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"Tradition" Taken Too Far

By Alyssa D'Arcy

Is Initiation Hazing?

This fall, several girls on the Needham High School soccer team as well as their head coach, were suspended after being accused of hazing freshmen. Not only were the girls suspended from school but they were also denied the request from a Norfolk County Judge to play in their Division 1 State Tournament game against Brockton.

The freshmen were allegedly hazed as a sort of ritual that happens every year, said some of the Needham High School peers. Unfortunately, this year they were caught for their actions. The freshman girls on the team were taken to the soccer fields and told to howl like dogs and dance for the seniors on the team. They were then apparently showered with cream pies and told to wear dog collars, leaving bruises around their necks and one girl's nose bleeding.

One interesting issue with this case was how the news knew about the incident before the school did. The principal, Dr. Pizzi, was asked to make a statement on the hazing issue of the girl's soccer team, and to their dismay he had no

idea what they were talking about. The news team had heard about it online, whether it was through twitter or facebook, they did not say. Dr. Pizzi was now inclined to take action.

The parents of the freshmen however think the punishment was too harsh on the girls. They felt as if their daughters were not

try and get the consequences overturned. However, the request was denied and the girls were unable to play in what might be their last game of their season. With no coach, and half the team missing, junior varsity players took over their roles. Unfortunately Brockton ended up beating Needham 7-1 and thus unable to move on

Furthermore, the senior girls expecting to play in college with scholarship money are now facing the possibility of losing it all. However, though these may be rumors, the possibility seems harsh. Maddie Dunn, a relative of one of the three freshmen on the team, had some inside information on the girls. Her opinion on the incident is that it was all too dramatic. "The freshmen girls said that they never wanted to hurt their seniors, or teammates. The whole situation was blown out of proportion. The school panicked", says Dunn. Hazing isn't uncommon in high schools around the area, but due to the recent anti-hazing laws, Dr. Pizzi needed to act promptly. Dunn believes he acted "too abruptly, without investigating sufficiently".

Hazing, across the nation, has become a problem for many teams. At first, it may seem like a good bonding activity, that it lightens the intensity. But do teams cross line, and are actually harming the rookies? Hazing can be an unnecessary endangerment for students and is technically bullying. The Needham hazing incident is an awakening for the possibilities that could ultimately harm a team, and their athletic careers.



necessarily hazed, but that it was an incident of a "misguided attempt at teambuilding", said Todd White one of the parents. The parents felt it necessary to go to a judge to

the next round. For the seniors on the team, this was to be their last game of their high school soccer career. Unfortunately, it was ended on a negative note.

Taking Back the House

By Max Handler

Entering this election, there were some major questions for the Democrats. Could they keep the House? Would the Republicans take the Senate? These questions were answered on November Second. The Republicans were able to carry the momentum they had built up into some major victories in both the House. The big news story of the election was the Republicans capturing the House. They gained 62 House seats. In Massachusetts, the major election was Sean Bielat versus Barney Frank. Frank defeated Bielat, getting 54% of the vote to Bielat's 43%. Due to the Republican's victory, John Boehner will become the new Speaker of the House. Boener is a representative from Ohio's Eight District.



The Republicans also made gains in the Senate. Technically, they only won five seats, but Lisa Murkowski, who won in Alaska.

She ran as an independent, but she is really a Republican. The Republicans also took control of Senate seats in other states. In Wisconsin, Ron Johnson defeated Russ Feingold. John Hoeven handily defeated Tracy

Potter in North Dakota. John Boosman won the Arkansas Senate race, defeating Blanche Lincoln. Pat Toomey eked out a win over Joe Sestak in Pennsylvania. Mark Steven Kirk defeated Alexi Giannoulias in Illinois. And in Indiana, Daniel R. Coats defeated Brad Ellsworth.

The Republicans also fared well in the Governors races, gaining 7 seats. In Massachusetts, the Democratic Deval Patrick was able to keep his seat by defeating

Charlie Brown, 48% to 42%. Tim Cahill had some impact, garnering 8% of the vote. Jill Stein had a very minimal impact, getting just 1.4%. The states in which the Republicans took over Governor Seats were Florida, New Mexico, Wyoming, Iowa, Maine, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Despite losing seats in the Senate, House,



and Governors, not all was lost for the Democrats. Dan Malloy won the Connecticut Governor seat, which had been previously held by a Republican. Peter Shumlin also

took a Governor seat previously held by a Republican, but he did so in New Hampshire. In the Senate, Harry Reid, the Senate Majority leader, avoided getting upset by Sharron Angle in Nevada, while in California, Barbara Boxer also held onto her seat. The Democrats also took over some House seats. In Delaware's first district, John Carney took over a seat that the Republicans had previously held. Colleen Hanabuse

did the same in Hawaii's first district, and so did Cedric Richmond in Louisiana's second district.

This past election was a great one for the Republicans, but not a total loss for the Democrats. The Democrats still control the Senate and the

White House. Still, the Republicans took a big step towards taking complete control, and they will look to carry their momentum into 2012.

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Thrilling Thanksgiving Game Caps Solid Spirit Week

By Tyler Maher

Another successful spirit week has come and gone, complete with fuzzy pajamas, outlandish costumes and an overwhelming amount of Boston sports apparel.

After narrowly trailing the sophomores all week, the resilient senior class rallied to take the lead on Friday. Led by Spirit King Paton Parham and Spirit Queen Alex Francendese, both repeat winners, the defending champs retained their title with another spirit week victory. King Parham was visibly relieved and admitted he was "glad our grade pulled it off and won the breakfast, especially since it's sponsored by the PTO (the organization responsible for the amazing De-stress DS days)."

This fall's spirit week was nearly identical to last year's edition, except for "Costume Day" replacing "Decade Day." Interestingly, charitable contributions dipped by \$800 this year, falling from the impressive \$2,607 total last year to just over \$1,800 this year (a 31% plummet). Nonetheless, the money will be donated to Village Health works, a non-profit organization that builds health clinics for Burundi genocide victims. Burundi is a tiny country buried in the heart of Africa, and its tragic past was detailed by Tracy Kidder in his book "Strength in What Remains."

Spirit week also helped jack up the

student body for the impending Thanks-

giving morning showdown with Med-

field. On the gridiron, Turkey Day couldn't come soon enough for Dover-Sherborn's beleaguered football squad.

2010 was a trying season for DS, a frustrating fall plagued by close losses, position turnovers, and low morale. It was a transition year, a painful departure from the short lived but highly successful Jim Girard era. The Warriors stumbled through a pedestrian season themselves, going 5-7 and looking very beatable when they barely edged DS earlier in the month. For the Raiders, this highly anticipated Thanksgiving duel provided one last opportunity for redemption, a chance to help alleviate some of the agony they endured throughout September and October.

Because it doesn't matter how poorly you start: what matters is how strong you finish.



The mohawked Raiders closed the book on their rollercoaster 2010 season with a thrilling 14-9 victory, their third win in their final four games. The Warriors drew first blood on 20 yard field goal in the first quarter, an acceptable outcome given Medfield's threatening red zone assault. The lockdown Raider defense shut out Medfield for the remainder of the half, and DS took the lead in the second quarter when senior QB Robert Simms rifled a 25 yard touchdown pass to junior Jackson Schroeder.

Senior captain Will Bain was confident in his team's chances heading into the locker room. He felt that "once we took the lead, we knew we were in a great position to win the game."

After a scoreless third quarter, the Raiders expanded their lead to 14-3 on a Simms QB sneak. But the Warriors, true to their name, refused to quit. They scored to slice the DS lead to five and sparked a last ditch drive after halting the Raider offense. With the game suddenly in jeopardy and the fans nervously chomping their frigid fingernails, junior Matt Heinlein picked off an errant Medfield lob to seal Dover-Sherborn's second consecutive Thanksgiving victory.

"It was the most memorable game of my life," reflected senior center Matt Prescott. The Raiders may have started slowly, but they finished on a tear. Unfortunately, their grand finale wasn't enough to save Head Coach Ric Anderson from getting fired. His exit ensures that 2011 will be yet another transitional season for the Raiders, who will be helmed by their fourth different head coach in five years.

Reliving the Moment

By Erika Daukus

I think I speak on behalf of the whole school when I say congratulations to the boys' soccer team for a tremendous season!

Back in the fall, on November 22nd, the team beat last year's defending champions, the Lenox Millionaires, at Foley Stadium in Worcester to claim the Division 3 State Championship.

The Raiders not only had very talented players but also "very good team chemistry" where the "seniors and freshmen were not at odds" in any way, said captain Colin Jamerson. Captain Cam Bielski added, "as a team, we were able to work together extremely well."

The game itself was won 2-0. It was "pretty amazing," said senior Connor Heinlein, who added that he believes it would be "an experience that will stick with me for the rest of my life." For him, the part of the game where he definitely felt that they were going to win was "Cam's goal." Bielski scored the match's first goal in the 53rd minute of the game when junior Sam Hunter set him up perfectly to send it past Millionaires goalkeeper Andrew Bravo.

Heinlein further explained that though the team had to fight against the "strong wind for the whole first half," they "knew that they could take the lead for second half." Bielski continued to display his impressive skills throughout the remainder of the second half, rounding out the game by sending a cross pass to Colin Jamerson, who was able to find the back of the net with about 4 minutes left in the game. At that point, the squad more or less knew they were moments away from the sweet taste of victory.

Two minutes before the final whistle, Coach Gruseck called a timeout to tell the



boys they "were going to win." He wanted to give his team the chance to savor the moment. Gruseck had been the assistant coach back in 1992, the last time since now that a Dover-Sherborn boy's soccer team won the Championship. He knew that moments like this one were rare, and he wanted the members of this special bunch to be able to live in the moment and take it all in.

