

Class of 2012 moving upward and outward

By Alli Klassen
the precedent

We have invested 85,017,600 seconds in this place, 984 days, 16 quarters; four years.

Through and through, we have come back to this place called 'high school.'

We have been there for every graduation, every assembly, every big event; we have been there.

We used to be the ones whom everyone looked down to, now we are the ones looking down.

After graduation, we will all say too-da-lu, and wave goodbye to all the people who changed us. The graduates of 2012 will be moving on to study things like medicine, criminal justice and business, among other things.

Yet, many of our minds are warped by things like AP test scores, transcripts, and our legacies left at Perry.

Who knows if we will stay close with our best friends, or if we will stay with our special someone after the years. No matter what, the memories that were made will follow us for the rest of our lives.



We may have not started any traditions, and we may not have a legacy, but the class of 2012 has left their print on this place.

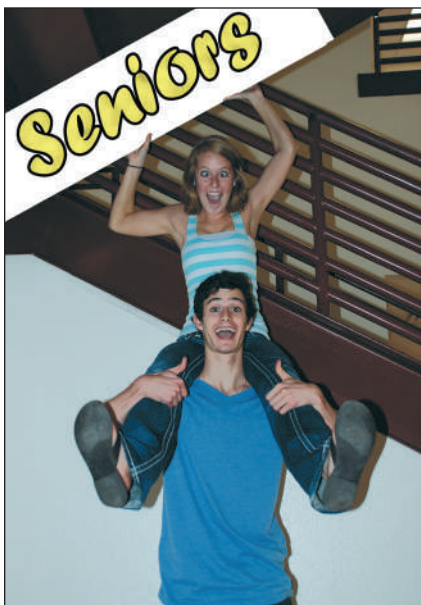
No amount of hassle was able to stop the class as it took on four years of challenges. Some of us loathed the

time we spent and some of us adored it. Whether or not, spending four years with these people has molded us. Some of us will move on

with our lives to be doctors, lawyers, firefighters, teachers, millionaires...bums. Nevertheless, we will all succeed in our own way.

For some of us, May 30 will mark a new era and a new milestone will be reached.

Senior class superlatives 2012: the winners voted in



Taylor Wagner and Jacob Gentile
Class Clown



Eunice Beck and Connor Ong
Best Dressed



Maddie Whitlock and Cohen Carlson
Cool Old People



Whitney Nichols and Cody Weisenberger
Best Couple

Selected superlatives for 2012

Most Spirited

Tyler VanKlompberg / Ha mai

Most Likely to Become a Billionaire

Cody Barton / Brooke Hudson

Most Outspoken

Shelby Johnson / Chloe Antilla

Most Likely to become president

Justin Sprague / Tatiana Jenkins

Most Changed since freshman year

Isaac Sciacca / Gabby Andrade

Best sense of humor

Sean Cross / Kourtney Dunning

Most Athletic

Josh Uhlorn / Taylor de Laveaga

Best Looking

Logan Spilsbury / Gabby Andrade

Friendliest

Alex Gasca / Ashley Holdway

Most likely to fall during graduation

Luke Amerine / Andrea Carrillo

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Graduation requirements create waves for coming classes

By Joelle Landry
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As a student's final years of high school comes to an end, one has to wonder why they must have more credits to graduate? As the world continues to depend on science and technology, the demand of a more rigorous education is resulting in additional math and science classes for high school students. Assistant Principal Joe Greene, who is highly involved with the classes offered on campus, said "The State Board (of Education) required all high schools to up one to math and to science."

In theory, increasing credit requirements is going to help future graduates get to better colleges, jobs and other opportunities. The class of 2012 will be the last set of seniors to graduate without four years of math and science. No major changes have been made other than students must take an extra science and math to graduate.

Elective courses will be affected as well. This is

because state administrators are finding the core classes to be more important for college and real world preparation. Fine arts classes, for example, could see a dip in enrollment with the new requirements.

"As it is now, dozens of students must wait to take Photography because of limited space per semester," photography teacher Elizabeth Tompkins said. "If anything, I'll get more upperclassmen in the coming years. Really, I don't see it affecting the art programs that are already quite strong."

Students will need 5.5 elective credits to graduate, as opposed to the current 7.5 credits.

Perry isn't the only one stepping up their game. Lots of colleges are changing what they look for in prospective students, but currently not too many colleges are changing this year. Most university web sites say what will the prerequisites are for incoming freshmen; community colleges are not as strict and will typically accept any student. "I got a scholarship to Jamestown, North Dakota



photo by Haley Albrecht
The class of 2012 is the last group of high school students who did not have to take four years of math classes. Students across the Chandler Unified School District will have to work extra-hard in the future, as increased graduation requirements are now in place on all CUSD high school campuses. The goal is to prepare students for a more competitive job market, as well as more rigorous acceptance standards across the nation's universities.

for football and Track," senior Kaleb Garcia said. "I know why I am there, I have a reason to be there, I choose Jamestown because I am ready for that college

academically."

Career Center advisor Pat Phillips gives advice before college: "Applying for a university has already passed, but if going to a community

college, finish applying ASAP, because the longer you wait the less applicable you'll have to get a favorable schedule. Also students may no longer be eligible for financial aid."

Valedictorians confirmed as academic achievers, friends

By Haley Witt
the precedent

Most students find it difficult to maintain their GPA once that final wave of senioritis hits, but for two girls, they managed to overcome that dreaded disease and remain the top students in the class. Seniors Jessica Resnick and Brooke Hudson are tied for the class of 2012's coveted valedictorian spot.

"I'm proud to finish strong in high school," Hudson says of her title. Her academic strength has carried her far and she will be attending ASU in the fall of 2012 and is enrolled in the Barrett honors program there.

"It's weird, but cool," Resnick says of being the class of 2012 valedictorian. She will also be attending ASU in the Barrett honors program for the fall of 2012.

According to Assistant Principal Joe Greene, the two girls had an

exact tie for their GPA. Students are ranked for the final time the eighth semester of high school by GPA, which determines who the valedictorian is.

"Most valedictorians are ones that take a lot of honors and AP classes," Greene says. "[However], it's impossible to get a 5.0 because students have to take such classes as health and P.E."

Despite the required classes that could weigh down a potentially perfect GPA, maintaining GPA is not as difficult as one would think, according to Hudson.

"It was tough but manageable," Hudson says. "It's not as hard as people think it is."

As for Resnick, balancing her academics and extracurriculars was slightly more challenging.

"I didn't sleep much," she says. However, Resnick felt that participating in other activities besides academics was more rewarding than challenging.

"It did help doing other things besides school, like swimming,"

she says. "It kept my mind off of things. I think that's important."

Even when that fatal wave of senioritis hits, the girls still managed to keep their head in the academic game.

According to Hudson, she took a couple hard classes her senior year, but none too bad. "Second semester was definitely harder," she says of maintaining her academic success.



Resnick

Even though the two girls should be academic rivals based on their GPA's, they have maintained a strong friendship throughout high school, showing that being valedictorian isn't all about competition.

End of the year awards

By Haley Witt
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Senior Candice Baik took second place at the Chandler district art show for a tempura painting piece of a desert scene. Abbey Tameron received third place for her mixed media/design piece. Tameron created a multimedia tree out of toilet paper dipped in glue, then painted different colors. Sondra Cuenca received third place for her painted portrait. Her portrait was an abstract contour line project of a girl in her class.

In the AIPA spring newspaper contest, senior Drew Crawford

took home four awards, including receiving an Excellent for a sports page layout in the Dec. issue. Editor-in-Chief Thomas Pipia received six awards, including a Superior for his news front page in the Sept. 11 issue. Skeeter Arvizu took home five awards as well. Altogether, The Precedent won 26 awards.

English teacher Beth Herbert received the Apple Achievement Award. For the AAA award, each school nominates one staff member per semester, whether they are a teacher or a custodian. "I just feel so honored," Herbert says. "It was totally unexpected."

