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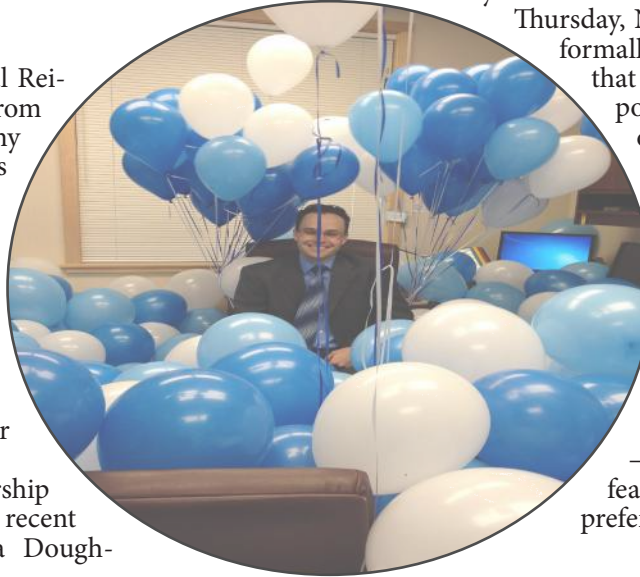
Hillman to Lead Wildcats

By Mimi Evans
Editor-in-Chief

It's official: 62 days after Principal Reimann announced his departure from Dougherty, interim Principal Danny Hillman was formally introduced as the permanent principal of DVHS at the Education Board meeting on Tuesday, November 12.

Previously an Assistant Principal at Dougherty, Mr. Hillman has introduced the "Take It and Make It Better" mantra, saying he is "excited about the opportunity to lead DVHS and continue building our Traditions in Excellence."

Almost immediately, this leadership has been put to the test, with the recent off-campus altercation between a Dough-



erty and San Ramon Valley High School student on Thursday, November 14. Principal Hillman has formally responded to this incident, stating that he is cooperating with SRV and local police, and that "school is a vital part of the community and we need to work together to address things that need changing. Investing time into our children and students to make them better human beings is in all of our interests."

The Tribune sat down with Mr. Hillman to get to know him better, and came away with the first sketch of the man who now heads a community of over 2,750 people — including his heroes, his greatest fear and of course, his breakfast cereal preference.

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Change Your Attitude, Not Your Fashion

By Ifedunni Segun-Abegun
Managing Editor

What's up Wildcats? Just so we can lighten things up a bit from our last issue, what do you think about our school's overall fashion sense?

Let's all be very grateful for our school dress code policies, which allow students to express themselves all the time, as long as it's done in an appropriate manner.

"The school dress code should reflect what goes on in our school," says junior Liya Khan.

From elementary school on, girls are required to wear shorts that meet a specific measurement. This policy is strictly enforced in middle and high schools throughout the nation. And in some schools, girls are also required to have at least a 2-inch length for all spaghetti straps.

But I think the real question is: should girls be allowed to dress the way they like without being called out? Is our dress code too feminocentric?

Take this into consideration: boys ev-
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THIS OR THAT—PRINCIPAL'S EDITION

Peet's or Starbucks: Starbucks

Chocolate or Vanilla: Vanilla

Donuts or Bagels: Bagels

Jackson or Jordan: Jordan

Star Trek or Star Wars: Star Wars

Math or English: English

Lucky Charms or Trix: Trix

Paper or Plastic: Paper

iPhone or Android?: iPhone

Coke or Pepsi: Coke

White or Wheat: Wheat

Giants or A's: Giants

Electric or Blade: Blade

Sunrise or Sunset: Sunset

Laces or Slip-Ons: Laces

Formal or Casual: Casual

Early Bird or Night Owl: Night Owl

THE "PROUST QUESTIONNAIRE"

What is your great fear?

My kids not recognizing me

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Temper

What is the trait you most deplore in others?

Disrespect

What is your greatest extravagance?

Starbucks

What is your favorite journey?

My journey as a dad

On what occasion do you lie?

About my kid's birthday gifts

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My kids

When and where were you happiest?

Right now

Which talent would you most like to have?

Juggling

What is your most marked characteristic?

Intensity

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Hasn't happened yet... it's a work in progress

Where would you like to live?

The beach

What is your favorite occupation?

I'm doing it

What is the quality you most like in a man?

Humility

What is the quality you most like in a woman?

Honesty

What do you most value in your friends?

