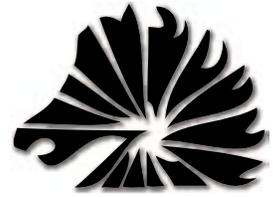


The D'Arcy Voice



Make it a year that counts!

Events to Come

by Pat Roy and Laura Jones

Welcome D'Arcy to another great year for the D'arcyVoice. Our goal this year is to make the paper even better and more exciting than last year with even more juicy information that will make your heart flutter in anticipation. So get out your calendar and get ready.

First, information about D'Arcy's pride and joy, the sports teams. There are sign up sheets across from Monique's office for spring sports such as rugby for both boys and girls, flag football for girls outdoor soccer for girls and boys and of course cross country running.

Not only is D'Arcy offering sport teams but as well swing dancing every Tuesday after school with Mr. Fuchs bring a partner or come alone!

The UN club is getting ready for another great year, everyone is welcome to all of the activities.

D'Arcy has scheduled the following:

- Halloween dance November 3rd
- Burnt Toast Café November 9th
- Remembrance Day assembly November 10th
- Alumni Cabaret November 16th-17th
- Silent Auction November 18th
- Da Capo December 1st and 2nd
- Sound of Music June 9th, 2007

For those of you who, like us do not know what an alumni cabaret is, it is when actors and old students from previous plays come and reenact segments from their plays. It will be open to everyone. So let's get going D'Arcy, try anything and everything and like Dr Seuss says,

"Oh the places you'll go
You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great sights!
You'll join the high fliers
who soar to high heights.
You won't lag behind, because you'll have
the speed.
You'll pass the whole gang and you'll soon
take the lead.
Wherever you fly, you'll be best of the
best.
Wherever you go, you will top all the
rest".



Advisory 301 before the Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox Run A Record Setting Effort

by Elias Taylor, James Mutch
and Daniel O'Keefe

The students of D'Arcy and Symmes raised more than \$20000 to aid in the search for a cancer cure. Thanks go to the dedicated students who took the time and effort to get sponsored for the Terry Fox

run. D'Arcy students raised more than eight times as much as in previous years. This new record of \$9000 means the average raised per student was over \$11.

Not only our dedicated students helped to raise this money, but also our teachers, one of whom volunteered to shave her head if her advisory class could raise at least \$1000. Her class raised approximately \$1200, and one student raised \$798 all on her own. (This student's reward for raising the most money is to be principal for the day.)

As everyone knows or should know, Terry Fox tried to run across Canada to raise awareness concerning the need for cancer research. His dream of defeating cancer lives on as we raise money for the Terry Fox run every year; every year we run with Terry Fox in spirit.

We, the students of D'Arcy would like to give a special thanks to all the people that made this fundraiser possible including Mrs. Hollweck, Ms Richardson, Student Council and all of the advisory teachers. And finally to all the bike riders and hikers that encountered 1000 people on their path, thanks for your understanding.

“BYOB” (Bring Your Own Bomb)

by Richard Coelho

North Korea's nuclear capabilities are at a minimum threat level for now. North Korea's first and only nuclear test to date was on October 9, 2006. It was said to be a smaller blast than expected, about 1 kiloton, and US officials believed it to be a failed test. The seismic activity generated by the explosion produced two different

results; The US Geographical Survey reports that it was a 4.2 on the Richter scale whereas it was a 3.58 according to South Korean scientists. In both cases the possibility of damage is low. The US and China also found traces of radioactivity in the air where the testing took place. It is said by various military and intelligence officials that North Korea has the capacity to make six or seven of the same kind of weapon. If this was a failed test then the finished weapon may have greater impact than what has been discovered to date.

North Korea has been able to test its nuclear powers because in 2003 they pulled out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty that has been in effect since July 1, 1968. It was created to limit the amount of nuclear weapons in the world. There are 188 countries that are party to the treaty. India and Pakistan out of the eight known nuclear powers and one unconfirmed power, Israel, have not signed the treaty. North Korea stated on October 3rd, 2006 that it would be going to test its nuclear weapon no matter what state the world was in at the time. They blamed a "Hostile US policy" as the reason for taking such measures. After the nuclear test the United Nations (UN) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) immediately held meetings to discuss how to respond to North Korea's actions. North Korea stated that any sanctions forced on them will be seen as an "act of war." They stated that they would only use their weapons as "prevention" against the US and its allies.

As North Korea's weapons develop, the threat grows. Canada may not be in range of their missiles now, but that may just be a matter of time. As of now we are indirectly involved with the situation by being a major American ally and with the American's being so heavily involved in this, any war would undoubtedly involve us. North Korea's army has millions of members and with a number like that; the battle would be of unparalleled proportions if fought in the traditional manner.