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Relay for Life strives to save lives

A special send off for some seniors

By Tatyana Garcia
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“Celebrate. Remember. Fight back.” That is the motto for American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. On May 11, clubs on campus participated in the Relay for Life at Basha high school. Relay for Life is an event that lasts up to 24 hours in length. The event revolves around helping different communities celebrate cancer survivors, remember lost loved ones, and simply fighting the disease.

One club involved with the event is Key Club.

“Key club has participated in [Relay for Life] for the past three or four years,” club advisor, Stephanie Carrasco said on why they decided to participate.

A total of 45 members were at the relay Friday evening. The members of the Key club were responsible for setting up, helping the attendees with various activities, as well as help clean up after the event.

Carrasco participates in other events like this, and has a personal connection in doing so.

“My mom was diagnosed with cancer last year, so I go with her [and Kiwanis club members] to the Queen Creek Relay,” Carrasco mentioned.

Key Club was not the only club participating in this event. National Honors Society (NHS) had two teams participate in the relay as well.

After hearing about other PHS clubs partaking in the event, NHS captains, senior Justin Sprague and junior Taylor Williams, advocated the idea to other club members.



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Perry students take part in Relay for life on May 11, at Basha High School, to raise awareness for cancer research, and help raise money to help find a cure for those currently suffering from various types of cancers.

“As captains, we were excited to do [Relay for Life] because we have never done it before,” Williams said about the event, “we helped set up camp sites and took shifts in the actual relay.”

Williams also mentioned that the ceremonies that were held brought the NHS group (along with many others) to tears. Many members were there to represent their loved ones who have fought cancer, who were lost because of it, and wanting

to find a cure.

The help doesn’t stop there. Medical Profession’s Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) club participated as well.

“I was contacted earlier in the year by a representative from Relay for Life to see if we would be interested in participating this year... [all the members] wanted to do it,” HOSA advisor Debbie Bartine said.

Along with many others in PHS

clubs, Bartine dedicates the event to a young loved one that passed away. Bartine wanted her members to walk away learning something from this event.

“I wanted them to understand the impact cancer has on families, patients, and communities,” Bartine said, “In addition, I wanted them to know what communities can do to support them such as events like this.”

President announces support of equal marriage rights

Impact Club members say announcement is step in right direction

By Rachel Lattin
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President Barack Obama made an unprecedented announcement on May 9 where in an interview with ABC News, he publicized his support of gay marriage. Until recently, Obama’s opinion of same-sex marriage has been a gray area.

During his first presidential campaign in 2008, Obama stated in an interview that he believes marriage is between a man and a woman only. In the same interview, he went on to say that laws for or

against it should be the decision of individual states.

Currently, 38 states prohibit same-sex marriage, Arizona being one of them. Although the president is now on record as being in support of gay marriage, it should not affect any laws – gay marriage is an issue that the state has full responsibility of.

“I’m glad he supports it but if he’s not doing anything about it, what’s the point?” Davis Allen, senior member of Impact – a club designed to support tolerance of all people no matter their race, gender, or sexuality – stated.

Some people believe that Obama announced his opinion in order to gain votes in the upcoming election.

Impact club sponsor Pat Strojny is not quite sure of the president’s motives for the announcement. “I honestly don’t know if it will affect his re-election,” she said. Although

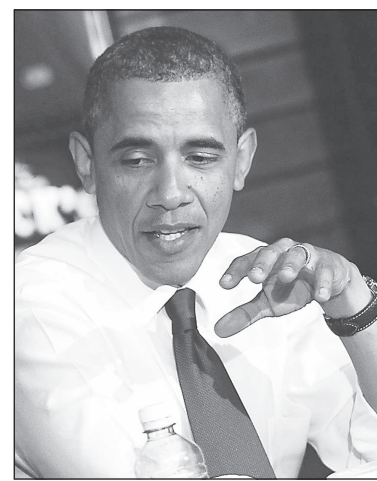
support for Obama may have fluctuated because of his stance, the issue most voters will focus on is the economy.

According to a CBS News poll, 53 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 44 are in support of gay marriage, while only 24 percent of Americans older than 45 support it. The younger generations show much more acceptance towards gays; that is one of the many things that the Impact club is trying to build.

“The purpose of Impact is to create tolerance. We are trying to create a safe place for students who were bullied,” Strojny said.

When the club meets, the members share and discuss various issues they have seen or experienced, one key topic being acceptance. The club consists of a variety of students who each have a low tolerance for bullying.

Although state laws will remain



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President Barack Obama

for now, with acceptance on the rise in younger generations – the future leaders of America – the restrictions are likely to be amended in the future.

NC voters approve ban on gay marriage

By David Zucchini
Los Angeles Times / MCT Campus

DURHAM, N.C. - North Carolina voters on Tuesday appeared to easily pass Amendment One, an amendment to the state constitution that not only bans gay marriage but also outlaws civil unions and domestic partnerships.

With 23 of 100 counties reporting results, The Associated Press said 61 percent of voters had supported the measure and 39 percent had voted against it.

The amendment, called the Defense of Marriage Act by its Republican sponsors, was fiercely

debated in the weeks leading up to the election - and is now expected to be fiercely fought in the courts.

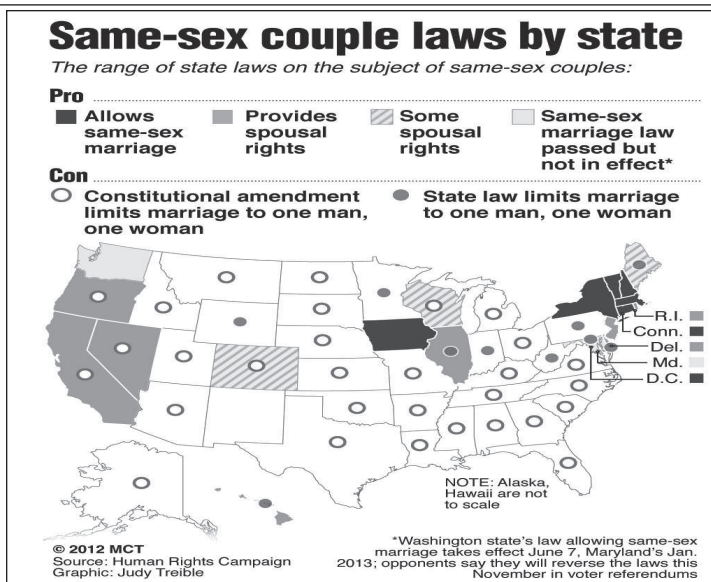
Much of its impact remains to be seen, but it would appear to threaten the domestic partnership health benefits of government workers, some family law experts say. It also could strip unmarried couples - both gay and straight - of their rights to make financial or emergency medical decisions for an incapacitated partner.

President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton had spoken out against the measure; the Rev. Billy Graham had publicly supported it.

With passage of the amendment, North Carolina becomes the 29th state to pass an amendment banning gay marriage, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Ten other states have statutes defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

Amendment One states: “Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state.”

Only Idaho, Michigan and South Carolina have defined marriage as strictly.



Staff Editorial

Boos and Hoorays

From upcoming concerts to graduation, students are prepared for the year's end.

HOORAY: Junior students survived the ACTs, SATs, and every other tedious task that came along with the year! Having almost completed the year that is often infamous for being the most stressful year of high school, juniors on campus are finally able to take that huge sigh of relief that they have been longing for since week two of the school year. As the thought of finishing yet another year starts to sink in, the eagerness for possible half days and being diagnosed with a serious case of senioritis is higher than ever. Yay for completing the first year as an upperclassman and being one step closer to graduation!

BOO: Graduation requirements continue to increase. The graduating class of 2012 is allowed to graduate with a minimum of three math credits and two science credits, but for the class of 2013, students are required four credits of math and three credits of science to graduate. Now, next year's seniors must spend yet another year taking math.

HOORAY: The STEM program has developed from a mere idea to an elaborate plan in the course of a few months. Assistant Principal Joe Greene has been preparing the program for more than a year. The STEM program will begin next school year with the class of 2016. The program will prepare students for a career in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math, hence, the name: STEM.