To celebrate this great accomplishment, the champions were given a police escort upon returning to Sherborn from the game. It was "exhilarating," explained Jamerson. The banquet, which took place at Primavera in Millis, was also much rowdier than normal, as the team had much to celebrate. Sam Hunter's father presented an extended slide show that documented their run for the title. Heinlein explained that "watching all the

moments leading up to our win was pretty awesome. It made me nostalgic."

To commemorate this most impressive accomplishment, the team's State Championship banner was raised on Friday, February 11th at a ceremony that took place in between the girl's varsity basketball game and the boy's varsity game. Witnessing this banner raising, senior Glen Krebs recalled how great it was to be able to watch his friends and gym teacher win a State Championship. The 2010 Boys Soccer State Championship will certainly be remembered as storied moment Dover Sherborn High School athletics; the team has definitely made the school very proud.

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On (Not) Getting In

By Tess Gatof

Round two: the decision letters. Who got accepted? Who got rejected? Did people get into their first choice? The way to find out: the rejection board, also known as the more comforting, or just another way to pin the pressures of college acceptance on our already broken down spins? Many seniors are welcoming to the idea. Although it presents a possible outlet for judgment, many students in the class of 2011 think that the wall is a positive way to share in the pain of rejection. "I think that it's a positive means of liberation," says senior Haley Boyce. "It shows everyone that they are not alone and I think that in a process as cutthroat as this one, it is beneficial to know that others are feeling your pain."

So what makes this wall so daunting? Senior Jake DiSanto thinks it's because people easily pass judgment when walking by the wall. "When people get into less competitive schools, I think that it is definitely easy to judge them," says DiSanto. But no matter whether you support the wall, or cringe at it every time

you pass the guidance office, there is no

doubt that the waiting is the hardest part.

With the new technological advances, finding out your fate from a school can

be as easy as the click of a mouse. But nowadays, many seniors are leaning towards the old fashion way and waiting

the decision in your hands is definitely worth the wait. "I want to wait for the letter in the mail," says Sarah Warden,

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but knowing myself and how impatient I am, I have a feeling I will be clicking away to find out where I'm going." The college process is far from an easy one, but the reassurance that others are going through the stresses with you is comforting. "It's nice to know that I'm not the only one anxiously waiting for an acceptance," say senior Rachel Kulhawik.

With application stresses behind me what's my one piece of advice to future seniors? : get your applications done early. Being slightly anal-retentive, I decided to section off a week of my summer devoted to drafting my personal statements and supplements. Now I know that devoting a part of your summer to college applications seems a bit ridiculous, I promise it will pay off in the end. The start of senior year is anything but simple, but with college applications behind you, it will be much easier to focus on keeping up your first term senior grades for the colleges of your choice to see. And



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Midterm Madness

By Maddie Dunn

Students often ask the question, "what's the point of midterms," when January rolls around every year, and the half-point mark of the school year closes in on us. It is an important question, and a controversial one as well. Many seem to be divided on the issue, and not in the way we would initially suspect; both the faculty and the student body are divided into two crowds when discussing it: those who are for exams, and those who are against exams. As a result of this apparent dissension, we looked further into the controversy over midterm and final exams here at Dover-Sherborn versus other schools, and asked the question, as we tried to answer the question: "what IS the point of midterms?"

The benefits of midterm exams are apparent. From the faculty's perspective, exams are the simplest way to wrap up a semester. Giving a cumulative test at the half-way point and end of the year provides a way to evaluate the students' progress and also a way to evaluate their own teaching progress by the results. If positive results are produced, teachers know that their teaching methods are working. If they see negative scores, teachers are aware that some adjustment needs to be made, whether it be the level of difficulty of the exam, the style that the teacher uses to teach, or the study techniques of the students.

Some students feel that although midterms aren't exactly what we'd call fun, they are the most "quick and painless way to assess us" as Tucker Cottrell, a Dover Sherborn junior, put it. A two hour test and the whole thing is over. Although much studying goes into preparing for these tests, this studying is not overwhelming as long as it is spread

out over a long period of time. "Some teachers even allow so called 'cheat sheets' and note cards," which lessen the pain of memorizing, said junior Chris Ouellet. Midterm week is also even viewed as a vacation week to some, since dismissal is at 12:30 p.m. for the first two days, and 9:00 a.m. on the last day, when



the World Language exam. These half days, to some, seem to be a fair trade for having to sit through the two hour exams. "Midyear exams are kind of like being stung by a bee," said Liv Tupanjanin. "It will hurt, but in the end the bee dies, and they're over."

Arguments against exams are plentiful, some coming from teachers, but most abundantly from students. One teacher, Mr. Ryan, did not argue against having midterms, but against the style in which Dover-Sherborn gives them. He said that he "would have the midyear be open notebook" if he were able, because he

feels that if a student is going to solve a math problem in real life, he "would be able to look at [his] notes." This attitude would encourage student to pay more attention in class and take better notes, ultimately helping them to learn better.

Students seem to have fewer problems with the academic style of the exams, and

week of exams every January. "Midterm exams are ridiculous and shouldn't be there," said Oliver Kelley. He continued to vehemently argue his case, stating "other schools have even canceled them because of all the stress of taking them."

Both Needham High School and Wellesley High School have canceled midterm and final exams because of the strain that the tests put on the students. Thom Hughart, the director of the guidance department at Wellesley High School at the time when exams were first canceled in 2005, said that the school "looked for ways to reduce anxiety after the suicides of two students in the past two years." The public school decided to permanently eliminate midterm exams "to keep students from having to study over the holidays," and to keep from adding pressure on top of finishing normal semester work and working on the college-admission process for seniors.

At this point, it doesn't appear that midterm or finals testing will be canceled at Dover-Sherborn High School, but there are some alternatives to think about and ways to conquer exams. Large papers or projects could be assigned to be completed by the end of the semester as a way to assess students' cumulative knowledge, instead of the large tests. Also, Mr. Ryan's suggestion of an open notebook test could be effective in relieving some stress, without canceling testing all together. However, if these alternatives are not put into effect, the best way to prepare for exams is to start early. The advice to avoid procrastinating is heard all the time, and for a good reason. Starting to study weeks in advance alleviates the pressure of last minute studying and makes the bulky work load more manageable.

What's Your Limit?

By Paige Garson

It was that very special time of the year; the time for giving, receiving, sharing, loving, and remembering. While Hanukkah and Christmas have already ended people started in early October preparing for both holidays. Lights were gleaming through the streets making it very easy for people to find their way around at night. The aroma of Pine tree's swept through many homes as well as the burning scent of candles coming from the menorahs, reminding the owners of one very important part of the holidays- the presents.

People tend to forget about the stress and money required for the holidays. Money can't buy happiness; however, it can buy wild, screaming kids tranquility as they play with their new toys instead of tearing up the house. The holidays are very expensive; especially the ones in December are more expensive than any other holiday. The amount people spend has gone up through the years, however, these past couple of years people have been spending less and less, probably as a result of the recession. According to AllBusiness, a poll conducted last month found that twenty-nine percent of adults nationwide say they will spend \$1,000 or more on gifts, while twenty-five percent plan to spend between \$500 and \$1,000 and thirty-five percent plan to spend less than \$500. With all those calculations the average came to \$730. Americans tend to spend more money as



it gets closer to the holidays because they feel pressured to buy everyone they know a gift. On the other hand, according to AllBusiness fourteen percent of Americans say they will spend more than last year, while twenty-four percent say they will

forties to fifties spend around the middle. Americans who are in their late twenties into their thirties are the winners and spend the most when it comes to holiday gift shopping. A recent poll discovered that younger people are spending less this

money during the holidays. Laughlin gets most of her holiday shopping done during Black Friday where this year she was shopping from one thirty in the morning to eleven thirty in the morning. The difference between Laughlin and fifty year old Cathy

Warden from Phoenix, Arizona is the price range in which they spend. Warden has not done all of her shopping yet but she predicts that the overall amount spent will be close to \$1,000. Warden said, "I don't have a very big immediate family, but I have dozens and dozens of cousins and close friends. If I buy one person a gift I feel inclined to buy someone else a gift, and that is why at the end I spend a lot of money." Now that explains the difference between the younger age group and the older one. In the late twenties into thirty age group Sarah Robichaud, 29, from Bangor, Maine discussed how this year she is only buying gifts for her immediate family because of the recession she doesn't have much money to spend on her friends.

December holidays will always be the biggest money spenders, however, in the midst of all this spending, love and giving is not abandoned. Americans still believe in very traditional holidays where the whole family gets together to celebrate whatever holiday their religion acquires. There is nothing more magical than sitting next to your whole family in front of the fireplace, sipping on hot chocolate as you all watch the Christmas tree lights sparkle. Family time is something our country is losing on a daily basis, thus, families count on holidays to bring everyone together again.

spend less and sixty-one percent say they will spend about the same amount.

The trend seems to be that people above their sixties tend to spend more than people in their teens and twenties, and people in

year than ever before, where older people are spending more this year than last year.

Phoebe Laughlin a senior at Dover-Sherborn High School explained how she spends around two hundred of her own

What's Worth Seeing

By Tyler Maher

The winter is always an exciting time for movie-goers because studios make strong pushes for the upcoming Academy Awards while also trying to capitalize on the surge of ticket sales. The result is a glorious Hollywood exhibition. This awards season is driven by several strong and deserving candidates. Unlike last year's awards, which were dominated by Avatar and The Hurt Locker, the 2011 Oscars lack a true powerhouse capable of cleaning house. The race appears wide open this year and should be marked by a healthy dose of competition.

Here's a look at the season's top movies, including potential Academy Award nominees.

Academy Award winning director Danny Boyle follows up Slumdog Millionaire with this gut-wrenching tale of real-life mountain climber Aron Ralston, played by the charismatic James Franco (Pineapple Express). Ralston was trapped by a boulder in Utah for over five days, and his struggle to survive is masterfully portrayed in this hard-hitting drama. Beautifully shot, wonderfully edited and driven by a tour de force performance from Franco, this emotional powerhouse has received widespread acclaim and is a safe bet to contend for multiple Oscars. Franco turned in the finest acting job of his career and has a great shot at winning Best Actor.