It's Official: Students are Smarter than Teachers!

by Jen Majka and Breanna Corrigan

It's been proven! D'Arcy students beat the D'Arcy teachers in an academic survey. All willing and able teachers were polled as

well as members from three classes from grade 9, 10 and 11. Six students per class were polled from each class. D'Arcy students answered 54% of questions correctly and teachers 52% (ok, a slim victory, but a victory all the same!). These questions were designed to take both generations into account and give each a fair chance. For example: a tech question for our technologically strong teens and a history question for the more aged teachers! The rest were general knowledge. We are, however, shamed to say (Mr. Fuchs may join us on this) that only 8% of students understood that a tint was not a type of window! Below are the questions, the answers and percentage of teachers/students who got the correct answer.

Questions

1- Operation Overlord was the original name for what military operation? (Teachers 27%, Students 41%)

Answer: D-Day

2- Blue tooth technology is what? (Teachers 18%, Students 58%)

Answer: Long range internet connection.

3- What two body parts never stop growing? (Teachers 45%, Students 33%)

Answer: Your Nose and ears (Think cartilage people!)

4- What is the scientific formula for water? (Teachers 94%, Students 100%)

Answer: H₂O (If you didn't get this...)

5- What is the difference between a hue and a tint? (Teachers 18%, Students 8%)

Answer: Hue is pure color, tint is a color plus any amount of white!

6- What is the gender of Brittany Spears' second child? (yes she had another one!) (Teachers 63%, Students 75%)

Answer: It was a boy

[Advisor's Note: This extremely biased survey was conducted under inconsistent conditions by inadequately trained individuals. This survey reflected neither a large, nor random sample of the D'Arcy population. The opinions expressed in *It's Official: Students are Smarter than Teachers!* are definitely not those of the advisor.]

The D'Arcy Pride Dance

*by Tara Abdulrahman
and Ferdous Hannat*

The D'Arcy Pride Dance was enjoyed by many students who either paid the \$5 admission fee or earned a free ticket by fund raising for the Terry Fox run. There were

also guests from other schools that came out to enjoy the wild dance. We had 3 DJs that played the hottest hits throughout the night. They were pretty acceptable themselves... The dance took place from 7 to 11 pm, but it was jam packed by 8:30, when the doors were closed.

There were many advantages and disadvantages to the dance.

Student council, with the help of Ms. Richardson provided a safe, well organized and fun environment. Everybody enjoyed themselves. As everyone entered the dance, to the side there was space to put belongings. For the new students of D'Arcy, this dance was a good introduction and welcome to the school. There were cold beverages and chocolate and of course decorations. The supervisors included Mr. Delorme, Mr. Singfield, Ms. Harris, Ms. Richardson, and Ms. Drummond. Thanks to all!

Among the surprises of the night were the provocative dancing, the drinks carelessly left around and the incredible heat inside the cafeteria. There were some teens that "took it to the next level" while they were dancing. It was truly out of place. While everyone was getting their "groove on", they were surprised by the sticky floor because of the drinks. People placed their drinks everywhere throughout the cafeteria creating an obstacle course of sticky spills. Throughout the night, the temperature rose dramatically. The open windows did not support enough fresh air.

Other than that, the dance was the best dance D'Arcy has ever had. If you missed out on the Pride Dance, it's okay because it's just one of many dances D'Arcy is going to organize this year.

Fall Fashion

*by Kayla McLellan and
Sarah-May Savard*

Autumn has arrived and so has the new fashion. We're here to tell you what's hot and what's not for this season. A new trend that's everywhere you look is plaid. You can get it in pretty much any shape and form, such as in shorts, vests, dresses, scarves, coats, blazers etc. Some more new fashion ideas are suspenders and long sweaters with leggings and skinny jeans. What's here to stay this season is skinny jeans, layering, leggings, flats, vests and blazers. What's out this season - short jackets, peasant skirts, shrugs and big baggy pants (for guys).

Hair and Make-up

We've got some hair and make-up tips

for this season. For autumn you should try long loose curls not the pin straight look. As for bangs, something that's been done and is still in are the side swept bangs, none of that thick straight bangs style. A really popular hairstyle is the ponytail, experiment with different styles and always remember to keep your hair healthy.

For make-up you should try being colorful but also be aware of your skin tone (fair, olive, dark etc.). Dewy skin is in, so make sure you wash your face every morning and night for a clean and nourished look. Over plucked and/or penciled in brows are not cool, go for a bolder brow like Ashley Olsen for example.