BOO: Many fourth quarter sports performed poorly. Every team, with the exception of the softball team, failed to make the playoffs and finished at low points in the power point rankings. Typically strong performing teams, such as baseball and boys' volleyball, struggled during the season and finished just short of the playoffs. Hopefully next year's fourth quarter sports teams will finish strongly.

HOORAY: The school earned a 98 percent for a "clean school grade" by the the Chandler Unified School District. Great job to the staff for keeping the school clean, and for receiving this honor for the fifth year in a row.

BOO: Senior AP English was not able to do a senior project because of timing issues and AP tests.

HOORAY: As summer quickly approaches, many bands start their tours. During May, the concert madness officially begins. Vans Warped Tour, Coldplay, and Lady Gaga are just some of the major tours coming to Ariz. this summer. Make sure to pre-order tickets now!

HOORAY: Several fortunate students had the opportunity to travel to Europe over spring break. The Education First foundation helped out, so that the students who were academically serious were able to travel and tour to countries including Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and France. Many even got to go to Euro Disney!

point | counterpoint: Senior pranks a tradition?

Let seniors have their fun before graduation



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There is nothing like pulling a good prank. Whether it is putting butter on the kitchen floor to see your sibling slip and fall to their misery, or the simple switching of yours and your friends drink, just to see the astonished look on their face when they take a huge gulp of an unknown substance.

Then there is the senior prank; the one and only prank that is expected to happen every year, due to tradition. Sure, there is a risk to getting busted, but that is why it is always done near the seniors' last day so that punishments are not too overwhelming.

Some are highly supportive of it because that is just what seniors who are about to graduate do.

Then there are the other people (party-poopers) who argue that it is morally wrong to prank someone, no matter the situation.

Those critics need a wake up call, there is nothing wrong with a senior prank!

There may be a split second where the prank seems a little over-done and that it was wrong

to do.

However, when you let nostalgia take over and look back to your high school days, you want to remember something that you and your graduating class accomplished together.

It is a surreal feeling when you have your cap and gown on at graduation and your name is called to receive that long-awaited and hard-earned diploma.

But at the same time, you need to leave your mark on your high school by doing something that will be remembered by the faculty and administration for years to come; something that soon-to-be-graduates remember so that they can pass the story to underclassmen.

Critics have a valid point in that seniors take things too far when they commit vandalizing pranks. The best pranks are

those that do not involve clean-up. So go ahead seniors, get ready to step into the real world.

Some of you may say that your maturity level is way too high to even think about pulling off a good prank.

But for all of the seniors who are all on board with the idea, tune out the Nay-Sayers, listen to your immaturity and go out with a bang!

Pranking remains reckless and immature



KWAKU
ASARE
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Senior pranks are all fun and games until school property gets defaced or a valuable, irreplaceable object is broken. What happens when things are taken too far and that fine line is crossed? Being seniors, it is understandable that memories want to be made and previous senior pranks want to be outshined.

However, some students have the attitude of "go big or go home" and that can result in the ruin

of expensive school property. What many students mistake for harmless pranks can often classify as criminal activity. Those students who get caught up in the so-called "good, clean fun" of a prank could be leaving the school to deal with financial damage. Rather than leaving a positive memory, they will go down in infamy.

Vandalism entails posting graffiti, trashing unguarded property, breaking items, and tampering with equipment. For example, the prank that occurred last year resulted in trash being

spewed all around the campus grounds and onto building tops. With seniors littering the entire school with toilet paper and sticky notes, everything was trashed.

This dealt security the task of cleaning the remnants before the school day began. Most prankers often do not understand these concepts when initially plotting their schemes, so they end up taking their antics just a bit farther than they are supposed to be taken. Some students were given slaps on the wrists by the generous Mr.

Serrano, who dished out community service as a form of punishment.

There is no

point in disrupting the school environment by annihilating the property of the Chandler Unified School District.

Besides, only seniors find amusement in the escapades. These shenanigans cause the flow of everyday school life to be slowed, and at times, temporarily halted. Senior pranks come to be non-beneficial to both the students and the staff.

In essence, school pranks are dangerous acts and unnecessary to the high school experience as well as the community.

Kayla Mollica contributed to this story.

Library lacks space for hardworking students



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It is frustrating when you are in need of some quiet study time, but there is no available space for you in the library.

The library limits the amount of students in the library to twenty during lunch. The holding capacity for the library is 408, but the regulations restrict the student limit to only twenty. How is this fair?

When they say, "public library," do they really mean "public" to the students, or "public" to only the public?

The limit placed on the quantity of students in the library gets in the way of a student studying, allowing for another student to sit at the computer, wasting time on a mindless game.

This can be the most frustrating thing when one walks into the library, and someone tells them, "the library is full," but plenty of space remains for you in the library.

The reason remains that the librarians tend to the needs of the students, but also must care to the public's needs.

It does, however, make sense in some ways,

because it can be overwhelming dealing with 40 high school students while also trying to meet the demands of the public.

But, if the school is going to place a limit on the library, they should at least tell the kids on the computers, playing games, to leave, so that other students wanting to study can get in there and utilize their time.

It would just make more sense if we allowed students to study, instead of forcing them to the side. This would allow for other students to playing games and messing around to do those activities elsewhere.

This could be the best solution to a problem that has many students on campus enraged.

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Economy burdens ambitious students in post-high school plans thanks to tuition hikes

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As senior year starts to come to an end, many students are conflicted with the idea of something far most stressful than the four years they spent at Perry High School: their future.

When it comes to deciding what to do after high school, a lot of factors come into play.

But, out of all these factors, money seems to be the one that is most profound in the decision-making process.

Sadly, money dominates where and if a student, worthy or not, attends a college or university.

Even though approximately 70 percent of Perry's seniors plan to attend college after they graduate high school.

Many of them are already starting to feel the burden of tuition costs and having to seek financial aid.

Before the end of their first semester at college, many students are already wearisome about the weight of student loans.

This is causing them to

possibly reevaluate their choice to attend a university right after high school.

Senior Eunice Beck discussed her opinion on the cost of tuition and the effect it has on students' decisions:

"I think, for a lot of people, the cost of tuition is definitely something that you have to think about," said Beck.

"Which is why I decided to stay here and go to ASU so I could avoid the out-of-state tuition costs."

When the current seniors at Perry were freshmen in

“Before the end of their first semester at college, many students are wearisome about the weight of student loans.”

2008, tuition at Arizona State University was \$8,228.

Yet now it sits roughly at \$10,128.

This increase is primarily what prompted many students to start considering alternative options for college.

Despite the pressure from teachers and peers to go to college, Senior Cody Barton continues to stand his ground

on his belief that college is simply a “waste of time.”

Barton went on to further justify his mindset by saying, “The only people I think need to go to college are people that want to become doctors or lawyers.”

Barton continues, “It’s gotten to the point where student loan debt has surpassed credit card debt, so for people who have no idea what they want to do, it just seems like a waste of money.”

Barton also argued his thought that people’s desire to attend college is derived from generational pressure rather than individual ambition.

“If you ask half the people that are going to college what they want to do, they can’t even tell you; that’s scary to me,” Barton said.

While Barton deprecates the idea of a four year university, Beck continues to value the importance of college.

Beck says, “I know it’s different for everyone, but, for me, I was always raised to believe that college is important, especially if you want to get a good career in the future.”

Showering graduates with the gift of technology

Raphael Shafeev
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College is a time when education becomes tougher, reality becomes closer, and workloads become heavier.

This time also calls for gifts to be given to the high school graduating student, who has worked four hard years and deserves a little something-something. Whatever college or university you might be going to, a teacher of yours is going to be waiting for you to pop into their class.

That same teacher, out of impatience or, more likely, spite, will fly through lessons and notes as quickly as an F-35 fighter jet. This is not a time for panic, though. It is very possible to keep up with the mad man/woman, with the right equipment. As an old, wise man once stated, “we have the technology,” and that technology comes in many forms and sizes.

The traditional college note taker, the laptop, has evolved incredibly over the past decade.

