

# THE TALON

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*Where Silver Eagles Fly Hard and Fly Far!*

## A Night of Patriotic Expression *The First Mr. and Miss Peterson Pageant*

By Tyra Downs

And the winners are.... Shane Pilgrim and Taylor Dean! On October 25th, fourteen talented seniors competed in the first-ever Mr. and Miss Peterson Pageant. The pageant provided an opportunity for the seniors to shine and show off their talents. In front of a crowd of family, friends and teachers, the students opened with speeches, telling the crowd what America means to them.

Then the audience was dazzled with the contestant's choice of patriotic wear. The crowd was entertained by the mid-pageant entertainment, Douglas Anderson Dancers. The young ladies amazed

the crowd with their great dance moves. Next, was time for the real fun, as it was the talent portion of the pageant. This was the crowd's favorite part because they really got to see the competitor's personality.

The singing was pleasing, the dancing amazing, and the comedy truly funny. This was one talented bunch of teens. The evening wear was also a very exciting portion, seeing the young adults dressed in their fancy gowns and pressed suits were especially pleasing. The last portion was on stage questions where the students answered on demand questions about serious issues and topics.

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Miss Peterson Taylor Dean and Mr. Peterson Shane Pilgrim.  
Photo compliments of Lynne Turpin.

## Great Things are Growing in the Agriscience Classes

By Caitlin Smith

The Agriscience Biotechnology, has started a new aquaponics garden. It is funded by the Lowes for Schools Grant. The idea for this project is to test sustainability in our foods and accountability. The way the Aquaponics Garden works, is there are three flower beds and also two tanks for the fish. The water that the fish are in get cycled with in the flower beds. The fish eat koi fish feed, and have to be fed about 3x times with in the day. And their entire poop gets cycled with in the flower beds and help furl the plants so they can get just protein they need to grow. Be-

cause the water is cycled we have to use tubs to get the water in there and pump it out there is also a filter for the unwanted in the tubs. There



are many plants in the flower beds. For example, there are Peppermint, Rosemary, Spearmint, Patio, Bush Pickle Ichiban, hot peppers and a lot more. But this is only the winter plants soon there will be more for the spring and fall.

The best thing about this garden is it is in a controlled environment.



## Silver Eagles Celebrate Homecoming

By Caitlin Smith

Frank H. Peterson celebrated their second Homecoming week during the last week of October. There were many games between the classes for example there was tug-of-war. The freshmen defeated the sophomores, and the Mighty Seniors defeated the juniors in the second round.

The freshmen beat the seniors on the last round of tug-of-war. (Having a few more people then needed). Then the Seniors DOMINATED with a strong group for the circle sit.

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# EAGLE SPORTS



*Silver Eagle Basketball team and Coach Runger at the Homecoming games.    Photo by Paradise Bell*

## Balling with the Silver Eagles

*By Kenneth Mitchell*

The Silver Eagles basketball team was finalized earlier this year. After four days of aspiring tryouts only 14 were selected by Coach Henderlite for the Silver Eagles basketball team. The Freshmen who made the team are: Kendall Plummer and Preston Jones; the sophomore who made the team: Irvine Jaqaurius; juniors who made the team: Vincent Green, Devonny Scott, David Clark, Davon Hinton and Parish Hobdy.

Finally, seniors who made the team are: Darius Harvey, Lawrence Long, Karl Mestemacher, Kirkwood Young, Shalton Blaylock, and Timothy Allen. Coach Henderlite lamented that there were many good players and it was not an easy decision. After tryouts, he handed the coaching reins over to Coach Runger.

*Skill Setahz member Khristopher May performing at the Homecoming games.*

*Photo by Paradise*



## The New Man Behind the FHP Basketball Team

*By Devonny Scott*

Peterson’s basketball team’s new coach Mr. Runger is very excited to begin the season. He attended Butler University for his undergraduate degree. His first year in Jacksonville , previously teaching for a short time at a high school in Chicago.