They allow me to be myself

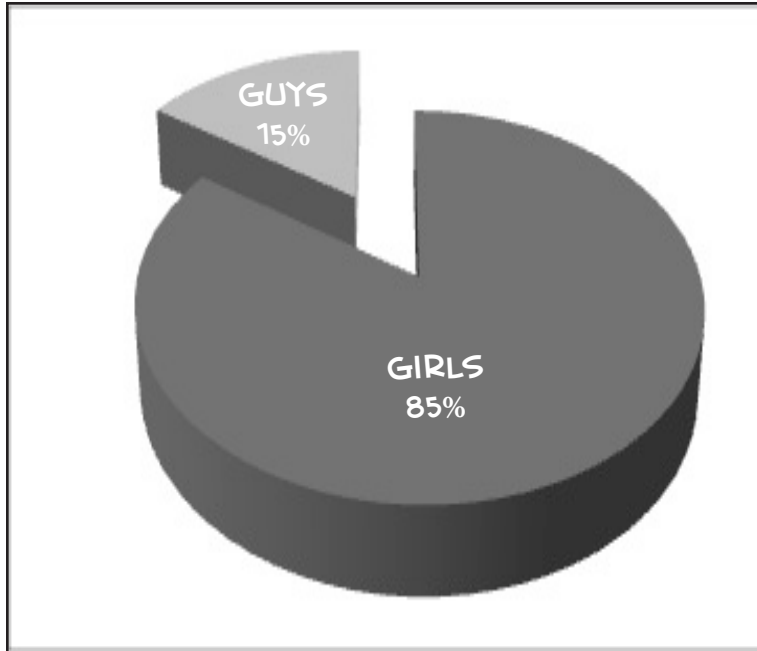
Who are your heroes in real life?

My dad

How would you like to die?

Quickly

POLL: Who cares more about their appearance, men or women?



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NEXT POLL: *Is it appropriate to give teachers holiday gifts?*

Check back next issue to see results!

ATTITUDE

erywhere are reprimanded for their constant misuse of baggy jeans that kiss the ground wherever they walk. In fact, there exists a plethora of internet memes dedicated to mocking male individuals who take part in this urban ritual.

But other than that, boys are generally left alone for their choice of apparel. More and more stores are starting to sell clothing that adapts to such habits, which may or may not be a bad thing, depending on the consumer. This is also the case with stores that sell primarily female clothing; it seems that more skirts and shirts are decreasing in length.

Could it be that the ancient and deeply imbedded misogynistic mores are still instilled in the subconscious of the male counterpart of our society? In old times, women weren't even allowed to show their ankles, wearing long, concealing gowns deemed appropriate by the general voice of society (men). It was said to serve the purpose of prohibiting women from pressurizing men into engaging in not-so-appropriate activities

with them. Because it was the fault of the women, of course, and they obviously needed to be put in their place. Could it be that women are still viewed as evil, sinister creatures that deserve to be subdued by male rules? Maybe, maybe not.

Some say that the only reason girls aren't free to wear what they want is because boys can't "keep their eyes to themselves".

Sophomore Veronica Liow says, "Instead of trying to change what girls wear, people should change their perspectives on how they associate shorts or other 'revealing' articles of clothing with being provocative."

There lies one possible solution. Perhaps everyone needs to change their viewpoint on such matters and expand their horizons a bit. After all, the definition of fashion is not necessarily "a prevailing conservative custom or style of dress." Is it even possible

for society to change its perspective of sparingly-dressed women? We've gone so long associating the modeling of revealing clothing with a certain 'S' word. Could it be that it's all in our heads?

Others believe that it's the girls that intentionally put themselves out there that force school administrators to set strict dress code requirements.

I personally agree with Michael Shi, who wrote last week that sporting neutral apparel but putting on a genuine smile is all you really need to gain the attention of anybody.

However, a select few students suggest dumping the whole dress code altogether and wear district-administered uniforms instead.

At least that's what it seems like the testing administrators of the State Board of Education want us to think, by using essay prompts that re-

quire us to scribble up a convincing essay of why or why not we should wear uniforms in school. We've all seen that prompt once or twice, I'm sure, but actually think about it this time. When you answered that prompt, how did you respond? Although I can say that wearing navy-colored blazers and blue-and-white plaid skirts everyday seems like a pretty trendy consideration, could it be seen as just an easy way out of deeming kids' clothing choices inappropriate?