Weighing under five pounds and carrying batteries that run for eight hours straight, the laptops of today are the

perfect educational tool. The top three most popular laptops on the market today seem to be the Dell XPS 14z, the HP Pavilion g6 and the ASUS Zenbook UX31, as listed by PCWorld Magazine.

The three notebooks vary mostly for their use and their target consumer. Labeled the best all-purpose laptop, the Dell XPS (\$979) holds immensely powerful performance and is built to last long, while priced moderately high.

The HP Pavilion (\$588) is built for the average and moderate computer user, holding the best value.

While at the head of the

“Whether it is a laptop or a tablet you are looking for, these are the perfect ideas for a graduation present going into college.”

pack, the ASUS Zenbook (\$1,087) harbors ridiculous power in a tiny package, priced higher than the rest. Nevertheless, if it is a more compact and portable item you are looking for, tablets have been gaining popularity for a reason.

Averagely weighting underneath a pound, and harboring the same processing speed as an average

laptop, current tablets on the market can document your notes and record the voice and face of your teacher, all while playing Angry Birds in-between classes.

The top three tablets on today’s market are the Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1, the ASUS Eee Pad Transformer Prime and, granted, the Apple iPad 3, as listed by PCWorld Magazine.

The Samsung Galaxy (\$499 for 16GB), powered by Android, performs wonderfully in a tiny package. The ASUS Transformer (\$499 for 32GB), powered by Android, is perhaps the best value, running smooth and fast, while being tiny, pretty, and holding plenty of memory.

The Apple iPad 3 (\$499 for 16GB), powered by Apple, has earned its popularity. Processing at ridiculous speeds, while being ultra-light and having the biggest App market available, there is a reason why many consider the iPad to be king.

Whether it is a laptop or a tablet you are looking for, these are the perfect ideas for a graduation present going into college.

Just make sure to come up with a good pitch for your parents.



BOB CHEN Political Science Major

“I’m a political science major, but CGCC’s vast variety of classes have allowed me to explore different subjects, such as geology, philosophy and theater, which is my current passion. So no matter what I choose, I know I’m on the right path.”

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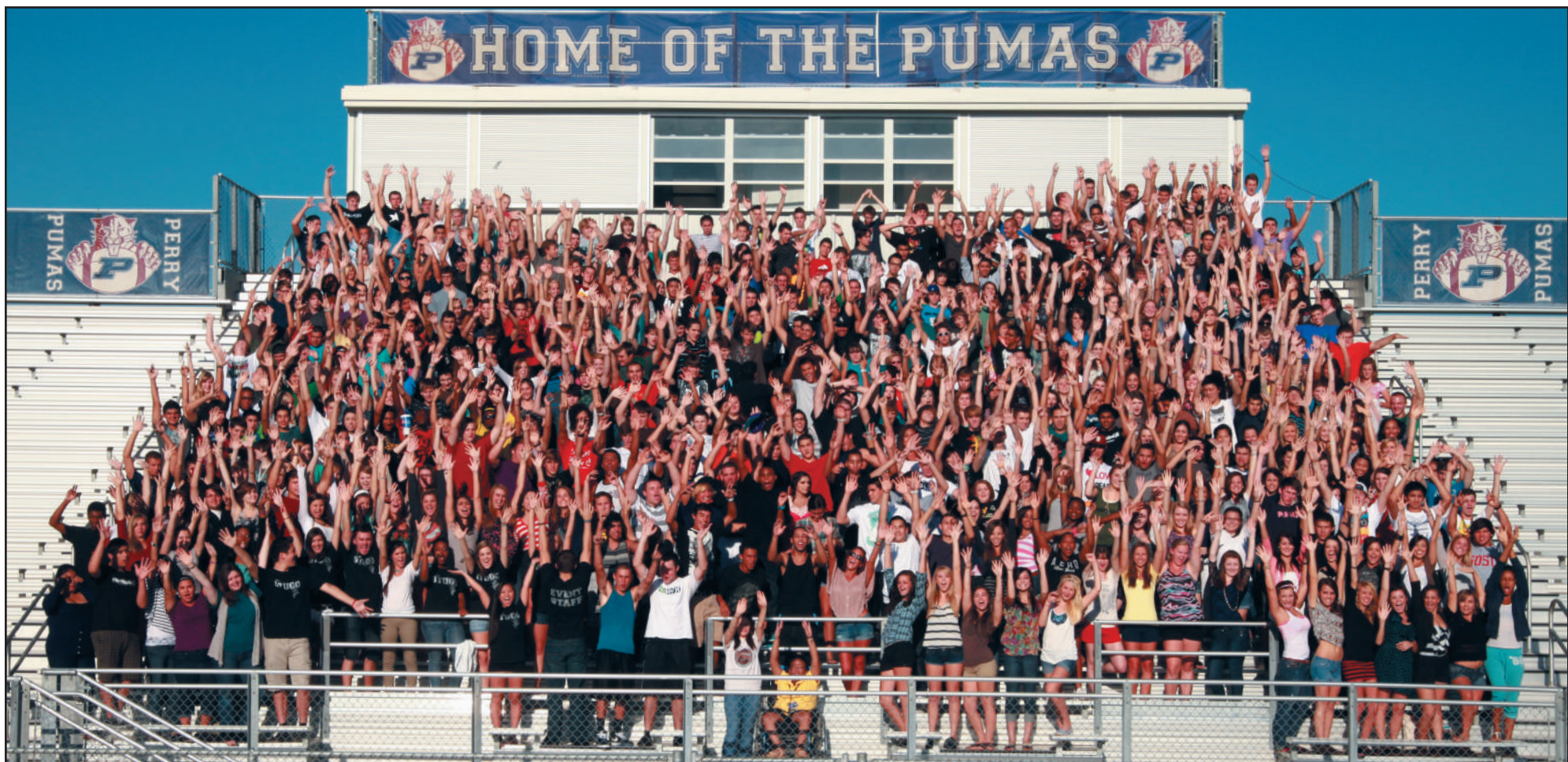
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From past to present: the class of 2012

By Drew Crawford
the precedent

The road running down Queen Creek just before hitting the road of Val Vista made infamous by a rivalry serves as a precursor towards those waiting to enter the parking lot of school.

Four years of accomplishment, endeavor, stressors, drama, ambition, and every shade in between have been forged at the end of this road behind the walls of a cluster of buildings only made Perry by the people attending it.

Now standing at the end of the fifth year of Perry we look back upon what brought us here and all of the many experiences shared for everything they are worth.

Freshman year presented a significantly different environment at PHS.

With no senior class attending the school there were only 1,500 kids, and the campus was much more open and spacey.

Vending machines offered students a selection of sugar-laden soft drinks that would soon be taken away the following year.

Homecoming was nonexistent and was instead called forthcoming with the dance hosted in the cafeteria.



Yes, the cafeteria held everyone back then.

Sophomore year was a transition for the school as a whole as it moved into uncharted territory. The inaugural class of seniors took the berth in their role, a new class of freshmen limited hall space.

Cramped quarters began to emerge with the Ramada between the C and F buildings

not accompanying quite as many people.

Perry also became a Renaissance recognized school because of efforts by multiple teachers.

A rewards system was constituted with students with certain GPAs slated to earn certain benefits such as discounted food and homework passes.

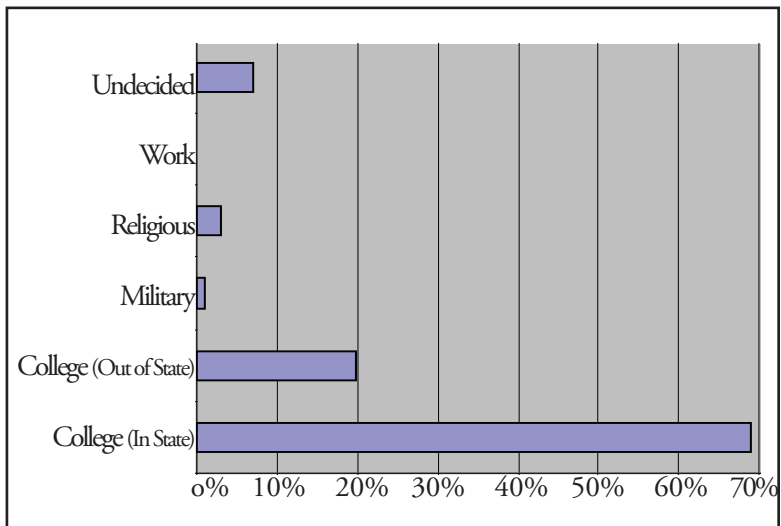
Despite this the system fell by the wayside and has remained dormant for the last two school years. Our classes' junior year saw multiple changes involving the social aspect of school.