As far as his experience goes he has been playing his entire life. In his high school years, he went up

against basketball stars Derrick Rose and Evan Turner. He also has coaching experience with youth teams. He believes in the team and sees in them great potential and is anxious to see how they will utilize it. “I believe in you no matter what, and you are capable of achieving anything that you work towards,” inspiring words from Coach Runger.



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to our  
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*Word of the Month*

**Slapdash-** adj. careless and hasty.

Synonyms: cursory, sloppy, slipshod, perfunctory  
Antonyms: painstaking, meticulous, thorough and in-depth.

Corrections

*The school newspaper is something just recently brought back by the amazing Mrs. Yazdiya, and with the first one we would like to say was a success however we do recognize there were errors and we send our sincerest apologies to those names spelt wrong, to the member of the skill setahz Sammie Hassan, for the Diamonds of Intimidation Khalia Taylor and the captain D’andrea Walton.*

*Our apologies to some of our very as well; own Caitlin Smith, Jasmine Smith and Kenneth Mitchell. We strive hard to assure that this doesn’t happened again thank-you for your patience and understanding.*

*Sincerely,*

*Theresa Meyers*

Homecoming

*Continued from page 1*

The games the sophomores came out on top in the three-legged race to create a tie for winner. The second day all of the class’ participated in a tug-of-war to find out who would play the faculty/staff. The seniors pulled a big win to be crowned the Homecoming 2012/2013 winning class! They gave the faculty/staff a run for their money, in all of the games, the tug-of-war, three-legged race, and the circle sit. It was observed that the faculty tried to get away with cheating. In the end, the winner of the homecoming games was the seniors.

In addition to the games, Peterson hosted a hall decorating competition in the F-building. The homecoming hallway winners were the sophomores and in Second Place were the seniors

Finally, the week ended with the dance which was celebrated on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Homecoming court there is 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lady: Jenna Lane

10<sup>th</sup> Grades Duke/Dutchess: Juan Soriano/Tatiana Pimental

11<sup>th</sup> Grades Prince/Princess: Joey Grismore/Marissa Gay

12<sup>th</sup> Grades Attendants were Tim Allen/ Chris Peterson/ Johnny Pham/ Ashley Davis/ Anna Santiago/ Erin Delrosario

And our very own King/Queen are Curry Wilkins/Elyana Sotolongo

Teacher dress-up day winners:

Twin Day; Maryy Mackoul/Chef Perkins

Dress for Success Day: Lynne Turpin

Literary Character Day: Karen Dixon/ Donna Alverson/Melissa Skipper

Throwback Day; Katie Santos and

Class Color Day: Robert Earle/Tom Runger

*FHP Pageant from page 1*

The following is a list of the participants: Miss Tymika Bryan, Mr. TheShawn Jackson, Miss Alexus Baldwin, Mr. Isaiah Burch, Miss Ashley Davis, Mr. Timothy Allen, Miss Jade Turbeville, Mr. Willie Reese IV, Miss Chelsea Johnson, Mr. Kenneth Martin, Miss Rakeyla Anderson, Mr. Shane Pilgrim, and Miss Taylor Dean.

After a fifteen minute wait, every person sat at the edges of their seat to hear the crowning. There could only be one Mr. and one Miss Peterson and as you know, Shane Pilgrim and Taylor Dean took home the official title. First runner-up went to Ashley Davis and Timothy Allen. The second runner up went to Kenneth Martin and Rakeyla Anderson. And last but certainly

Early Childhood Students  
Recieve DCF Certification

*By Courtney Preston*

Since freshmen year the Early Childhood Education students have been working hard on getting their Department of Children and Families (DCF) forty hours. By passing the test they can now work in a childcare facility and even run it at the age of 21.

They studied five different topics, Rules and Regulations; Health, Safety, and Nutrition; Child Abuse and Neglect; Behavioral Observation and Screening; and Child Growth and Development. They also have a choice of which age group we would like to be with, you can do all if you would like.

The age group tests you can choose from are Infants and Toddlers; Pre-school; School-Age; and Special Needs.

