punishing ground game and a very physical defense, were limited to under 100 yards rushing, seven total points, and gave up 26 points to the Colts.

Freshman Brooks Medaris, who had front row end zone tickets from his father's company, was able to witness the crowd go crazy when Marvin Harrison scored a touchdown off the Colts' first play of scrimmage. "It was awesome to see a touchdown pass scored right there in front of me," said Medaris.

Keeping up with the team stats has been a pastime of many students. Players have been setting NFL records. The Colts have averaged 35 points per game. Manning and Harrison have 755 completion yards for 10.034 yards per pass. James has rushed for over 9,000 yards. The team is now chasing the 1972 Miami Dolphins' regular-season record of 14 consecutive wins.

The Colts have more games to play and more opportunities to stay undefeated. Will there be a team to defeat them? Can they make it to the Super Bowl? How many records can they break? We will have to see at the next exciting Monday night game.

Is there a whole genre of movies being forgotten? What do students think about classic movies? Do they love them or do they even watch them at all?

So-Called Classics

Ashley Pierce ❖ Features Writer

Memories of sun-drenched beaches. Tales of a Civil War love. A family brought together by song. Reminiscing about classic movies such as *Casablanca*, *Gone With The Wind*, and *The Sound of Music*.

Popular search engine Lycos considers *Casablanca*, *Gone With The Wind*, and *The Sound of Music* part of the top 10 classic movies ever along with *The Wizard of Oz*, *Grease*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *The Godfather*, *Alien*, *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and *Jaws*. Lycos based its list on how many hits per month a movie got. The only requirement was that it be made before 1981 and had no sequel.

But do high school students watch these so-called classic movies?

Brittney Danaher, junior, has only seen a couple of the top 10 movies but thinks the ones she has seen are good, with musicals like *The Sound of Music* and *Grease* among her favorites.

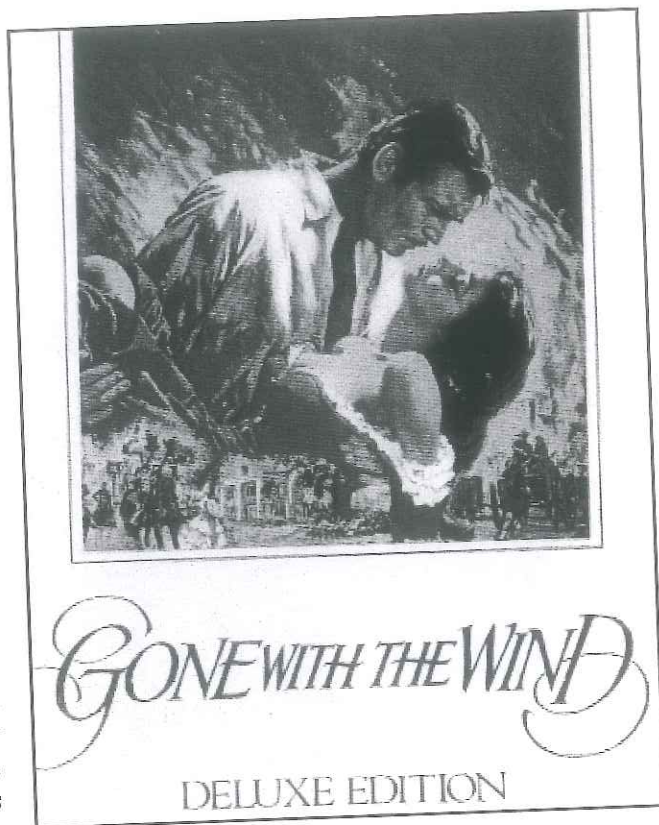
"I think a classic movie is a movie that people can watch over and over and not get tired of it," said Danaher.



Photo by Ashley Pierce

"I think that you can relate to movies now more than back then. Movies now are more realistic."

Danielle Kischuk



Danaher does admit, though, that the only actor she remembers from the movies is John Travolta from *Grease*. Nor does she remember any famous lines from any of the top 10 movies, not even the American Film Institute's number one quote of their "AFI's 100 Years...100 Movie Quotes" list, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn," from *Gone With The Wind*.

"I like older movies better though because a lot of the movies today have too much violence and sexual humor," said Danaher.

Danaher said some of her favorite movies are *The Wedding Planner* and *Where The Heart Is*. She also admits that she would still rather see newer movies and likes to generally stay at home to watch them.

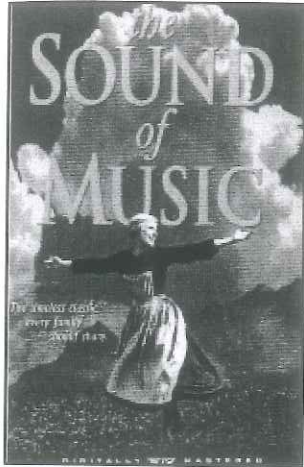
Danielle Kischuk, sophomore, definitely remembers a line from *The Wizard of Oz*. "It's the 'Toto we're not in Kansas anymore' line that I always remember," she said.

Kischuk has only seen *The Sound of Music* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Kischuk's favorite movie of all time she says is *Sweet November*.

"I think that you can relate to movies now more than back then. Movies now are more realistic," she added.

Jared Bullock, freshman, said the top 10 classic movies are pretty good although he added, "I don't like musicals so I didn't get much out of *Grease* and *The Sound of Music*, but *Jaws* was cool."

Bullock said he doesn't remember any of the actors or actresses from those movies. He said it depends on whether he likes to stay at home or go to the movies. "If it's a big movie, I like to see it in the theater but otherwise at home is just fine with me," said Bullock.



Bullock likes war movies with *Pearl Harbor*, *The Patriot*, and *Saving Private Ryan* among his favorites.

Philip Hines, junior, has seen everything except *The Godfather*, *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and *Casablanca*.

"I didn't like *The Sound of Music* too well but I can always remember the 'Do Re Mi...' line," said Hines.

Hines said he thinks newer movies are better and that he'd rather stay at home and watch movies so he could save money.

Mrs. Dawn Raleigh, English and Film Literature teacher, said that her class goes in depth with many different classic and influential movies. So far this year they've covered *Psycho*, *Citizen Kane*, *Casablanca*, *The*

Lord of the Rings trilogy and the original *Star Wars*.

Raleigh said she prefers older movies to newer movies because they have more plot.

