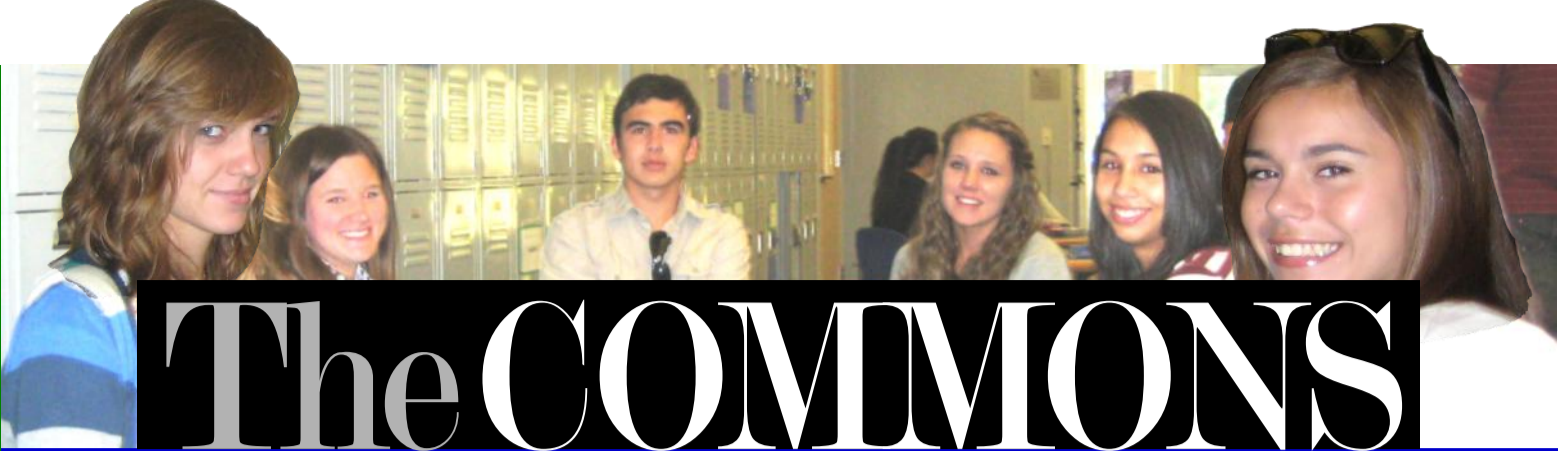


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Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please. —Mark Twain



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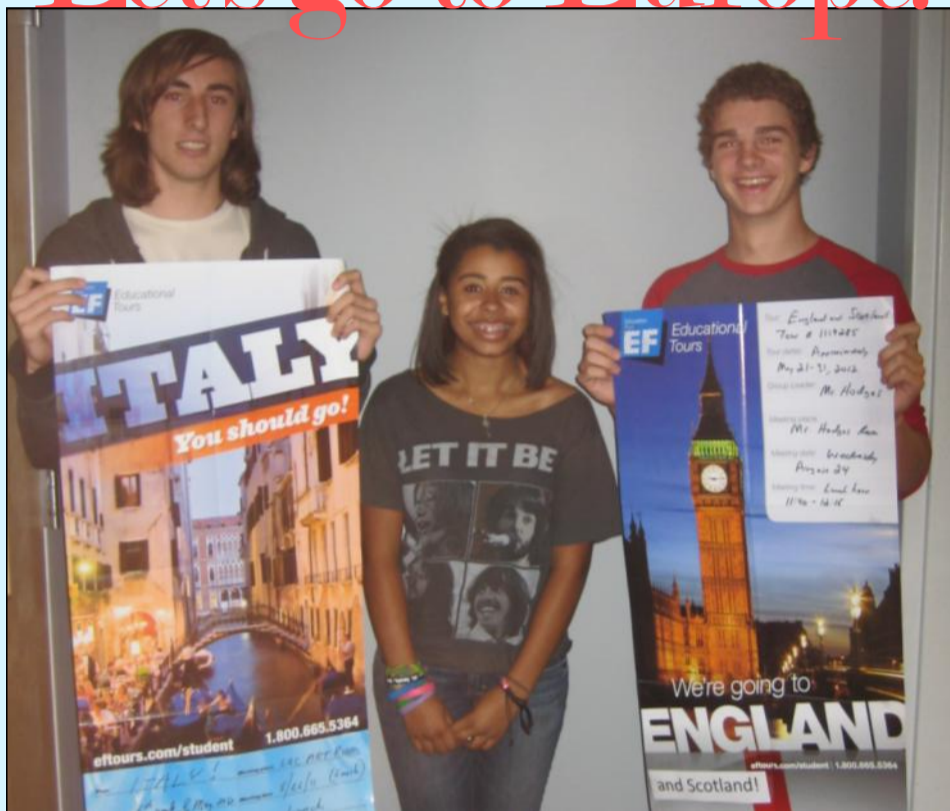
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Let's go to Europe!