Little Fockers (PG-13)

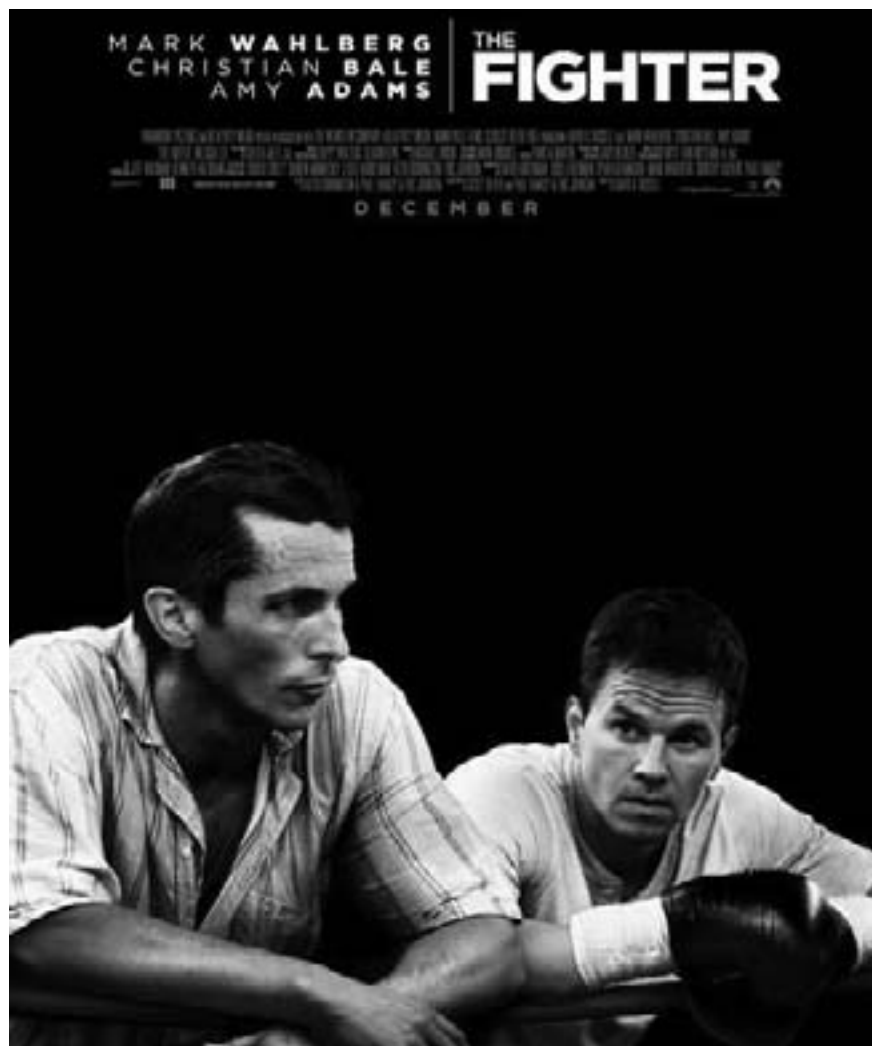
This holiday comedy reunites Ben Stiller (Tropic Thunder) with Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman, Barbara Streisand, and Owen Wilson for the third installment of the riotous series. It's been six years since we last saw the hilarious Focker clan, but they're back for more laughs and hi-jinks

as the bumbling Greg Focker prepares to assume his father-in-law's role of the "Godfather." Stiller looks to bounce back from his disappointing Greenberg and Wilson is in the midst of a strong return from his attempted suicide three years ago.

Also starring the always lovely Jessica Alba (Valentine's Day), this predictable comedy looks like a formulaic Hollywood product. The Company Men (R)

Despite a lack of advertising, this Boston-based drama promises to pack a punch. Starring Ben Affleck (The Town), Tommy Lee Jones (No Country for Old Men), and Chris Cooper (The Town), this touching movie follows these three men for a year as they try to survive devastating corporate downsizing at their company.

This well-acted and realistic portrayal of a floundering business hits home in the midst of the recent economic crisis. Also



starring Kevin Costner.

The Fighter (R)

Mark" plays Ward in this true story of determination and resilience, depicting his unlikely challenge to win the world light welterweight title in the mid 1990s.

He trains with his crack-addicted half-brother, a former boxer and "The Pride of Lowell" burdened by personal demons. Torn between his passion and his family, Ward struggles to balance both as he makes one final attempt at a title. Anchored by a strong supporting cast of Christian Bale (The Dark Knight) and Amy Adams (Doubt), this critically acclaimed sports flick is a bit predictable but still impressive. Bale delivers a phenomenal performance as Wahlberg's burnout sibling should win Best Supporting Actor. True Grit (PG-13)

After bombing with a pair of unsuccessful black comedies (Burn After Reading and A Serious Man), the talented Coen brothers return to form in this stylish remake of the 1969 John Wayne western classic. After 14 year-old Mattie Ross's father is murdered by Tom Chaney in the late 1870s, she teams up with hardened U.S. Marshall Reuben "Rooster" Cogburn, played by the steely Jeff Bridges, to track down the perpetrator. Also starring Matt Damon (Hereafter) as Texas Ranger La Beouf and Josh Brolin (Wall Street 2; Money Never Sleeps) as Chaney, this mesmerizing drama is superb. Highlighted by gorgeous cinematography, amazing set pieces and another Oscar worthy performance from Bridges, this film is sure to inspire nostalgia for the westens of old. The Duke would be proud of this one.

By Nolan Murphy

Hey Arnold! Rocket Power. The Angry Beavers. The names of these shows should sound familiar to all kids who, like me, watched Nickelodeon as a little kid. While few can agree on which Nick show is the best, there is unanimity in one thing: we don't like how it has changed. You see the discontent on YouTube, and hear it in cafeteria conversation: What happened to the "old Nick"?

The 1990s was a period of renaissance for television and film. The animation renaissance swept through companies like Disney, as they combined computer animation technology with traditional techniques. The result was classics like The Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, and The Nightmare Before Christmas. Saturday Night Live had a renaissance of comedians like Chris Rock, Adam Sandler, Chris Farley, and after them, Will Ferrell. This would come to produce many classics like More Cowbell, Celebrity Jeopardy, and "Matt Foley", the man who lives "in a van, down by the river!!" And Nickelodeon had its own little renaissance of shows that were the hallmarks of many a childhood, as well as being watchable by preteens and some adults due to clever humor and even more explicit innuendoes. However, this would not last, due to the nemeses of art and servants of ratings: executives.

Renaissances usually involve taking risks and being daring, and the renaissance of the 90s was no exception. What it really boiled down to was a game of "how much can we slip past the censors without them noticing". The problem is, while the former executives didn't mind, a wave of new executives took over, and they noticed;

networks, including Nickelodeon, had to clean up their act.

But Nickelodeon is an interesting case due to the odd parallels in the years certain shows are cancelled and the rise of a certain executive named Cyma Zarghami. In 1996, the same year she became Nickelodeon's general manager, overseeing programming, among other things, both Rocko's Modern Life and The Ren and Stimpy Show were cancelled. These two shows were known for their large amounts of innuendoes and adult humor. The same year she became vice-president, 1997, Aaahh!!! Real Monsters also kicked the television bucket, the last show aimed at a teen or adult audience. And in 2004, Rugrats, The Wild Thornberrys, Hey Arnold, CatDog, and Rocket Power were cancelled. These shows not only appealed to kids, but preteens as well, due to the humor able to cross both spectrums.

But the connection here? Cyma Zarghami took over as president of Nickelodeon television the same year.

Ever since then, the programming of Nickelodeon shifted from these programs that many of us recognize to lighter shows

Throwback

like iCarly, True Jackson VP, and Fanboy and Chum Chum. With all the controversy entering the new millennium about what is acceptable on TV; it would seem that Nickelodeon has shifted from its original audience of older kids and preteens to little kids: a feminization and censoring



like iCarly and True Jackson VP; one a web star, the other the vice president of a fashion company. Meanwhile, another student, whose favorite show was Rocket Power, attributes the "New" Nick to the rise of live action shows, and not enough cartoons. And Junior Scott Patterson, who also cites Rocket Power as his favorite, claims that it was just "better". When I asked them if they would watch these shows if they came back on the air, to see if they would really back up the "Old Nick" by watching it again, they all stated "yes".

With the new direction Nick has taken, it has raised much ire amongst our generation. However, a good alternative has arisen: the Internet. With many streaming sites, you can find all these shows online, and even some on other channels. However, with the spotlight on television focused elsewhere, perhaps the primary media outlet still, it shoves these alternatives into a back corner, only for those dedicated enough to look for these shows in other places. As long as this goes on, our generation will be resigned to wonder: what happened to the "old" Nick.

However, when asked, people who watched Nick as a kid had different, yet equally valid reasons. Sophomore Tori Weden, whose favorite show was Hey Arnold!, stated that it was all the same with instead of focus on normal kids, it was all about celebrities; this references the rise of shows

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One Foot, Two Foot New Year's Resolutions

By Maddie Dunn

Since the sport snowboarding began to become popular in mid-1960s, there has been great debate over snowboarding and its winter competitor, skiing. The "Snurfer," often known as the first real snowboard, was created from two skis being tied together as a new toy. In the late 1970's snowboarding exploded throughout the United States, and a rivalry formed between the two winter sports.

Many skiers see snowboarders as parasites who have invaded their terrain, and snowboarding as a silly sport. The most popular complaint from skiers is that, "snowboarders always make the trails icy" said skier Ashley Stewart. "They push all of the snow to the sides" agreed Amanda Miner, a member of Dover-Sherborn's Downhill Ski Team; this criticism is most common due to wide shape of the snowboard. The sport "is much harder and takes longer to learn" said Miner, "I've always suggested skiing for beginners, because of how quickly people can pick it up. And besides, it hurts less to fall." Miner works as a skiing instructor at Sugarbush Mountain in Vermont.