"The problem with modern films is the rush to get movies in. Directors may start with a decent script but think that by just adding big names it will be a good film. The only thing they are doing by doing that is neglecting the script. Actors like Jimmy Stewart and Cary Grant were great because they were so versatile and made their films work," said Raleigh.

Raleigh said she hasn't gone to the movies much since she had kids. After pausing for a moment to think, she recalled that the last movie she saw in a theater was probably *Star Wars Episode III*.

Raleigh has certain standards for what she considers a classic movie.

"I think a classic movie is something that will be remembered for all time. It has to have certain elements like quality acting, directing, and no major flaws," said Raleigh.

Megan Holbrook ❖
Features Writer

Quick Break

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas, or is it merry? Some people's vacations this year might be cut short. Winter break is from December 21 to January 2, a total of 11 days including weekends.

Mr. Stephen Gookins, superintendent, says, "The school calendar is discussed with the teachers' association each year. The final decision for a school calendar is made by the Board of Education (school board)."

People that go on vacations over break are becoming affected by the shorter break. Kacy Garrett, freshman, is going to Illinois for Christmas and her vacation is going to be cut short because of the length of this year's holiday break.

"It stinks, because you have less time with your family during Christmas Break," Garrett said.

The process of determining the length of Winter Break is done by the school board. "First, we try to balance the days for each semester; therefore, the beginning of school and end of the first semester have a bearing on the decision for the holiday break. The calendar itself sometimes helps determine how breaks may fall," Gookins said.

TOTAL DAYS OF WINTER BREAK

(including weekends)

17	Yorktown HS
15	Muncie Community Schools
15	Wes-Del HS
14	Daleville HS
14	Blackford HS
13	Cowan HS
13	Wapahani HS
11	Jay County HS
11	Delta HS

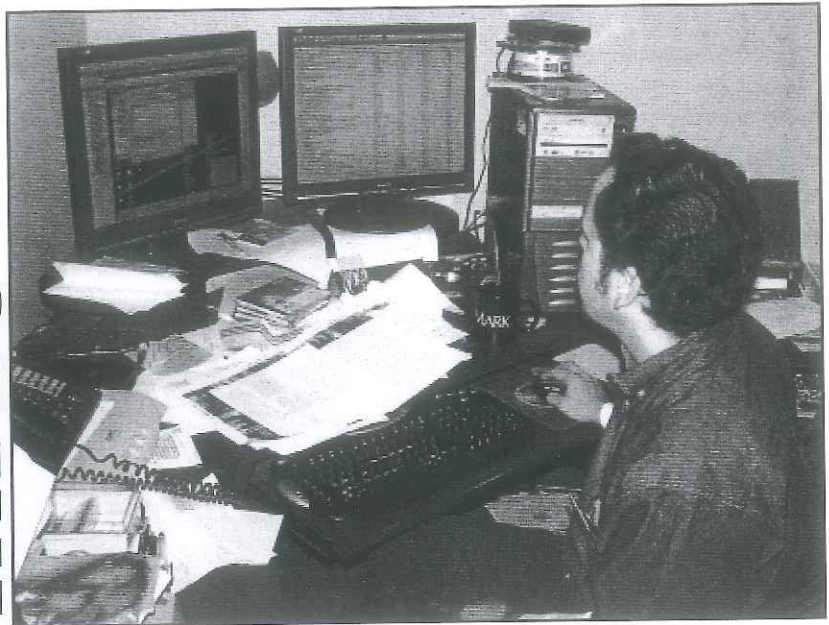
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Technicians Roy Schaus and Josh Landis make certain that all of the technological applications at Delta work appropriately. It is not an easy job, however. Numerous viruses can attack computers, and the technicians most certainly have their work cut out for them.

INFECTED



Stephen Hopkins ❖ Features Writer

While opening e-mail from an unknown sender, the screen flashes and then goes out. The computer freezes and you are forced to restart it.

After restarting the computer, your firewall notifies you that the email that you just opened contained a virus.

Viruses can be contracted in many different ways.

File sharing and email are the two main ways that viruses travel through computers.

Mr. Roy Schaus and Mr. Josh Landis are the Delaware Community Schools technology technicians.

They spend their day fighting off attacks on the school's computer network and filtering emails.

"In one week, the email filtered through

more than 221,000 emails," said Landis. "Two thousand three hundred and eighty were infected with a virus. It keeps you pretty busy."

Because they can only scan email that comes through their system, Schaus and Landis block all other email accounts from being accessed at school.

From the technology room, the two technicians can access any computer at the high school or

middle school.

They can look at any computer that is turned

"Viruses can trash your computer, but spyware can trash your life."

—Roy Schaus, technology technician



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on and tell who exactly is logged on.

Schaus has had 14 years of professional experience and Landis has had six years.

Landis graduated from Muncie Central High School, Ivy Tech, and the Indiana Computer Academy. Schaus graduated from Delta.

Schaus has always been interested in electronics and that led to the pursuit of his present career.

"I am like Tim the Tool Man Taylor, I always wanted more power," said Schaus.

Landis became interested in working with

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—Mr. Josh Landis, technology technician

computers because his dad is a programmer for Marsh Supermarkets.

But even with the two experienced technicians, the school's system is not completely safe.

"The school had a backdoor virus a couple of years back that we had a little bit of trouble deleting," said Schaus. "It infected the email and climate control system."

There are many types of viruses and spyware.

Spyware is used to monitor everything you do on your computer. It can acquire credit card numbers, social security numbers, and banking information.

"Viruses can trash your computer, but spyware can trash your life," said Schaus.

Other than obtaining information that can ruin someone financially or using their hard drive space, some hacker's motives are purely sadistic.

"These hackers get a thrill out of the damage they have done," said Schaus.

Schaus and Landis strongly recommend using some sort of anti-virus protection.

Students are advised to utilize Command Anti-Virus, a system that may be downloaded from the Internet. This system is available for all Delta students.

"Another great free anti-virus is AntiVir," said Landis. "You can download it from download.com."

The two computer experts advise students to be very careful about what they do on their computer.

"Anytime you receive a zip file or an

"I am like Tim the Tool Man Taylor, I always wanted more power."

—Roy Schaus, technology technician

attachment, you should scan it before you even think of opening it," said Landis.

Once a virus is contracted, however, there are ways to delete it.

"First, you have to know what you are dealing with," said Landis.

After identifying the problem, you can usually quarantine or delete the file.