The idea of visiting Italy or England is exciting to students Foster Pace, Alexis Anderson, and Luke Johnson.

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By Meghan Kelkar
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Riverfield is planning two European trips for Upper School students this summer.

One group will visit Italy, led by Mr. de Verges, our Upper School Art teacher, and Ms. Zarrow, the K-5 Art teacher. This 11-day trip is open to all grades in the Upper School and will leave a week after school lets out in May. This "Bella Italia" tour will begin in Venice, then travel to Rome, where students will visit the Forum, Pantheon and Coliseum, as well as spend afternoons in the city's piazzas.

The group will then continue on to Florence, Assisi, Pompeii, Siena, and the island of Capri before returning home.

"I am very excited to go to Italy and share this wonderful experience with my students," said Mr. de Verges.

The second trip is scheduled to leave at the same time, but will travel through England and Scotland. Upper School History teacher Mr. Hodges will lead this group. Students will begin by seeing most of London, including Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, and Big Ben. Students will also take in a play or musical in a London theatre.

From London, there will also be excursions to famous sights such as Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, and Bath.

From England, the tour will make its way northward to Scotland, with stops along the way to see the University of Oxford and the birthplace of Shakespeare. Once in Scotland, students will tour Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews and Stirling Castles, along with many other famous sites.

The cost for either trip is approximately \$3,600. If you are interested, please contact the tour leaders promptly.

Despite unemployment, hope for US economy

By Nick Hartman
STAFF WRITER

Today, the U.S. economy is still the world's largest. With a GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of \$14.7 trillion, the United States generates more than a fourth of the world's GDP.

Still, American citizens worry that their economy may be waning.

The U.S. GDP decreased the most in 2008, when it dropped nearly ten percent. But lately, the U. S. appears to be making a small recovery.

Charts from the U.S. Bureau

of Economics show that so far this year, the GDP has increased one percent from its original amount before the drop in '08.

Unfortunately, the job market is not doing any better. The hourly earning rate is up a few cents from six months ago (\$22.89 to \$23.12) according to the U.S. Department of Labor. But the unemployment rate has also been on the rise.

Since March of this year, unemployment has risen 0.4 percent. That may not seem like much, but it amounts to thousands of jobs and livelihoods

that have been lost.

However, there is hope. Manufacturing employment has increased by 238,000 jobs, according to *usnews.com*. This is an important economic indicator.

Additionally, the price of gasoline has decreased by 20 cents from just one month ago. The reason for this is that wholesale and crude oil prices from other countries have decreased, so this economic strain on everyday Americans has, in fact, weakened.

In conclusion, hope is not lost for America.



Chandler Bair and Chris Woolman discuss economics, which inexplicably resembles Batman.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW FAETH

NEWS BRIEFS

International

LONDON – Two American hikers that were being held in Iran have finally been released. The two had been held on charges of espionage but were released in a good faith measure. News of their impending release came one month after the two were sentenced to eight years in prison. The hikers said they made an innocent mistake by crossing the unmarked border when a soldier motioned for them to come closer. (*nytimes.com*)

National

WASHINGTON – Homeland Security has released information that they will be fielding a new pat-down policy for children under 12. These children will not be required to take off their shoes during screening. Many people have felt that the pat-downs of children have been increasingly invasive. There have even been cases of TSA officials patting-down babies. The head of TSA has stated that policy has been modified to attempt to keep searches less invasive for children. (*cbsnews.com*)