Resorts such as Deer Valley in Utah, Alta in Utah, and Mad River Glen in Vermont ban snowboarding at their mountains. Mad River Glen states that their reason for prohibiting snowboarding is purely a safety precaution. Until I being replaced in 2007, the sole chairlift to the peak of the mountain was a one-seat lift which would be dangerous for snowboarders to exit. However, Alta and Deer Valley seem to ban snowboarding for marketing reasons and to withhold a certain reputation. Deer Valley is known as the most expensive and

luxurious resort in the United States, and Alta is known as one of the most difficult mountains to ski, both are reserved for an exclusively high level of skiing ability.

Skiing is often seen as an elitist sport by both those who participate in it, and the snowboarders who rival it. Seen as expensive, and catering largely to the more wealthy citizens, resorts such Deer Valley weren't about to let this latest, dangerous craze interfere with their elite runs. The young snowboarding crowd just didn't fit the demographic that the resorts or their skiing customers wanted to see on their mountains.

Ultimately it seems that the rivalry comes down to a battle of egos. Many skier do not like snowboarders. Many snowboarders do not like skiers. The popular complaint "they think they own the mountain" was voiced by several Dover-Sherborn skiers and snowboarders alike. At Dover-Sherborn High School there is an even crowd on both sides of the debate. Although opinions vary on which sport is superior, D-S students almost unanimously agreed on the best places to go for great snow. "Going out west is always better" said Raider's Downhill Ski Team Captain, Sam Cote, and his classmates agreed. Vail, Telluride, Steamboat Springs, and Keystone were dubbed DS's favorite resorts on the west coast. But if you are looking to stay east, students say the best places to ski and snowboard are Jay Peak, Killington, Sunday River, and Sugarbush.

By Erika Daukus

Liv Tupanjanin:

1. What is your New Year's Resolution?
To drink more water.
2. What inspired this resolution?
Watching a movie about camels
3. How do you hope to accomplish your New Year's Resolution?
By drinking more water...

2. What inspired this resolution?
Wanting to swim on a college team
3. How do you hope to accomplish your New Year's Resolution?
By training really hard
4. Do you think it will be difficult?
Probably since the times needed to qualify are very fast

Jame Bartletts



1. What is your New Year's Resolution?
To slim down
2. What inspired this resolution?
To look like Charlotte and Maddie
3. How do you hope to accomplish your New Year's Resolution?
By not eating
4. Do you think it will be difficult?
Yes because I love food

Jillian Fagan:

1. What is your New Year's Resolution?
To get a good grade in Biology
2. What inspired this resolution?
Failing bio
3. How do you hope to accomplish your New Year's Resolution?
I have no clue
4. Do you think it will be difficult?
Absolutely

4. Do you think it will be difficult?
Yes because I don't like water.

Mace Mulleady:

1. What is your New Year's Resolution?
To make national cuts (for swimming)

New This Year

By Erika Daukus

It's that time of the year again where we prepare for the new, incoming year. To achieve success or reach a goal, many people create New Year's resolutions to guide them through the new year. It is a kick start to help achieve an aspiration that many people have been hoping to for a long time.

But where did this custom begin? The tradition of creating New Year's Resolutions is not recent but rather dates back to ancient the ancient Babylonians who began the practice in 2000 B.C. Back then, they had semi-annual festivals for the spring and winter equinoxes. To celebrate the new year, they would pay off their debts by returning things they borrowed. Later, in ancient Rome, the Romans believed in a God, Janus, of beginnings and ending. In attempts to appease Janus they offered resolutions of good conduct.

Today, we continue the practice of New Year's Resolutions; however, they are

not for just improving conduct. Popular resolutions today include spending more time with family and friends, exercising more, quitting smoking and drinking, and enjoying life more.

Around fifty percent of adult Americans annually make New Year's resolutions.



But, making resolutions is the easy part. Most people find it very hard to maintain their promise. On average, only 46 percent of people uphold their resolutions for at least six months. That is only one in every five Americans! This is not that surprising since upholding a decree for a full year is extremely difficult.

To have any hopes of success make sure to set a realistic goal, something that you could actually achieve. Glen Krebs "says self discipline and not giving up" will help ensure success.

Is He Back?

By Nolan Murphy

Michael Jackson's posthumous set list includes 10 new albums of material, with this first album of 10 songs. It begs the question: how can they be any good if the man himself, a perfectionist, couldn't finish them? The answer, partly, is this album. Handled by a motley crew of producers like Akon, John McClain, and Lenny Kravitz, the material presented by them and the late Michael Jackson is actually good. "Hold My Hand", the lead-off song and single, presents Jackson's vocals as strong, and his verses certainly sound stronger and more memorable. However, giving Akon the lion's share of the song should have been reconsidered. "Hollywood Tonight" comes in with not only strong and inimitable beat-boxing by Jackson, but he sounds funkier than ever on this track, teaming up with producer Teddy Riley to recreate a new-jack swing sound. From there, the album slows down into "Keep Your Head Up". It starts slow, but picks up with soaring falsettos, and an amazing Gospel Choir at the end. While I like it, the intro and slow R&B feel may dissuade the common listener. "(I Like) The Way You Love Me" is "The Girl Is Mine" part 2: however, the song is really cool, especially with the interpolations from



over others which are certainly better amazes me. "Behind The Mask" is the next track, and an amazing one. Jackson's vocals are the best here, and the production mixes old with new. Stunning. Lastly, "Much Too Soon" rips at your heartstrings with Jackson's tender vocals from the Thriller era, made even more impacting with the icon's passing.

All in all, this album is handled very well. But there were spotty parts. If this is the best of Michael's vault, then this album may be the only one that doesn't seem like a deliberate cash-in. We'll just have to wait and see.

Bon Iver to Elton John to even Chris Rock. Ladies and gentlemen, Kanye West is back.

The Black Eyed Peas- The Beginning .5 Stars

Still flying high off of their most recent uber-popular album, The E.N.D., the Peas decided that it would be a fantastic idea to put out another album to make their popularity soar even more. Sadly, this attempt at pushing their popularity to the limit has

Plain White T's -



Wonders of the Younger. 3.5 Stars

This album is my pick for most underrated release of the year. The Plain White T's went on a bit of a hiatus after releasing the catchiest song in the last 10 years or so, with "Hey There Delilah" off of their

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How It Works: College Bowls

By Tim Balk

This winter, the University of Connecticut went to a Bowl Championship Series (the elite bowl series) bowl with an 8-4 record. The Huskies were not considered to be an elite team and are not ranked in the top 25. Several teams with much better records and much higher rankings were passed up in the bowl selection system because the Big East (UConn's conference) has an automatic BCS bowl spot given to its champion. UConn wound up losing to Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, 48-20.

Meanwhile, Temple, an 8-4 team who beat Connecticut, did not go to a bowl at all due to the fact that they have a very small fan base. This is the problem with the college football bowl system; an unranked team should not be playing in one of the five BCS championship games when a team that beat them and that has the same record is being denied any invitation to a bowl game.

The fact of the matter is that the best teams rarely wind up in the best bowls. Take 2002, FSU went 9-4(9-5 including their bowl loss) and Texas went 10-2(11-2 including their bowl win). FSU went to a BCS bowl; Texas didn't. Conference championships, the BCS national championship game, and the bowl's willingness to take a worse team in order to make more money, all contribute to the BCS problem. Instead, team's bowl seeding should be decided by their rankings.

It is difficult to determine how a team from the MAC (Mid-American Conference) or the WAC (Western Athletic Conference) will face up with a team from a major conference like the SEC or the Big Ten. In 2007 Hawaii, a team from the WAC went 12-0 during the regular season. You would think that they should be in a BCS game right? Wrong, Hawaii only beat 1 top

25 (in the AP poll) team during the season and it was against another overrated WAC team (who happened to be rebuilding that year), Boise State. The Sugar Bowl invited Hawaii to play in their bowl and Hawaii got destroyed by 10-2 Georgia, 42-10. In retrospect the Sugar Bowl would have been better off selecting a team like Boston College for the bowl. BC went 11-3 that season with 3 wins against top 25 teams including wins over 8th ranked Virginia Tech (who played in the Orange Bowl) and 15th ranked Georgia Tech. All three of BC's wins against top 25 opponents were on the road. Hawaii had the luxury of playing Boise State Broncos at home. But the Sugar bowl picked Hawaii and BC wound up playing 7-5 Michigan State in the Champs Sports Bowl.

In 2000, Virginia Tech had a great record (10-1) playing in the Big East. Notre Dame won eight games and lost three that year. The Fighting Irish made a BCS bowl and the Virginia Tech Hokies did not. This is particularly strange considering Hokie fans travel well and would have bought lots of tickets to a BCS bowl game. But, as I said before, the best teams rarely play in the best bowls.

Conference Championship games make the bowl selection more difficult. This is because not all conferences have championship games to decide the conference champion. The Big East, Pac-Ten, and Big Ten all lack conference championship games. Notre Dame, Army, and Navy are not in conferences so they never play in conference games. These games make sense in that they make more money for conferences but at the same time they make it so that some college football teams play 12 games and some play 13.

Wisconsin averaged 5.5 yards per carry and scored 46 rushing TDs. However, the key for Wisconsin may be quarterback Scott Tolzien. Tolzien completed 74.3%

By Max Handler

These predictions were made before the bowl season:

It's bowl season! A time when the best FBS, Football Bowl Subdivision, teams square off in some of the most exciting games of the season. With teams that are so evenly matched, each game is sure to be a good one.

Let's start with the biggest bowl of them all, the BCS National Championship. Number 2 Oregon plays Number 1 Auburn, with neither team having lost a game. Both teams are known for their high-scoring offenses, with Oregon's offense led by running back LaMichael James and Auburn's led by Heisman trophy winner Cam Newton. In a game where the both teams will put up a lot of points, the winner will be the team that can make a defensive stop. Oregon's defense is slightly better than Auburn's, which isn't saying much, but it should be enough for them to win.