The varsity football team played the first homecoming game and a wristband policy was implemented to combat behavior at dances.

Sports teams went from blossoming programs to squads that yielded results such as football and baseball.

As we stand at graduation we will remember the things that we have passed through, and the journey that it took to get there.

What fields perry students plan on going into after high school



Whitney Nichols



Coleton Griffiths



Benito Arellanes



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Match
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Baby
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Perry High School takes over Arizona

Jaren Drummond
Attending GCU to play baseball; plans on majoring in business.

Connor Newcomer
Attending NAU to major in engineering.




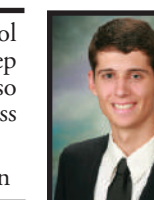
Marcus Bowers
Attending ASU on the New American Provist scholarship to study Journalism and Mass communications, and play bnaseball.

Hayleigh Little
Attending MCC on the presidents scholarship to study business.

Stephanie Della Cella
“ I want to study linguistics and anthropology at U of A after high school. The campus is really nice and the programs are highly praised.”
-Stephanie Della Cella

“ After high school I am planning on attending Chandler Gilbert Community College for a short while. After my time at CGCC I am going to transfer over to ASU”
-Tyler Vanklompberg

If you could do it all over again, what would you change?

 <p>“ If I could do it all over again, I would have figured out what I want to do with my life after highschool much sooner.” -Sara Bennett</p>	 <p>“ If I could do it all over again, I wouldn't give up on soccer my senior year. That was one of my worst decisions in high school.” -Luis Ham</p>	 <p>“ If I could do high school all over again, I would keep my grades up all year so I wouldn't have to stress about my finals.” -Sarah Helterbran</p>	 <p>“ If I could do high school over again, I would try harder my first two years. I would also join a few clubs.” -Jace Hensley</p>
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Cap'n Jazz - Analphabetapolothology

By Thomas Pipia
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Anyone with a concept of “emo” right now is probably thinking of black hair, makeup, and straightforward lyrics about broken or breaking relationships. Going back to a simpler time, though, emo was a ridiculous offshoot of punk that was played by whiny, average-looking teenagers in their garages.

One of the most influential and picturesque examples of this classic branding is a band called Cap'n Jazz, which lasted for six years between 1989 and 1995. Over the course of the band's career, just under 40 songs were written and recorded by them, most of which can now be heard on the *Analphabetapolothology* anthology record.

It is a pretty unanimous opinion that *Analphabetapolothology* is one of the most concise and nearly perfect anthologies released, as it paved the way for much of what the emo and post-hardcore scenes look like today. Cap'n Jazz is nothing short of the archetypal emo band.

What sets this group apart and makes them so important is probably their relentless energy that emanates off of every song they play. The Kinsella brothers are loud, and though their voices take some getting used to, they truly know how to put some emotion into their tunes. The content spans from love, to politics, to abstract rambling that creates some downright catchy melodies. That very emotion is powered by some of the best lyrics ever written. Tim and Mike Kinsella are metaphorical writers with lots of abstract thought in their lyrics, punctuated by downright clever wordplay (“canine ate seven sick five-year-olds”). Though the music is loud and often too energetic to be sad, the lyrical content can surely be depressive stuff.

However, that is much of the glory behind Cap'n Jazz. Yelling and screaming into the microphone about horrific images manages to sound very uplifting and even danceable on certain tracks. It has been described as “your friends coming to play music in your garage to cheer you up after a bad relationship ends.”

Some tunes, like “Scary Kids Scaring Kids!” and “We Are Scientists!” are not only wonderfully dynamic in sound, but also became the names of popular rock bands that have sprung up in recent years.

Analphabetapolothology also has its experimental bits with a spoken-word track called “Tokyo,” which escalates into one of the better outros on the album. The band also covers A-ha's hit “Take On Me” with plenty of personality behind it.

There are no real gripes with this record. The most difficult part for new listeners is getting used to the horrifically garage-sounding recording and the abrasive and absurd Kinsella vocals. This is my favorite record of all time, so give it a few chances and no listener will be disappointed.

The Purple Ninjas wrap up the year successfully

By Micheal Wolfe
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When you think of improv you may think of *Whose Line Is It?* or Drew Carey's *Improvaganza*, but you should also think of Purple Ninjas. The Purple Ninjas is an improv group on campus, run by theatre teacher, Shawna Marquis. Recently, the Purple Ninjas competed in a tournament at the NCT Phoenix Stage in Mesa on Apr. 28 and 29 against seven other high school leagues. The improv competition is important to NCT, because it is the second year the team has done this together. The team, as a whole received the “Most Improved” award. “NCT is enjoyable because it's a fun way to get onstage and be yourself with some of your close friends,” said junior, Katelyn Schulze.

The teams that were involved in the event all compete for “points”,

which gets them motivated. The “points” are irrelevant, but instead, the teams work for a great judge's critique, which is what really matters in the end. The teams are judged on how well they perform as a team and how well they perform with the other teams, the teams are also judged on their etiquette at the competition as an audience, they are also judged on how they present themselves in front of others at the competition. Many of the awards, awarded at the end, were awarded to the Purple Ninjas improv team. The “Best Female Character” award was given to, sophomore, Kate Brandt, honoring her onstage character/s. The “Freshman Award” (for most talented incoming freshman) was awarded to freshman, Allie Messersmith. “Captain Appreciation” was awarded to senior, Katie Hardin, for her hard work as a captain. Junior, Lani Dekker, was awarded “Best



photo by Schulze

The Purple Ninjas improv team perform with the Campo Verde team.

Energy”. Along with that award, Dekker was also awarded the “Little Trop”, which is an award to honor Taylor Tropio, from the Basha

team, for her exuberant amounts of energy and was a great team player, supporting the other teams, and always reaching out to others.

Dark Shadows; nothing more than a knock off

New Tim Burton movie fails to measure up to expectations.

By Brennen Hennings
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Pasty skinned protagonists, bland attire, and Johnny Depp. Fans would expect nothing less, in a Tim Burton film; and with *Dark Shadows*'s recent release, fans are getting just that.

Burton's newest film revolves around the main character, Barnabas Collins (Johnny Depp), who moves from Liverpool, England to the early Americas in

the 18th century. The intro follows Barnabas's early and comfortable life in Collinsport, a small fishing town, which his father founded. As Barnabas matures, the story reveals that he is quite the “lady magnet,” but after attracting the attention of a certain witch, Barnabas's fortune begins to plummet.

After the death of his parents and one true love, Barnabas attempts to rid himself of his grief by suicide. He leaps from a cliff, hoping to leave behind all of his sadness; but as he awakes in a bed of jagged rocks, he is mortified to find himself cursed as a vampire, by his angry witch lover, Angelique.

Barnabas is locked away for several centuries and it is not until

the year 1972 that he is released into a new and very different world. With all of his immediate family members long gone, and his family's business in ruins, Barnabas must help his distant relatives set things right; a hard task, since Angelique is still residing in Collinsport as an industrial superpower.

Dark Shadows is a comical joke of a horror movie; with pre-teen werewolf girls, seductive witches and fortune telling governesses, this film is a Scary Movie knock off at best. The storyline could be better, and a little more character development may be needed in the beginning, however, overall this film is worth seeing; if you are a true “Burton fan.”



photo by Renee Rubio

The 5th period choir class rehearses on Monday in preparation for their upcoming performance at graduation.

Choir gears up for annual graduation performance

By Lani Dekker
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Traditions are the foundation of lifelong memories that surround upcoming graduations during one's senior year.

