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King and Queen Crowned at Homecoming Dance

By Kallie Lind and Scarlett Camara

Peterson's third annual homecoming was a huge success that culminated in the grand finale of crowning the king and queen. The week was full of crazy days leading up to our class games and homecoming dance. The pep rally for the homecoming games was full of people showing off their class spirit. The first game played was circle sit leaving the sophomores with a win. After circle sit we moved on to the three legged race.

Students were running for their lives with their partner's leg tied to them. At the end of the race, juniors came out with a win also! The last game played was the test of strength, tug of war! The sophomores beat the freshman, seniors beat the juniors, and for the final round, the seniors beat the sophomores! After our class games on Friday, most students went home to get ready for the homecoming dance.

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Trey Fernandez and Tereesha Butler were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

Peterson Places in Golden Spoon

By Kallie Lind

The culinary team from Peterson placed third in The Golden Spoon competition which was held in November. This a culinary competition sponsored by Golden Coral and the Culinary Institute of Virginia.

There were five different teams com-

peting. Peterson placed third, taking home \$100 and a golden plate. The students competing from Peterson were: Patrick Cheathem, Tirene' Jones and Robyn Maslog. Tirene' made the entrée, grilled salmon, Patrick made the appetizer, crostini and Robyn made the dessert, a crepe.

This competition is judged on safety and appearance, team organizing, food production, and food taste/presentation. Congrats on your third place ranking!



FHP takes third at Golden Spoon Competition - left to right - Ms. Schmidt, Patrick Cheathem, Mrs. Santos, Tirene' Jones and Robyn Maslog and their submission for judging on the right.

Silver Eagles Shine at Skills Conference

By Scarlett Camara

Peterson stands out at the SkillsUSA State Leadership Training Workshop that was held in Haines City, Fl. on October 24-26th at the FFA Leadership Center.

Hailey Graham was elected the Florida Region 2 Vice-President and also won first place in the annual state theme

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Eagle 411

Preparing for College

By *Jasmine Smith*

College is a very important step in a person’s life. There are some things high school students must do to be prepared for college. Each grade level requires different steps to make sure you’re on track.

- Find money for college
- Take the right classes
- Choose a career

Freshman

Preparing for college starts as early as 9th grade. During this time, you should be talking to your guidance counselors or teachers about advance placement courses, find out what courses are available whether you are eligible, and how to enroll in them. Also, start planning for college and thinking about your career interest. Make a list of your awards, honors, paid or volunteer work, and extracurricular activities. Consider participating in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops and camps with specialty focuses

Do you qualify for an ACT or SAT Waiver?

The rules for waivers have changed. Anyone who is eligible for an ACT/ SAT waiver for tests must go to www.act.org and/or www.sat.org and set up an account prior to *receiving a waiver*. They must also complete a school waiver contract prior to receiving a fee waiver. They must have their user ID and password and email address and the signed waiver with them when they get the waiver.

All students who receive waivers must complete the registration process on our computers and return a copy of the ticket and the original waiver form to Ms. Buchanan. Students who do not have computers at home can set up an account during their lunch.

All juniors who plan to take the ACT or SAT in February should begin the process now. All seniors who plan to take the January test should also begin now.

Artists Needed

Are you an artist? Can you draw? Well, Peterson needs you! On Saturday, February 8, Peterson is hosting the Career Academy Showcase. Artists will have an opportunity to showcase their drawings, paintings, photography, or graphic art during the art show. If you are interested contact Ms. Yaros in F102. The deadline is January 8.

such as music, arts, and science.

Sophomore

Moving on in your high school education as a sophomore you should meet with your school counselor or mentor to discuss colleges and their requirements, consider taking a practice preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) or the PLAN Exam. Plan to use your summer wisely: Work, Volunteer, or take a summer course. Go to career information events for a more detailed look at career options.