SEATTLE, WASH. — Researchers have found that a nasal insulin spray can help with Alzheimer's symptoms. During the study some participants were given insulin while others were given a placebo. The participants with the lower dose of insulin showed a marked improvement in story recall, while the patients with a higher or no dose had no improvement in their recall. The patients that received a placebo did in fact decline during the time of the study, suggesting that even while the higher dose of insulin did not improve their recall, it did prevent further loss. (*yourlife.usatoday.com*)

Local

TULSA, OK — DHS commissioners face criticism as they claim to ignore important happenings. DHS was audited several years ago and commissioners have recently said under oath that they did not read the report from the nearly half a million dollar investigation. Some commissioners have also stated that they have largely ignored the massive class action lawsuit that claims that the agency harms foster children. (*tulsaworld.com*)

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NEXT VARSITY GAME: Tonight's game against Waukomis has been cancelled (a win for us!) ...

RCDS midseason football review

By Bryce Rossler
STAFF WRITER

After baking on rafts for a total of 18 miles during the Fall Campout, the football team returned to Tulsa on September 8 to get some much needed rest before their game the next night against Tyro Christian.

The Ravens trounced Tyro Christian 48-22, snuffing out their rushing attack for four quarters. Senior QB Tristan Hightower was the star of the game, scoring five touchdowns — four on the ground and one through the air.

Next, the Ravens travelled to

Strother in Central Oklahoma to face the Yellowjackets in their inaugural home game on September 16. A hard-fought contest yielded Riverfield its first loss of the season, falling 12-6 in a defensive dogfight. A sloppy field and dismal playing conditions worked to the Ravens' disadvantage.

"We just had a bad game," Head Coach Jason Bogle said, "but when they come to our place down the road and the weather's fine, things will be a lot different."

On September 23, the Ravens hit the road again, traveling to the Oklahoma City area.

They faced off against Life Christian, which has had the Ravens' number for the past couple of years. Riverfield showcased its dynamic offense and lockdown defense and routed the Eagles handily, leaving with a 40-8 win.

So far this season the Raven defense has been stout, allowing an average of only 10.5 points per game. The offense has been on fire as well, scoring an average of 36.5 points per game.

The Ravens are 4-1 at this point. The team will play Cookson Hills on October 7 for Homecoming, looking for win number 5. Good luck, Ravens!



Riverfield traveled to Seminole to face the Strother Yellowjackets on September 16. The Ravens were dealt their first loss of the season in cold, rainy weather.

PHOTO BY ROBERTA PEAKE

Movie Review: 'Warrior'

By Max Harkness
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many overlook him as a drunk, washed up celebrity, but in my eyes, Nick Nolte is one of Hollywood's best actors. From the passion he showed in *Lorenzo's Oil*, to the depth-filled quietness of *Mulholland Falls*, Nolte brings something to every film production, whether or not its worthy of his great humanistic work.

In the new mixed martial

arts pic *Warrior*, Nolte delivers another inspiring performance as a recovering alcoholic father, looking for forgiveness from his two sons.

The two sons are the focus of the film, as they are in martial arts tournaments fighting for victory in different ways. Tom Hardy and Joel Edgerton bring heart and soul into each of their characters.

Hardy plays a pill-popping war abandonee who saved a fellow soldier from drowning

before ditching Iraq. Edgerton plays a father whose earnings as a teacher can't quite support his family. Nolte's character is the force they are both fighting against.

The film's script is not nearly as good as these three primary characterizations, and there are moments of sheer manipulation, but *Warrior* delivers a heartfelt story nevertheless with some fantastic Hitchcockian shots with Spielbergesque soul.

PAC events slated for October

By Matthew Faeth
STAFF WRITER

The Tulsa Performing Arts Center is kicking off an exciting new season of shows in October. Here are just three of the offerings scheduled in the next two weeks. Any of these would be a good activity for fun with friends!

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters (September 30–October 1): "When a great African king desires a wife, only the

most perfect maidens in the land are invited to meet him. Mufaro's pride and joy, his two daughters, travel through a mystical jungle and across a deep river to be presented to the king. Along the way, the two young women encounter a number of situations that test their courage, kindness, and strength of spirit." Drums, dance and theater make this musical come alive.

Woods and Prairies (October 1–30) is a gallery hosting Anke Dodson's paintings. Dodson describes her theme this way: "The subtle beauty of the prairie in the change of seasons and the sculptural quality of trees are irresistible subjects to me. Watercolors on a variety of surfaces and monotypes with their endless possibilities for texture lend themselves well to both subjects."