Most seniors try to make the most of their last year in high school. Just like the ‘senior-cycle’ repeats itself every year, the graduation ceremonies do also. Every year the valedictorians give their speeches and then orchestra, band, and choir will perform different tunes throughout the production.

This year, concert choir is performing at graduation yet again with similar songs while ASL (American Sign Language) students sign along. There will be 22 seniors this year performing for their last time along with the rest of the class.

As a whole, concert choir has accomplished many great feats

in this past year. They traveled thousands of miles to perform in New York at the prestigious Carnegie Hall.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for everyday high school students.

They also came away with three all-state singers that are part of the top 200 choir students in the state of Arizona.

“I'm really proud of these three students being all-state,” choir director Joe Little shares.

These three singers are, seniors Amanda Crawley, Jennifer Strand and junior Braelyn White. These three girls have been a part of Concert Choir since they were just freshmen and are dedicated to team will stay there until the end.

“Choir has been my whole life... this [being in All-State] is very important to me,” senior Jennifer Strand said while sharing memorable choir experience.

Fat boys brings no joys

By Alli Klassen
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When it comes to Italian cooking in town, restaurants seem to be appearing at every corner. From Venezia's to Pizza Hut, they are often liked by teenagers and consumers alike.

Although, this may seem to be another addition to the list of pizzerias in town, FatBoys (located on the southwest corner of Arizona and Ocotillo) is a brand new family style pizza restaurant attempting to climb its way to humble success.

All in all, when it comes down to Italian cuisine, consumers cherish it. Yet, in this case, I was greatly disappointed. Their pizza -in my opinion- had disappointingly low quality.

To most customers, the thought of a classic mom and pop restaurant triggers fond memories of homemade meals. As for this place, the concept has yet to fulfill

that expectation.

When I walked in, there were only two tables in the seating area because of the favor of take out. In addition, I was surprised that this business did not have a convenient fountain drink station. Another surprising factor was that their was only one employee working behind the counter.

Also, I was not fond of the fact that my pizza looked like mere bread with sauce on top of it. In my opinion, pizza should have more flavors apart from the sauce. In this case, my taste buds were tragically deprived.

This restaurant does not have the favor of delivery but does include take-out to customers.

It is a rare occasion where I do not accept and acknowledge effort for trying, I can say now that I did not accept that. All I can say is that to keep trying and maybe you will get somewhere, but for now... yikes.



Photo by Alli Klassen

Fat Boys Pizza located on the intersection of Arizona and Ocotillo near Hamilton High School next to Fantastic Sams and Tasti D. Lite.

All American Rejects release new album with a new sound

By Victoria Lovvorn
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The All-American Rejects album sends heart felt messages to old love and shows musical diversity.

In late March, The All American-Rejects released their fourth album; *Kids In the Street*. The decade-old band of Mike Kennerty, Tyson Ritter, Nick Wheeler and Chris Gaylor has collaborated with Greg Wells to produce the album. *Kids In The Street* is different from their last three, as their producer (Wells) has



The band All-American Rejects pose on a bench for a photo shoot. photo published with permission from Moxie

worked with well-known pop artists such as: Katy Perry, Timbaland and One Republic.

Kennerty said that 'I for You' was an apology from Ritter to a girl whose heart he broke.

Mike mentioned that the demo of 'I For You', was added to the album because, 'it was raw, and since it was the first recording, the emotion was there'. On the other hand, 'Someday's Gone' is considered by Mike a 'love gone wrong' song.

Mike also stated that this album might have been the 'most diverse, most musical and their proudest moment as a band' as they worked on the final set of the album for two and a half years. Although, he also added that their music has no set genre because they 'play what

comes out' and they have had a different producer for every album in their career. Nick felt that the album showcased how they have grown up since they first started and that the band's new album may be 'deeper' but it was 'still fun and still us'.

The eleven song record has a great selection of songs from dance tunes to love songs (I For You). The diverse selection is appealing to a large, audience because of the many genres included in the album.

Because of the diversity, the band has made way for a new generation of fans. The band is currently in the middle of their European tour.



Annual Student-Directed Competition shows young talent

By Brianna Bartos
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It is not often that imagined characters in a play script take over a show. Yet, that remains just what occurred in the auditorium on May 27, during the annual student-directed one-act performance competition.

Senior Judy Haugen, first-time director, won the coveted title of winner at the

show, due to her extremely intriguing, original story idea.

"It was about a writer whose characters came to life and then took over the writer's story. I thought it'd be cool if we had someone who was writing a story, and then the characters came to life and interacted with the writer," Haugen explains.

As a member of Theater instructor Shawna Marquee's

second hour, comprised of Theatre 2, Theatre 3, and Advanced Pantomime and Characterization (APAC) students, she had the option to compose a scene for class that turned out to be a part of a much bigger project.

"At first, I had to write and direct a three to five minute scene, that was a comedic, for class. Mrs. Marquee asked me to lengthen it to about 10 or 15 minutes," Haugen said.

She was up against four other directors and their one-act performances, each about 15 minutes long.

"Three of the others [one-acts] were student-written, also, specifically for that performance; her [Haugen's] idea, we heard about first, and the idea was so fantastic," Marquee explains.

Senior Katelyn Schulze, who played the role of "Girlfriend" in Haugen's

masterpiece, felt the team worked well to create a satisfying product.

"The other shows did spectacular jobs, but our cast and director teamed up together to make an amazing show," Schulze said.

Although group projects can be difficult because of clashing ideas and disagreements, Haugen was up for the challenge.

"It wasn't too hard to

direct, and we also had group input.

"They had little tweaks, like they might mess up a line, and then they'd do something in the scene, and I'd be like, keep doing that," Haugen said

Knowing that a show remains more than just a director's vision, Haugen said, "They did a really good job. I'm proud of them for that."

Green's book hits best seller

By Katelyn Escalante
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It is hard to imagine how a novel by John Green, *The Fault In Our Stars*, can make it onto the popular bookshelves across the nation. The plot itself seems as though it is a common story about a cancer victim. Green creates characters who are teenagers diagnosed with cancer, which may seem to be predictable and on its way to the Lifetime movie channel.

Despite its expected predictability, the storyline was past that specific feeling, bordering on the effect of being surprising and astounding.

The main character, Hazel Grace, has been battling terminal lung cancer since she was thirteen--she is sixteen when she narrates in the book.

Her doctors have placed her on medication to keep the tumors out of her lungs for as long as possible. Though she has to carry around an oxygen tank to help her breathe, Green

makes the character seem like she is saying through her nonchalant attitude, "Yeah. I have cancer. It sucks. Life happens."

When Augustus Waters enters into Hazel's world filled with sensible beliefs, her life changes dramatically.

He begins to teach her not to give up the potential her life can have because of her illness. From there, their relationship forever increases.

However, when Hazel and Augustus take a much-awaited trip together, their stories take an unexpected turn as they become more intertwined.

Green addresses Hazel and Augustus' situations with humor, sensitivity, and reality. The cancer is placed into their everyday lives almost as an afterthought, making the cancer seem to be just a part of whom they are.

In addition, he does not allow the cancer to consume his characters, which, in turn, adds a refreshing vibe to the plot.

Readers will grow to love Augustus and Hazel as their

stories unfold, leading to a more emotional connection to the story and possibly a few tears.

He is able to put into words the thoughts of a teenage girl undergoing cancer in a way that is tangible. Green allows Hazel to ask questions teenage girls are most apt to ask:

Will I be loved? Will I be remembered? Will I be significant?

With each character, Green establishes the line on which teenagers walk when they have cancer in an elegant manner by relating to both sides of the story: the cancer patients themselves and the people without cancer.

Hazel is neither strong nor brave. She is realistic. As she goes on with her life in the novel, with Augustus' help, she begins to find herself.

Even though she begins to lose hope, Augustus shows her it is not about learning to accept death, but about learning to accept life.

All in all, this novel is a must read, worthy of attention from all ages.