Junior

Going into your junior year is when everything really matters. Around this time you should explore careers and their earning potential in the Occupational Outlook Handbook. Also, go to college fairs and college prep presentations by college representatives. *During the fall, you must take the PSAT/NMSQT to qualify for scholarships and programs associated with the national merit scholarship programs.* During the spring, you should register for and take exams for college admission.

Senior

As a 12th grader, you should be narrowing down the list of colleges you are considering attending. If you can, visit the schools that interest you. Contact colleges to request information and applications for admission. Ask about financial aid, admission requirements, and deadlines.

Scholarship Savvy Tips

(From Florida Trend’s *Next*)

Register with a (free) scholarship search engine

It would be most beneficial to fill out a profile at sites such as: www.fastweb.com or www.finaid.org

Google yourself

According to Fastweb about a third of scholarship providers who reviewed a student’s online presence say they have denied the applicant because of what they saw.

Ask around

Some clubs, churches, employers and community organizations offer scholarships for their members or volunteers.

Look locally

Many cities and counties have community foundations that offer awards specifically to students in that area.

Make it neat and complete

When it comes to submitting your application make sure that you followed the directions and included all the information and all proof-reading is done.

To Read or Not to Read, That is the Real Question

By *David Milligan*

This year, many middle and high schools are left without any media specialist to run the libraries of Duval county public schools. On May 30th, Duval County Public Schools had a meeting about this situation. The cost of providing every school with a media specialist would cost \$7 million. “The supply wouldn’t meet the demand,” said Dr. Nikolai Vitti. Some teachers had some very strong remarks to say about the situation. Mr. Earle, a science teacher at Frank H. Peterson said “It provides students access to resources for research, and provides an expert to help them with techniques that can help support them in their studies.”

While Peterson does not have a library, they do have a working schedule; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 7:45-8:19 a.m. (first bell)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:49-1:49 p.m. (all lunches)

The library is also available for students who are looking for volunteer hours, so if you’re interested in getting some easy volunteer hours, contact Mrs. Boddie or Ms. Meadows for more information about volunteering at Frank H. Peterson’s media center.

Scholarships

Students secure your future now! Search for college scholarships in the following sites. College is only a click away.

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

Simon youth foundation community scholarship program

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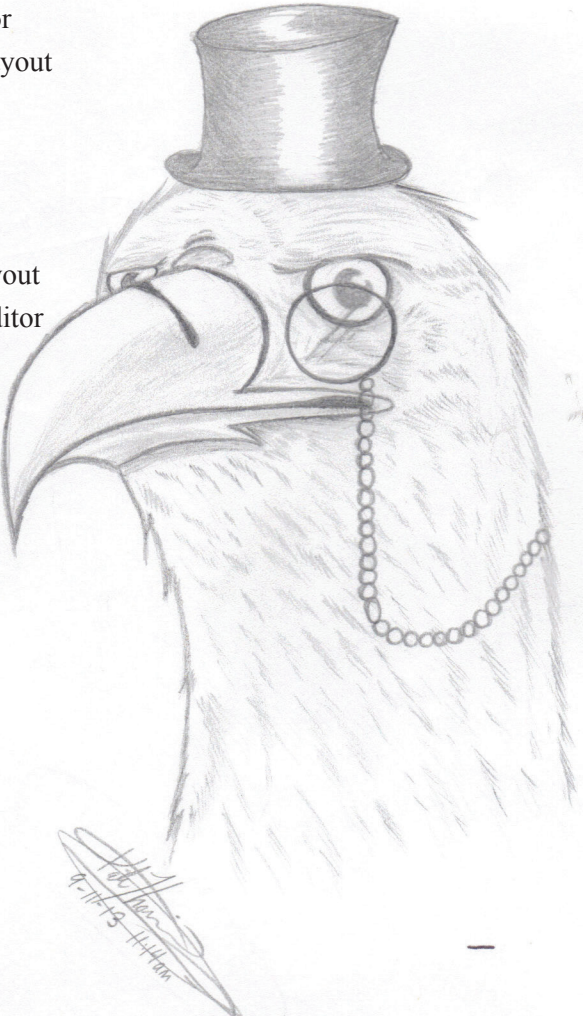
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- www.majortests.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.march2success.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.internet4classrooms.com

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The Jolly Eagle

SENIOR ACTIVITIES



Kaitlyn Hulett, Aundrea Freedman and Bretania Forbes pose for a picture.