The Origins Project (October 6–7) is a weekend fes-

tival of staged readings of new American plays. Five playwrights from around the country will bring their unique and diverse stories to The Playhouse Tulsa stage. These works are offered in a readers' theatre format prepared by some of the finest actors in Tulsa and directed by Chris Crawford and Courtney Sanders (Artistic Directors, The Playhouse Tulsa). Four of the five playwrights will be on hand to discuss their plays and encourage audience feedback after each reading.

From the jungles of Zimbabwe to America's Midwest, these productions embody the diverse slate of attractions offered at the Tulsa PAC. I encourage you to go downtown, get a bite to eat, and see what Tulsa has to offer!

Show descriptions: tulsapac.com



How long has it been since you saw a show at the PAC?

PHOTO BY MATTHEW FAETH

Great Mediterranean food at great prices

By Nick Hartman
STAFF WRITER

Shish Kabob's is one of the best Mediterranean restaurants in Tulsa, if not *the* best. With a friendly staff, fast service, delicious food, and low prices, this is one restaurant that you will definitely want to visit.

The relaxed, quiet atmosphere is also something to consider. Compared to bigger and louder restaurants, I enjoy the homelike feeling this restaurant exudes.

Their menu lists almost every Mediterranean food you can imagine. From *dolmeh* (grape leaves stuffed with rice, tarragon, green onions, and basil) to their delicious gyro meat (a combination of lamb and pork cooked to perfection by their skilled chefs), the restaurant has wonderfully authentic Mediterranean food. And it took only a few minutes for my meal to be delivered.

Shish Kabob's has excellent appetizers and entrees, but desserts are their true specialty. These in-

clude Persian ice cream, rose cake, baklava, and other authentic Mediterranean classics.

The baklava is my favorite. Baklava is a time-consuming creation consisting of many layers of phyllo dough with honey and walnuts tucked between the layers. Shish Kabob's makes this delicacy extremely well and prices it reasonably at \$2.25 per serving.

In fact, all their food is fairly priced. For a full course meal, one can expect to pay only \$8 to \$10, an exceptional value considering the excellent quality of the food and all the other attributes that make this restaurant a top choice for those who enjoy Mediterranean food.

Shish Kabob's is located at 11605 East 31st Street and is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Hartman stands in front of one of his favorite restaurants.

PHOTO COURTESY OF NICK HARTMAN

A great and memorable weekend for Oklahoma football

By Ryan Peake
STAFF WRITER

There have been some interesting weekends recently for college football, especially for OU, OSU, and TU. Recent matchups for the teams were #1 OU vs. #5 Florida State in Tallahassee, and OSU vs. TU in Tulsa.

College Game Day was hosted at the OU game in Florida, and FSU was actually projected to win by 3 points. There were quite a few big catches in the game — not by the great Ryan Broyles, but by number 4, Cameron Kenny. Kenny had a diving catch for a large gain, and an overpowering catch over the Florida State cornerback to

put OU ahead in the final quarter. Despite a very rough atmosphere, OU ended up winning the game 23-13.

The OSU game was a much more interesting game in a different way. The game was set to start at 9 p.m., which is already late for football, because it was to be broadcast on television. But as game time drew close,

players and fans had to evacuate the stadium and head to their cars or to the Reynolds Center due to strong rain, lightning, 70 mph wind, and hail. The game delay lasted approximately 2.5 hours. But finally, at 12:16 a.m. on Sunday morning, the game started.

Conditions were very sloppy but OSU still managed to win

easily 59-33. There was one very unfortunate play for TU, when their all-star quarterback, G. J. Kinne, injured his knee on a delayed hit by OSU. Most of the crowd had left by halftime, but a few dedicated fans stuck around until the end.

Overall, it was a great and memorable weekend for Oklahoma football.

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DON'T MISS IT NEXT WEEK: The Raven Classic Golf Tourney starts at noon on Monday with lunch, then a 1 p.m. shotgun start ...

'What am I going to do with my life?'

Q: I'm a senior, and I don't know what I'm going to do once I graduate. I'm sure I'll go to college but not sure where, and I don't know what I want to major in or do with my life. The only thing I'm good at is sports, and I can't do that forever. **HELP!**



By Omar Rana & Meghan Kelkar

Omar: First of all, breathe! Yes, the college search can be stressful, but it is not all bad. Some of it is even a little fun. One step that made the decision-making process easier for me was visiting certain campuses.