The following individuals received your Department of Children and Families (DCF) forty hours:

not least third-runner up went to Isaiah Burch and Tymika Bryan. Additionally, Ken Martin was recognized as Mr. Congeniality, Tymi-ka Bryan was Miss Congeniality. Lastly, Mr. and Miss Photogenic was awarded to Willie Reese and Alexus Baldwin.

SENIOR DUES

Seniors, it’s still not too late to pay for your senior dues.

**\$150 – GOLD PACKAGE**

**\$41 – SILVER PACKAGE**

Please see Mrs. Boos in room F204 to ask any remaining questions you may have or to make a payment!

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| 1)  | Jordin Garvin    |
| 2)  | Theresa Meyers   |
| 3)  | Kendra Moore     |
| 4)  | Aidaliz Padin    |
| 5)  | Courtney Preston |
| 6)  | Ta’kelia Riggins |
| 7)  | Khadijah Story   |
| 8)  | Erica Thompson   |
| 9)  | Octavia Tolbert  |
| 10) | Sinedu Turnage   |

Teacher Feature  
Ms. Yaros

*By Katie Shaneyfelt*

Say “Hello” to one on Frank H. Peterson’s new English Teacher... Ms. Yaros. I had the pleasure of talking to her, and asking her the must know questions, you’ve been dying to know. So Ms. Yaros why do you like teaching? *I enjoy teaching because I enjoy having the opportunities to work with our future. I teach for the light bulb to go off over the student’s head, to unlock that inner genius.*

What college did you attend? *I attended Washington and Jefferson.* What subjects do you teach? I teach English I and English II, *but I use me an art teacher. When you are not in the class room what do you enjoy doing? I love to run and go to the beach, and read I draw and paint too.*

She had a few pieces of art work behind her desk, and you could tell she good at what she does.

FHP AND JEA JOIN FORCES FOR  
SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION

*By Caitlin Smith*

On November 20<sup>th</sup> JEA came to our school to help our Environmental science and the Agriscience Biotechnology classes of Frank H. Peterson plant 46 trees of differing species. It was a huge learning experience and a memory that will not be soon forgotten by many who helped with this project. Shawn Grier, who helped plant the tree’s said, “I enjoyed planting the tree’s it was great to know what a great impacted I made beautifying the school’s campus for years to come.”

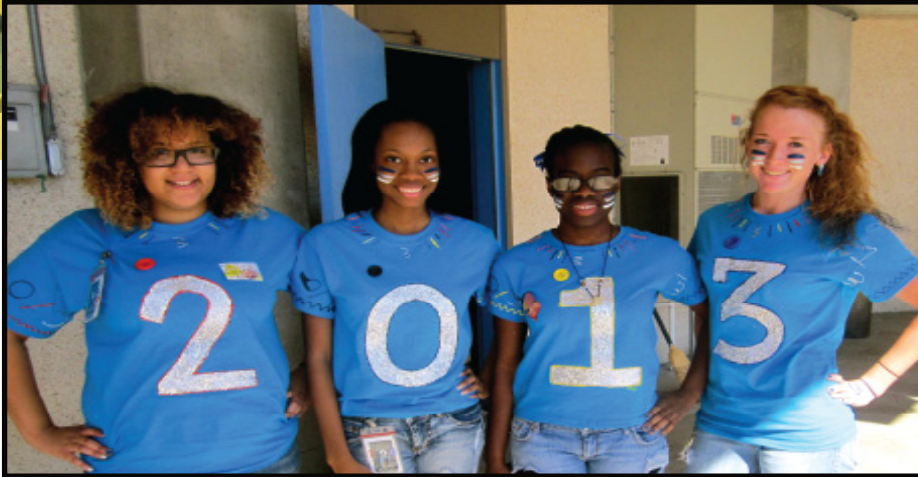
Also, students plan to continue this beautification project. Special thanks JEA’s forester, Mike Ro inson, for funding our project, digging the holes and helping us plaint. Finally, a big thank you to Mrs. Barnes, Ms. Meadows and Ms. Lepper for letting and helping us and making this possible.







