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The Lookout

Ranger Outlook

Jayne Roos

As the days of summer came and went, the fall sports and clubs seasons have begun. Some seasons are half way over; others are just getting started. As the fall temperatures decline, we hope our sports' and clubs' victories increase!



With the Marching Rangers continuing into their season, they will be attending a few other competitions, such as this coming Saturday, September 19th at Evansville North. Also, on Saturday, October 1st the Marching Rangers will perform nearby in the ISMMA District at Jasper and on Saturday, October 8th (the time and location will be announced at a later date). The Band will also perform their half-time performances at the upcoming home football games on Friday, September 30th and Friday, October 7th.

Speaking of football games, the Ranger Football Team continues to work hard throughout their season.

Their next couple of games will be played against some past rivals. Starting next Friday, September 30th their game will be away at North Posey, at 7:30pm. The Rangers will play their next home game against the South Spencer Rebels at 8:00pm. Following will be another rivalry, Heritage Hills, at home Friday, October 7th.

The Volleyball team has also been keeping up the great work and will continue to excel throughout their full game season. Come out and support the Lady Rangers at their next couple of home games versus South Knox starting at 6:00pm and September 22nd versus Memorial at 6:00pm. The Lady Rangers will also play another home game against Heritage Hills starting with the freshman game at 5:30 on

September 26th. The Rangers will be back on the road once again to play a 6:00pm game at North Posey on September 29th. The following week, they will play a Saturday game on the 1st of October against Evansville Central at 11:00am and a Monday game at Jasper on October 3rd, starting with the freshman at 5:30pm.

Both the girls' and boys' soccer teams will play South Spencer at Cedar Crest on September 19th. The girls' game will start at 6:00pm, with the boys following at 7:45pm. So come and support your boys' and girls' soccer teams all in one night! After that, the Lady Rangers Girls' Soccer team will play again at CCI against Washington Catholic at 6:00pm on September 22nd,





Kicking Off the Season

By Erin Schaefer

The girls' varsity soccer team started off their season with an exciting outcome. After a struggling start, the girls managed to tie it up 4-4 with 2A rival Mater Dei, who was the winner of last year's match with a score of 5-1. Three goals were scored by Adi Dilger and one by Amanda Jacob. In their next game, the girls fell short to New Albany, ending the game 1-2. Adi Dilger contributed the only goal. On August 20th, after traveling to Evansville, the Rangers fell short to Central and Bosse. Next they were defeated by Providence but came back strong with a win against Northeast Dubois, 6-0. At their first PAC matchup, the girls lost to Heritage Hills 2-1. At their rivalry game with Jasper, the girls played a heated 80 minutes and ended with a tie 1-1. They won their next PAC game against North Posey 5-0.

This year's team consists of five seniors, six juniors, seven sophomores, and seven freshman. When asked what the season looks like, senior captain Shelby Bettag

answered, "With an injury-filled first few games of the season, we've struggled against our opponents. However, we're hoping to pull through and gain full recovery."

The girls won their first match on Saturday, August 27 against the Northeast Dubois Jeeps. After traveling to Dubois, Forest Park came out with a 6-0 win.

Our boys' varsity team also started off a little rocky. The team traveled to New Albany for the first game of the season where they came away with a 0-1 loss. Floyd Central traveled to the Rangers' home field on August 16 where the Rangers came up a little short against the Highlanders. After that, the boys came away with victories at their next three games. At their PAC matchup with the Heritage Hills Patriots, the boys came away with a 6-3 win. They also followed their first win with two more after that. They played on their home field against Evansville Bosse (2-1), and then traveled to Northeast Dubois for another game with the Jeeps.

They defeated the county rivals 2-0. During their next two PAC matchups, the Rangers defeated the Tell City Marksmen 3-0 and the North Posey Vikings 4-1. They are currently undefeated in the Pocket Athletic Conference.

The boys' team is improving with every game, and they're on their way to a successful season. We hope that you all come out and show your continued support for both of the Ranger soccer teams.



