



The DCS community mourns the loss of teacher and friend Mr. Logan Cresap.

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DCS welcomes new students, staff

by Chelsey Hochmuth

The 2006-2007 school year brings many new faces to the Duanesburg staff. There are new additions in the language, science, special education, food services departments and more. **THE EAGLE'S EYE** will feature brief biographies of the new staff in the upcoming issues.

Ms. Tina Prewitt is a welcome addition to the faculty. She is teaching high school business classes. She comes to DCS after teaching business for four years at Taconic Hills. She is a Siena graduate who continued her education at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Ms. Prewitt lives in Delanson with her daughter Ahndreahna, a sophomore at DCS.

Ms. Sondra Carson is the new high school physical education teacher. She is a recent

graduate of Sage College of Albany.

Mr. Jeff Rivenburg is an exciting addition to the DCS staff. He will be teaching technology classes in the high school. He was a student teacher at Mohonasen and later taught technology at Lishakill Middle School.

He's living in Voorheesville and finishing his masters at the College of Saint Rose.

Mrs. Machteld De-Poortere is a welcomed addition to the language department. She will be teaching Spanish and French on the middle and high school levels.

She attended high school in Belgium and went to The University at Albany. She comes to DCS from The Albany Academy. She lives in Niskayuna with her husband and two teenage girls. The community is very lucky to add these educators to an already excellent staff.



Dr. Villanti (center) welcomes Ivan Ricci, (left) and Lars Olsen (right). Ivan is visiting DCS from Italy while Lars left his native Greenland to spend a year with us.

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Discipline policy should be consistent

Let the punishment fit the crime

Rules and laws have been around since the concept of community and society originated. Every culture has their own laws, many of which have been around for hundreds of years. Like people, cultures and the laws associated, all must be treated equally and respectfully. Everyone should follow the rules and laws that are created to protect and benefit them.

Most people understand the need for rules. The world, society and certainly our school could not function without order and a clear line of right and wrong. However, the key to efficient rules is consistency. Most notably is the lack of consistency in the punishment of students.

There is no such thing as "immunity" in Duanesburg. Students should not get out of trouble because they are in National Honor Society, on the honor roll, have a parent on the staff, or have "the latest" jeans. Likewise a student isn't always in trouble if they are failing a class or have their eyebrow pierced. When teachers start to profile students and put them in stereotypes, those students cannot get rid of that reputation for trouble.

All punishments should be equal with the crime and consistent in assigning. Why bother having rules and enforcing them if only select people have to follow? Why should the administration decide who has to follow them or not?

Inconsistent enforcement is a dangerous habit. Students learn to think "What can I get away with?", rather than learning to respect guidelines and authoritative figures.

The ridiculous and irrelevant rules are matter for another issue, but this year let's see consistency and equality with crime and punishment here at DCS. Break stereotypes and teach respect!

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Feature

No more Boo-hoo, Boho is Back!

Hippie fashions are now Hip!

By Colby Hochmuth

The last few weeks of summer are for relaxing. Why spoil it by stressing about your back-to-school wardrobe? Lucky for you fall comfort is quickly becoming more popular. It's called bohemian or boho for short, popular among celebrities like Mischa Barton and the Olsen Twins.

Hippie fashions from the 60's and 70's are coming back to the runway this fall! Here are the 6 necessary pieces that will keep your boho look chic and trendy:

Prairie Skirt: Tired of the denim miniskirt? This look is cute in solid colors or any print. It can be dressed up with a blazer and heels or casual with a tee and flip flops.

Big Sunglasses: Sunglasses are a must have this season, the bigger the better!

Chunky Jewelry: Say goodbye to dainty chains and hello to big beads! Stack colorful bangles up your arm or make a statement with a bold wooden necklace.

Ripped Denim: Deconstructed denim is a perfect way to bring out your casual side, while still looking trendy. With these pants, comfort looks cool. Not in your budget? Don't worry, making them yourself is simple, try using sandpaper, scissors, or even a cheese grater!

Cowboy Boots: Not just for the rodeo any more. Put away those wintry Ugg boots and bust out the cowboy boots. Pair them with skinny jeans for a casual but timeless look.

Cut-off tights: Perfect for under an oversized dress or a miniskirt (but never with jean shorts!). Tights aren't only for fancy parties anymore! They're also easy to make yourself, just take a pair of tights and cut them mid-calf!

These looks are simple but classic. The best part about it is that these pieces can easily fit into your back to school budget! Be bold this fall, make a statement with your clothes and stand out!