What we think about...

Mini skirts and long shirts worn together: First of all if you're going to wear a long shirt, just wear leggings underneath. Fashion now is more conservative, so micro minis show too much leg. Short jackets: anything too short doesn't flatter your mid-section so try and find some longer jackets. Baggy pants: boys it's time to buy yourself some tighter skinny/straight jeans, if girls can then so can you. When you use a straightening iron it can give your hair an unnatural fried look. However, the straightening iron isn't all bad; it can also be used for good, like for your bangs and if used on your whole head, just make sure your hair still has some volume. Black eyeliner: the raccoon look is officially dead. Not only does it make your eyes appear smaller but it portrays an unclean look.

We will end this article with a list of clothes stores we recommend in the Ottawa area. Amnesia, Shoreline, West 49, Neon, Top of the World, American Eagle Outfitters, Old Navy, Allegro, Suzy Shier, Jacob and Le Garage.

Something to Watch

by Richard Coelho

The fall season is riddled with many little things to take joy in. There's a nice cool climate, colours of leaves change all around and the best thing about it is the TV. Many shows you know and love come back with a season full of new and exciting episodes, along with a whole slew of new TV creations. Many television broadcasting companies try and create the best possible fall line-up for you (the viewers) to watch and enjoy.

Sometimes trying to find a good show

you'll like for many seasons to come, can be difficult and possibly hard to find. With all those networks plugging commercials for their shows all the time it's hard to organize what you want to watch and when it comes on.

Good old ABC has brought back some major shows for another season. *Grey's Anatomy* has come back for its third season and it's going to be an explosion of emotions. For those who do not know, *Grey's Anatomy* follows a few surgical interns with a main focus on Meredith Grey, the most messed up emotionally of the bunch. This series goes through the day to day struggle of being a surgical intern and the many, many relationships they all have, sexual and otherwise. Other main characters include Christina Yang a seemingly cold, but dedicated intern, George O'Malley who is easily embarrassed and shy and Izzie Stephens who has radical changes in emotions. The main setting is Seattle Grace Hospital, a fictitious hospital in Seattle, Washington. The season premier was on September 21, 2006. Be sure to try and catch it every Thursdays at 9:00pm on ABC.

Another heavy-hitter when it comes to ratings and viewers is the show about the lovely ladies of 'Wysteria Lane'. *Desperate Housewives* is a drama deserving of the awards it has won and it may be considered a drama but its abundance of comedic moments make it worthy of the title "dramedy." It's an enticing show and that makes it a show to watch, its season premier was September 24, 2006.

ABC has not only brought its oldies but goodies back, but has also taken on a few new shows. One of the few is *Six Degrees*, a show based on the theory of six degrees of separation; it is basically the idea that you are connected to the whole world through six people. It is an interesting concept and a show that just might turn out to be a major hit, the premier was also September 21, 2006.

Another network taking TV by storm is CBS, with countless hit shows under its belt, CBS, to say the least, is doing well. From fiction to reality TV, CBS has got them all. The past season of *Rockstar* and *Big Brother* did really well and made for entertaining reality and the many shows it has brought back for whole new seasons such as *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, *CSI: Miami* and *CSI: NY* are all expecting to do well. A new show coming up that might peak some interests is *The Class*. The show follows a guy who wanted to surprise his

fiancé by throwing a party with all of his grade 3 classmates to celebrate the 20th anniversary of when they first met. The party wasn't easy going and hilarity ensues.

NBC is yet another high ranked broadcasting network dishing out the hits. With shows coming back such as *ER*, *My Name is Earl*, the *Law and Order* series and the ever so popular *SNL*, watching its shows is never boring. *Studio 60* on the sunset strip is a new show on NBC that is sure to last. With actors such as Matthew Perry, Bradley Whitford, Amanda Peet, and many more having great on screen chemistry, the show mixes dark themes with lots witty and funny dialogue seamlessly. The new drama is about a late-night series *Studio 60* that is on the verge of ruin that hires back its best head writer and director to save the show with their controversial skits. The show premiered on Sunday September 17, 2006 and plays every Sunday night at 10:00 pm.

TV viewing is ever changing and the shows on it are ever changing too, knowing what's on is the first step to enjoying it even more.

Halloween's Drastic Evolution

by Robin Lachapelle-Soucie

Why did we just celebrate Halloween? Was it to celebrate the coming of the dead, or is it just a candy grab? Where did this tradition come from? In the beginning it was an occasion to fear, the night in witch (pun intended) the dead where believed to walk. Now it's a huge commercial money maker, second only to Christmas. How did the terrifying All Hallows' Eve become dress up and get candy Halloween?