Tennis

By Dakota Geyer

The tennis team has had a great start this year. Their current record is 7-0. An interview with the main man Vaughn Buechler states that they have a very strong team this year. He believes that they have a bright future ahead of them as well. He then proceeds in saying that they have a new kid on the team. His name is Eric "The German" Kuhn. He is an exchange student from Germany. Vaughn says, "Would you look at that" to *The German* as he is playing because he is so good. The team says that Eric Kuhn is a phenomenal player, and is a great addition to their team. Eric mainly plays number two sin-

gles, but also plays a little number one doubles. For fun, the team tries to talk German to Eric, but does not succeed at it because the team's German language is horrible. Coon also enjoys being videotaped. Every time he sees a camera he waves that person over to him so that they can video him playing tennis. Mr. Buechler said, "He feels extremely confident in this team and himself going into the Jeffersonville and Jasper tournaments". Vaughn says, "The worst part of my senior year is that we do not have a home tennis court". The team has to drive all the way over to Jasper every day just to practice on the courts of the Jasper Middle School. Even though they have to drive Jasper, they get to go

out to eat every night after practice if they wish. Forest Park's boy's tennis team will not have any home matches this season. The closest home match is at Jasper. Vaughn says, "At least we don't have to take our own vehicles over to Jasper for practice and matches. We get to ride one of the School's buses over". Vaughn says, "Southridge was my favorite match of the year so far because they are the biggest rivalry to our team". He also states that he wanted to beat them even more because of all the tension between Southridge's and Forest Park's football teams". Jake "The Snake" Meyer says, "I hope the team wins sectional because our coach, Dean Blessinger promises that they will take a team trip down to Panama, Florida". Jake also said, "He has always wanted to go down to Panama because he wants to know what it is like to live in warm weather all year round.



Ranger Football: Hoorah!

By Kevin Brown

In an interview with Coach Fuhs, he said that the captains for the Forest Park Rangers football team are Miles Leonard, Ben Braunecker, Caleb Myers, and Lynk Kordes. These players have the qualities needed to be team captains: strong physically and mentally, communicate well with other teammates on the field, help coach other players on what they are doing wrong, and push everyone at practices and in the games. After Coach Fuhs was asked how the team looked so far, he reported that they look good so far with a 3-1 season. He stated that they have a big line to help protect the quarterback from being sacked, block for the running back on a run play, and stop the opposing team

when it is first and goal. The team has fast backs to get up the field, get first downs, and score on goal line opportunities. Coach Fuhs said that their receivers all have good hands to hold the football, and that the team has nine returning defensive starters. Speed, strength, and extra points were said to be the team's strong points. He said they have a fast team so they can get up and down the field easily. They have the strength to block for the quarterback, stop teams defensively and power right through other teams. Fuhs said that the kickers are doing a great job this year with the extra points and field goals. Coach Fuhs said that they were going to focus on the line defensively and offen-

sively heading into the practices before the tough PAC game against a rivalry team, Southridge. The line needed some work, and that the team needed to get off the ball faster and lower. He said everyone needs to block all the way to the whistle and not stop. The defense needs to wrap up on tackles, and all eleven players need to go to the ball. The defense has a lot of standout players, such as the defensive backs Lance Beuchler, Miles Leonard, Dakota Geyer and Ben Braunecker. Ben is leading the team with two interceptions. Other people with interceptions are Miles and Casey Abell. The football team's goals for this year are to improve every week and get better, to battle for the PAC title, and to bring a Sectional victory home to Ranger Nation.



The Thunderous Ben Braunecker

By Kevin Brown



This month's featured athlete happens to be the one and only, thunderous Ben Braunecker. Braunecker participates in three sports: track, football, and basketball. Ben has been a huge part of the football varsity squad for three years, throwing it down on the varsity basketball team for two years, and has contributed big numbers for the track team for four years. Ben is the proud son of Kristine and Brian Braunecker. His younger sibling's name is Noah; he is fifteen years old.