"Usually, your anti-virus system will have a website that you can go to that will help you delete the virus with a step-by-step system," said Landis.



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UNWEARABLE

Lynnette Wyatt ❖ Feature Writer

The colors, the sayings, and maybe the hidden message behind the sayings on the T-shirts. Mr. Mike Jones, athletic director, and Mr. Greg Hinshaw, principal, must approve all of these things.

A new policy this school year states that athletic shirts must be one of these colors: navy blue, gray, gold or white. All athletic sayings must also be approved by the athletic director before the team can make the shirts.

Jones said, "When I came to Delta I was told to take care of the T-shirt problems and what they said." That is when he started thinking of a new policy.

Jones got all the booster clubs and coaches together to discuss the new policy on the shirts. Jones told



"We want shirts that represent Delta well."

—Mr. Gregory Hinshaw, principal

them the policy and they all agreed.

Jones said that there was one coach who especially liked the idea because now people will know that that sport represents Delta.

When the soccer girls made their lime green shirts, they did not get them approved by Jones. They just made them after they knew about the policy. Jones added that there was an inappropriate second message

behind the saying of the shirt.

Jones added that when the golf girls made their lime green and hot pink shirts they were approved and made before the policy came out to the coaches and athletes. This matters because the golf girl shirts were the same color, but they did not have any hidden message on what the shirt said.

Hinshaw said, "We want shirts that represent Delta well."

Jones added that no matter what was done to the soccer shirts, students are not supposed to wear them to school. Anna Schultz, freshman soccer player, said, "I think it is stupid, but I can see why we can't wear them to school."

Jones also mentioned that a petition, started by Chastyn Ruch, which went around school for the soccer girls to wear their shirts, would not matter. He said the decision was still up to Hinshaw if they can wear them to school or not.

Jones said that he is not sure if other schools have this policy or one close to it for the colors or the sayings.

So if student athletes want to get T-shirts, they must be approved and must be navy blue, gray, white or gold.

JUST ONE WISH

Mikayla Townsend and Caytlyn Turner ❖ Feature Writers

There's always that one wish every person has, whether it be a wish for themselves or maybe a friend or relative.

When asking students what they would wish for if they had one wish and why, there were many responses.

Shannon Musick, sophomore, said, "If I could have one wish I would wish to be a model."

Musick said, "The reason I would wish for that is because I've always wanted to be

a model and my friends and I always joke about being models."

Dayn Taflinger, freshman, said, "If I could have

one wish, I would probably wish for a black Camaro. I would wish for that because I could have my own car and my parents wouldn't

have to take me anywhere," Taflinger said.

Mrs. Cindy Hall, child development teacher, was asked what she would wish for if she had one wish and why. Hall said, "If I had one wish I would probably wish for a new car and it would have to be black." Hall said, "I'm pretty happy with what I got, so it's not that important to me until my car dies."

Some wishes will remain wishes, but hopefully most will come true.



"IF I COULD HAVE ONE WISH I WOULD WISH TO BE A MODEL."

—SHANNON MUSICK, SOPHOMORE

I stood stone-like at midnight suspended in my masquerade. I combed my hair till it was just right and commanded the night brigade. I was open to pain and crossed by the rain and I walked on a crooked crutch. I strolled all alone through a fall-out zone and I came out with my soul untouched. (Bruce Springsteen)

Bobby Helfst ❖ Ready or Not



Everyone knows about political correctness, and how its cold iron-hard grasp chokes us all, removing the ability to speak opinions in a vivid, colorful way. Political correctness, or "PC," is good to a degree, but not when it is blown out of proportion as it has been lately.

PC is basically rhetoric and is used to twist the truth to someone's liking. For example, traditionally, the term "fat" was politically incorrect and "obese" was used. Now doctors, **SPIN**-doctors that is, are trying to prove that obesity is a disease. Maybe if your hands and mouth are no longer under conscious control and just feed yourself, obesity is a disease, but guess what? I don't buy it! It's their own fault, except in a few rare cases where there is an underlying medical problem.

The basic premise of political correctness is that one should dance around verbally and use "skillful" descriptions to avoid offending someone. I'm not the kind of guy who dances around a subject. The problem with this is that by limiting what we can and cannot say, our freedom of speech is impaired. That is a First Amendment right. I deserve it.

I mean sure, you shouldn't just say to an obese person, "Hey, Fatty McEats-a-lot!" but if you call a redhead "carrot-top," they should be able to just laugh it off. The problem is that political correctness is being taken to an agonizingly extreme level. For example, people who are allowed to park in the handicapped spaces are not referred to as handicapped anymore. "Handicapable" and "differently-abled" are now used. Well, since I can't park in the special spaces, I feel that there must be a cool, new name for myself and people with abilities like me. Let us be referred to as the "unparkable." But that sounds too negative for a new politically correct term. I want to be called the "differently parkable."


There are also gender-related politically correct terms. Most are so widely used and known that few people realize they are using politically correct terms any more. For example, chairman became chairperson, because God knows what would happen if we were to use a masculine occupation name. A

giant meteor would probably appear from deep space on a direct collision course with Earth, and Bruce Willis would have to play the hero and sacrifice his own life so that his daughter's fiancé wouldn't have to not be with her. Wait a second, Bruce Willis isn't a hero, he's just "ordinary-impaired."

What are we going to call the sun?! The "gender-neutral child?!" They already got rid of "stewardesses," which is the longest word you can type with only your left hand, and replaced it with "flight attendants," which requires both hands.

See, I think that if everyone else wants to be called by a politically correct term, I think I should be, too. I'm not short, just "vertically challenged." I'm not pale, just "pigment deprived." I'm not childish, I'm "seriousness impaired." I'm not smart, I'm just "intellectually empowered." But, on second thought, that puts too much of a positive spin on it. I guess I just have to be "intellectually capable."

If that's not a good example to the sheer heights of stupidity that political correctness has been taken to, I don't know what is.



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Nine planets around the sun, only one does the sun embrace. Upon this watered one, so much we take for granted. So let us sleep outside tonight, lay down in our mother's arms for here we can rest safely. (Dave Matthews)

Stephen Hopkins ❖ What Women Want

I have truly outdone myself now. I have written many columns and voiced my opinions over many different topics during my time spent with the *Eagle's Eye*. But never have I dared to venture this far out into the unknown. I hope you are prepared.

The question presented is one of few words, but its complexity is beyond every guy's comprehension.

What do women really want?