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Our Take

With a team that has been in a slump of their full potential people are left to wonder

at what the Cardinal's ownership was thinking upon deciding to draft another receive in Michael Floyd and another corner in Jamell Fleming in the first consecutive rounds. While talent always pays dividends logical thinking when making decisions does as well.

The Cardinals already arguably have the best couple receivers in the National Football league in the likes of Larry Fitzgerald and Todd Heap. Even Beanie Wells sports the ability of hands, and what the Cardinals truly need is protection. A "quarterback problem" persists according to the criticism of the public, but the Cardinals have what they need in Kevin Kolb, and are in desperate need of linemen.

Fortunately however the red sea redeemed their selves and added right tackle Bobby Massi and Senio Kelemete to their assets. With these two linemen implemented the correct way in the game, the team can be seeing results. No missed blocks and opened up holes will go a far way in taking the Cardinals back to the Super Bowl after a devastating loss to the Steelers in Feb. 2009.

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Softball makes it to quarterfinals; loses to Basha 4-5 after battle



photo by Jensen Penrod

Sophomore Lindsay Heffron hits a home run out of the ballpark during the May 1 playoff game against rival Basha

Teamwork has been shown to improve stats, relationships between players, and an overall vibe of the game. This year Perry's softball team showed that they could persevere through dramatic moments, and the club was able to keep calm and stay focused in the thick of adversity. With an overall record of 19-14 for the season the squad had a wild ride before losing in the quarterfinals against rival Basha 5-4.

The season started off on a rough note with Sophomore Laynee Gomez sustaining a back injury.

"The team missed her greatly, it was like we had a hole in our team," Kevin Chapin varsity head coach says. After coming back in the last half of the season Gomez was nominated player of the week. It did not take long for the team to get back on their feet, and bring in more wins. In the first weeks of May the ladies held a 10-game winning streak including their first playoff game.

The Pumas played like a close family through all of this, and now that the season is over they will be losing one of their best players. The impact of the loss of catcher Mandi Grebe will not only affect the team emotionally but physically. New but also old players will be coming back next year, to ensure that Perry will make the playoffs once again. The hard work and determination brought this team to the playoffs, and with an easy win to Corona Del Sol 4-0 the Pumas momentum escalated. With confidence and toughness they were ready to keep fighting. On the first of May the game against the Basha Bears, brought the Pumas back home with a devastating loss 4-5.

A look into the season

- Overall record of 12-6
- Finish in second round playoff loss
- Wins against Hamilton and Chandler Softball during regular season

SPORTS BRIEFS

After finishing mid-pack in the National League Western division last season, the Los Angeles Dodgers are off to one of the best starts in the whole league. Outfielder Matt Kemp has picked up from where he left off last season as he has an above .350 batting average and 12 homeruns. But it has not just been the players, as newly appointed manager, Don Mattingly, has taken over the reigns in LA. In retrospect, the Dodgers have come out of nowhere this season, as some experts are already picking them to represent the National League in the World Series. Many critics say this change came from new owner Earvin "Magic" Johnson's competitiveness. Whatever the case is, the Dodgers are one to look out for come October.

Congratulations to Nathan Bosley for being selected as an All-American Wrestler!



Track and Field

Garcia 5th in state 300m hurdles

By Brennen Hennings
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Devon Allen, Paul Perkins, and Perry's own Kaleb Garcia, the state's top three sat poised in their starting position anticipating the final race.

"I felt calm, collective and ready to win, stepping into those blocks," Garcia stated.

As the sound of the starting gun echoed throughout the field, all nine of the runners exploded from their blocks. The first 150 meters was a stalemate, as each athlete

fought for a position in the front of the pack. As the group rounded the corner however, Allen, Perkins and Garcia pulled to the front, floating over each hurdle with ease.

"I was right there, neck and neck with the two best hurdlers in the state," Garcia recalled.

The last 100 meters was the home stretch. Garcia was in third place, slowly making his way up to Allen who was in first. Each hurdle

presented Garcia with a chance to pass the fan's favorite, but as Perry's champ came towards the third to last hurdle, disaster struck.

Garcia leaped over the hurdle with near perfect form, but the landing was quite the contrary. Garcia hit the track hard with his heel and stumbled forwards, several steps as he tried to regain his balance. In this short, yet significant moment, Garcia lost his position and was passed by two other

racers. "The pain was pretty bad; I was having problems with my groin before the race but was hoping for the best," Garcia said.

"He was on a bum leg, but I'm proud of how he performed, no matter what. He had a great season," coach Beaur said.

In the end, Garcia placed fifth in state, due to the pulling of his groin. Still at the Division 1 level of competition it was an accomplishment nonetheless.

Playoff chances eliminated; finish at 25 in power point rankings

By Mitchell Albrecht
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The Perry High school boy's volleyball team has seen many highs and lows this season. After starting with a 1-3 record and losing one of their top players, junior Alex Berghorst, to a broken leg, things looked very dim for the Pumas. The likelihood of having another solid season did not look very promising.

"We were a really young team still, after the Chandler Tournament we began to turn it around," Senior Kenny McBride stated. The strong play of seniors Ryan Moore and McBride combined with the stepping up of players like sophomore Jalen Cross, allowed the Pumas to turn the bad luck although a devastating loss against Higley would close the gate on the playoffs.

An injury to a Higley player in game two of the Pumas Knights matchup would cause the Pumas to lose much needed momentum because of the

10 minutes needed to assist the hurt athlete. They were also forced to change their lineup after the absence of one of their starting players, Junior Greg Benson.

Instead, Junior setter Mich Harris was forced to take the place of Benson and Junior Conor Martin stepped in to play setter.

"When you have a setter play a different spot everything is off balance," stated Senior Kenny McBride on the position changes.

The season after this point was left to the chance the squad would win the rest of their games with powerhouse teams losing some of theirs.

After the 1-3 start to the season, the squad was able to finish out the season with a 12-5 record in power point games, which included a three game winning streak to close out the season. A playoff berth looked like a possibility because of the positive ending to the season, but the boys just missed out, finishing 25th in state and missing a playoff berth by

one spot.

This was the second year that the boy's volleyball team did not make the playoffs.

"It was pretty hard, the seniors take it harder than me, I just look forward to next year and put it behind me," Cross stated about missing the playoffs.

A new coach presented many adjustments for the athletes, and multiple transitions persisted throughout the season.

"There was actual training instead of just running the same drill everyday. He is different with his coaching style and his care towards us," stated Senior Ryan Moore. Moore, McBride, and fellow senior Josh Leon will be furthering their volleyball careers past high school, with all three going on to play in college. Moore will be taking his talents to Lindenwood University in Saint Charles Missouri, Leon to Emerson College in Boston, and McBride to Philadelphia Biblical University in Pennsylvania.

Baseball

36th Finish

A very disappointing season by the Pumas has concluded, leaving most senior ball players with nothing left but goodbyes. Closing with a season record of 13 wins and 15 losses (including tournaments) a playoff appearance was well out of reach.

After two tough losses against Mesquite, the club began experiencing a season in the upswing with wins against Basha in two meetings. These outings were not enough to salvage a return to the playoffs though; Power Point rankings were toppled by losses to Queen Creek and Desert Ridge. A loss to Hamilton afterwards was the nail in the coffin, and instead of playing into late May the team ended their season against Chandler high school a month earlier. Division 1 posed a tougher schedule, but not every team was different from last season's division.

"Division 1 wasn't really different teams," said head coach Shane Hilstrom, "this

season we were just a play or two away (each game) from making a difference." Along with a disappointing outcome to what was expected to be a great season, depression is also setting in for the loss of this year's graduating seniors; but few are not leaving empty handed.

Three senior varsity baseball players have received scholarships to play a sport at a college or university next season. Drummond (Senior) landed a full-ride scholarship to GCU (Grand Canyon University) to play baseball during the 2013 season. Dual-sport athlete (football and baseball), and second baseman Max Arredondo (Senior) received a scholarship to play football for Jamestown College, ND. Catcher Collin Braithwaite (Senior) has also procured a scholarship to play baseball for BYU (Brigham Young University), UT.

These exemplary graduates will be a devastating loss; hard work and practice will be in need for those to fill their places of next season's squad.