What's the big idea?

Well, October 31st had nothing to do with fun, candy and parties. Celebration yes, but not one as joyful as you might think.

Two thousand years ago the Celts made a festival for November the first. That was their New Year's Day. The night before New Years was marked as a day of harvest, heralding the end of summer, the beginning of winter, the coming of darkness, shorter days and cold. It was a time period associated with death. The Celts believed that on the 31st, the gate between worlds opened, letting the dead (spirits) roam. This, they believed, helped their druids and Celtic priests predict the future. They felt it was essential so that they could provide hope,

courage and some comfort before the long dark and freezing winters (You can probably understand, this helped them tremendously.)

In their ceremonies the druids built big sacred bonfires. The Celtic folk gathered around, burning their crop offerings, sacrificed animals and praying. They wore the animal heads and skins as costumes.

By 43 A.D., Romans invaded the majority of the Celtic territory, claiming the land for Rome. Over the course of 400 years their two religions combined to make one. The renamed festival was 'Samhain day'. By the 800's, Pope Boniface IV turned November 1st into 'All Saints Day'.

Were did 'Trick or Treat' come from?

During 'All Saints Day' parades, poor people would go door to door and beg for food. Soul cakes were given out by families and were encouraged by the church. This was referred to as 'Going A-Souling', which was with time adopted by children to ask for food and money.

What's with the costumes?

One hundred years ago, Celts were afraid of the dark, and the spirits that show up on the 31st. They rarely left their homes but when they did, they wore masks so that the spirits would recognize them as one of their own.

They would also put bowls of food outside their doors to please the ghosts and keep them from entering their homes.

A little more 'Today'

Because of the baby boom, Halloween became an attraction to many children. Business people discovered a new great way to make money. As they grew up, they thought of trick or treating as a 'childish' thing to do, and would prefer to party. This is still the opinion of many in this teen era. Other teens don't mind that some teens would think them immature and go to collect candy anyways. As more and more people think that way, the more it is 'ok' for teens to go out on Halloween, dress up and eat candy. Maybe someday, even adults will be knocking door to door...

Looking Into Vandalize This! the Year

An Editorial by Trang Lee

Only two months into the school year and already I find it frustrating to cope with the aggravating tension. Seniors are faced with aligning their schedules to adapt to a future career and the rush into the real world of business. This year the majority of seniors will find it their most decisive year at D'Arcy McGee yet! At the same time, there will be frequent chances of opening up to new opportunities. It's just a matter of time before you leave high school, so stop enduring and sign up for school activities; basically have fun while you still can.

Start planning for prom, go to dances, and participate in fundraisers, sports teams and perhaps audition for the talent show or

An Editorial by Jean-Michel Dunn
Imagine going to your locker, after a long period of English, French or Math to retrieve books for your next class, when you get there you find that your locker has been totaled and everything inside has been stolen. How would you feel, being the victim of vandalism?

We all know vandalism is bad, but why exactly is it so bad? Vandalism is the destruction and/or theft of private property. Anyone would be upset to find their assignments or most prized possession either stolen or destroyed. Plus, it can happen anytime at all, and take any shape or form; be it gum in desks, graffiti on walls or destruction of valuable property like speakers, windows, desks, etc. Vandalism can be done by anyone capable of destruction,

whether from anger, jealousy, pride, by accident or even due to peer pressure. Guess who has to clean all the mess up, the janitor and maybe the culprit. Because vandalism is easy to do, yet often hard to repair, the janitor will have no choice but to spend time cleaning the damage on top of his normal duties. This means the school environment may be greatly affected.

So let's consider Mr. Singfield's opening question to us: "What kind of school do you want to have?" Do we truly want to live in a building that is old before its time? Or do we want something good for ourselves; a nice, clean and healthy environment? For most of us, the answer is simple. The clean, flawless building where our belongings are safe in our lockers is preferable. Let's work towards that goal!

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the Burnt Toast Café. For those who don't love studying as much, why not sign up for the ski trip and possibly the trip at the end of the year to La Ronde. I guess you can say with great parties comes great responsibilities. If you want to graduate this final year and at the same time enjoy it, you're going to have to work hard, meaning less play and more concentration. As dumb as this sounds (and most want to ignore the saying,) you won't regret it later on in life.

Finishing school doesn't just mean losing demanding and pushy teachers, It might also change your lifestyle and friends. For the older students of D'arcy McGee, try to make you last year of high school worth reminiscing about later!