When this idea came to me, I was faced with a dilemma. How am I supposed to write about a topic that I know very little about?

The only clear answer was to go to the source of information. Frighteningly enough, it had to be girls... a lot of girls... two randomly selected ones from each grade to be exact.

The answers that I am about to reveal may change the lives of the male race for the rest of eternity. (Sorry guys, you could only wish.)

The main themes are present in most of the girls' explanations of what they really look for in a guy.

Good personality, athletic build, honest, fun, nice, sweet, etc....

I am guessing that a lot of guys could have figured that out by themselves.

I am looking for the carefully hidden secrets of feminism.

Well, let's move on to the topic of age.

Does age have a factor in whom you date?

Five out of the eight girls interviewed said that a guy must be at least the same age or older to be considered fair play.

The reasoning: maturity.

"A guy must be older than me," said Jennifer Grove, freshman. "Guys mature at a slower rate than girls do."

That's a fair warning gentlemen. If you are going for the older lady, know that your chances are a little bit slimmer.

Age is not the only factor outside your control, guys. Girls' friends may also play a role in whom they date.

"A guy must get along with my friends," said Mallory Schwindt, sophomore.

Senior JoBeth Clevenger and senior Jenna Granger

feel differently.

"My friends do not have an effect on my dating choices," said Granger. "They always have something to say, but I make my own decisions."

"My friends will give me their opinions, but I will always decide for myself," said Clevenger.

Ahh... conflicting information is always helpful.

How about the kind of things that make that special girl "melt"?

"Look into my eyes. Give me flowers for no reason," said Amanda Parson, junior.

"Do something unexpected," said Miranda Stewart, freshman. "Tell me 'I love you' just out of the blue."

To me that sounds on target. Sometimes a little bit of romantic plotting and generally nice gestures can go a long way.

Now we come to the part where the girls give their advice to that good

guy out there that just can't seem to find the right girl.

"Let the person know that you like them," said Alexis Glore, sophomore. "Sometimes we don't even know that you are interested."

"If there is someone out there for everyone, then being yourself should work out perfectly," said Granger.

"Don't be chicken about approaching a girl," said Clevenger. "If you are so worried about the reaction, why do you even like her?"

"Be what you are," said Grove. "The right girl will come."

After reviewing all of this information, I find myself filled with more questions than when I started out.

But isn't that some of the beauty of life and all its mysteries?

Some questions really aren't meant to be answered. Even if obtaining that information would make things a lot easier.

Nobody will ever really know, I suppose. I can only hope that this may help one guy out there.

If it does, my purpose has been fulfilled.

The answers that I am about to reveal may change the lives of the male race for the rest of eternity.

With the prospect of finals looming large over the student body, methods of study (and the inevitable late-night cram sessions) are on the minds of students. How to best prepare for finals and how to prevent yourself from cracking ...

UNDER PRESSURE

Tyler Walker ❖ Features Writer

Class starts in five minutes and you have forgotten to study for your semester exam. You begin to cram everything you can before the test starts. But will it help? Do you cheat off your neighbor? What do you do?

This is common among many students before a test is given out. "I don't think that students sit down and study for a test. They just cram the night before the test," said Mr. Steve Wray, Algebra 1 teacher. Freshman Megan Foster said she studies for a test the day before she takes it so it is fresh in her mind.

"I would not recommend a cram session as a starting point for studying. Maybe as a refresher, yes," said Mr. Matt Moulton, Algebra teacher.

"Students should start to study two days before a test," suggested Mr. Doug Wilder, counselor.

With most math classes, the material on the semester exams is usually a comprehensive review of everything that has been taught that year. "The hardest thing about math tests is trying to remember all the equations for different problems," said Foster.

Wray offers several ways to help a student review without having a cram session. A review sheet is something that most teachers give to their students to help them study. "I usually give out a review a week in advance, but I don't think students take advantage of it," said Wray. "They need to put their pencil to the paper."

Moulton constructs his own reviews as well. "When it comes time to make a review, I try not to destroy a student's morale," said Moulton. "I may be naive, but I think that most students do take advantage of my review guides." With Moulton's prep during fifth hour, he stays in his room during all three lunches most days to help students who have questions.

Wray said students need to work through the problems and ask questions to make sure they thoroughly understand the material given to them. Wray also suggested that students should

study with a friend and work through problems together.

"I use my book instead of review sheets most of the time to study, because the book has examples of most problems in it," said Foster.

If these ideas on how to study don't work out very well, there are also other services that the school offers to students. There are National Honor Society and Ball State tutors available. The school also encourages students to use the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Homework Hotline. "Students don't use these services enough," said Wilder.

So when the semester exams arrive next week, will you be ready?

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**I ain't gonna do you wrong while you're gone
Ain't gonna do you wrong 'cause I don't wanna
All I'm askin'
Is for a little respect when you come home (Aretha Franklin)**

Paige Devine ❖ Can't Put Me Down

R-E-S-P-E-C-T is the famous song by Aretha Franklin. The song tells women to stop putting up with their man not believing them and take a stand for yourself.

In high school finding a guy is not uncommon. It is even more common for a girl to have a boyfriend who doesn't respect her and always thinks she is going to cheat on him. He may say mean things about her or her friends and act controlling, getting her to spend all of her time with him. He might tell her that she looks ugly or that she can never do anything right. Maybe he says he is going to call and doesn't or says if she wants to talk to him she will call. How many times have you heard that or seen it happen?

This would be the time to let him know that all you are asking for is a little respect. Demand your respect or demand he leave. It is your choice. This is not always easy and can be hard to tell someone you care for to give you the respect you give them. It is even harder

**Demand your respect or
demand he leave. It is your
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to respect them on the same level that you want to be respected. Even though we want to be respected we still have to respect them.

Aretha Franklin told women all over the world to stand up for what they believe in and not to back down! Not to let men drain all your positive energy and leave you with a bad attitude. Give them the boot. Make them find out what it means to you.

This is a very useful song for women when they are having problems with men. Maybe next time you need help with your man, look up her song. It has a lot of useful and inspiring words. It also gives you some great ideas on how to demand your respect.

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Seans Hays ❖ Ads Director

Joy Ellcessor wants to study music at Indiana Wesleyan University. But she knows tuition is \$20,880 per year. That's why she is determined to apply for as many scholarships as she can.

Mrs. Connie Stinson, guidance counselor and scholarship advisor, said that applying for scholarships is of high importance.