By Tyra Downs

The seniors held the first ever tailgate this November. The event was unique and the first of its kind, instead of a regular picnic, seniors were allowed to park their cars on the field and hang out like if they were tailgating at a football game. Seniors really got into the tailgate spirit by decorating their cars in senior paraphernalia, decking their cars in blue and white streamers and writing 2014 on the windows.

The whole event was really low-key and seniors were left to their own accord, they played games like football, lacrosse and even corn-hole. There was barbecue styled food provided by the culinary arts department that everyone enjoyed and music was blasting from everyone’s car. Overall, the event was a real success. Senior, Brooklin Bludsworth said, “It was fun, and it felt like I was with family because we’re all so close.”



Doug Yarn and Mike Jeune

Red Ribbon Week

By Juwan McIntosh

F.H.P. kicked off another successful Red Ribbon Week. It was wonderfully celebrated by our esteemed student body that showed off tremendous style and flare for the events.

The events included senior citizen day, represent your college/dress for success day, twin day, literary character day, and finally class color day.

The main purpose we focus on is to take a visible stand against drugs, and over 20 years has this been brought into action. This brings the attention to our theme “A Healthy Me Is Drug Free.”

Contests also took place with many winners. Written essay/poem contest: 1st place: Mariah Brishborn, 2nd place: Valencia Carter, 3rd place: India LaNeese Rosa. Art contest: 1st place: Brandi Bender, 2nd place: Taylor Bryant, 3rd place tie: JaVaugh Smith/Darian Henry& Janathan Spearman/Alicia Willis. Rap contest: Whitley Reed, Kallie Lind, Ebonee Williams, and David Clark. 3-point basketball contest: Keyshaun Coney, David Clark, Chris Durham, and Chris Pringle. Door decorating contest: Ms. Gwen White, Ms. Yaros & Mrs. Santos.

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Other students stayed late to prepare the dance to look as beautiful as it did. The homecoming court ended with lady and lord being Shontrell Fleming and Rakeem Brown, duchess and duke, Odette Machado and Alex Figueroa, princess and prince, Hailey Graham and Reggie Chambliss, and last but not least, the king and queen were Tereasha Butler and Trey Fernandez! All together the dance was fabulous, everyone looked great and had a good time.

Club Day Fun



Cosmotology Hosts Spotlight

By Alyssa Flemming

For the first time ever, the Cosmetology Academy hosted its first Senior Spotlight. The Spotlight is an opportunity for seniors to showcase their leadership abilities and styling techniques. It was held Monday, December 9th in the Wright Place. The theme was simply Hollywood.

Students were to choose a movie or a TV show and a design team of four made up of underclassmen. They were to lead the team in producing a model based off their chosen movie or TV show. Seniors had many tasks such as selecting music, choreography, wardrobe, and hairstyles.

They were expecting about 100 people including 10 industry professionals to attend the event. Five of these professionals were from chain salons and the other five were from private salons. Students had to create a portfolio of work done during their years in the program as well as resumes for the industry professionals to look at. As aspiring cosmetology professionals, this gives the seniors job opportunities in the cosmetology industry after licensing. Aside from networking, this event was an opportunity for the students to show off creativity and technique gained during their years in the program. It was a great experience for the students.



Skills representatives and Ana Santiago, a FHP graduate.

campaign design contest. Her t-shirt, trading pin, banner, and conference program designs will be reproduced and distributed at the Florida SkillsUSA Conference in April. Isaiah Bullard also won the extemporaneous speaking contest at the workshop.