A hobby of his is trying all different types of cuisines. Ben's favorite sport that he participates in is football. He recorded a total of nineteen receptions, 501 yards, and twelve

very contributing touchdowns during last year's football season. Ben says that his favorite highlight for each of his three sports last year are: for football, taking the opening kickoff against Heritage Hills all the way to score a touchdown; basketball, winning regionals and going on to play in semi-state; track, breaking the school record at sectional, along with making it to state.

Braunecker wants to go to college and major in biochemistry. Biochemists are scientists who combine chemistry and biology to investigate living systems and their relationship to the environment. A biochemist is concerned with what effects the environment, diseases, foods and chemicals have on living things. Biochemists develop methods for testing, run the tests, and write reports about the results of the

tests. He is looking at Cincinnati, Indiana University, Illinois, Harvard, Columbia, or Ball State for a football scholarship to play in college. He hopes to possibly play in the NFL one day, get a major in biochemistry, and become a biochemist.

Ben wants to make it to state again in track and throw even further than he did this past year. He holds the high school shot put record with a whopping total of 55' 5.25". Braunecker, sophomore year, threw a 47 foot shot put; he improved by 8 feet. If he can improve his shot put by another 8 feet, he will smash his own record here at Forest Park and go on to win the state finals! After being asked if we could look forward to a few dunks this year at the varsity basketball games, Ben's response was, "Hopefully more than a few!" So all you FP Ranger fans looking forward to seeing Ben dunk the ball this year, be ready for some thunderous slams!

Marching Ranger Season Starts

By: Danielle Fromme

This is going to be a big year for the Forest Park Marching Rangers because they have new people, new instruments, and a beautiful new tarp to march on.

They are all very excited to see how the rest of the season will turn out, and if the judges up in those press-boxes will become giddy with surprise and astonishment at the aesthetics and difficulty level of the work they have prepared these three long months. The band has worked so hard, even in the blistering heat, and so far, no one has even really thought of complaining about it. All of them carried, put together, and painted that now three-thousand pound tarp. From that, they also suffered some burns, either on our feet or from the sun. The entire time, not one person stopped for an unreasonable purpose. That shows the band's determination and dedication.

This year's show is called "Chill"

and is written by our director. There is singing and beautiful, rhythmic melodies to soothe the savage beast. I have had the privilege of interviewing one of my fellow band members, Araceli Garcia, and she was a delight to talk with.

Q: How is this season going to be different from previous years?

A: "This year has a really different style of music. There is a rock section and a jazzy section, and everyone loves them both. It's really exciting!! We also have included a lot of new ideas, like the tarp, the colorguards' capes, and even the whole theme of the show! It should be exhilaratingly outstanding."

Q: Are you excited about this year?

A: "Obviously! I'm an upperclassman, and it's great to have a sense of leadership. It also feels good to be trusted with more responsibility and challenging music."

Q: How difficult is this season's show on a scale from one to ten? Why is that?

A: "It's a solid 7, I believe. This is my fourth year in the band, so it comes more

naturally to me, but the rhythms and keys we have to play in are always different. Memorizing is a speedbump, but it's not an obstacle."

I must say, she was extremely polite, cooperative, and just a joy to ask questions to. The band usually has competitions every Saturday until October, and their first was September 10th. For more information, a schedule is on the school website. It would be a wonderful surprise to see you there this weekend!



Volleyball

By Bailey Cronin

“Bump, set, spike it... that’s the way we like it!” The Forest Park 2011 volleyball team started dominating before the school year began. On August 15, 2011 the Lady Rangers walked into the gym with mixed feelings. Nervous, excitement, and anxiousness were just a few of the emotions. As they remembered last year’s season, the girls decided that this year would be different. Team bonding, self-determination, and self-punishment would be new components of this year.