"Many students are financially unable to attend college without financial assistance to help pay for college expenses- tuition, fees, room and board, books, etc.," Stinson said.

Seniors Jon Broyles and Ellcessor agreed with Stinson, saying that their parents stress the need for scholarships.

"I want to go to graduate school, and going that many years could leave me with a lot of debt after college," Broyles said.

Ellcessor agreed with Broyles.

"My parents push scholarships because there are four teen-age girls in my family and there is no way my parents can pay for four college tuitions," Ellcessor said.

Both have applied for several scholarships. For example, Ellcessor has applied for Coca Cola, Target, SB&O Magazine, Prudential and Scheoff Music scholarships. Broyles has applied for Outstanding Students of America, Harold Ellison, Helping Hands Book Scholarship, Young Writers' Contest, McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow, DAR Good Citizens Committee, and Target.

Both consider the process of applying very time consuming. Ellcessor said that applying for scholarship takes many hours and a lot of information.

"You need to know all of your grades, community service, school information and parents' information," she said.

Ellcessor and Broyles have applied for large scholarships, and according to Mrs. Stinson they have a good chance of winning them.

"Our students have been awarded larger scholarships, such as the Lilly Endowment, Storer and Ellison as well as individual university awards for academics and athletics," Stinson said.

With many scholarships available and the high cost of tuition for most colleges, seniors will have their hands full this year. Along with their academic studies

and extracurricular activities, the stress at times can seem unbearable.

Both Ellcessor and Broyles give advice to fellow seniors when applying for scholarships.

"Apply now!" Ellcessor said.

"If you wait, you will be sorry. Most of the deadlines are before February and many have already passed," she added.

Broyles agreed with her.

"If you procrastinate, you will be stuck trying to do a whole lot of work in the busiest time of the year," he said.

"Choose the scholarships you think you have a good chance of getting and start applying for them as soon as possible," he added.

Some advice from Mrs. Stinson ...

1. Be organized.

-Complete applications with thorough information as neatly as possible.

2. Have a resume with all of the information required for applications.

-Include all information about activities, clubs, teams, offices held, honors, awards, community service, employment-anything that would make the student stand out as the best candidate for the scholarship

3. Get letters of recommendation early.

- Provide writers a copy of your resume.

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It's the Season

Heather Turner ❖ Features Writer

With the Christmas season quickly moving by everybody is moving a little faster than normal to keep up with the holiday season. This was also true with the bands and choirs as they prepared for the Christmas concert.

"We have a lot more songs to perform," said freshman Austin Long, beginning jazz band member. For the choirs this is also true. Both the bands and choirs have more songs due to the greater expectation on the Christmas performances. Senior Kendra Ridge, advanced choir, said, "I think that Christmas is more stressful. We have six pieces of music that had to be memorized by Thanksgiving break."

Junior Erica Roberts, wind ensemble member, does not think it's hard but still thinks it's stressful. "There is a lot of the same music. That's not hard, it's just that there are a lot more people there and your family is there," said Roberts.

But overall most student enjoy the performing even though it is a lot of stress. Mrs. Beth Delong, choir teacher, said, "Even though it is extra stressful, I believe it brings some extra fun." Sophomore Haley Inman, women's choir member, said, "Christmas time it is more fun to sing because you have an all around good feeling because you know Christmas break and snow days are coming."

The Christmas concert was Monday, Dec. 12 at the Horizon Convention Center.

These are profiles of stand-out members of the DHS music community. They are all seniors planning to pursue music as a career.

Keegan Ferris

Senior Keegan Ferris started singing when he was in fifth grade and acted in many plays at the Muncie Civic Theatre throughout middle school.

Ferris joined the band his freshman year and met Mr. Keith Pautler, former band director. "He encouraged me to be more outgoing and to use my talent," said Ferris, who is now in the Jazz Band where he plays drums and sings.

Ferris wants to attend Ball State University, to major in either music theatre or music technology.

After college, Ferris may travel.

"If I get a decent job I might move to New York to see what happens, but for now I would like to stay in good old Muncie and get an education," Ferris said.



Joy Ellcessor

Being raised by a mother who wrote and produced music and dance for musicals, senior Joy Ellcessor has always been around music.

When Ellcessor was two years old she was dancing and singing beside her mother. Her mother recognized Ellcessor's talent and started her on piano lessons at age four.

In sixth grade Ellcessor joined band and played the saxophone. That is when she decided to major in music.

"I knew that I wanted to major in music. That was really never a problem for me," said Ellcessor.

Now Ellcessor has 25 songs composed and performs in many bands, including the jazz, wind ensemble, and pep bands at school. She also plays in many bands outside of school.

Ellcessor is going to Indiana Wesleyan University where she will major in music (piano). After college she wants to perform professionally.



Rachel Weidner

Rachel Weidner started dancing ballet when she was three years old. She started performing solos in fourth grade. After that she received many leading roles in musicals at the Muncie Civic Theatre. Also she has had many solos in church plays. She also won second place in Air Jam singing the song "Fallin" by Alisha Keys.

Weidner always knew that she wanted to major in music but did not know what type of specialty.

Recently, Weidner decided that she is going to major in voice performance. She said she will attend Ball State for the first year to get through most of her general studies and then apply to the University of Chicago and finish school there.

After college Weidner wants to perform. "I just want to perform, and I also am interested in being a music pastor in a church," said Weidner.



Kara Hamm

For senior Kara Hamm performing is nothing new. She has been dancing for 15 years (she started when she was three years old). She started singing soon after that. Since then she has been in Swinging Sounds throughout middle school, has received first place in the state solo and ensemble and has sang in the church choir at Center Chapel. She recently won first place in talent at the Junior Miss competition for Delaware county.

Now that it is time for college Hamm has decided upon music education. "I had been going back and forth between dancing and music," said Hamm. "I intern at Royerton Elementary this year in a music class and I love it."

Hamm plans to go to Ball State for two years and get an undergrad degree in music education. After that she plans to go to California Pacific (The Young Americans), a school for the performing arts (where she has already been accepted) and go there for four more years. While she is there she will tour the country for three months each year where she will perform a show every three days.



Point / Counterpoint

In this issue, two of our staff members will debate two sides of the same-sex marriage controversy. Senior Sean Hays will argue in favor of same-sex marriage and senior Nathan Walker will argue against same-sex marriage. The opinions of the two writers do not necessarily represent those of the staff or of the magazine as a whole.