You think you know fashion?

If you have any tips, ideas, or questions, Email Colby at eagleseye@duanesburg.org



Mr. Cresap helped all students see potential

Colleague fondly remembers Logan's unique approach to educating kids

by Mr. Thomas Reiter



It's highly unusual for the moderator of a school newspaper to actually write an article. Our job is to stay behind the scenes, teach a little journalism, assign some work, and make sure everything gets done in a timely fashion. However, taking a little journalistic license, I decided for this inaugural edition to say a few words

about Logan Cresap.

I only knew Logan for a short time. My first impression of him was that we were about as different as two people can be. I shared a study hall in the Multi-Occ Room. Since it was my first year at DCS, I tried to follow the guidelines set in the handbook. However, whenever I thought it was too loud, Mr. Cresap thought it was too quiet. As teaching philosophies go, we were like oil and water.

As my frustration grew over our different approach to "quiet study" I slowly began to realize something. As different as our approaches were, our motives were so similar. He wanted all students to reach their potential. His

methods sometimes attracted students who may have been turned off by other more traditional ones. He was often able to light a fire, sometimes literally, under a student who others thought the flame had long been blown out.

Eventually I ended up taking my students to the cafeteria for study hall. My contact with Logan then became very limited. We'd say hi or talk about the morning news show, especially when something controversial was aired. I asked him for some guidance in purchasing a laptop and we'd speak when he was having lunch outside on those nice spring and fall afternoons.

I hate to use old clichés

but Logan proved, "There's more than one way to skin a cat." Although his methods may have been frowned upon at times by colleagues and administrators, he did reach kids and in doing so helped them reach their potential. I guess that's the goal of all teachers. Although my blood pressure will certainly be lower, I along with all the DCS community will miss Mr. Cresap. Rest in Peace, Logan.

If you'd like to say something about Mr. Cresap e-mail us your thoughts at eagleseye@duanesburg.org or drop off your thoughts with Mr. Reiter or any Eagle's Eye staff member. We'll print your thoughts in our next issue.

The following is a reprint of a letter from Kate Cresap.

To everyone in the Duanesburg school and community, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for all of your kindness towards Logan and me throughout this devastating situation. I wish to address the delicate issue of Logan's

obituary of 8/27/06. The obituary was changed without my knowledge or approval. The solicitation for his daughter's college education did not represent Logan's explicitly stated wishes. Happily, Logan and his late father, Logan Cresap II, provided substantially for her future, and Logan assured me that she would never need to struggle financially in any way. Logan always attempted to im-

prove the lives of his students, and hoped to be able to continue to have positive impact following his death.

In honoring this commitment, I have spoken to Dr. Villanti about initiating the Logan Cresap memorial Technology Fund, and ask that those who desire to contribute and honor Logan, to do so through support of this fund. The purpose of the fund is to encourage and

assist students of modest means in their development of practical and creative technology skills.

Sincerely,
Kate Cresap

A memorial ceremony for Mr. Cresap was held at Memorial Chapel on the Union College Campus at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 9th.

District offers AP Language, Literature

by Amanda Schaible

Starting this September, juniors and seniors will have the chance to take Honors English courses with the option of an Advanced Placement credit.

The AP Language and Composition course taught by Mr. Reiter will be offered to the junior class and will focus on non-fiction work and arguments.

Dr. Prescott's AP Literature and Composition course presented to the seniors will center primarily on analyzing various forms of literature. These are both college level courses so the students will

be facing a larger workload than with any other English class. The teachers themselves prepared for the classes by spending a week at the Advanced Placement Summer Institute. Both Mr. Reiter and Dr. Prescott spent about eight hours each day studying, discussing and planning for the program, which is new to Duanesburg this year.

When asked about the event, Mr. Reiter said, "It was a great experience. It will be exciting to incorporate these new ideas into the AP course. It will be a challenge both for me and the students, but one that will be valuable for all parties".

The AP curriculum is currently a work in progress.

"At this point in time we're looking at what to put into

the curriculum. It's an ongoing process that will be refined during the school year," Reiter said.



Dr. Donna Prescott types away while working on the AP Literature curriculum this summer.

"You talking to me?"

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DiTondo plans Europe trip for spring 2007

by Stephanie Holt

Due to the success of last year's Europe trip, Mr. DiTondo has scheduled one again for this April. The tour this spring will be an 11 day trip to Ireland, Wales and England. There will be 27 students ranging from grades 10-12 attending the trip, along with at least four chaperones.