This year’s team consists of seniors: Allison Hoffman #3, Kalyn Wendholt #4, Bailey Cronin #5, Rebekah Thomas #8, and Samantha Hopf #14. Together, these five leaders work to show a prime example for the girls below them. Kalyn and Rebekah, defensive specialists, allow the team to set up the play. These two girls are constantly hit at but always find a way to get the ball up. After the ball is passed, the senior setter, Bailey, controls the rest. The setter decides who will

attack the ball and how fast the play is made. Allison and Samantha, both strong hitters, have been smashing and killing the ball during the games.



Starting the season against Tecumseh, the team won in three games. Kylie Blessinger led the team in kills with a total of ten. The following night, the girls were off to Harrison away at Evansville. Once again, the girls dominated in three.

Unfortunately, the girls were stopped for the first time in the season Saturday, August 20, 2011, against the Paoli Rams. After battling in four games, the Lady Rangers fell short to Paoli.

The following Monday, the Lady

Rangers took on a PAC opponent. Defeating South Spencer led the girls to be undefeated in the PAC.

On August 23, 2011, one of the biggest rivals stepped into Buechler Arena to face the Rangers. The Rangers battled with the Mater Dei Wildcats but could not finish the challenge. Losing in five games, the girls could not help but to feel discouraged; however, they knew there would be another opportunity to get revenge.

The following Saturday, the girls were in store for a long day. Headed off to Boonville early in the morning and not returning till later that evening, the team was worn out. They played a total of three matches against North Posey, Heritage Hills, and Boonville. Conquering North Posey and Boonville helped out the team’s record and confidence. Falling short to Heritage Hills reminded the team to always work hard. The Rangers ended up placing second in the tourney preparing them for another week of matches.

On August 29, 2011, the Rangers fell to Barr-Reeve in three games. The next day, the Rangers kept their undefeated record in PAC against Pike Central.

In the month of August, the team had a record of 6-4 in the season and 3-0 in PAC. If you have not made it out to a game yet, be sure to go support your Lady Ranger Volleyball Team!

Featured Vehicle

By Shelby Bettag

This month’s featured vehicle is driven by a Forest Park senior. The truck, recently handed down to him by his dad, is a pewter 2007 Ford XLT F-150 Supercrew. The proud owner of this fine truck, Evan Olinger, has been driving this vehicle for only a short amount of time. Before his current vehicle, Evan was driving a less attractive vehicle, a Monte Carlo. When asked how driving the Ford is different than driving the Monte Carlo, Olinger responded, “The Monte is a smooth riding car, but she had her limits. I can take my truck anywhere and every-

where when I switch to 4-wheel drive and let my tires dig.” Although this upgrade may appear to be the more appealing transportation choice, gas prices may affect how often he chooses to drive this massive gas guzzler.

With gas prices high and continually rising as we speak, road travelers are rapidly finding more gas efficient vehicles to save them money. For Olinger, this is not the case. “An \$80 fill-up doesn’t mean anything after hearing the noise my engine and exhaust can make. Burnin’ gas is my middle name,” said Evan when asked how he felt about the

truck’s gas mileage. When it comes to gas mileage, this 2007 Ford gets the small approximate amount of 15 miles per gallon. That is not a lot considering the drive to school from St. Anthony and back Evan travels each weekday. School is just one place that Olinger drives to. Clubs and afterschool sports, such as baseball practice and other sports’ games, are also taken into careful consideration.

Although money appears to be an issue when driving such a large truck, Evan seems to be more concerned with how it looks on the outside. A bundle of accessories have been added to the vehicle since the Ford was first bought. The tire rims on the truck are 17 x 8 XD Series Spies. The tires themselves are 285 Nitro Terra Grapplers. Evan’s father, Kevin Olinger, added zest to the truck by having the men at Hank’s Sign Shop in Ferdinand print pin stripes on the side of the truck. Step up bars, which are pictured in the photo, were also added to Evan’s vehicle.

“Trucks are as American as apple pie,” stated Olinger. It’s obvious that he wouldn’t trade his truck for any vehicle in the world. When we asked Evan why he thinks his dad handed down the power-filled vehicle to him, he claimed, “Because I am American. Every American should drive a truck.”