The Rose Bowl is another game that should be exciting. Third-ranked TCU faces fifth-ranked Wisconsin, who finished the year at 11-1. TCU is playing with a chip on their shoulder, denied a place in the National Championship despite finishing 12-0. Led on offense by quarterback Andy Dalton, TCU will look to its defense, ranked first in the country, to stop Wisconsin. Wisconsin scored 70 or more points three times this season, and it did that with a great ground game. Three players ran for at least 800 yards: James White, John Clay, and Montee Ball. They also all gained at least 5 yards per carry while running for more than ten touchdowns each. As a team,

Among them is the MAACO Bowl, in which two of the top non-automatic qualifying schools, 10-2 Utah and 11-1 Boise State, will face off. Expect Boise



of his passes this year, and if he can play well, than the Wisconsin offense may be too much for TCU to handle. I predict that Wisconsin will pull away in the end of this one for the win.

There are many other great bowls this

This means that a team from the Big Ten can go 12-0 and be guaranteed a spot in the national championship game. A team from the ACC not only has to go 12-0 but also has to beat a very good team (the winner of the other division) in a 13th game in order to make a national championship. Furthermore, if the team goes 12-0 but loses in the ACC championship game, they aren't even guaranteed a spot in one of the other BCS bowl games (the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, and Rose Bowl).

In 2007 the University of Cincinnati Bearcats went 9-3 during the regular season and finished it ranked 20th in the country. Cincinnati's fans don't travel well, (although they do make Nippert Stadium an imposing place to play) so it wasn't a stretch to envision them not playing in a great bowl. Amazingly, Cincinnati played 7-5 Southern Miss in the Papajohns.com Bowl! That's right, the Papajohns.com Bowl! Southern Miss plays in Conference USA (a cut below the major conferences) and was barely even eligible to go to a bowl. Teams who lack itinerant fans like Cincinnati deserve better than this. Another prime example of teams being hurt by the bowl selection was when 9-4 Boston College played 6-6 Vanderbilt in the Music City Bowl in 2008. It was the second year BC was overlooked by major bowls because of their fan support. In 2008 BC failed to bring a strong crowd to the ACC Championship game. It would appear that the bowls thought this was more important than the fact BC was in the championship game. This is why I don't think bowls should get to choose the teams that play in them.

The current BCS National championship is played between the number one and number two ranked teams in the BCS standings, yet for some reason the other

bowls don't function the same way. I think all 35 bowls should be seeded 1-35. The national championship would still be played between the number one and number two ranked teams but the Rose Bowl would be played between number three and number four, the Orange Bowl between teams ranked number five and number 6, the Sugar Bowl between number seven and eight and the Fiesta between number nine and ten. That way, in order to make a BCS bowl a team would have to be ranked in the top ten of the BCS standings. The BCS standings would need to be expanded to include 68 teams. The number 69 and 70 teams would play in the number 35 bowl, most likely the New Orleans Bowl or the Papajohns.com Bowl. This system would benefit minor bowls that usually get stuck inviting teams with fans who don't travel. The Humanitarian Bowl might get to invite a 6-6 Florida State team to play a 6-6 Michigan team in their bowl which might be seeded around 30th.

Right now, the bowl system is flawed. Nobody wants to watch the Champs sports bowl if one of the teams playing in it is much better than the other team. No team with a 6-6 record wants to be forced to play against a much better team. This is unfortunately, how it often shakes out in the current bowl system. The structure hurts the fans and teams who often watch their teams get snubbed, and it also hurts the television channels that televise the games because games played between teams at different skill levels are not interesting to the public. With that, I have proposed a better bowl selection strategy; one that uses a simple bowl seeding system, using the BCS poll, to decide who plays in what bowl and more importantly, one that is fair to all the teams.

Ingram and Trent Richardson to carry the team to victory. 11-1 Stanford and 11-2 Virginia Tech face off in the Discover Orange Bowl. Stanford is led by quarterback Andrew Luck, who is a future top ten NFL pick, but Virginia Tech is just an overall better team. 11-1 Ohio State plays 10-2 Arkansas in the Allstate Sugar Bowl. In a matchup of great quarterback, Terrelle Pryor should outplay Russell Mallet in a Buckeyes' victory. Lastly, 10-2 Oklahoma will play and defeat 8-4 UCONN in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in a game that many think will be the biggest blowout of the bowl season. Oklahoma should win easily.

Looking back: Overall, I predicted 4 out of 7 games correctly. TCU pulled out a close 21-19 victory against Wisconsin, which was done in by a failed two point conversion late in the game. Alabama, Stanford, and Oklahoma all crushed their opponents, winning 49-7, 40-12, and 48-20 respectively. Boise State beat Utah 26-3 in a game that wasn't as close as expected. Ohio State beat Arkansas 31-26. Auburn beat Oregon 22-19 on a last-second field goal.

A quick note on the naming of bowls: it's terrible. How can I take something called the Beef O' Brady's Bowl seriously? Or the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl? Or the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl? The list goes on and on. And, while we're on the subject, why in the world does Tostitos need to sponsor two bowls? Really, the BCS National Championship Game AND the Fiesta Bowl?

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Moshers Music Corner

By Teddy Moser

Kanye West- My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy 4.5 Stars

If there was an award for biggest buildup of an album solely because of the artist behind it, Kanye West and this album would win it hands down. There was so much riding on this album for Kanye; if it did flop, then Kanye would be viewed as a hype master who doesn't deliver in his albums and is only concerned about money and fame. That being said, this was one of the albums that I could not wait to review. I only have five words to say after listening to this. OH. MY. GREAT. GOLLY. GOODNESS. This album is phenomenal in every sense of the word. Every track sounds like he put an entire

month of effort into it, which he probably did considering that the release of this album came almost on the two year anniversary of his last album, 808's and Heartbreak. During this time span, Kanye has managed to piss off almost everyone in America in one form or another. Whether it was the pre-pubescent Taylor Swift lovers who took Kanye's comment as a personal offense or the Today Show diarchs that took Matt Lauer's side in the most recent spat Kanye has had with the Today Show host, I guarantee that there has been at least ONE thing that Kanye has said or tweeted that made you say "He said WHAT?" But enough of that, let's get back to the album. Unlike most albums, this album does not have 1 or 2 good songs and all of the other songs are just okay. In fact, all of the songs are very well produced and rapped. The most intriguing part about this whole album is how absolutely insane West makes himself seem like. He takes every known genre and puts it in this album. Stadium rock, rap, r&b,

disco... you name it... it's in this album. The standout tracks from this album are "Runaway" featuring Pusha T and "Power" featuring Keisha Cole, both of which were released as pre-release singles. Finally, the most intriguing part about this album is how many guest spots he landed, with everyone from Fergie to

Patriots Season Review

By Conor Mahoney

The Patriots seemed to be a team in need of some serious rebuilding at the beginning of the season. While the Patriots offense looked strong as usual, Welker was coming off a knee injury and no one was sure if he would be able to perform at his usual level. Having Brady and Moss was all well and good, but the Patriots mantra has always been "defense wins championships". This year the defense consists of many rookies and it was unclear if they would be able to perform in the NFL. However, now near the end of the season the Pats are ranked 1 on espn.com's power rankings. The defense has proven themselves and even the rookies are making the highlight reel. Additionally, the Patriots offense has completely changed shape after trading Moss. They have incorporated previous Patriot Deion Branch and new Patriot Danny Woodhead into an offense leading the league in points per game.

The Patriots currently hold the best record in their division as well as the league, thus clinching a playoff berth. They are 12-2 despite having lost to AFC East division rival the New York Jets who are now 10-4. The Patriots appear to be improving as the season progresses and have stepped up as their schedule has become more difficult. While it appears that the offense has been carrying the load by putting up huge points per game, the defense has stepped up and made big plays. Sanders ended what appeared to be a successful rally by the Colts in week 11 with a first down interception on the six yard line. This key interception won the

game for the Patriots. The Colts would have at least gotten a field goal from this drive and tied the game at the end of the fourth quarter.

Week one matched the Patriots at home against the Bengals. A relatively easy game for the Patriots started with touchdown from Brady to Welker. Brady was supposedly shaken up by a car crash the week before this game and Welker is still recovering from torn ligaments in his knee at the end of the season last year. This didn't stop the two from connecting on eight passes, two of which were for touchdowns.

The Patriots traveled in week two, playing division opponents the New York Jets. The Jets rallied after a loss in their first game of the season and played like they had to win. Randy Moss had a highlight reel catch in the end zone with one hand but that wasn't enough as the Jets continued to score. The Patriots felt as though they played poorly and lost accordingly.

Brady bounced back after a humbling game against the Jets throwing for three touchdowns, no interceptions. The Bills defense was no match for Brady and the Patriots who scored 38 points in week 3.

The Patriots defense played their usual bend but don't break defense, coming up with two key interceptions in the fourth to secure the game at 38-30.

The Patriots special teams was the highlight of week four. Pat Chung blocked two of the Dolphins kicks one of which was brought back for a touchdown. The Patriots defense stepped up with four interceptions.

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Boston Bruins Breaking Out

By Tim Balk

According to a report by the Boston Herald, the Boston Bruins shut off ticket sales for loge and balcony seats in early November. It was just the first time the Bruins did so since moving from the Boston Garden to the TD Garden in 1995.

Just a couple of years ago, the Bruins were struggling to sell out home games. This season, fans are finding it difficult to get tickets. According to Yahoo Sports, for a family of four, the Bruins tickets are more pricy than all but three NHL teams.

The Bruins have sold out every game in the 2010-2011 season in the 17,565 seat TD Garden. The Bruins fan support rivals any other team in the NHL, but the Bruins have not been able to use their home advantage, going 9-6-3 at home and 12-5-3 on the road.