The tour will take off on April 6th to Shannon, Ireland. Points of interest on the trip will be visiting Killarney, Blarney Castle, and St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. Mr. Kevin DiTondo says that he is tied to Ireland by his heritage. He is looking forward to that being his favorite stop along the trip. Then heading into North Wales, the group will visit Anne Hathaway's cottage and Shakespeare's birthplace. In London the tour will travel to Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, and

St. Paul's Cathedral. One last stop in Edinburgh, Scotland wraps the trip up with a visit to the Edinburgh Castle, and various guided tours. The travelers will then fly home from Scotland on Monday the 16th.

The growing number of students who are interested in these tours has increased over the past few years, and with Mr. DiTondo and Mrs. Bliss' perseverance, these trips have been a success. The trip this spring should prove the same. According to Mr. DiTondo, "Our entire staff of myself, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Kathy Kuhl, and Mr. Reiter are all excited and ready to break trail into Europe. I know that we are going to be having our meetings starting up in September and that everyone is really excited and pumped up about the trip."



Blarney Castle is just one of the many places students will visit this spring as they travel through Ireland, Wales and England.

Eagle's Eye looking for reporters, photographers

The new *Eagle's Eye* wants you! A small staff put together the September issue of the school newspaper, but now that school is in session the newspaper wants to enlarge their staff.

"We welcome all comers. Obviously we need lots of writers to cover the numerous beats but there are lots of other jobs available," Mr. Tom Reiter, newspaper moderator said.

"We're looking for people with computer skills who are interested in putting the newspaper on the DCS website," he added.

Other vacancies involve photography and art work.

"We'd love to have someone draw editorial cartoons and possibly a cartoon strip," he said.

Anyone interested in joining the staff or working as a free lance writer should see Mr. Reiter or any *Eagle's Eye* staff

member. If you're interested sign up as soon as you can

because the staff is already working on the October issue.

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Sixth graders get head start on reading

Mrs. Tarmey, Mrs. Molyneaux, Mr. McGarry implement Jackdaw project

by Amanda Schaible

Over the summer, the in-

coming sixth graders have been busy preparing for their first project of the



Kyle Baum, incoming sixth grader, checks out Mrs. Tarmey's selection of summer reading books.

school year: their Jackdaw book report. The mandatory project requires each student to pick a chapter book and give a short synopsis of their novel. However, a Jackdaw is no ordinary book report. The students must choose eight to ten visual items relating to their book. Those items are then placed in a container and are used to recreate the story.

The Jackdaw project is new to the sixth grade curriculum, implemented by the sixth grade teaching staff. All three teachers realize the need for manda-

tory summer reading.

"Most other schools have summer reading lists with up to 25 books . . . we give students the choice of any 5 books that they want to read," said Mrs. Molyneaux. The teachers said they understand that each child may read at a different pace, so each student can pick a book from whatever reading level they feel most comfortable with.

The teachers also expressed their hopes for the spread of the project throughout the middle school in the coming years.

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the school, many improve-
ments are immediately

seen, but none so impres-
sive as 75 new computers.

so the computers will be
up and running when
school begins.



Mr. O'Neil installs a new computer in Room 203..

Over the summer the
district leased with an
option to buy 75 com-
puters to update the
computer labs. All the
computers have a Pen-
tium D chip processor.

They also have a DVD
player and plenty of
memory. The sleek
black computers will be
placed in Room 203,
108, and 109.

Also being installed
are flat panel monitors.
Mr. Joe O'Neil has
spent much of his sum-
mer hooking up the new
hardware and software

Some of the old com-
puters will be placed in the
classroom, other refur-
bished, and some will be
sent to computer heaven.

It's now up to the stu-
dents to take good care of
the new equipment. If you
see someone messing
around with the computer,
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The Eagle has landed

by Sean Wren

Mr. DiTondo is
also working on the monu-
ment in the front of the
school for Mr. Amellio.
The finished monument
will be comprised of five
stones four on the ground
and one standing up. The
stone that is standing up
will have a gold eagle
mounted on top of it. Mr.
DiTondo foresees the
monument being completed
before the first day of
school or at least the one
stone and the gold eagle.



Steelers picked to repeat

Columnist says Pittsburgh should win Super Bowl XLI

Well, here we are ready to kickoff the 2006 NFL season and the league has gone through some major changes with transactions and off the field happenings.

The opening kickoff was on Thursday, September 7th with the Pittsburgh Steelers defending their Super Bowl title against the new and improved Miami Dolphins at Hines Field in Pittsburgh. QB Ben Roethlisberger did not play because of an emergency appendectomy. This season the Steelers won't have RB Jerome Bettis or WR Antwan Randle El but

those gaps are manageable to replace.