Too Legit To Quit

By Rebekah Thomas

It's the 2011-2012 school year and everything is off to a great start. With the sports, clubs, and classes already underway, Forest Park Jr.-Sr. High School has plenty to look forward to this year. New faculty members have been added to the staff and are working just as hard as the students.

At age 25 and a Ball State graduate, Kelly Schroering, has been added to the Forest Park's staff this year. As a new teacher and Junior Varsity volleyball coach, Ms. Schroering has a whole new set of goals to conquer. Kelly admits that the first few days of teaching have gone by fast. She is currently teaching the 8th grade math classes. So far, she enjoys all her students and says they are great at working and hav-

ing patience with her during this new experience. Also, all the other teachers are there to help Kelly if she has any questions.

Even since high school, Kelly has enjoyed math. She enjoys working with numbers and equations. As a problem solver, she likes knowing that there is always one solution that is true no matter what. Besides being a lover of math, she appreciates journalism. Writing and using her creativeness helped make that class enjoyable for her in her high school years. But even as a high school student, Kelly excelled in much more than academics. She was involved in many clubs and sports, which she brought with her to her career.

Not only a wonderful 8th grade math teacher, Kelly serves as a Junior Varsity

Coach and Defensive Coordinator. This throws even more onto her plate. When asked about her current coaching position, her love for the sport of volleyball clearly showed. "I love sports and the girls I work with are awesome. I also enjoy forming the kind of relationships I have with those girls that I wouldn't be able to have if I wasn't involved like I am," Kelly said, expressing her enthusiasm. She also admits to being a very competitive person and that volleyball can get her really excited in the midst of an intense match.

Working as a teacher and coach, Kelly Schroering was asked if she has a hard time balancing the two out. "I don't find it hard at all. I enjoy both a lot which makes it easier to handle. If I didn't like them as much as I do, it wouldn't be as stress-free," Kelly responded.

Forest Park would like to thank Kelly Schroering for all her hard work starting the year off and wishes all of the staff good luck; it's going to be a great year!



Yearbook

By Rebekah Thomas

Forest Park has many things to look forward to this year. One exciting addition to the classes at the school is the yearbook class. The class was added in 2010 when Mr. Walston retired. The current art teacher, Ms. Tammy Taylor, took over the class of journalism and renamed the class yearbook.

As a yearbook and art teacher, Ms. Taylor stresses that she has to stay organized to keep the classes separated. A major importance of yearbook class is that many occupations can come out of it, including graphic arts and journalism. The writing portion is very hard because she admits she was never the best English student. Luckily, she has students in the class that are very smart academically

and take control of that portion of the yearbook.

“Journalism is like a small business in a school,” says Ms. Taylor, “You sell ads, make the product, and distribute it out to the student body.” Taylor says that being the teacher of the yearbook class keeps her very involved in the school. Before she was the teacher, she was unaware of all the clubs and activities that students participated in. Now she states that she knows every club and activity the students are involved in.

Ms. Tammy Taylor said that there are three major expectations for the school yearbook: get everyone in the yearbook three times, identify the students correctly and spell their names right, and keep the book interesting and have a traditional theme—Stay you. In comparison to the previous yearbooks,

the new Jostens books have a reputation to keep. The books are in all color, filled with pictures of higher quality than before, and have researched descriptions of each page. The yearbook class works with the company Jostens; Ms. Taylor states that they can get the same book for the same price as the previous books but in full color. She also pointed out that the yearbooks are getting more popular, with 300 plus books being sold this year compared to the previous 200 sold last year.

Along with a new program, new teacher, and new students, the class bought new equipment with the money made from the 2010-2011 yearbook. A new color copier was funded by the class. This helps the class by not using the other color copiers in the school and not having to run around the hallways trying to get their pages. Also, a new 35mm digital Cannon Rebel was purchased that takes clear photographs from far away and can help focus on an athlete during a sport.