If you haven't decided on your major at the moment or what you want to do when you grow up, that is totally OK. Successful pop singer Katy Perry stated she used to want to be a gospel singer. While it's clear she didn't go down that career

path, it didn't make her any less successful.

But yes, you are right — you can't play sports for the rest of your life. Even if you become a famous college or professional athlete, there isn't much of a shelf life in that. You'll need to choose a major that is more long-lasting.

But don't stress, you will eventually figure everything out. You have plenty of time. Until then, just follow your heart.

Step right up — it's time for the Fair!

By Bryce Rossler
OPINIONS EDITOR

The other night I watched two episodes of "King of the Hill" and was reminded of the Tulsa State Fair.

In the first episode, Boomhauer and Bill buy a deep fryer. They set it up in Bill's driveway and commence deep-frying everything they can, including donuts, candy bars and absurdly enough, fried chicken. At one point, Bill claims, "We're frying where no man has ever fried before."

In the second episode, Luanne climbs into the Texas State Fair's mascot, a giant statue called "Big Tex," during a protest against the fair's no-propane-grilling policy. My mind shifted to last year's deep-fried Krispy Kreme burgers with bacon and our fa-

mous Golden Driller which presides over the Expo grounds, the annual dominion of the Fair.

It's right around the corner, and you can feel it coming. It's in the air. The mercury's dropping, but not as sharply as the Comet II.

You can plan on shelling out a lot of cash for a trip to the Fair. Mega Ride Passes are anywhere from \$55 to \$65 depending on how soon you buy them. Tickets are \$10 per person Friday through Sunday and \$8 Monday through Thursday. Advance Ride Coupons are \$15 for 20 tickets.

And vendors always clean you out for a good ole corndog and a drink, too. If you think about it though, fair food is really cheap. You can get your 2,000 calories and a lifetime of fat in just one \$8 burger.

That's less than half a penny per calorie!

Expect cool weather for the entire Fair (Sept. 29–Oct. 9) and be sure to arrive early to get a good parking space.

Are you a thrill seeker? At the fair this year, try the Krispy Kreme burger with fried pickles and chocolate bacon. Then ride the Sling Shot. The ensuing heart attack and projectile vomiting will be an experience you will never forget.



Wyatt Sanders wonders what new kind of food will be offered on a stick at this year's Tulsa State Fair.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW FAETH

The Rosslers debate which year of high school is more difficult

By Darby Rossler
9TH GRADE

As a senior in high school, you already know how things work. But as a freshman, you're in a completely different environment with new people and more difficult work. Beginning high school this year was like joining a new school. The freshman class had all new teachers (with a few exceptions) and an entirely new body of students.

The transition into being a high school student from 8th grade is big. Ninth grade has more work than 8th grade, or at least that's the way it seems. Seniors don't have that big of a change from being a junior.

A lot of freshmen are not used to the workload that has been placed upon us. Most of us are not used to having homework in every core class and in some of our other classes as well.

We also are not used to using computers as much as we do. As 8th graders, we only used computers for Aleks and occasionally for a project, but now we use our computers daily for everything. In addition, we have to learn how to take care of our own computers.

I think freshmen worry a lot more than the other grades. I don't think the seniors start to worry until they start to think about college, but adjusting to high school and making good grades are what the freshman are worrying about now. We almost all have a brand new state of mind. As freshmen, we know that what we do, how we act, and how we perform as a student now will affect us long-term.

Seniors have been in high school for three years. Ninth graders have been in high school for five weeks. Fresh-

men are at the beginning of something new. Seniors are at the end of something old. Adjusting to new routines and more responsibilities is always more difficult.

By Bryce Rossler
12TH GRADE

"I won't feel comfortable sending you off (to college) until I think you're ready," said Dr. Tomshany on the first day of 12th Grade English. Dr.

In public school systems, the transition from 8th grade to 9th grade is inarguably a big one. Between a new lineup of teachers, unfamiliarity with facilities, and an increased workload (and increased intensity of said workload), the 9th grade year in a big school like Jenks or Union would be a tough adjustment.