IN OPPOSITION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Opinion by Nathan Walker

Homosexual marriage is a moral and political issue that is causing much conflict in our nation. The topic sparks arguments in the press, court systems, government and even over the dinner table at home.

People argue against gay marriage on moral grounds, saying that it is against their religion. But when it comes to politics, moral grounds can be difficult to stand on. Say that something is wrong according to your religion and the immediate response is, "What about the separation between church and state?"

The separation of church and state is disputably an important principle upon which our nation was built. But our nation also was built on morals. And there is a point at which you have to draw the line.

What is next if gay marriage like this were to actually pass in our government? It could open up the door for polygamy, which is group marriage.

Homosexuality is not a

new idea by any means, but how it is recognized socially keeps it tough to swallow. It is a huge jump from what we as

Americans are used to that keeps the idea so far out of reach.

Are there not more important things to worry about in the world? There are starving children, adults without health care, insurance, growing national debt, working parents unable to afford housing and under-funded schools.



AGAINST

Are there not more important things to worry about in the world? There are starving children, adults without health care, insurance, growing national debt, working parents unable to afford housing and under-funded schools.

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We cannot digress from these actual issues with moral fantasies. Is homosexual marriage really that important? Some people go through their lives with no spouses at all and are happy doing it.

Marriage in the United States consists only of the union of a man and a woman. What is so hard about keeping it that way?

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IN FAVOR OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Opinion by Sean Hays

Twenty-six states recognize first cousin marriage; all but two require a couple to be 18 in order to marry without parental consent. You in fact can marry your first cousin or a 14-year-old and still be protected under the law in the state of Kentucky.

For a legal adult to wed a 14-year-old would be considered pedophilia by some states, but our state, Indiana, has to recognize the marriage under the Constitution's Full Faith and Credit Clause. So why isn't gay marriage protected?

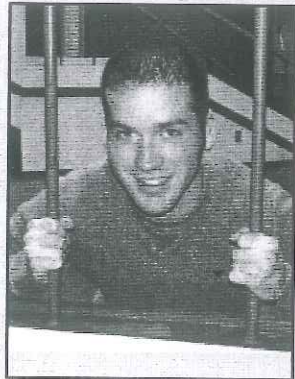
Good question. Gay marriage is protected when it comes down to the legal precedent and the constitutional case. The most similar circumstance in our legal history in the debate over gay marriage has been the miscegenation laws of the 1950's (Interracial Marriages in America). These laws prevented interracial marriages between black and whites. The Supreme Court ruled in *Loving v. Virginia* that Virginia's legal order to prevent marriages between persons solely on the basis of racial classifications violated the equal protection and due Process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment, which states... "nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law..."

In conjunction with this, courts in the state of Hawaii in 1993 ruled that same-sex couples were entitled to the same rights as married opposite-sex couples under their state's Equal Protection Clause. In a partial response to the rulings in Hawaii, the Congress in 1996 passed the Defense of Marriage Act. The Act is meant to prevent courts from using the Constitution's Full Faith and Credit clause to bring same-sex marriage to states that have rejected it by forcing one state to recognize the marriages of another state. According to the Full Faith and Credit clause there is a mutual understanding between courts of the 50 states of the United States to recognize, honor and enforce one another's actions. So according to the Full Faith and Credit clause, Indiana must recognize the marriage between a 70-year-old and a 14-year-old that were wed in Kentucky, and

also the marriage of first cousins wed in Tennessee, where it is legal.

On the contrary, Indiana cannot recognize gay-marriage where it is legal in Massachusetts and where in California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey and Vermont gay couples can have unions, which give them a similar legal status to those in a civil marriage or a domestic partnership. Am I the only person that sees something wrong with recognizing the marriage between a 70-year-old and a 14-year-old, and not recognizing the marriage of a same-sex couple?

Whether you are a conservative or liberal, you can agree that marriage is a religious ceremony to some, but a contract to all. There are exactly 1,049 benefits the United States government provides to legally married couples. There is no constitutional basis for denying



IN FAVOR

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gay couples marriage rights, and every constitutional reason why our government should actively pursue legalizing gay marriage in order to give gay and lesbian citizens their rights as equals of the United States and to ensure them their rights under the Fourteenth Amendment. Our government's responsibility is to defend the rights of the minority against the injustice of the majority, and in this instance our government has undoubtedly failed in its duties.

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Point / Counterpoint

Same-Sex Marriage

the joy of giving ... the joy of receiving ...

Angel Gannon and Mary Black ❖ Staff Writers

The most memorable gift does not have to be expensive. Sometimes the best gift is spending time with your family.

Mrs. Cindy Hall, child development teacher, said the best Christmas she ever had was in 1978. The gift was her dad, Carol, and spending the holiday together as a family. Hall and her family lived in New Castle. This was the last time Hall spent time with her dad, who died of a long-term illness.

"I just enjoyed spending time with my dad one last time before he died," said Hall.

The most memorable gift senior Angela Soldaat ever received was a picture of her with her dad. Tina and Dave Smith, friends of her father, gave the picture to her.

"It's memorable because my dad is no longer with us," said Soldaat, "and it gives me something to remember him by."

"I still have it and I will have it until the day I die," Soldaat said.

Junior Kristen Dobbs received three little dolphin figurines on April 18, 2004 from her grandfather,

Vincent Baker, shortly before he passed away.

"The dolphins mean a lot to me because it helps me to remember him by," said Dobbs.

The Christmas of 1995 freshman Natalie Baker received a very special gift from her parents. The gift was her stepsister.

"My sister is so sweet and so nice and I love her very much," said Baker.

Sophomore Hillary Writtenhouse said the most memorable gift she ever received was the board game Candy Land when she was 10. The gift was from Santa.

Writtenhouse said the gift is so memorable because when she saw it in the stores she wanted it desperately. She used to play it with her grandma.

"I still have the game, and I really played it like a couple of weeks ago with my sister," said Writtenhouse.

Sophomore Katie Joseph received a gold necklace from her grandma when she was 12 years old. Joseph still has the necklace.

"It's just really cool that she remembers," said Joseph.

