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A Guide To Courting

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The experience of homecoming itself is best personified in the idea of a homecoming court — individuals who best represent our respective classes are elected to figuratively head the masses in a gallant pursuit of Wildcat spirit for one week. And even further, it's a chance for each of us to evaluate our peers.

The last time I voted for a homecoming court nominee was two years ago.

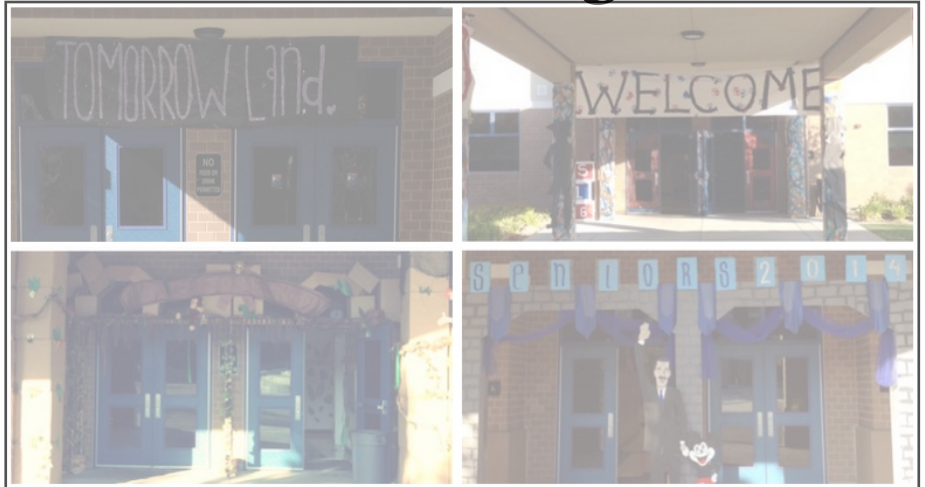
Every cheesy movie about high school drama in the 90's always culminated in a school dance with an elected court. And every cheesy 90's movie always preached the same message: it's what's on the inside that matters. Personally, I think the cliché is awkward because in reality, we are all the same on the inside. Go to any HAP classroom and ask for an anatomy poster to see what I mean.

Aside from my cynical perspective, it's true that in every movie, the homecoming court (especially the queen) always came down to the most 'popular' girl in school and the noble self-proclaimed 'nerd' who wasn't as beautiful but devoted her time to foreign orphans or an animal shelter. And the latter always won. I spent my summer before ninth grade wholeheartedly believing this was how high school actually worked. But why is this? It's because we are taught, from a moral standpoint, that we should condemn the popularity contest.

Interestingly enough, some student bodies genuinely do this. The *Huffington Post* reports four stories from 2011-2013 of high schools across the country electing students previously ousted from their social community — students who were trans-gender, gay, lesbian or had special needs — to homecoming court.

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DVHS Journeys to Disney for Homecoming Week



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Dougherty goes above and beyond in decorating each building for Homecoming. Clockwise from top left: Tomorrowland (Freshmen), Frontierland (Sophomores), Adventureland (Juniors) and Fantasyland (Seniors).

"HEY YOU!"

HEY YOU, MS, I'm not going to unblock you on Facebook sorry!

HEY YOU, AC, you owe me cake.

HEY YOU, Ms. Hutchins, thank you ^U^.

HEY YOU, I saw you eating honey (a.k.a. bee vomit) at lunch.

HEY YOU, will you be the Kagome to my InuYasha?

HEY YOU, Mr. Bellows, Thanks for being the only teacher to actually decorate your room for Halloween.

HEY YOU, English department at lunch, I seriously love our talks.

HEY YOU, admit it, the Junior Jungle wins.

HEY YOU, shout out to DL, I'm sorry, but you are hot.

HEY YOU, keep your head up AP, you deserve

better, bros.

HEY YOU, Bowen, watch out for dinos at the Homecoming parade.

HEY YOU, I saw you in your jungle wear in the 2000 building. I want to go on an adventure...with your leopard print.

HEY YOU, RL, haters are going to hate. I love you, and your fashion. Stay beautiful.

HEY YOU, Miss Banana Peppers, I waited at the tratoria...even bought a God-awful pesto calzone. WHERE WERE YOU?

HEY YOU, DB, we're still cool right?