Yearbook has set up an account on the internet. On this site you can view the pictures taken by the class which include sports, clubs, and classes. Be sure to like the page on Face-



Mystery Baby

By Dakota Geyer

This year's first mystery baby has blue eyes and his/her favorite color is blue as well. He/She attended Ferdinand Elementary before coming to Forest Park. He/She has one younger brother who also currently attends Forest Park High School. He/She is in a club and has been participating in this club since he/she was in the third grade. He/She used to play soccer. He/She played all the way up to his/her junior year. He/She worked at Holiday World the past two years as a slide attendant. He/She became a crew leader after the first year of work. He/She currently works at the Patriot Station in Mariah Hill. He/She wants to enroll at the University of Kentucky, but his/her favorite college is the University of Purdue. His/Her birthday is in September, and was born in

the year 1993. He/She drives a black SUV. He/She has never wrecked his/her car. He/She is a very sociable person. He/She likes to meet new people at any time. He/She has blonde hair. He/She wears a T-shirt most of the time. You will most likely see the University of Purdue on those T-shirts. He/She took a vacation to Destin, Florida during the summer. He/She also went jet skiing on the ocean. He/She went with her parents and her cousins.

His/Her favorite show is Two and a Half Men. He/She does not like the show as much anymore because Charlie Sheen will not be on the show anymore. His/Her worst birthday gifts are saving bonds that she receives from her aunt. His/Her favorite movie is the Transformer series. He/She enjoys listening to all types of music

from rap to country. His/Her favorite singers are Jason Aldean, Eric Church and Luke Bryan. He/She will be going to a Luke Bryan concert in the near future. He/She has a swimming pool and likes to have swimming parties throughout the summer. An embarrassing moment for this outstanding student was when he/she was a sophomore. He/She was in physical education class. They were playing kickball that day, and he/she was up to kick he/she kicked the ball and got a double. When the next person kicked the ball he/she tried to slide into third base. At that moment is when he/she slid a little too hard. He/she broke his/her tailbone. He/She said it was one of the worst pains she has ever felt. Can you guess who this month's mystery baby is?



Wisconsin

By Alexa Lange

When people think about a summer vacation, they think of Hawaii, California, Florida, or any other places with a beach. This summer, my family and I went to Wisconsin Dells. What can you do in Wisconsin? Is it fun? Is it hot there? Many people asked me those questions after I went there. Wisconsin is actually more fun than you may imagine.

What can you do in Wisconsin? First reason why I think Wisconsin was a great place to go to is because not many vacationers go to Wisconsin. My family and I took our R.V. and stopped at many camping parks in Wisconsin. If you love to camp, sit by fires, and wear sweatshirts on cool nights, you would love Wisconsin. I had many smores and hot dogs that week. Wisconsin is known for the waterpark fanatics. Everywhere you turn, a waterpark appears. Their number one waterpark, Noah's Ark, was better than any other waterpark I have been to. I conquered my fear of riding a waterslide by myself. Their

newest ride, The Scorpion, was the scariest ride I have ever ridden. First, you have to step in a small room and the doors close behind you. You stand straight in a small see through compartment. Everybody in line could see your reactions. A voice echoes through the compartment, slowly counting down, "three, two, one," you scream loudly as the floor under you disappears. You are flying down the slide when all of the sudden you flip upside down and you are done. Another activity you can do at Wisconsin is to ride the duck boats. What are duck boats you may ask? They are boats that can drive in and out of water. You get an awesome tour in the lakes of Wisconsin. There are many other activities you could do.

Is it fun? You may be surprised but yes it is. It is a good time to spend with family and friends. As I said before, if you love to camp and going to waterparks, you will love Wisconsin. There are many other activities you can do such as horseback riding and laying out on a beach on the

beautiful shoreline of Michigan Lake. Besides all the activities, there are hundreds of novelty shops and great food. Wisconsin is known for their cheese. I recommend the Wisconsin cheese curds. If you are a chocolate fanatic, you may also go to the chocolate chicken.

Is it hot there? It's not as warm as places like Florida or California, but it is comfortable. You can still wear shorts and tanks outside. Instead of the temperature being over a hundred degrees, it would be in the mid-eighties. I honestly think that everyone should try to make it out to Wisconsin once in their lifetime. It would be worth it.