The cheapest Bruins tickets available for the season were \$10.00, while the most expensive were up to \$295.00. The high demand for tickets has caused prices for ticket websites and agents to be strikingly high. As of 1/4/11, the cheapest Bruins tickets on Stub Hub, a popular site for fans to buy and sell tickets were \$25.00, and for games with more public interest,

low prices ranged \$70.00 to \$118.00. The high prices on most games are \$999.00. In comparison, the Tampa Bay Lightning, the top team in the NHL's Southeast Division, often fail to sell out their 19,758 seat facility. Tickets are available for \$4.00 for home since moving from the Tampa Bay Lightning games on Stub Hub.

The Bruins were not always so popular. According to ESPN.com, the Bruins only averaged 14,764 people per home game in 2005-2006 and 15,384

in '07-'08. The past two seasons they have average over 17,000 fans per home game and of course 17,565 this season. The Bruins are one of only 12 of 30 NHL teams that have sold out every game and one of only 7 American NHL teams. The lowest average attendance for any team in the NHL is the New York Islander's average of 9,966 people.

The Bruins have become more popular over the past few years despite an economic recession, because, in the world of sports, if a team is successful the fans will come, especially in Boston. The Bruins are poised to make the playoffs for a fourth straight season this year, and have never been more popular.



Drive For Eighteen

By Connor Heinlein

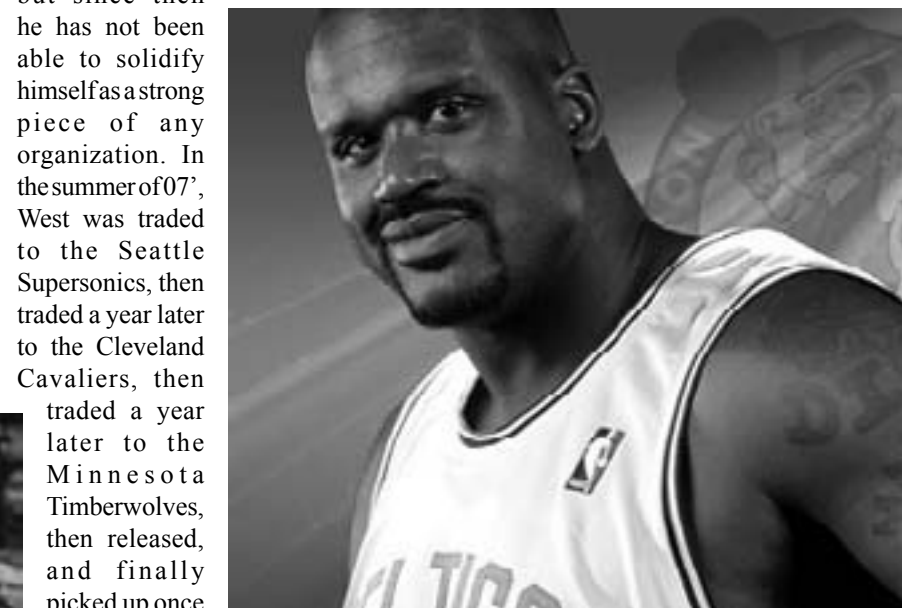
With the 2010-2011 NBA season steadily underway, the Boston Celtics have reaffirmed their position as a dominant force in the league. Their team, composed of experienced veterans and a deep bench, looks this year to claim the franchise's 18th championship title. With captain Paul Pierce leading the way, the Celtics are in a very capable position to accomplish this task.

The Celtics are currently on track for a 60 plus win season, which should have them amidst the top three in the Eastern Conference. Therefore, their biggest issue this season will be simply staying healthy

(32), Kevin Garnett (34), and Ray Allen (35), combined with off-season acquisitions such as Shaquille O'Neal (38), and Jermaine O'Neal (31), suggest that injuries are scarily probable for the Celtics lineup. When the playoffs arrive, a healthy Celtics team will be a force to reckon with; a hurt Celtics team will not.

When asked, student Colin Jamerson said he believed the Celtics would "challenge the top of the Eastern Conference" but that it would be "difficult to make it to the Finals again." The teams the Celtics most have to fear are clearly the Orlando Magic, the Miami Heat, and the Los Angeles Lakers. "If we play tough defense and stay healthy,"

The first, Delonte West, looked to be a replacement for Tony Allen off the Celtic's bench. West was a player on the 07' Celtics,



but since then he has not been able to solidify himself as a strong piece of any organization. In the summer of 07', West was traded to the Seattle SuperSonics, then traded a year later to the Cleveland Cavaliers, then traded a year later to the Minnesota Timberwolves, then released, and finally picked up once more by the Celtics.

He was suspended for the first ten games in the season for a guilty plea to a weapons charge in Maryland. Unfortunately, on November 24th, West broke his wrist absorbing a hit from the ground after a driving layup; Celtics head coach Doc Rivers hopes he will be able to return for the playoffs.

The second notable off-season acquisition was Shaquille O'Neal. "Shaq" at 38 is the oldest player currently in the NBA. Over the season, he picked the Celtics over the Atlanta Hawks to win a championship. The Celtics signed Shaq on August 4th to a two year 2.8 million dollar deal—the veteran minimum. "The Big Shamrock," a superstar in his prime, expected to be part of the second team; however with Kendrick Perkins injured

until the all star break with a torn MCL and ACL from last year's finals, he has started a majority of games.



The third notable off-season acquisition was Jermaine O'Neal. This second player named O'Neal was acquired from the Miami Heat and signed to a two year \$12 M deal—the mid-level exception. J. O'Neal has had a history of knee-problems and has been on and off the court thus far this season.

Less notable, Semih Erden, is now with the Celtics. He was drafted with the 60th pick by the Celtics in the 2008 NBA draft and until now was playing for Turkey.

Only time will tell whether the Celtics can ride out the regular season and emerge primed to make a run at an 18th title. They clearly have demonstrated the talent to do it, but staying healthy it much more easily said than done. Look to the Celtics this year to make a competitive run. There may be another banner in the future.



so that the players can remain on the court to do their respective jobs. The Celtics are currently one of the oldest teams in the league. The Big 3, composed of Paul Pierce

Colin remarks, "anything's possible."

It is important to note that this Celtics team is not the same team it was last year—there were significant off-season acquisitions.

The Hardwood Redemption

By Tyler Maher

After last winter's 2-18 abomination of a season, the boys' basketball team is determined to erase any lingering pain. Their nightmares of 30 point thrashings, extended shooting slumps and complete humiliation have lit a raging inferno in their collective competitive hardwiring.

I attended all nine home games last year, and the Raiders didn't win a single one. But after much deliberation (and attending all the home games again) I have finally forgiven them.

In some ways, that dreadful year was the best thing that could have happened to the Raiders. Besides inspiring the returning players, the "lost season" also allowed the younger players to play more frequently and gain valuable Varsity experience, allowing them to grow comfortable with their roles and Coach Grady's system. As a result, juniors Nate Jenkins and Chris Flight have blossomed into the team's more valuable players. In particular, Jenkins has honed his lethal shooting stroke to consistently knock down threes, score in double digits and make a case for team MVP.

Led by a talented core of upperclassmen and a dominant duo of rising sophomore guards (Ned Linehan and Ben Maletta), this year's squad has hit the ground running. Relying on a potent combination of speed, outside shooting, and pure athleticism, the Raiders are complete in almost every facet of the game. Although they lack an intimidating post presence, they make up for it with tenacious defense and opportunistic rebounding. The bench depth is especially extraordinary; every player contributes on both sides of the ball while providing contagious energy and fresh legs.

Even though the Raiders lost their season

opener to Norton by eight, they made it abundantly clear from the get-go that this season would be different. The Raiders played with resilience and flashed plenty of talent and experience. DS proved they were for real when they beat Medfield by one point in a thrilling road victory, then beat the red-hot Warriors again just for good measure. They dominated Bellingham twice by surpassing 70 points both times and equaled their 2009-2010 win total before Christmas. They finally notched a home win for the first time in two years in late January and were even crowned Mustang Classic champions over the holiday break after defeating Keefe Tech and Marian.

Not even the weekly snow days and cancelled practices can disrupt their current groove.

This newfound success is exhilarating, but senior captain Glen Krebs is more concerned about taking the season one game at a time. "We're really excited about the season so far," he admits, "but we're not trying to get too far ahead of ourselves." One thing's for certain: if the Raiders can stay healthy and play well down the stretch, they will earn a playoff berth soon enough.

Just like Andy Dusfrene escaping from Shawshank, they crawled through five hundred yards of unimaginable foulness and emerged squeaky clean on the other side. They're free at last; liberated from the enduring bleakness, perpetual suffering, and constant comparisons to the hockey team.

They finally redeemed themselves, and now we don't have to talk about last season ever again.

Smoothing the Ice

By Tess Gatof

This season, the boy's hockey team definitely had their ups and downs. Following in the footsteps of last year's legendary team was not an easy task, and much of this year's strategy has been trying to find a new and comfortable first line. Senior captain PJ Copponi is proud of the team for following through. "Everyone knew that we would



am really happy with the progress that we have made. Although we have had some major upsets, we try and take these losses as learning points in creating a stronger team." Junior goalie Jack Condon has been a superstar this season, along with juniors Jared Spence and Cole Tibbetts. The boys have had strong wins over teams like Bellingham and Boston Latin, and they hope to finish the season with games like these. Although the losses to Medway and Medfield were hard to take, DS boys hockey continues to attract a large fan zone of students, families and friends who continue to stand by the team through every game.



spend much of this season to rebuild and I

Swimming Solo

By Paige Garson

The Dover-Sherborn swim team has finally started up again with ambitions to make it all the way to championships like they did last year capturing the TVL title. So far the team was able to capture one win, however, unfortunately they suffered a couple losses but with hopes to improve. Captain Courtney McCurdy said, "Robbie DeBoise, Ben Williams, and I have many responsibilities since us three are



the captains. We have to order all of the suits, caps, shirts, and apparel. We also have to organize team bonding events, and manage all the fundraising which is takes up a lot of time. Being a captain takes a lot of dedication and commitment. There is a lot of behind the scenes work as well as rallying the team up for practices and getting them focused for meets, this all takes up a lot of our time."