But this is Riverfield. With a high school population of just over 100, there is no tolerance here for things

like freshman hazing. With our enviable 14.1 student-to-faculty ratio and well over half of our high school teachers also instructing middle school courses, there's already a strong student-teacher relationship. Ninth grade students have a firm knowledge and familiarity with many of their teachers' style and expectations.

Freshmen here are already very familiar with high school facilities. At Riverfield, both the Middle School and the Upper School are located on the same site, with some middle school classes being held next door

to (or in the same) rooms in which high school classes are taught.

And let's not forget the infamous "senioritis," an epidemic amongst 12th grade classes everywhere. There is an old saying that "idle hands are the devil's workshop," and with the ample free time and privileges afforded to seniors, the temptation of a missed assignment or skipped class is always lurking around the corner.

On top of everything else, the college search requires a great deal of time, energy, and commitment.

Senior year is the final high-speed race for college-bound kids. Freshman year is like riding a bike with training wheels.



Darby Rossler thinks freshman year is definitely the toughest if you have a brother who is a senior.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW FAETH

Tomshany used to be a professor at the University of Kentucky, as well as the University of Louisville. He has also taught abroad in Poland.

Mr. Hodges said of his senior-level Survey of Supreme Court Decisions class, "This is the type of class you would take if you were pursuing a degree in any field of law."

Many seniors are taking Calculus either at TCC or here with Mrs. Shaw.

Mr. Breig has already hammered his Anatomy students with a plethora of tests, quizzes and labs within the first few weeks of school.

Long story short: while freshmen are acquainting themselves with high school, seniors are preparing themselves for college.



RCDS Varsity Football
HOME COMING

Friday, October 7

6:30 p.m. — Cookout and Activities (Jupiter Jump, games, etc.)
7:30 p.m. — Kickoff against Cookson Hills at Marty Clark Field

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COMING UP IN OUR NEXT ISSUE: Yokozuna, the Gumby Bandit, Pro/Con: Animal Testing, BPA in foods, "smart cards" and more ...

9/11 memorial completed

By Nick Hartman
FEATURES EDITOR



Minoru Yamasaki, the architect of the WTC, was also responsible for Downtown Tulsa's BOK Tower and PAC.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW FAETH

A little over ten years ago, as we all know, NYC's World Trade Center was attacked by the extremist group known as al Qaeda. The attack caused approximately 3,000 deaths. Nineteen members of al Qaeda hijacked four passenger jets and crashed two planes (Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175) into the towers and for what seemed like forever threw America into a state of panic. The attack caused a fear unlike any other as America faced its most influential terrorist attack to date.

It has been ten years, and the fear has finally started to wane. In fact, the new memorial, unveiled in time for the tenth anniversary of the attack, has brought people together and made America stronger.

Even at Riverfield, people

agree that the memorial has had a positive impact. As senior Sam Laney said, "It does not mark the end, but rather a new beginning."

As a tribute to this historic event, twin reflecting pools have been placed in the footprint of where the towers stood. Each nearly an acre in size, 3,000 gallons of water flow through each pool every minute. Costs for the memorial totaled over \$1 billion.

Architect Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker decided on the design after reviewing more than 5,200 entries from an international design competition. All over the U.S., people are united in the memory of the lost, and the memorial has been the focal point of all this positive energy.

Microsoft gets facelift: Windows 8

By Claire White
STAFF WRITER

Windows 8 is definitely different from its predecessors. This newest version offers some radical interface and design changes that could help Microsoft regain some ground in the PC market. Although Windows is still the dominant operating system, market growth has slowed down greatly in recent years.

Windows 8 is based on touch controls, and the new Start Screen (which replaces the Start Menu and opens automatically once the computer has booted) is without a doubt a game changer. Basically, the

Start Screen consists of multiple program "tiles" that perform different functions.

Some of the tiles open programs like Microsoft Word or Internet Explorer, and some tiles perform simple tasks like tell time or give the weather. The user can also download applications that show up as additional tiles. To scroll between pages of applications, the user just has to swipe his or her finger across the monitor.

Microsoft hasn't done away with their traditional desktop design entirely, however. The user can switch to the traditional setup at any time. This desktop looks a lot like the current Windows 7 interface, minus the

Start Menu button.