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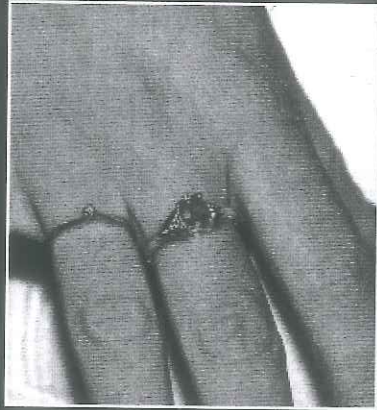
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When junior Clair Berry opened her 17th birthday present she was surprised to find a pink, exotic topaz ring and her parents' promise ring from high school. Berry says the rings are so memorable because



The Greatest Gifts

"It means a lot to me that my parents took time to pick out the perfect ring and gave me their high school ring."

---Clair Berry, junior

exchanged it, and it broke again, so I don't even try to mess with it anymore."

Sophomore Samantha Nowels' most memorable gift was a vanity table that she received from her parents in the eighth grade. Nowels said the gift was so memorable because she hated it. She had asked for a

they're beautiful. She says she will always wear them.

"It means a lot to me that my parents took time to pick out the perfect ring and gave me their high school ring," said Berry

Berry said, "Rings are a girl's best friend."

Freshman Niki Tharp begged her parents for years for a portable DVD player. Tharp finally received the gift the Christmas of 2003. It was from her mom and dad.

"The gift was so memorable because I wanted one and my dad said "no, absolutely not" but my mom tricked him into buying me one," she said.

Tharp still has the gift but "it broke and we took it back and

guitar, and she got a polished piece of wood. Nowels said she still has it but it is stashed in the garage somewhere.

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A helping hand in the process of ...

1979 graduate Sandi Webster, formerly Sandi Shott, offers a helping hand to dysfunctional families through her work as a psychotherapist.

HEALING

flashback

Bobby Helfst and
Adam Vaughn

Inside the mysterious gray mass of nerve endings and cells we refer to as the brain, lay the human mind, personality and individuality. The halls are exceedingly mystifying and complex, but several fields of therapists now probe the depths of the human psyche. One such therapist is a DHS alumnus of 1979.

Sandi Webster, formerly Sandi Shott, is a psychotherapist in North Carolina. She works mostly with children, adolescents, blended families and addictions. Webster describes herself as a very non-commercialized, Christian, "Dr. Phil." She is currently considering relocating to Indiana after being away for more than 20 years.

"I became interested when I was young, because I wanted to heal or fix my family's dysfunction, but wasn't aware of it at the time. I've always been a counselor to friends and family, long before I received any degrees," Webster said.

There are three basic divisions in Webster's line of work. A psychologist does testing, a psychiatrist deals with medication treatment and a psychotherapist uses "talk"-therapy.

"I also use some play therapy with younger kids, encourage active participation and give homework assignments. I also use RET, but in a less harsh way than the very abrasive founder of that particular technique," Webster said.

RET, short for Rational Emotive Therapy, is based on the idea that a person's emotions stem from their beliefs, interpretations and reactions to life's events. RET challenges an individual's flawed or faulty thinking about themselves and the world.

For a psychotherapist, there are three different types of license. Webster holds a license for a medical health counselor but also specializes in marriage and family. A psychotherapist with any such license does not have the power to prescribe medication, as they are not a doctor, and thus may "team up" with an area psychiatrist.

"We usually obtain our specialties through life

experience. I grew up with stepparents, and then married a man with children, thus the interest in blended families," Webster said.

Webster has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ball State University, and a master's degree from Nova University in Florida. She has also done some post-masters work, but it is not required for her career field.

Most of Webster's clients come to her through referrals, such as from pastors, doctors, or word of mouth, or through advertisements.

"In dealing with kids, it's usually behavioral problems that parents bring the kids in for. To help (fix) them, I usually end up doing a lot of parent training," Webster said.

Webster often ends up being a responsible adult that the adolescents feel they can talk to, and a liaison to the parents, if the child gives her permission to discuss it. This is due to the doctor-patient confidentiality law.

"I see my role as an educated, objective support in most cases," Webster said. "I have had a few severe cases; I've had to report dozens of child abusers. My most severe case involved a father who thought his 4-year-old daughter was being abused by his mother's boyfriend. After one session, I decided to refer him to another therapist. About a year later he (the father) had beat his daughter to death," Webster said. After he had beaten her, he stuffed her body in his trunk and buried her in the Ocala state forest. He called the police saying she was missing. There were several people out looking for her before he confessed."

Webster says her favorite teacher at Delta was Ms. Rosemary Gishler, former school guidance counselor. She also liked Mr. Don Puckett, former history teacher, because, "he was so unique," Mr. Robert Chalfant, former government teacher, and Mrs. Marilou Dickey, former journalism teacher.

Webster advises those considering the same career path to ask questions, talk to people, find a mentor and enjoy the journey.



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—Sandi Webster



Remember what the doormouse said – feed your head.
(Jefferson Airplane)

Adam Vaughn ❖ It's A Secret to Everybody

I'm going to be frank and quick.

I don't like blogs. Even the word itself sounds ridiculous! Political, personal, they're all rubbish!

Blogs are quickly becoming very popular. Sites such as MySpace, LiveJournal and Xanga are growing every day with new people. These sites are open to anybody to join, and can connect people with one another, and can let others post opinions. This seems to be a great idea, but there are some problems. These sites have grown to be just plain nonsense.

My primary concern is that of identity. I could claim to be anyone I want to be on these sites, and there is no way to stop me. I could be myself, Adam Vaughn, or I could be "Guy Incognito" from London, England, a master of biochemistry and Irish folk dance, and there is no way to tell. The idea that I can be anybody and no one can tell is unsettling. It is a great personal security risk to others if the fake user has malicious intent.

Speaking of security, that is my second concern. Many of these blogs feature personal information displayed prominently on the user's first page, which is just plain nonsense. This information could be used by a person with malicious intent, as I have already partially described. We've all heard the stories of "cyber-stalkers" and sadly, they're not just stories. Make one slip-up with personal information (post too much information), and this is a very real possibility.

Many of these "bloggers," an equally stupid word in and of itself, like to discuss current events and other such topics. It's good in theory - someone can post an opinion, and others can respond. But in practice, it almost never goes well. For example, Blogger #1 posts his opinion about the war. Viewer #2, who could possibly be Blogger #2 as well, responds, but he posts a small bit of misinformation. Viewer #3 responds to this, taking the misinformation to the next degree. By Viewer #10, there is nothing to redeem the article. With no way for these comments to be checked, the article quickly degenerates into a swirling vortex of lies, misinformation, and just plain nonsense, while the original poster wallows in the ideas of what could have been from his site. This regulation (or

lack thereof, rather) can lead to anyone posting anything. Anyone could come in, post an offensive or lewd comment, and, oh well, too late, no way to stop them.