Jerome Bettis' clubhouse atmosphere or powerhouse ability to plow through the

defensive line will be deeply missed, but speedy Willie Parker makes up the plowing by speeding around the pile and Deuce Staley can now be that powerhouse running back the Steelers lost. Antwan Randle El's loss wasn't a huge loss because he wasn't the number one wide receiver like Hines Ward. If the Steelers keep strong they will have another great season. The Dolphins improved by adding QB Dante Culpepper and they are set to have a strong team like the Dolphins of the past. Other stories surrounding the off-season are Terrell Owens going to the Dallas Cowboys and already starting trouble. My opinion is that T.O. is overrated, he is a good ball player but not as good as he thinks he is. T.O. needs to be taught a lesson in the is no "I" in team head coach Bill Parcells. Junior Seau was a great San Diego Charger but pulled the Roger Clemens by retiring and coming out a few days later to sign with the New England Patriots. Seau will fit well in New England but should retire because he's old and noused to be. All eyes are now on New York's own

Manning who even though he threw for more yards than his brother Peyton last season he is now looking to have an even better season with the Giants as they open up against the Colts Sunday. TE Kelen Winslow will finally play this year with the Browns. After all the reasons he couldn't, he's now looking to have a good season. Not a great one because the Browns don't have anyone who can throw the ball well. They should have gone after a QB in the Draft but never did so now they have to work with what they have. I predict the Super Bowl XLI match up will be the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. the Carolina Panthers with the Steelers winning the game.

AFC	NFC
North- Pittsburgh Steelers	North- Chicago Bears
South- Indianapolis Colts	South- Carolina Panthers
East- Miami Dolphins	East- New York Giants
West- San Diego Chargers	West- Seattle Seahawks
Wild Card- New England Patriots	Wild Card- Washington Redskins

*So you think you know
football ?*

Tell us what you think! E-mail us at eagleseye@duanesburg.org and tell us who you think will win the Super Bowl and why in 25 words or less. We'll print your predictions. Following the Super Bowl a winner will be drawn and a prize awarded.

Girls anticipate successful season *17 returnees give team optimistic outlook*

by Sam Traver

The girl's soccer team roster is going to be pretty full this season. Last year the team only graduated



The team will rely heavily on goal scoring Senior Nha Wright.

two of their nineteen players. The 17 returning players and four new additions bring high hopes for the 2006 season.

The girls begin their season participating in the Shen Scramble. They will face four challenging Class B and CC teams.

"These scrimmages against tough teams will show us our strengths and weaknesses early in the season so that we can prepare ourselves for the season opener against Cobleskill on September 5th," Coach Ray Traver said.

This season will be the last one at DCS for 11 girls all of whom are determined for it to be their best.

With half the team being seniors, they're expected to show leadership and

instill confidence in the underclassmen.

Presently the team is preparing themselves both physically and mentally as they get ready for an outstanding season.

This year's squad is made up of captains Nha Wright, Sam Traver, and Molly Cronin along with seniors Lindsay Goodwin, Ashley Onorati, Jess Mahoney, Sasha Hebert, Ashley Miller, Erin Brosnan, and Maureen Brosnan. Underclassmen on the team include Stacie Cornaire, Stephanie Miller, Morgan Kelly, Jess Obercon, Brittney Ash, Lauren McGarry, Aly Sanders, Megan Gigandet, Beth Smith, Katie Littlefield and Brianna Pucci.



Sam Traver heads a ball during practice. They have set their sights on a great season.

X-Country team looks toward sectionals

by Greg Cashdollar

With the 2006 season approaching Coach Frank DeMasi is optimistic. "This is our best chance in sectionals for a long time," he said. And that's after last year's second place finish to Lake George. "It all comes down to the desire and fitness of the team," Coach added. Based on summer performance, the desire is there, but only a couple weeks of tough practice will show if the fitness is there.



Off and Running

Soccer squad has great expectations

Determination key to a successful season

by Sean Wren

After a surprising finish to last years season the boy's varsity soccer team has high hopes this year.

This years team is led by the three seniors; John Michael Iseman, John Hotaling, and Kevin White. They also have five other players returning from last years team. After the first week of practice coach DiTondo had this to say, "I think that we are a young team and we are going to have to work really hard before the first game against Schenectady Christian." This year the

team will be joined by two foreign exchange students Lars Olsen from Greenland and Ivan Ricci from Italy, and considering that Italy won the world cup the team has high hopes.