Let's try expanding our own horizons... right now. It's time that we all take a day to step into the shoes of teachers and administrators, and observe (from their perspective) the general trend of clothing that is manifested in us students. Imagine your 5th period teacher in high-waisted shorts and a crop top, or in a Pink Dolphin beanie with matching tee, pants and socks.

Think about how overwhelmed you would be with that much awkwardness.

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Write Your Way Through NaNoWriMo

•Make a Writing Plan This Month

By Alicia Ho
Web Editor

Are you ready for some crazy writing? NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month; almost 300,000 authors are participating this year. These writers include some of DV's very own students, who are writing an entire novel in 30 days!

Solely in the month of November, authors across the entire country are embarking on a month-long endeavor to write 50,000 words, or the equivalent of a 175-page-long novel. That means writing at a rate of 1,667 words per day!

Ms. Pike, DVHS librarian, encourages students to partake in the excitement; she knows firsthand how exhilarating NaNo can be, this being her third venture. She writes alongside student NaNo-ers during after school write-ins in the library, where the writers share brain fuel, including both snacks and ideas. Ms. Pike enjoys

seeing writers at Dougherty participate in this event because, "when students write a novel in a month, it's awesome." She particularly relishes write-ins because she believes that "there needs to be a little writing corner in the world for writing nerds like us."

The intensity of all that writing encourages NaNo-ers to remove themselves from the pressures of school and other stressors, instead focusing on word count and using writing as a creative outlet to experiment. The slogan "Quantity over Quality" characterizes NaNoWriMo, permitting writers to just start writing without a plan. Junior Elise Pohlhammer, a 2012 NaNoWriMo winner, agrees.

"NaNo is just a time for me to sit down and see what my brain can come up with." She also finds NaNo "something you can be a part of, and be proud that you're a part of."

Writing at least 1,667 words per day



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is no facile task, but the reward far outweighs the hardships. Junior Jessica Chipley, also a 2012 NaNoWriMo winner, explains, "NaNo has its ups and downs and you really have to roll with the punches of your imagination. Your muse has its own mind and can throw curveballs at you. When you can find a way to coexist with your muse, you'll be able to write something truly special."

NaNoWriMo is the incredible experience for writers to emerge triumphantly at the end of 50,000 words, wielding their own novel as a beautiful, shining trophy.

•What to Do When a Writer's Epidemic Strikes You

By Veronica Liow
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It's one of those days, slightly foggy, while the atmosphere is slightly gloomy. No one is messaging you nor are you messaging anyone. Reruns are playing of old classics, ones you have watched before you were introduced to the harsh world of reality. Everyone is on a break. You are on a break. There is finally a pause—a hiatus—in your crazed, busy life. You realize that this is the perfect opportunity to construct a masterpiece.

You are to write a story. Whether it be short or long, you don't know. All you know is that with pen in one hand and paper in the other, you shall create magic. You place the pen down, letting its smooth ink pierce the paper, letting the words flow out, letting your imagination take you on a wild goose chase as you somehow

maneuver your way back into reality.

But something is wrong. It's blank. The paper is still blank. You never placed your pen onto the paper. You never let the black liquid shape itself into a vomit of eloquence.

You are unable to think, unable to produce new ideas.

On a perfect day where the weather and the materials and the timing is perfect and just about everything is perfect-perfect-perfect, there is one aspect that is not perfect. And

brought down hundreds of potentially great writers before you: *writer's block*.

Are you a writer, much like this one, with what seems like an incurable disease? Fear not! You have just stumbled across tips on how to overcome writer's block.

The best way to write when you can't write is to stop writing. Relax. Take a break. Watch a movie. Go for a jog. But most importantly, read. Read novels. Read poems. Read anything and everything that excites you, saddens you, angers you or even all of the above. It is important not to panic. Writer's block can be extremely frustrating,

but you'll have to remember that it always ends. After all, every beginning has an ending, which of course leads to a new beginning. Often, the work you create after a case of writer's block becomes the best piece you've ever written.

Still not cured? Consider some of Natalie Golberg's advice in her novel *Writing Down the Bones*:

- "Write what disturbs you, what you fear, what you have not been willing to speak about. Be willing to be split open."
- "Play around. Dive into absurdity and write. Take chances. You will succeed if you are fearless of failure."
- "The aim is to burn through to first thoughts, to the place where energy is unobstructed by social politeness of the internal censor, to the place where you are writing what your mind actually sees and feels, not what it thinks it should see or feel."
- "Just write. Just write. Just write."