Additionally, Jessica Boisclair, Isaiah Bullard, Hailey Graham, Montez Mills, and Jordyn Woods earned the prestigious SkillsUSA Statesman Award at the State Leadership Training Workshop.

Silver Eagle's Homecoming



Red Ribbon Week



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Sports Spotlight

HOME SCHOOL SPORTS

While Peterson may not host a roster of sports, our students represent at their home schools. Here are a few home school heroes:

By Katarina Sinor

Isaiah Jones, a junior at Frank H. Peterson, is a swimmer at Forrest High School. He has been swimming for five years and intends to continue swimming through college at University of Florida. One thing that interested Isaiah in swimming is that in doing so he is able to have something to achieve. He also stated when asked if it was difficult going to one school and participating in a sport at other, that it is a little difficult because it gives him less time to practice.

Just recently he was able to participate in the regional competition. He competed in the 50 meter freestyle and the 100 meter freestyle. Isaiah's seeded time for the 50 free was 23.66 seconds and for the 100 free it was 53.18 seconds. His final time for 50 free was 23.41 seconds and for the 100 free it was 52.78 seconds.



Isiah Jones - Swim for Forrest High School



Yohannes Gebretsadik - Soccer

Senior Yohannes Gebretsadik plays soccer Wolfson High School as well as the JYSC Club. This is his first year playing for Wolfson, and he wears jersey #16.

For JYSC, Yohannes wears jersey #28. Yohannes has played soccer for a total of seven years.



Sebastian Aristizal - Soccer

By Angelina Alejo

Senior Sebastian Aristizabal plays soccer for Westside Soccer Club U-19, and has been doing so for the past four years. He has also been playing for Nathan B. Forrest High School for three years, since his sophomore year.

However, during his freshman year, Sebastian played soccer at Ed White High School. Sebastian has been playing soccer for a total of 15 years, beginning at age 3 in Colombia. Sebastian wears jersey #10. When asked how he felt about soccer, Sebastian stated: "I discovered love the first time I scored a goal."



Juan Soriano - Soccer

Juan Soriano plays soccer at Nathan Bedford Forrest high school and also Westside Soccer Club. He has played for Forrest since his freshman year and Westside Soccer Club since he was 5. When asked why he loves soccer he laughs says "it is the most beautiful sport in the world, it's even better than girls." He has won two tournaments this year with Westside. His motivation is to be the best and helping his team win many more games.



Silver Eagles Basketball Team with Coaches Runger.

Silver Eagles Soar over Cornerstone in November

By Juwan McIntosh

The underdogs of basketball start off the new season of basketball with immense strength and teamwork. The first game took place on November 7, FHP against Cornerstone. As our eagle's swoop into the game with sharpened talons, the opposing panthers are torn apart. The first battle of season was won by the famous eagle's 61-30.

GR Fields were the next victims of prey. They weren't ready for the aggressive defense set in motion by the master eagles. It was a hardy game but our Silver Eagles came out on top with a score of 56-47. Finally these were letting their guard down for anything especially for Arlington Country Day. It's hard to tell but we can all give those eagles' a round of applause for their effort with a final score of 65-46 bringing confidence to FHP's basketball team.

Dance Teams to Perform

By Breonia Evans

The Men of Domination (M.O.D) controlled tryouts with their powerful auditions to win a spot on the step team. Tryouts were in September for two days and selections were made afterward. The M.O.D have been around Peterson since 2007. The name of the M.O.D came about because they want to dominate when performing.

During Red Ribbon week, Both M.O.D.

and Diamonds of Intimidation performed on Monday October 28th. The girls performed 1st and 2nd lunch and the boys performed 3rd and 4th Lunch.

D.O.I. and M.O.D. are preparing for the 16th annual Step Off at terry parker on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. The goals for both step teams are to win 1st place and beat Sandalwood (they win every year). They are also competing for 2nd and 3rd place.