Coach DiTondo knows that both Lars and Ivan will feel very comfortable on the team. "I feel that the team really needs to pull together and step up to the opportunity and take charge in our games. If we really give it our all every game

I think that we can have a successful season." Coach DiTondo said..



John Hotaling, one of three seniors, directs a header during practice. The team has been practicing three hours a day for two weeks getting ready for their opener against Schenectady Christian.

Runners again look to states

by Emily DeGiule

This year's cross-country girls team is off to an excellent start. Practices have started and everyone seems to be pumped for the season including the coach, Mr. Pierce. Many people have high expectations for the team after the great success they have had the last two years.

Two years ago the team made it to states as a product of their hard work and dedication.

Last year 2 girls, Ashley Jackman and Natasha DeGiule, made it to states as individuals and the team made it to sectionals where they were short about 10 or 15 points from Greenwich.

Each year they aim high and work toward their goals and this

year is no different. "Our best is all we can do", says Mr. Pierce when asked about what he expects about this season. And the cross-country team never ceases to prove to everyone that Duanesburg is the best.

Amber Cioffi, is the only senior on the team this year and is hoping to once again help the team in great success. The rest

of the team consists of Ashley Jackman, Natasha DeGiule, Joan Kanarkiewicz, Becca Pettit, Mo Kuhl, Lauren McGarry, Brittney Radz, Tasha Bradt, Katie Yawarski, Kara Durante, Emily DeGiule, Allison Paludi, Nicole Dexter, and Ashlyn McGarry. We're all hoping for another great season.

Sports

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V-ballers face new challenges with new coach

by Stephanie Holt

The past three years have been important stepping stones toward building up the DCS Volleyball Program. Throughout these seasons the Lady Eagles have played hard and have become dominant in the Western Athletic Conference

During her three years coaching at Duanesburg, Ms. Sarah Strain has worked to build the still growing volleyball program. From her dedication, the Varsity Volleyball team became the Southern Division Co-Champions in 2005, and eventually the

Southern Division Champs in 2006. For starting out as a small team barely known in the Western Athletic Conference, Duanesburg Volleyball has traveled a long road to becoming one of the top teams in the league. Hopefully this year will be no different for the Lady Eagles, even under the head of a new coach.

Over the summer Ms. Strain made a tough decision and decided to move out of the area to be near family. The program and team will miss her greatly this year, Senior Captain Brook Rowley adds "It's so unfortunate that we won't have our

coach and friend to keep the stability we've been used to the past 3 years." The team still hopes to win another league title this year though. And with 9 returning players to this year's Varsity Volleyball Team, the girls are determined to stick together, and work hard to defend their standing in the WAC. Rowley says "Sarah [Peacock] was also a big part of the team and we're going to have to pull together, and really step it up."

The Lady Eagles have their next volleyball game on Monday September 11th, at Schenectady Christian. The first home

volleyball match is on September 14th vs. Waterford. Come out and show your support for the team!



Steph Holt goes for the kill at a recent practice.

Coaching change no strain on varsity team

by Brook Rowley

Slowly but surely the volleyball program at DCS has grown dramatically. This will be the first time that Duanesburg has ever



Volleyball coaches Mike and Diane Houghton check out the talent.

had modified, JV, and varsity all running at the same time. The past three years Sarah Strain has been coaching the varsity volleyball program here at DCS. She has built the program up tremendously since her arrival as coach. The dedication and leadership that was shown these past years will be greatly missed after Coach Strain has decided not to return to DCS.

There were a couple tense weeks the varsity volleyball girls had while awaiting the announcement of a new coach. By August 21st the girls had a coach to lead them through this next season. The for-

mer modified coaches, Mike and Diane Houghton, stepped up to the challenge that lay before them. Mike has taken over as head coach of the varsity level while Diane leads the JV team. "I know Mike can do it, and as a player it's good to learn by different coaching styles," says Senior Brook Rowley. Both coaches know that Ms. Strain was a big part of the team and they have made it clear that they aren't here to change anything major.

The Houghton's aren't new to the volleyball scene. They coached modified together last year and a Special Olympics team in the spring. Their

own backyard is identified as Volleyball World and has up to seven court systems. Now that's dedication.

The Houghton's plan to add whatever they can to the volleyball program here at DCS and the team is willing and ready to take in what they have to offer.

As of now the coach for the modified level looks to be Birdie Colby, who also is very willing to lend a helping hand for the good of the program.

Go Eagles!