It's easy to tell that Microsoft is putting a big emphasis on the new touch controls. Thomas McCormick, a software and system developer at ECI Innovations told *PCWorld.com*, "I think it's the most aggressive [move] they've done in the post-Gates era."

The demonstrations released by Microsoft's YouTube channel look promising, but the OS is definitely still in the Alpha stage of development. More information will become available as development continues. In the meantime, you can try out the Developer Preview of Windows 8 for free. Download it right from Microsoft's website.

Graduated driver's licenses: an improvement to the system?

By Sam Laney
NEWS EDITOR

Graduated drivers licenses are the norm in the U. S. In fact, all 50 states have some kind of program limiting privileges to younger drivers.

The goal of these laws was to reduce fatalities and boost overall safety. A recent study tabulated the data, and the results show that the programs have in fact reduced fatalities for 16 year old drivers by 26%. There is one caveat, however. The fatalities for 18 year olds have increased by 12%.

Disliked by many teens, the restrictions include limiting night driving as well as the number of passengers allowed in the vehicle.

The study found that

the laws have probably prevented around 260 fatalities. One hypothesis provided by the study is that teens are waiting to get their licenses to avoid the annoying restrictions. The writ-

ers of the study suggest there is need for further investigation.

The study only looked at fatal crashes because of the extensive data available. In these crashes, impaired driving and excessive speed are often a factor, and the GDL programs are not designed to limit these. The programs are geared towards giving drivers a transitional period to hone their driving skills.

The study is by no means the "be all and end all" of information, but it does paint an interesting picture. Teens seem to have problems regardless of when privileges are given to them. The study does show that GDL programs are an improvement, but the true effectiveness of the measures has yet to be seen.



Erin Worley and Tristan Hightower proudly display their hard-earned licenses.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW FAETH

The global seed vault

By Kenzie Zwayer
STAFF WRITER



Butternut squash, cucumbers, carrots, and peas are but a fraction of the thousands of species represented in the Svalbard Global Seed Bank.

PHOTO BY KENZIE ZWAYER

The remote, northern wastes of Norway's Svalbard Islands are home to an ark of horticultural history, the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. Ominously referred to as the "Doomsday Vault," the \$9.4 million project now houses an inventory of preserved seeds from around the world.

Constructed 120 meters deep into the side of a mountain high above sea level, the structure was built to survive flooding, earthquakes, war damage, global warming, nuclear weapons, and asteroids.

The vault is able to hold two billion individual seeds, or about 4.5 million samples.

A high powered air conditioning system combined with Svalbard's freezing weather maintain an air temperature of minus 18 degrees Celsius (nearly zero degrees Fahrenheit) inside the vault in order to prevent the seeds from germinating. Under these conditions, the

seeds are expected to stay in usable condition for 10,000 years.

Svalbard is not the only seed repository. In fact, there are nearly a thousand seed banks scattered around the world. Few of them, however, are built to withstand natural disasters. Some only use household refrigerators for storage.

Many seed banks, such as the Millennium Seed Bank in Sussex, England, focus on preserving the seeds of wild plants. But the Doomsday Vault stores only domesticated crop samples.

The Svalbard Global Seed Vault not only aims to preserve plant species, but to ensure the preservation of the human race as well by stockpiling food staples. Whatever it is the Norwegians know about the upcoming plant-pocalypse that we don't, rest assured that thanks to the Doomsday Vault, the joy of Wheaties (and the human race) will not be forgotten.

RCDS Service class

By Sam Laney
NEWS EDITOR

not wish to serve as an aide to a teacher.

Service class has typically been centered on Riverfield service, but this year changes have been made to make it easier for juniors and seniors to go off-campus during their Service class. The single period, once-a-week schedule has now been replaced with a biweekly double block. Students still have the opportunity to serve weekly as aides to teachers if they wish.

Classes choose what locations they visit every other week. During the off week, Service is replaced with Study Hall.

Off-campus service opportunities have improved the attitudes of some students. On-campus service typically consisted of outdoor work on school grounds if students did

But this year, students are looking forward to volunteering for outside groups. Some students have still opted to be student aides during free periods to free up the last two periods of the day.

“Off-campus service is beneficial to me and my community.”

—Matthew Faeth

Riverfield has been on the cutting edge of technology and is now on the cutting edge of community service. Freedom is being given to the upperclassmen, and they are going forth to better the community.