Never did imagination roam free within the last five minutes. Nothing is being written. Nothing is being created nor destroyed. And although everything—your grip on the pen, the peaceful ambiance, the crispness of the freshly bought paper—is perfect, something is not quite right.

that is you. Your mind is not perfect. Your thoughts are not perfect. Your ideas, how they usually shape themselves so naturally, are not perfect.

You are sick. You are ill. You realize you have caught an epidemic, one without a cure. You have fallen prey to the very same virus that has

"HEY YOU!"

HEY YOU, Hareton, you're my best friend in AP Lit and Math. Keep staying cool!

HEY YOU, Veronica, you are very beautiful!

HEY YOU, PK, thanks for being supportive all the time and making everybody smile:).

HEY YOU, person that I owe cake, could you say something to clarify which AC, and a hint to who you are? I owe a lot of people cake.

HEY YOU, KC you are sweet, pretty, and amazingly dedicated to the community! He is very lucky ;) Stay amazing!

HEY YOU, "Speak now", take a chance or you'll forever regret it-anonymous

HEY YOU, It was your Birthday on November 8...Happy Birthday KitKat!

HEY YOU, Waiting for the bus. Where is the bus? The bus is late. Waiting for the bus in the rain.

HEY YOU, MS, I <3 my high waist strip of denim shorts and PINK sweats and I'm still going to wear them and YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!

HEY YOU, SB, most girls don't look good in over sized shirts so they tie a rubber band at the bottom to make it shorter.

HEY YOU, AY the sophomore, you're kidna cute :)

HEY YOU, Oh no desu! Mikasa senpai didn't notice me! I was talking about you, Buchou! Itai... My poor kokoro. THE STRUGGLE IS REAL.

HEY YOU, SS! Happy birthday foo! You're such a fantabulous person, and I wish you all the best for many birthdays to come <3

HEY YOU, Eva! You're a fabulously wonderful friend and I hope you have an amazing, awesome birthday! ILY <3

HEY YOU, MS, I like your haircut. Hi Irene.

HEY YOU, Tribune staff, you are rocking this newspaper.

HEY YOU, schnelly belly is the best chem teacher ever!~not regretting ap chem

HEY YOU, TN, you got really attractive this summer ;).

HEY YOU, Girl-that-has-a-last-name-that-no-one-say-except-for-me: Bodyguard! Thanks to your aegis everything is okay in the world! High-five for vocab word! We're crazy....

HEY YOU, Alyssa and Kaylee! Congrats on making varsity basketball as-freshmen! Love you guys and good luck!

HEY YOU, VL, Peter Pan and Wendy turn out fineee.

HEY YOU, I looked in my pink pencil pouch for a pencil yesterday, but then I remembered that you STOLE EVERYTHING OUT OF IT!!

HEY YOU, Austin and Gabe; way to go making varsity!

HEY YOU, LF, Great minds think alike...

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!

For more "HEY YOU" S check www.thewildcattribune.com.

DVHS Students Ponder Their Digital Footprint

By Michael Tobin
Web Editor

These days, before a newborn takes his first trip home from the hospital, two types of footprints will be made for him. The first is done in the hospital nursery, where a nurse rubs dark ink on the tyke's foot and stamps it on a piece of paper. The second is made when one of the family members takes the baby's first pictures and posts them on the internet, creating what is then on called the baby's "digital footprint".

Digital footprint is defined by Educatorstechnology.com as "the collection of all the traces you leave in electronic environments as you use or move through them. Some is content you actively volunteer—like your Facebook profile. Other material is passive—the cookies a site stores in your browser...All this data

can be aggregated to build a profile of you and your behavior." So every time we venture onto the internet – whether to tweet, email, shop or check our Facebook – we scatter personal data about ourselves out into cyberspace and expand our digital footprint. Our digital footprint also grows every time someone else posts something about us; for example, if they tag us in a photo. Whether we like it or not, once created, our digital footprint is permanent. This is because once we share any kind of "our data" online, it becomes someone else's property that can be copied, broadcasted and shared with others.

Social media experts warn,

"What goes on the internet, stays on the internet." Most companies know this and use this information to pre-screen job applicants. According to a 2012 survey conducted by Harris Interactive, 37 percent of the companies surveyed use social media to pre-screen job applicants and 65 percent of that group say they use Facebook before making a hiring decision. Most social media experts advise: "if there is any doubt, don't post it." As for minimizing the role others play in tarnishing your online image, experts also suggest you enable the Facebook photo tagging permission so that your "friends" can't tag you without your approval.