An advantage that the swim team has is they get six hours a week for practice instead of four hours which is what they had last year. Getting more practice hours will allow the team to flourish more in their

skills. Also it will allow them with more time to key in on certain things that each individual needs to work on. On the other hand, the swim team has another advantage because they are able to practice outside of the pool every day, thus, they will be in top notch shape. Having the ability to practice outside of the pool and being able to get in the best shape possible will allow the team to be that much faster and stronger in the water.

The team has a new head coach this year,

Adrian Eagles, who brings a lot of new pointers to the table which will hopefully bring the team to the championships at the end of the season. Along with Eagles being new to the team there is also around eleven new teammates

added to the team. The eleven new teammates bring along with them talent and dedication allowing the team as a whole to grow and prosper. Everyone will be able to learn from one another which allow them to advance in skill but also to become closer as a team. Team bonding is very important for the swim team, because the whole team is in it together. The only way to make it to the championships is if everyone puts contributes one hundred percent.

The whole Dover-Sherborn community is rooting the swim team on. Everyone has faith in them to recapture the TVL Championship. Lets go Raiders!

Rebound, Rebuild, Reload

By Teddy Mosher

The sounds of squeaking shoes and the echoing bounce of a basketball hitting the gym floor have returned once again to the Dover-Sherborn gymnasium. A whistle

blows, signaling for the girl's basketball team to pay attention to its coach. There is a new person behind the whistle this year, though. Heather Ernest, last year's JV coach, took over the team when Missy Traversi left to be an assistant coach at Harvard University. Their coaching styles are very different, with Traversi being more of an in-your-face coach and Ernest being a more hands on, almost teacher-like coach. That, according to Senior Chloe Asaker, is "beneficial since we have such a young team."

Not only are the Raiders young, but the team itself is also one of the biggest in the Tri-Valley with 15 girls on the varsity roster. That spike is due to the fact that there is no freshman team this year, and most of the incoming freshmen are on the Junior Varsity team. Therefore, the Varsity team is a mixing pot of every grade.

After a rough start to the season with losses to Medfield, Norton and Medway,

the Raiders picked up their first win of the season, 52-41, over Bellingham on Dec. 21. Senior captain Catherine Oglevee grabbed 14 rebounds and scored seven points. Junior A.J. Dessert recorded a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, sophomore

Nora Klemmer scored 12 points and sophomore Abby Greene added 10 points for D-S. They then dominated the Mustang Classic basketball tournament held at Marian High School. The Raiders beat Marian in the first round 47-31, with 10 points coming from Oglevee. They then beat Whitinsville Christian, 41-20.

Oglevee and Dessert led all scorers with nine points each.

The Raiders began 2011 with a tough loss against Ashland, dropping their record to 3-4. Against Westwood on Jan. 14, D-S took a 62-31 loss. Catherine Oglevee and Abby Greene combined for 18 points, to lead the DS team. Against Hopkinton on Jan. 17, Catherine Oglevee led the Raiders with seven points, but the Hillers won, 63-25. D-S dropped decisions to Norton (Jan. 22) and to Medfield (Jan. 25) to drop their record to 4-9.

The Raiders have upcoming games Feb. 4, at Ashland; Feb. 8, at Holliston; Feb. 11, vs. Millis; Feb. 15, at Westwood; Feb. 18, at Hopkinton (5 p.m.).



Hitting the Slopes

By Teddy Mosher

As the month of December starts to show signs of winter, many people will start grabbing their shovels and snow blowers in preparation for the winter storms. For the Dover-Sherborn downhill ski team, they instead will grab their poles and skis in preparation for their upcoming season. Both the boys and the girl's teams are coming off of very successful 2009-2010 seasons, with both teams winning Mass Bay Ski League East titles for the second straight year. The team also sent 6 boys and 6 girls to the states, which meant that Dover Sherborn had 6 of the top 22 skiers for each gender.



But one does not just become good at downhill skiing, it takes serious training. The workouts are mostly core and lower body exercises, because those are the two main areas of the body that a skier needs the most. Another exercise that the team does is run through the gates on the mountain on foot with their poles, which builds the muscles in the legs along with helping the skier become familiar with the gate locations on the mountain.

The Raiders boys' team is captained this year by two of the top skiers on last year's team, senior Sam Cote and junior Jake Wirth. The Boys team returns almost every member of last year's squad, but must deal

with the tremendous loss of the Barbier triplets, Nicholas, Roberto and Stefano, who chose to ski for a team in Vermont rather than for the Raiders. Cote is not worried though, saying that although losing them is a big loss, a large freshman group, led by Rogers Boylan, is expected to more than make up for the loss.

The girl's team also returns a strong core group, led by captains Nicki Keene and Kristin Barnett. The girls are looking to follow up their successful season last year with another MBSLE title. Along with Keene and Barnett, other key skiers

for the girl's team are Juniors Brooke Barnett, Amanda Miner and Alexandra Mountford along with Sophomore Grace Hamner. This core group will most certainly make up for the losses of last year's seniors.

Winning another title won't be easy for the Raiders, who have to compete with top teams like Wellesley, Newton North and Westwood. However, both teams have the talent and leadership that every successful team must have. When asked if he would like to add anything else, Cote said "I'd just like to make a shout out to big Scatch [sophomore Will Scatchard]". Look for the Raiders to do extremely well this year and hopefully they will bring yet another title to DS.

Conquering the Course

By Teddy Mosher

As the snow falls down and the layers of white fluff layer on top of each other, two lines appear indented into the course at Weston Ski Track. This is the practice area for the Dover Sherborn Cross Country ski team, one of the most successful teams in our school's history. In fact, last year the team finished #1 in the league and won the overall league title for the 10th year in a row. Now, Dover Sherborn is expecting nothing less than another title to add to their already legendary repertoire.

Cross Country Skiing is not the skiing that many of us think of when we think of skiing. Instead of flying down the mountain, cross country skiing takes places on a flat course. Also, in downhill skiing, the racers skis almost never leave the ground. In cross country skiing, the skis are lifted in order to propel themselves along the flat surfaces. The poles that the racer holds also help the skiers when they are trying to propel themselves. The scoring is based on the concept that the more people that place within the top 20 or so skiers, the more points that the team get.

The girl's team is captained by Seniors Olivia Finnegan and Haley Boyce and the boys are captained by Junior Toby Howe and Senior Jake DiSanto. The team also has 6 assistant captains, Seniors Tommy Rummel, Mark Moruzzi, Jillian Benson and Jessie High and Juniors Eliza Weintraub and Rebecca Terrett. Coming back from one of the most controversial years in ski team history, problems arose with the selection

of the captains this year. According to an anonymous source, Coach Fred Sears has a habit of "scapegoating people and neglects the fact that good skiers would make good captains" and "saying that the selection pro-



cess is controversial is an understatement".

The team's biggest competition comes from Western Massachusetts, more specifically Mount Greylock, simply because according to Finnegan "the amount of snow they get and the terrain they get to practice on is better than ours". The team is coached by Fred Sears and Suzanna Wainwright, who according to Senior Scott Hershey is "a complete thug".

The ski team recently captured the sprints title and will head to the states competition, where they expect nothing less than another title to add to the trophy case outside of the gym.

Girls On Ice

By Alyssa D'Arcy

The Dover Sherborn Girls Hockey team has high expectations for the 2010-2011 season. Although they've started off a little slow with a record of 0-2-1, they have more than enough time to improve and try to reach their goals for making tournament this year.

Last year, they were just shy of accomplishing this goal, and were 1 point away. Captain, Jessica Goudreau states, "we improve everyday", and we are excited for the rest of the season. Along with Jessica Goudreau, Jodi Forward and Liz are also captains of the team. Jessica says they have a tough act to follow, as last year seniors, Ali Knapp and Rachel Grossbaum were great leaders and really got them pumped before every game. Goudreau claims "despite the loss of our last year players, we've had a great start", and that they are a completely different team, with new skills and tactics. "Our passing game has really improved since day 1" and DSHS are looking to become even more skillful as their season goes on.

The Dover Sherborn Girls Hockey head coach is Sean Garvey, and the assistant coach Bridget Griffin. They have been



together for quite a while, as Coach Garvey coached Griffin at Lincoln Sudbury, for girl's hockey. Now, Griffin plays field hockey at Northeastern. Goudreau, as well as the other girls, speak highly of their coaches. "They create a great coaching environment, and are making this season really fun".

For girl's hockey, the schedule is irregular. On Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays they have on-ice practice. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays they have off-ice practice, usually in the weight room. The games are on Saturday nights and a few times, on Tuesdays as well. "The scheduling is a little hectic, yet the variety is nice", says Goudreau. Their biggest games this year will be against Franklin and DS's rivals of Medfield. They hope to steal a win from some of the more competitive teams.

When I asked Goudreau why she liked hockey so much, she said it was a great way for her to get her aggression out. "It's completely different from the other sports I play, and I love it". Goudreau, along with her other four siblings have been playing hockey since Kindergarten. Goudreau's younger sister, Jackie is a freshman on the team this year as well. "Jackie is a lot of fun, I love playing with her", says Goudreau.

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first studio album Every Second Counts. This time around, they release this album, which in my opinion serves as a breath of fresh air for the genre of alternative mellow rock. Their pre-album release, "Rhythm of Love" is all over the radio stations right now and went as high as #9 on the Billboard charts. Another song that isn't on the radio stations but is a good song none the less is "Killer". I am going to keep this review brief by saying that this album just WORKS. Although their sound can get annoying at points, it's still good nonetheless.

