

ARENA teaches DHS students valuable lessons of commitment

By Trixie McGuff

Summer of 2011 brought along many changes at DHS, from the new turf field to the hiring of nearly a dozen new staff members. But summer of '11 also marked the elimination of a tradition that DHS held dear to its heart: ARENA.

Once upon a time, ARENA was the yearly tradition of waiting in line for hours to talk to a counselor for three minutes in hopes that enough complaining could change your schedule. Spoiled students everywhere grew to love the clearly North Shore tradition, and would camp outside of the Athletics entrance hours before ARENA even began in an attempt to be the first to whine about their schedule. However, this year Deerfield decided to teach their students a lesson in commitment and revoked ARENA, leaving many students feeling trapped and betrayed by the administration.

Senior Jamie Carlisle has a fourth period free and is not happy about it. She was hoping to do what many have tried to do but few have succeeded in: getting 1st period free. "It is like, really important that I have 1st period free" says Carlisle. "I mean, it takes me a full hour for my latte to sink in. I just can't be in class that early!" Unfortunately for Carlisle, her latte will just have to kick in a bit faster this year, as her counselor will not budge—not even for a \$25 Applebee's Coupon.

Despite ARENA's removal, some students have tried to work around the system. Junior Dan Freeman began an underground class swap in the area behind the screens in the E-Hall lecture rooms. In order to participate in the scheme, students must put a full list of their scheduled classes in an envelope and place it behind the good drinking fountain in M-Hall and can retrieve it there two days later. The procedure is risky, with no guarantee of what classes will get switched. One senior was able to drop AP Psych but was unfortunately switched into Freshman English Survey instead. In addition to the severe risk, the service is pricey, costing as much as an over-priced DHS parking pass.

For students who wish to stay on the good side of the administration, they are forced to stay in their current classes. DHS Counselor Joan Peretti gives some advice on the matter, saying "you made the decision to take these classes, and you should learn to live with your choices. Don't be such babies." Soon after saying this, Peretti asked *The Flipside* not to print it, but we instructed her to live with her choices.



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New Turf Field Confident About State Title Chances

By Flip Flipoutski

The brand new turf field at Deerfield High School recently released its first statement to the press since its installation last summer. In a recent conference, the bright green, carpet-like expanse expressed optimism about DHS winning a state title in any and all sports that could be played on the synthetic field.

"Gee whiz!" exclaimed the 600,000 square feet of plastic grass and rubber pellets. "You have no idea how excited I am to be the new home of, what I'm sure is, the highly successful DHS athletic program! Right?"

The new field admitted to *The Flipside* that it knew very little about the school itself and was generally inexperienced when it came to hosting athletic events. Nonetheless, the field expressed its high expectations for the high school's team's performance in the coming years.

"I expect to win championships in football, soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse in my first year. Once I get all settled in year two is when the real work starts. But I am humbled that DHS trusts me to inherit the best high school sports program in the history of ever."

However, the turf was surprised to learn that several people thought it a "waste of money" and "a flashy addition for bragging rights." Completely baffled and offended, the turf guaranteed that it would prove all the disbelievers wrong soon enough. If there's one thing the field is contributing to the student body, it's patience.

The turf further went on to say that while it was enjoying its new place in the world, the baseball field was bitter and a terrible conversationalist and the back forty only made strange gurgling noises. The dirt and grass that formerly made up the ground at Adam's Field could not be reached for comment, but was last seen being hauled away in several large dump trucks while angrily cursing at the world.



The Flipside's

Upsides and Downsides of School Starting

By Pip Kristofferson

Upside: You have less time to waste on Facebook.

Downside: You waste more time on Facebook.

Downside: You get homework.
Upside: You have an excuse to not clean Mr Poopsie's litter box.

Downside: Your siblings leave for college.

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Upside: Pasta Day!

Downside: Someone finally figured out how to put laxatives in the sauce.

Downside: The weather starts getting colder.

Upside: You stop losing friends because you have over-active sweat glands and deodorant doesn't have any effect on you.

Downside: You go to bed earlier.

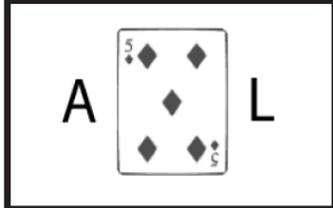
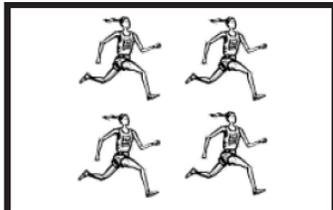
Upside: You go to bed later. Wait a second...

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QUOTE "Wow, I feel so old now that I'm in high school"
 -Freshman boy who can't see over the sandwich counter in the lunchroom

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Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last issue's answers: PANTY HOSE, WALK IN CLOSET, JIMMY CHOOS, DRAMA QUEEN

NUMB3RS

276

Number of seniors who attempted to intimidate freshman at kickoff.

7

Number of freshman who were actually intimidated.

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 Congratulations to last issue's winner: Jesse Altman

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Last issue's answer: "EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW SOMEBODY CAN BE BOTH A WINNER AND A LOSER AT THE SAME TIME." -DEMETRI MARTIN

SUDOKU

LEVEL: Beating Master Hand on very hard with one life...with Yoshi

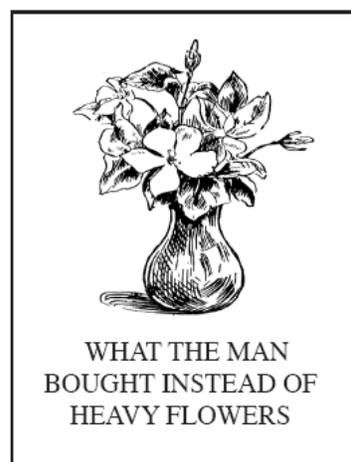
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



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 What artists do on sunny days: DRAW THE BLINDS
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