Home School Sports Continued...

Deon Daniels - Football

By Scarlett Camara

Deon Daniels is a senior here at Frank H. Peterson who played football for Potter House Christian Academy. His goal for this season was to get a full ride scholarship. He played defensive tackle and offensive linemen. He said, "I was raised [playing] this sport since I was [younger]."

This is my ticket to make it in life." He became interested in football by his father who would always watch it on weekends. Deon said that this sport is unique because "it's a man's sport [that separates] the boys from the men. It only takes one person to get the credit in football for the whole team to get the glory."

*Happy Holidays & Many Thanks
to our Business Partners,
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The Screaming Eagle

Calling All F.H.P. Poets

By Dominique Junius

Words will undergo metamorphosis turning into creatures that look like us but we won't spit we'll slam on February 8th from 12-2 in the media center, for the first time ever Peterson will be hosting a poetry slam. Peterson poets, writers, and rappers come join us as we showcase our talents.

If given the chance, writing can be one's best proof of God, a bed for buckets of misunderstood and a glimpse of sin and salvation in the same second. Journals can be holy

purges so let your voice be heard. It's extremely important that students have a venue to vent and express themselves in terms of freedom of speech.

Spoken word was created to look at the world in a different way, to understand how to be yourself, a lover of language, to agitate, shake things up, and actualize. The opportunity has now presented itself to do so.

The slam will be featuring blasts from the past such as classic R&B, Hip-hop, and rap from the 90s. Poetic justice from Paxon and the expressionist from Stanton will be joining us in the movement. It is open mic, but there will be sign-up sheets in the cafeteria in January.



When: February 8
10 a.m. -2 p.m.