Austin Williams
contributed to this report

Spring football

Preparation intensified



photo by Juan Gonzales and Ryan Baca

At spring football practice Nick Brickous takes his turn doing a 3 point turn drill hosted by coach Nightengale. The drill is used to help the varsity football players focus on their change of direction.

By Kwaku Asare
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With a loss to Chaparral that ended the Pumas playoff ambitions, they embarked on a new journey with the opening of spring practices.

A perennial, the Pumas know that they are able to match up to any team.

Spring workouts and training will greatly improve the team.

Beginning anew this spring could be the breakthrough needed to head all the way in the 2012-13 season.

"Trying to teach JV how to practice and getting the returning varsity players better is key," varsity head coach Preston Jones states.

In order to continue on the path of consecutive playoff appearances, both squads will need to improve to better Perry's future.

"I feel the need to get better by getting back into shape and coming together as a team will greatly impact our on-field performance," Junior Wide Receiver and Corner Nick Brickous said.

Not to mention that the well-known and multi-talented senior Quarterback

Josh Uhlorn will be graduating May 30, taking his 33 touchdowns

from 147 completions for 2,259 total yards last season with him.

The question is who will take his position now that it is up for grabs?

"We're going to have to have a wide open competition for the QB spot this year," Jones says.

Many players may be qualified for this spot, but it will be a competition.

"I think that Taelon Parson could potentially make the starting QB spot his own," Brickous said.

Work ethic, togetherness, discipline, are all the qualities that both Jones and Brickous say the team will need to acquire if they want to stand a chance next season.

Spring football has been one week longer this year, and player has been tested to their limits and maximum ability.

Coach Jones has expected nothing less than full mental focus, and anything less has resulted in punishment and up downs.

As usual the first couple of days took copious amounts of times completing the warm up and getting all the trivial details of practice hammered out, but everything has run smoothly since.

The squad will have the same schedule next year and many anticipate how the team will fare next year in comparison to last year's performance.

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PERRY'S BEST



josh uhlorn
football



jillian leslie
softball



lucas o'brien
basketball

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Our sports writers have collaborated to select the best players from each sport on campus. While no team sport is won or lost based on any individual, "Perry's Best" highlights student-athletes who were not only great at their sport, but also on campus and in the classroom.

JOSH UHLORN & LOGAN WATTS
Football

With seniors Logan Watts and Josh Uhlorn, the Puma football team added another year of playoff experience under their belts.

This unstoppable two-way tag-team left opponents' in awe at the line of scrimmage. The duo put up incredible offensive stats - Watts garnered 517 yards and nine receiving touchdowns, while quarterback Uhlorn accounted for 48 total touchdowns (both passing and rushing), completed 147 passes for 2,259 total yards.



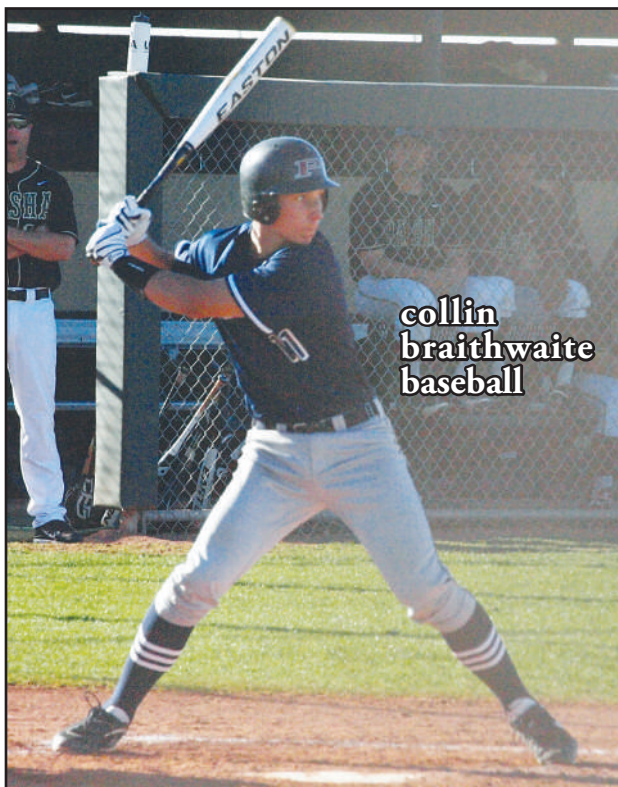
Logan Watts

These two acquire promising work ethics and team leadership. Watts and Uhlorn are dedicated players that any coach would be delighted to have on their squad.

LUCUS O'BRIEN
Basketball

Lucas O'Brien's contributions to the PHS basketball team was as large and towering as his stature. In a year full of naysayers, Perry's big man owned the area around the post.

With a 14.3 points per game average and the highest amount of rebounds on both offense, 77, and defense, 133, O'Brien trusted his work ethic and helped bring his team to the quarterfinals along with the help of his teammates.



collin braithwaite
baseball

photo by Ben Janushcka

JILLIAN LESLIE
Softball

Jillian Leslie is making a strong case to be Perry's best softball player...ever. The junior pitcher helped carry a team full of talented players (including ASU-bound Mandi Grebe) through a difficult schedule and a playoff classic against rival Basha, where the Pumas had the Bears' backs up against the wall until the end.

Leslie has the numbers to back it up - she was in the top-3 in nearly ever offensive statistic (including leading the state with 18 home runs).

COLLIN BRAITHWAITE
Baseball

Collin Braithwaite gives the team's moral a boost when it's needed, not to mention he gets solid hits. Braithwaite ended his senior season with a batting average of .416, hit seven home runs and had 34 RBI. He was also selected as All-District, first team catcher.

NATHAN BOSLEY
Wrestling

One of Perry's top athletes is senior Nathan Bosley. Being both supportive and dedicated to the wrestling team, Bosley, who wrestles at 103-pounds, became Perry's first ever sectional champion.

His loyalty and support made Perry's human wall of athletes one not to be tampered with. Bosley also earned All-American status for his performance in 2011-12.

SAMANTHA DEMARCO
Girls Soccer

As goalkeeper since her freshman, junior Samantha Demarco is constantly acknowledged for her saves that led the Pumas into winning their games. In four games, she had 20+ saves, and her all-time save rate percentage is 90.

TAYLOR De LAVEAGA
Girls Cross Country



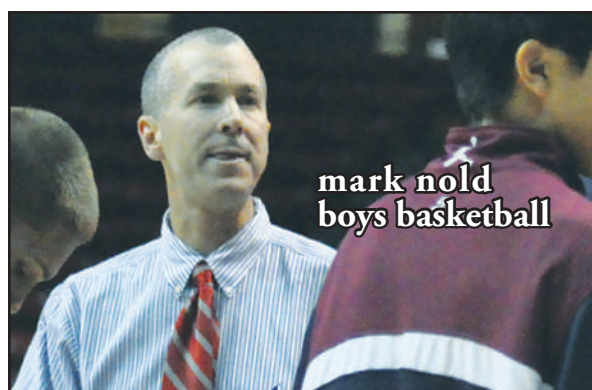
De Laveaga

Taylor De Laveaga has been a leader of the girls cross country team ever since her freshman year. She has been setting the standard for Puma runners since 2008.

In 2011-12, she finished second at the Chandler City Meet and third at the Chandler Invitational. The legacy De Laveaga has left at is one that can not be overlooked. She will always be remembered as one of the top athletes to come out Perry High School.

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mark nold
boys basketball

Coaches of the year

Success has always followed Mark Nold. During the 2011-12 basketball season, Nold again got everything he could out of his Puma team.

In its first year of D-I competition, PHS posted a 21-9 record, overcame adversity at the end of the regular season and completed a memorable playoff run.

There was a lot of pressure surrounding rookie head coach Kevin Chapin in 2012.

Not only was it his first year at the helm of a varsity program, but it was Perry's first year at D-I competition.

With that, the Pumas collected 19 wins with one of the state's roughest schedules, and a playoff appearance to be proud of.



kevin chapin
softball