Diddy-Dirty Money - Last Train to Paris 3 Stars

Ahh...Mr. Sean Combs has done it again. Changed his name, I mean. After scoring a hit with every name change previous to this, he now puts out an album under the alias Diddy-Dirty Money. The only reason why he changed his name is because Dirty Money is actually a group that he fronts. This group consists of ex-Danity Kane member Dawn Richard and Kalenna Harper. This album has in the waiting for a while, simply because the first single, "Hello, Good Morning" featuring T.I.

(before he went to jail) off of the album came out in May of last year. The album is quite long. The female two-thirds of Diddy-Dirty Money flesh out Last Train's skeletal storyline, playing jealous lovers, disappointed partners, and commanding divas to his conflicted playboy awesomeness. Assorted suave fellows, including Usher, Lil Wayne, Rick Ross, and T.I., help fill out his side of the conversation. Songs like "Yea Yea You Would" and "Coming Home" discuss the turbulent love life of a music mogul. Diddy and crew sonically explore everything from talking to his children about life to being unlovable. Diddy Dirty Money managed to create a solid, entertaining album in LT2P. It cannot be considered a great Hip-Hop album, rather a musically fusion from all the top genres of music today. Diddy compiles a lot of great voices and visionaries on this LP to create something which will still be played months later. Many Hip-Hop fans will scoff at this album so everybody won't be aboard the last train.

Then Suddenly... I was sent an anonymous email reading "Listen to this song, and you will want TIME TO STOP" Now, I don't know why he/she/it capitalized time, but after digging a bit into this, I was contacted by a Doctor Time, who just wanted me to listen to his friend, Rick Trevino, and his song dedicated to the Doctor himself. When I started listening, I was immediately hooked. I love it. It took me to my happy place. Then, I was interrupted by my mother, who banged on my bedroom door, wondering if I was alive. Apparently, I had been in my room for upwards of an hour, and I wasn't in the same clothes that I was in when I started the song.

Not So Absurd Conspiracy Theory

By Connor Heinlein

Do you remember the first time you saw the renovation of the school cafeteria? You probably thought that wall, decorated with countries and a charming message about free expression, was simply an ordinary wall. But let me be the first to tell you—that wall is FAR from ordinary.



That wall contains an encoded message warning about the dangers that technology brings and a potential robot-takeover of our society.

Don't believe me? You should. Next time you go to the cafeteria, take a gander at the wall in question. There are letters missing. Some might think that these letters simply fell off—this hypothesis is unrealistic however, because the letters are NOT on the ground. The truth is that those letters were deliberately taken to form a secret, encoded message. Consider the missing letters: D, R, I, T, W, I, E, W. Now try to unscramble the message. Most likely you'll come up with "wide writ" or some other nonsense, as I did. Of course, if this was the end of my findings there would be no story. The secret? The "W's" could be turned UPSIDE DOWN to form

"M's. Now unscramble the message, and find the secret, encoded phrase. The letters form: I'M DR. TIME!

Yes, the infamous Dr. Time has hidden his name within the seemingly innocent wall within the Dover-Sherborn cafeteria. This occurrence alone, however, is also not a story. So Dr. Time hid his name... big deal. The plot truly thickens when you consider the OTHER missing letters. Yes, there are other missing letters. Do not be confused however; these are not the Dr. Time letters. These letters are of a visibly smaller font—and therefore they obviously have a separate meaning. The small letters missing are: M, Q, W. Again, there's nothing to make of this—until you rearrange the letters into "WMQ." Sound familiar? Probably not. Give this a Google search and you'll find:

"WMQ" stands for "WebSphere MQ" a network of software products launched by IBM in 1992. Now stay with me here.

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Overall the Patriots crushed the Dolphins 41-14.

The patriots had a bye week five which they utilized to trade star wide receiver Randy Moss. Then acquire previous New England wide receiver Deion Branch.

While the Patriots offense struggled a little in week six against the Ravens only scoring 23 points, it seemed that the Patriots had lost an important part of their offense. They came back from ten points down before winning the game in overtime with a field goal. While the Patriots lost one of their best receivers of all time in return the regained former Patriot Deion Branch who played like he never left. Branch caught a five yard touchdown pass to start the Patriot come back in the fourth.

The Patriots won in week seven against the Chargers thanks to several mistakes. The Chargers missed a field goal to tie the game in the last minute of the fourth quarter. The Patriots went on to win 23-20.

Week eight was a highly anticipated game in which Randy Moss returned to Gillette stadium for the first time since leaving the Patriots on what seemed to be some pretty bad terms. Moss, however, was held to one catch for eight yards. The Patriots offense seemed to be back to their full potential outscoring the Vikings 28-18.

Week nine was predicted to be a trap game for the Patriots and lived up to its expectation. The Browns coming off of their bye week were able to beat the Patriots 34-14. The Patriots offense never really got in a rhythm, and their defense was no match for running back Peyton

This product is commonly referred to as "message oriented middleware"—which means that the purpose of the device is to allow independent and potentially non-concurrent applications to communicate with each other.

Now the tie-in. The connection to Dr. Time here is not immediately apparent—until you really consider what's happened over the last couple decades. In 1992, IBM simply wanted to provide convenience through social connection with their invention—but this was before technology hit arguably the greatest boom in history. At the time of the development of WebSphere MQ, the internet was recently created, digital cameras were becoming popular, and the initial development of Plasma television was beginning. Thus, creating a device to allow communication amongst technology, IBM thought, was a harmless endeavor.

Since this creation however, humanity has developed the iPhone, surgery performing robots, humanoids, and automated vehicles. With this kind of communicative technology, machines could coordinate a movement to disfigure our bodies, control our actions, and most concerning, Rule the World—and



be The Terminator wasn't "just a movie" after all... Maybe.

therein lies one of humanity's greatest, secret threats.

So now with this considered, Dr. Time's motives are revealed: Dr. Time's message is a warning about the future. It's about a future robotic takeover of our society; it's a warning about the threat artificial life brings.

Alright, so now it's starting to make sense. You already feel enlightened, but let me take this one step further.

You may be wondering why this wall in the cafeteria was chosen by Dr. Time to relay his message. Why not just hold a press conference and reveal everything for the mass media? The answer is simple: the fact that we must look—and I mean really LOOK—for his message on the wall is indicative of how we must look for other signs around us. The machines are crafty; it's not always obvious what kind strings

they're pulling behind the scenes. Thus Dr. Time's message is both beware of a robotic takeover and look for the hidden signs around us. Maybe.

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Patriots Continued

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After an embarrassing loss against the Browns, the Patriots were playing like this game against the Steelers meant everything. Brady could be seen screaming at the top of his lungs throughout the entire game playing with emotion despite having a lead the entire game. He became a clear leader of the team this week. The result was an amazing 39 points against arguably one of the best defenses in the league. The Steelers seemed to have a spark in the fourth scoring 23 points but it was two late the Patriots were unrelenting.

The Patriots game at home against the Colts promised to be a high scoring duel of quarterbacks. The game turned out to be exactly that with Brady throwing for two touchdowns and Manning throwing four. The Patriots held the lead for the entire game but the Colts surged back in the fourth. Driving down the field for two touchdowns and it looked like they would get a game winning third. Manning seemed unstoppable as they marched down the field with just minutes left in the game. However a key interception by Sanders on the Patriots six yard line ended what seemed like an inevitable touchdown or at the very least a field goal to tie the game.

After a close game against the Colts the Patriots had a short week to prepare for the Thanksgiving day game the following Thursday. The Lions host this game each year and there was some speculation as to if this was an advantage. If there was any advantage it did not show in the game as the Patriots won 45-24 with four touchdowns from Brady. The first half of the game seemed to be very close as the Lions held the lead. However the second

half the Patriots proved to be the better team as they effortlessly scored.

The Patriots vs. Jets game was a rematch of week two that had playoff implications. The winner of this game would likely win the division and have a first week bye in the playoffs as well as home field advantage. The Jets won week two but the Patriots were ready this time. Although it promised to be a close game it was nothing of the sort. The Patriots completely embarrassed the team which previously held a share of the best record in the league. The Jets were held to 3 points by the Patriots' defense including 3 interceptions while the Patriots' offense was unchallenged for 45 points.

The Bears were next up against the juggernaut that is the Patriots. Despite the deluge of snow the Patriots were able to score 36 points, barely even fazing Brady and the rest of this offense. Meanwhile the Patriots defense was able to force four turnovers and the Bears struggled to get any offense going only scoring 7 points all game. The Patriots seemed unstoppable after two consecutive blowouts, but neither Brady nor Belichick were ready to celebrate. They both insisted in post game interviews that the Patriots have a lot to fix before the playoffs.

In what appeared to be another easy game, the Packers proved to be a very difficult opponent. The game started with a successful onside kick by the Packers that lead to a field goal. A lot of fans were upset at the bush league nature of this move, but to the Packers credit it worked and took away a possession from Brady. The Patriots were able to stay in the game thanks to a 71 yard kickoff return by lineman Dan Connolly, which

lead to a 2 yard TD pass. The defense played some of their best bend but don't break football, holding the Packers to a field goal despite a 1st and one on the one. The Patriots went on to win 31-27 as the Packers were driving until time expired.

Week 17 was another easy game for the Patriots as they blew out the Bills 34-3. Brady threw for three touchdowns and set the record for most pass attempts without an interception at 319. The Bills turned the ball over 7 times while the Patriots didn't turn it over at all

The Patriots final game of the regular season was against the Dolphins. This game was not important for either team because the Patriots had already clinched the AFC division title and the Dolphins had no hope of making the playoffs. Once again the Patriots dominated their opponent outscoring the Dolphins 38-7 while resting several starting players including Welker who was injured in this same week under similar circumstances. Brady echoed Belichick's statement that after this game the Patriots are 0-0. Their impressive regular season record means nothing in the playoffs and any slip up will end their season short.

Since the Patriots won their division they will host a game in the second round of the playoffs against the lower seeded winner of either AFC wildcard game. During their first week of preparation they will be unsure of their opponent, then will have another week to prepare for their specific opponent after the wildcard round. Their possible opponent are Jets, Ravens, Chiefs, or Colts.