# HOMECOMING







Culinary students sample the dishes prepared by the guest speaker, Chef Barber from Johnson and Wales University.

# Soaring for Success

By Paradise Bell

“When I was your age” Chef Barber said to the culinary students “I never even wanted to be a chef”

On October 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. Barber, a witty Chef from the Johnson and Wales College made a presentation for our culinary department. While having the culinary students and staff sang along to “Popeye the Sailor Man” theme song, he demonstrated how to make oriental style dumplings. Maintaining the energy that he came in with, he taught the proper way to make the product, Mr. Barber also told funny stories on how he came to be a chef. Later on in the presentation, students got the chance to make their very own oriental dumpling. Chef Barber at lead, demonstrated step by step the ways of going about on making this delicious dumpling. Students then after cooking their newly learned creation got to eat what they made. The whole room gasped in amazement as they took their first bites!

Also, Chef Jackie from the Culinary Institute of America came October 10<sup>th</sup> 20012. Her presentation was mostly similar except for the singing. She was a very serious person who loved food and adored making creative entrees. She made a Caprese salad which was beautiful.

# Silver Eagle News

By Nataly Carbonell

The Communications Academy represents one of the pillars of success for our school. The performance of each of our students is reflected every day on their excellent individual development, which surely will help them become excellent professionals with a fighting sense and confidence in themselves.

It’s admirable the devotion that each of our teachers deliver and the enthusiasm they spread.

Mr. Tullington, Communications teacher, attended the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) in Nashville, Tennessee in an effort Communications Academy achieves model status. In an interview Mr. T said “In order to achieve model status we need to meet six standards, standards which we want to exceed.”

In addition to this, Peterson Cosmetology and Early Childhood Education academy were recognized for achieving model status in the school years of 2011-2012.

This year both Communications and Automotove Academies are up for Model Academy Review.

# Senior Officers Host Senior Picnic in October

By Courtney Preston

On Monday, October 22, the senior class officers hosting the senior picnic. The purpose picnic was to have the senior class become closer and break out of their usual crowd. There were many different activities that were provided for them and plenty of food as well.

The class of 2013 participated in The Human Knot, Oreo Challenge, learned the Flash Mob choreography, and knock the ball out of the tissue box. There was mixed reactions from the seniors about the senior picnic. Tiffany Wilson said she felt it went good and “It gave a chance for people to participate in everything and break out of the circle”. However, there are others who were unhappy with the set up and organization of it. Most seniors are looking forward to Grad Bash and graduation but some are really excited for prom.



Students participating in the senior picnic. Photo by Courtney Preston

## 2012-2013 ART CONTEST

By: Devan Clark

Students!!!! Would you like to have a chance to win \$1,000? If so, submit your “What will my school look like in the future?” artwork theme. There will be three prize winners, one, from each , grade level, elementary, middle, and high school, with one GRAND prizewinner.

The grand prizewinner will receive \$1,000 savings bond and will have their artwork featured in the guide. The second and third place winners will receive \$500 savings bond and will have their artwork featured in the guide.

Entry forms are available at the Duval Dealers: Duval Acura, Duval Ford, Duval Honda, and Duval Mazda at the Avenues and all Pediatric Associates of Jacksonville offices or online at:

[www.educationguide.net/northeast-floridaartcontestrules.pdf](http://www.educationguide.net/northeast-floridaartcontestrules.pdf)

The contest begins October 15, 2012 and ends May 1, 2013. The winners will be announced on/around May 22, 2013.

## TIPS ON SNAGGING A JOB

By Jasmine Smith

There are a few things people must know about preparing for a job. They’re not very difficult, but it’s crucial you follow these tips if you’re serious

### TIPS:

- ☐ Create a resume
- ☐ Most jobs require work experience or volunteer hours
- ☐ Dress nicely/ Professionally when going in for an interview
- ☐ Always have a positive attitude and be eager to learn new things
- ☐ Research company before going in so you have questions for the interviewer
- ☐ Write a thank you letter.

There are a few things people must know about preparing for a job. They’re not very difficult, but it’s crucial you follow these tips if you’re serious about landing a job.