I could post anything I want on these sites. What I post could easily be truth, fiction or just plain nonsense. Thus, these sites quickly become a hub for misinformed, crazy people to join.

Then the pages themselves are simply dreadful. Oh, what a pain it is upon oneself to read these! They all seem to be designed by 4 year-olds. White text on yellow background, a readable page does not make! Half the articles are filled with links, because clearly I came to my friend's blog to read another person's site, not my friend's. You can't read half of the article because half of it is hyperlinks and randomly underlined or in a different color or font. The layout is usually awful, full of blank white space that irritates the eyes. The other half is full of political banter or links to political books, again making the site aggravating to look at. Usually, the personal blogs have a bit more attention paid to appearance than political blogs, but both look horrible in most cases.

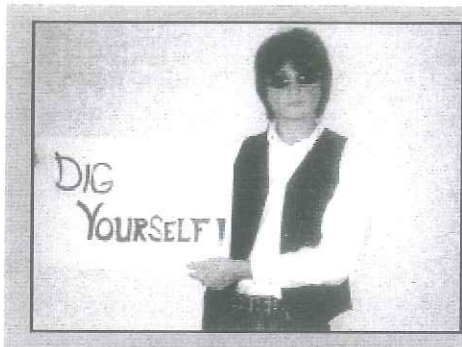
If only these blogs could be used to their full potential, they could POTENTIALLY be something good, but as it stands, they serve no good. If you have managed to create a site that avoids these common pitfalls, bravo, but that does not redeem the entire system. Please, bloggers, make these things worth reading!



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In a soldier's stance, I aimed my hand at the mongrel dogs who teach, fearing not I'd become my enemy in the instant that I did preach. My existence, led by confusion boats, mutiny from stern to bow. But I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now.
(Bob Dylan)

Jerrick T. Adams ❖ No Direction Home

Having been in dubious battle with formidable foes – the government and the self – I have decided to bring it all back home, so to speak ... that is to say, I have decided to rant madly about an issue which might be of some small concern to you, the student body.

That said, I am outraged. I am furious. There has been a grave injustice done to the student body and I, for one, cannot stand it any longer! It is a travesty – an unimaginable wrong thrust upon the student body. The harm done, incalculable. The mental distress, unfathomable. What is this madness I speak of?

The lunch point system. *Shrieks of terror*

Yes, that is right, you heard me correctly – the lunch point system. *Continued shrieks of terror*

Let me explain: a student lunch (theoretically) consists of five points – a milk is worth one point, an entrée, two, and all other items, one point as well – fair enough, I suppose. This system would imply that, in theory, one could purchase two entrees (four points) and one milk (one point) and the standard price of \$1.75 would be applied. This is, however, NOT THE CASE!

Rather, the student will pay \$3.25 for these food items – nearly double the original cost of the standard student lunch. Am I the only soul that can fathom and appreciate the sheer and unadulterated madness of the situation? I am still grappling with this reality ... this blatant disregard for standard mathematical principles. $2 + 2 + 1 = 5$... five points ...

And yet, logic and reason are expelled from the lunch hall of Delta High School. A student is resigned to purchase the standard lunch, void of choices. A student may only purchase a five-point lunch that consists of one entrée and, at most, three other food items.

One cannot even purchase two of the same side item! Why? What is to be gained from this oppression? Can anyone tell me? I do not believe that there is any significant economical gain in preventing the students from ordering two orders of fries as a substitution for another side item.

Granted, I can appreciate and respect limitations ... I do not feel as though it would be necessary for a student to request five orders of French fries and pay the standard price of \$1.75 – a limit of two on each item would appease me – and the student body for that matter. I do not feel as though this is a mere personal peeve – for the first time, I

believe I might have struck a meaningful blow and the student body will answer me with a resounding 'yes'. For though I speak in grand and sweeping terms not at all appropriate for the scale of the issue, I feel as though there is a significant and unnecessary wrong being done to the student body. Really, what is the harm in a student ordering two of any food item if that order conforms to the regulations of the point system?

Will the foundation of our building crumble? Will the teachers strike? Will the skies fall and the earth, catch fire and the world as we know it cease to be in a spectacular eruption of ash and lava?

I doubt it.



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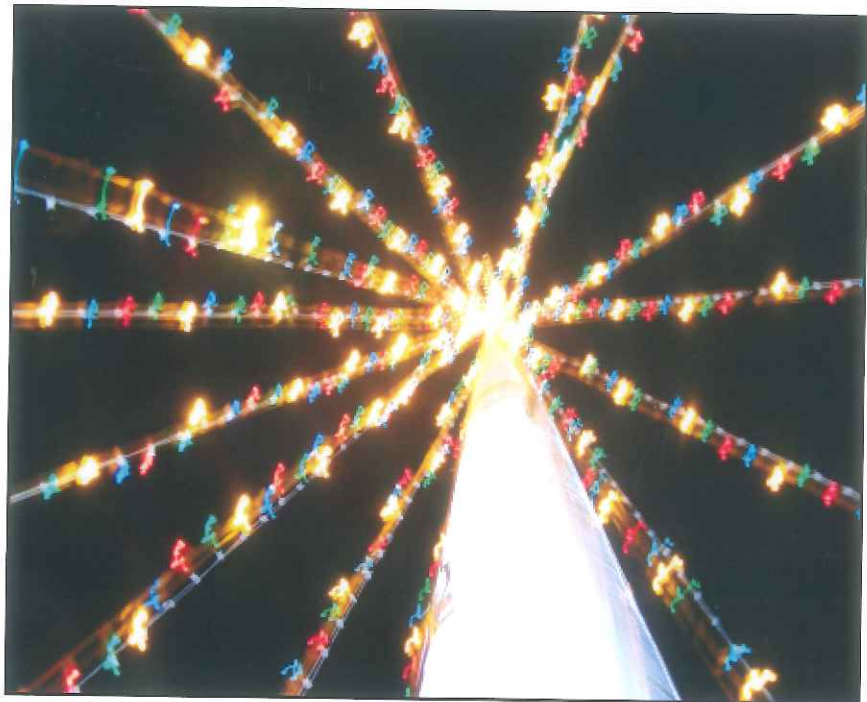
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