"I'd probably erase some profanity and delete some weird pictures, but other than that, there's nothing I would change."

—Junior Neal Sanghvi

So *The Wildcat Tribune* wondered if DVHS students ever thought about what kind of digital footprint they are creating for themselves. Since the Facebook page is a major component of many students' online image, we walked around campus, randomly asking students the following two questions: "Knowing many employers these days are looking over applicants' Facebook pages to get a better idea of what kind of person they might be hiring, would you say that your current Facebook page – the way you have it right now -- would help or hurt your chances of getting hired? Would you consider cleaning it up or scrubbing it a bit before applying?"

Junior Neal Sanghvi responded, "My Facebook page would help me. I don't have anything bad on there; the worst is some weird pictures. In addition, they would see I SEE "FOOTPRINT" BACK PAGE

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Enders Game Fails to Follow Novel

By Veronica Liow

Arts & Entertainment Editor

RATING: ★★★★★☆

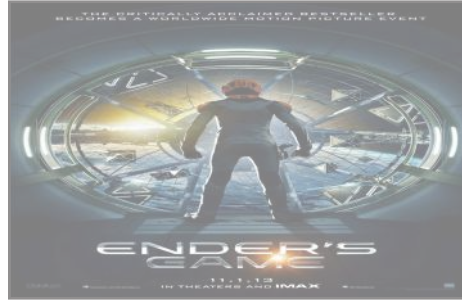


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For those of you who have not read the novel or Fandango's three-sentence synopsis, "Ender's Game" is a sci-fi film that revolves around a futuristic world in which Earth is at war with aliens. In order to eradicate the potential extinction of the human race, the International Military must seek out bright, young minds. They take particular interest in a boy named Ender Wiggin, who is later recruited into the program and trained to command the entire army and lead humans to victory.

Sophomore Jacqueline Chuang, who did not read the book, thought the film was "exhilarating to see, though the ending was confusing."

As a person who has read the novel and very much enjoyed it, I was quite surprised with how condensed and rushed the film was. More time was put into the action-packed graphics of the war instead of the significance behind each

event that led up to it. The movie did not seem to care much for the message behind *Ender's Game*, which revolves around the psychological damage of warfare. Many, especially those who did not read the novel, did not understand this aspect that affected Ender as well as his personality, which consisted of seemingly endless compassion and empathy for others, which although briefly stated in one or two sentences within the film, was the reason behind Ender's victories in many of his battle.

Don't agree with this review? Check out www.thewildcattribune.com for other opinions & to voice your own!

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have a social life and I'm not only doing work for school at all times...yes, I would clean it up a bit. I'd probably erase some profanity and delete some weird pictures, but other than that, there's nothing I would change."

Senior Jayendra Jog said, "Mine would slightly hurt my chances, if it has any effect at all, so I would definitely clean it up."

Junior Dominic Phillips replied, "My Facebook profile and the subject matter on it, at its core, display my personal life. In a way, I can see from an employer's perspective that some of the objects on the profile are unprofessional. The issue is that at the same time, it's not dedicated to showing my professional side. Of course [I would consider cleaning it up], because your job history is something that you carry with you throughout the rest of your life. If you take on your career as a professional person...you'll definitely get much further on in life and become closer to achieving your goal of success."

Finally, Junior Griffin Puatu answered, "I don't know. My Facebook page is pretty neutral. Odds are it would help me. But I would consider padding it up with some good resume things."

Club Spotlight

• DECA & Ending Cyberbullying

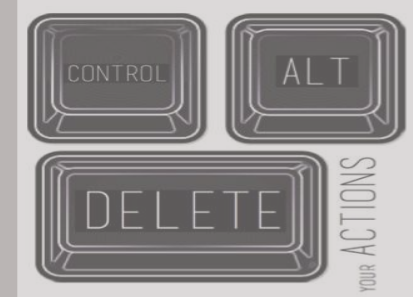


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Our goal in DECA, a business club on campus, is to raise awareness of cyber bullying and prevent cases of on-line bullying from taking place in our community. We will be hosting a "Control-Alt-Delete" day, where everyone participates in wearing blue or purple to stand up against cyber bullying. We would appreciate your support and can't wait to make a difference in our society together, one step at a time. For more information on how to help, contact Arshi Jujara on Schoolloop.

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