### Resources:

- ☐ Talk with company employers
- ☐ Talk with customers
- ☐ Call the company and talk with a receptionist or representative in the personal department
- ☐ Review posted job descriptions at the employers human resources department on the company’s job hotline
- ☐ Online visits and tour the company

### Be prepared for interview questions:

- ☐ Be prepared to tell something about yourself within two minutes
- ☐ Be able to name your strengths
- ☐ Be able to name your weaknesses
- ☐ Know why should you be hired

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF

By Courtney Preston

Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students took their hard work to this year’s FCCLA 2012 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida July 8<sup>th</sup>-July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. They competed in various competitions running up against 7,000+ students from all over the nation. It was tough, and the stakes were high! When it came down to the wire though Peterson most definitely came on top. The following girls competed and received these awards;

**Nutrition and wellness:** Rakeshia Langley

**GOLD MEDALIST**

**Advocacy:** Kaitlyn Payne/ Theresa Meyers

**SILVER MEDALIST**

**Teach and train:** Nygia Bulluk

**SILVER MEDALIST**

**Early childhood education:** Sindeu Turnage

**BRONZE MEDALIST**

These girls were not only recognized at a national leadership conference but were recognized locally as well, having an article in the Jacksonville Times Union. They also received a letter of recognition from the senator of Florida (Bill Nelson). They also had their pictures on the Duval County School Board website. Most of these students are still here at Peterson and plan on continuing their projects in hopes of receiving gold this year!

## Need College Money? Start Applying Now!

Students secure your future now! College is only a click away.

There are thousands of scholarships that can help you fund your future. Search for college scholarships in the following sites.

### First Coast MHAAB

[HTTP://www.FCHCC.com](http://www.FCHCC.com)

### PFLAG

[HTTP://www.PFLAGJAX.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP.HTML](http://www.PFLAGJAX.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP.HTML)

### Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship

[HTTP://SYF.ORG/2012/01/17/PROGRAMS-3/](http://SYF.ORG/2012/01/17/PROGRAMS-3/)

## Big Read Could Mean Big Bucks

### \$1,000 Scholarship Award

For the price of writing one essay on Ernest J. Gaines’ novel *A Lesson Before Dying*, one graduating high school senior will reap a \$1,000 scholarship award.

In the acclaimed novel, a frustrated school teacher in 1940s Louisiana tries to restore a condemned man’s dignity before he dies.

The book is being featured in the upcoming community wide reading event, “The Big Read.”

“The Big Read” is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. Programs and special events surrounding the book will launch in February 2013.

However, high school seniors in Northeast Florida can start reading the book now and enter an essay contest for a \$1,000 scholarship to college. Copies of [the book](#) are available at your library. Get more details on the essay contest at [http://www.wjct.org/event/big\\_read](http://www.wjct.org/event/big_read).

## PREPARE FOR THE ACT/SAT WITH FREE TEST PREP:

Below are sites to help with studying for the ACT/SAT.

- ☐ [www.SoarAtHome.org](http://www.SoarAtHome.org)
- ☐ [www.majortests.com](http://www.majortests.com)
- ☐ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- ☐ [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)
- ☐ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- ☐ [www.internet4classrooms.com](http://www.internet4classrooms.com)

### Government in the Sunshine Essay

[SUNSHINEESSAY@MYFLORIDA.COM](mailto:SUNSHINEESSAY@MYFLORIDA.COM)

### Scholarships for Children of Military Servicemen

<http://www.militaryscholar.org>

### Unusual Scholarships

<http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships-by-type-unusual-scholarships>