I know you don't even read the paper, but I have a guilty conscience.

HEY YOU, whoever put that existential conversation request in the previous "hey you" needs to get of his or her high horse.

HEY YOU, Cowgirl on Tuesday in the 2000 building, I liked your hat and your smile.

For more "HEY YOU'S" check us out online.

Got something to say to someone? Too shy to say it to their face?

Send a "hey you" to dvhsheyyou@gmail.com or submit via our website or Facebook.

Staff & teachers welcome too!

Bovine Queen Wins Crown

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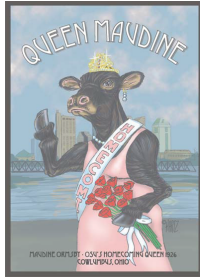


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Maudine Ormsby was nominated Homecoming Queen at Ohio State University in 1926. During homecoming weekend, she was THE most popular girl there.

However, she was a cow. Literally. She was a Holstein cow, the world's highest dairy-producing animal.

Despite this, Maudine received 13,000 votes. The strange thing was that there were only 9,300 students enrolled at the time. The election committee couldn't do much, so Maudine won.

Afterwards, she rode the float in the homecoming parade, but she couldn't attend the dance because she was too big.

Fun Fact: The runner-up for homecoming queen, Rosalind Morrison Snapp, joked that Maudine's grave should've read: "But for Maudine, here lies a queen."

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• Surfrider DVHS

Co-presidents: Bodhi & Juliana Nguyen

Founding Year: 2013

Surfrider DVHS' main goal and purpose is to help the conservation of our world's aquatic ecosystems and the beauty of our beaches. Earth's bodies of water provide not only the beaches you tan on, but also the planet's largest life-support systems. Surfrider will have various activities such as beach clean-ups and recycling programs this year.

• Red Cross

President: Maria Ji

Founding Year: 2012

The Red Cross Club is here to assist the school and the American Red Cross in instituting, encouraging and executing projects and services in cooperation with the American Red Cross Bay Area chapter. Their mission is to promote unity of action in projects, facilitate the cooperation of its members, discover the needs of our school, community, and nation and develop better human relations by performing services which benefit the global community.

• Project SmARTS

President: Meera Menon

Founding Year: 2013

Project SmARTS is a nonprofit organization working to ensure that ALL students have access to arts-based classes, where they can find their passion. Since summer 2013, they have offered free arts classes and reached over 60 different families, and have forged partnerships with schools in underprivileged neighborhoods. Their first workshop of the school year will be Saturday, November 2 at DVHS.

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While Dougherty is not one of them, there is a slightly different dynamic that takes hold of our school.

Some of us have nominated our friends and their significant others as idyllic jokes, or for cute stories to tell. There may be a hint of malicious intent behind it — apparent to us when our Facebook feeds blow up with badly photoshopped pictures of the individuals at the pinnacle of our grade level cropped onto the body of President Obama. We treat the court with a level of hilarity understood at length only by some of the most satirical of us all. And as a result, voting plummets. This year, our voters only included 26% of the Senior class, 17% of the Junior class, 21% of the Sophomore class and a whopping 11% of the Freshmen class. But I think the reason for this voter apathy isn't that we disapprove of the idea of a homecoming court or that we consider it obsolete. I think it's because a lot of us don't see it for what it truly is — a way to appreciate the really incredible individuals in our classes. It's understandable, though, given the stringent mindset of individual success that the Dougherty academic environment encourages. We are loath to consider other students as smart-

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er, more successful or more impressive than ourselves. But as we get older, we will realize that this isn't how the real world works. At points in our life, we are required to acknowledge the strengths of others and realize that they can offer things we ourselves cannot. In the case of a homecoming court, a little humility would serve us well. We should value the opportunity to acknowledge our peers for their profound qualities — whether they have leadership skills, an incredible personality, academic success or dedication to their passions. Scorning the homecoming court with satirical humor only robs us of the chance to reach out and connect with other students.

It's time for us to start treating homecoming court as an extension of the qualities we already admire in each Dougherty student. This year, it seems we are finally taking steps in the right direction — some of our nominees are stellar people. But going forward, we should realize that Dougherty is more than qualified, with an extremely accomplished student body, to personify our classes in diverse successes. We are leaders in everything else; why not in Wildcat spirit?

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