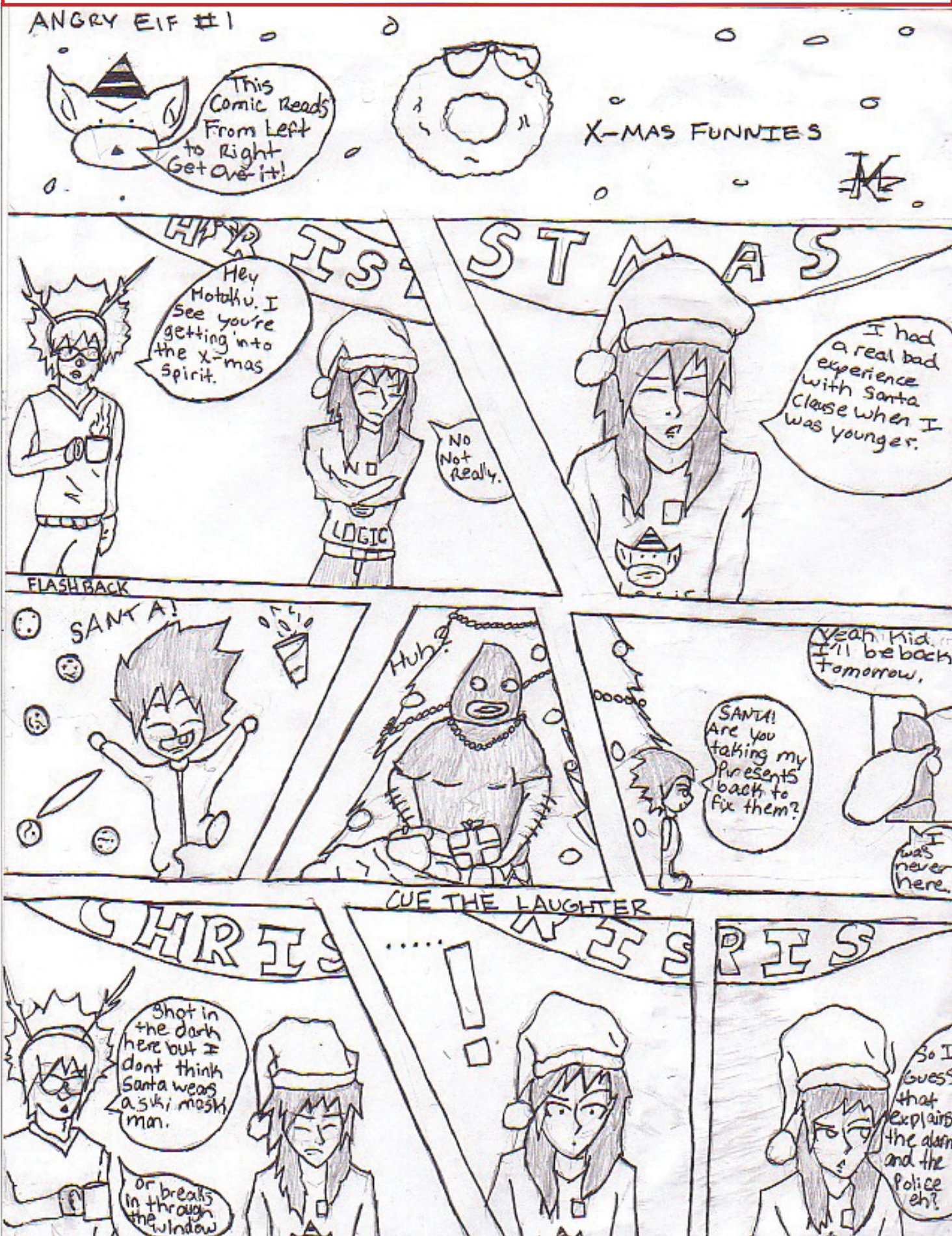
Where: Peterson

Why: Showcase students & school

Events:

- Car Show
- Poetry Slam
- Art Show
- Arts and Crafts
- Media Day
- RC Demonstrations
- Basic Salon Services
- Activities for Kids
- Petting Zoo
- The Wright Place

Santa? by Kenny Mitchell



Man on the Street Opinion Poll "Pretty Little Liars"

By Dominique Junis

"Pretty Little Liars," the popular mystery/thriller ABC Family show television in which four high school girls come together to fight off an omniscient foe who goes by the name of "A", not only killed their best friend, but constantly threatens to reveal their secrets.

Initially, the girls believe "A" is Alison but after the police find her body the girls know that someone else knows all their secrets. As the series goes on the stakes get higher than a few scandalous secrets getting out. While the show is interesting, another thing that also catches people's interest is how pretty the main characters are. After hearing a plethora of debates about this, I decided to do a poll to decide who Peterson believes to be the Prettiest Little Liar. The main characters include Sasha Pieterse who plays Allison DeLaurentis the deceased leader of the clique. While she is not a regular on the show she does have a reoccurring role in flashbacks. Allison's followers and best friends are Aria Montgomery, the artsy girl who we later find out dates her teacher. Aria is played by Lucy Hale. Spencer Hastings is the smart and rich girl of the group. \ Hanna Marin was the girl with the self-image issues and bulimia until Allison died afterwards she turned into the most popular girl in school. Emily Fields is the self-proclaimed jock and tomboy of the group who later "A" exposes to be gay.

The votes are in. Hanna (Ashley Benson) and Aria (Lucy Hale) tied for third place. Spencer (Troian Bellisario) came in second place. And Emily (Shay Mitchell) came in first for the Prettiest Little Liar. When asked about their opinions on the results Angelina Alejo states "Good. Shay Mitchell deserves it. She's gorgeous." While others such as Kallie Star are surprised that Aria played by Lucy Hale didn't win. However, based on the survey the results are overwhelming, Shay Mitchell, aka Emily Fields, won hands down.

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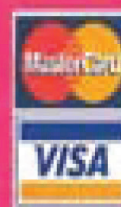
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