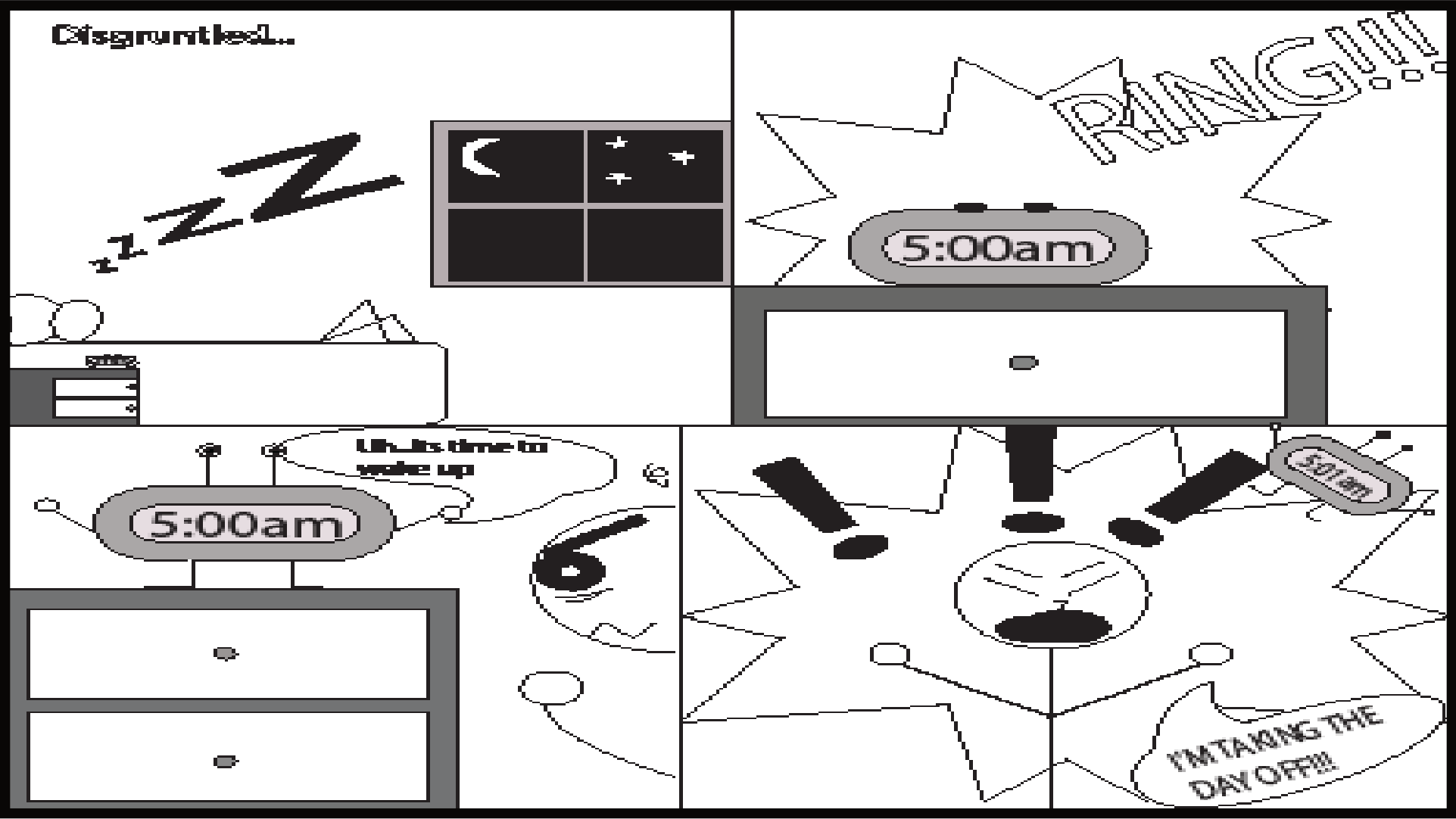


# THE SCREAMING EAGLE



Homecoming week had yet another event as the journalism class at FHP published it's first paper, known as The Talon. Staff shown left to right: Noah Hutto, Kenny Mitchell, Jordan Newsome, Paradise Bell, Katie Shaneyfelt, Tyra Downs, Jasmine Smith, Katarina Sinor, Aundrea Freeman, Theresa Meyers, Caitlin Smith, Devan Clark and Ashley Lauramore. Not shown: Courtney Preston.

## Disgruntled day by Kenny Mitchell



## Relaxing Day by Devin Clarke