Faster Review

By Brett W.

It is nice to see The Rock in a movie that does NOT involve tooth fairies or some family movie. He finally got around to another action movie but it seems like this one was sold short.

In the beginning Dwayne, who plays as “Driver”, served time in jail for 10 years after a failed bank robbery. Usually, in most movies, when someone gets out of jail, there is some close friend or girlfriend that is there to pick them up. Not in this case though. Driver is forced to run umpteen miles to a salvage yard to get his sweet muscle car as he rides off into the sunset to nab his 1st victim.

When he arrives at his victim’s office, he struts past all the employees. As the man who is about to be killed stares at him with fear, Dwayne nabs him.

This basically reoccurs throughout the whole

movie until he gets each one of the guys who landed him in jail, and got his brother killed.

There was really only one good clip of the movie and it is when The Rock remembers the bank heist getaway. As the robbers get in the car, they are all screaming “go, go, go” into the Rock’s ear. He takes off down roads until a large amount of cop cars chases them down. The Rock Spins



into a 360 on the road and drives backwards for a good minute or two. It was really one of the most intense clips of the whole movie, but that’s not saying much.

There is only two other main characters, one played by Oliver Jackson. The British actor, otherwise known for his role as “Killer”, plays a rich billionaire who was bored with his life so he decided to take up assassination. What a hobby. Basically he tries to kill Driver throughout the whole movie, but Driver just pushes him to the side like a bug wondering what he is doing.

The other character, “Cop”, played by Billy Bob Thornton, is a drug addicted cop who is near retirement. He just wants to be connected with his ex-wife and get the penchant he deserves. He is one of the lead detectives on Drivers case of murders.

Although this movie is boring at best, it has some decent parts and is still a good movie to watch if you are bored on a Saturday.

Game Review: Deus Ex

By Matthew Powers

In many gamers' minds, the month of August is nothing special. The newest version of Madden releases, sure, but other than that, no huge must-haves is typically released in August. However, August 2011 is an exception, with some very promising titles releasing this month. The biggest and most anticipated of these games is an Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, and PC game titled Deus-Ex: Human Revolution. This game is the long-awaited next entry in the cult hit series Deus-Ex. This entry is the first console entry in the Deus-Ex series and has been delayed many times before it was decided that the release date would be in August. As for the games place in the series, Human Revolution is a prequel to the first Deus-Ex.

This entry in the Deus-Ex series adds new pillars of gameplay that allow the player to essentially choose how the game plays. These pillars of gameplay are combat, stealth,

hacking, and social. Players are allowed to switch between these four gameplay types at any time. The player never has to fight in the game if they don't want to, though that option is available for those who wish to engage in combat. For those who don't however, you can choose to run past possible fights or you can choose to be stealthy. The player can also use augmentations to their advantage to craft their own styles of play. Augmentations are essentially superpowers that can lend you expanded levels of strength and speed. Augmentations are customizable and there are even more augmentations in-game.

The game is heavily story based around the character of Adam Jensen. Adam is the protagonist and main character of the game and depending on the player's choices, will change throughout the game. The game promotes multiple play-throughs to see all the possible directions the story can go. This is a staple of the Deus-Ex series.

The game's story revolves around a private security officer named Adam Jensen who works for Sarif Industries. Sarif Industries specializes in human augmentations. The company is attacked right before Adam's eyes, leaving him horrifically injured and in order to survive, he must undergo augmentation. Adam wakes up and goes on a search for who the truth behind the attack. Anyone who has played the original Deus Ex will be familiar with this set up as Human Revolution is a prequel to the original Deus Ex. The augmentations definitely bring a unique gameplay experience to what would normally be considered a standard first person shooter. Deus Ex goes beyond the typical FPS experience to deliver a heavily story driven action RPG with FPS elements.

Deus Ex: Human Revolution is in stores now and I highly recommend that any fans of shooters, RPGS, or good games in general check it out.



Bieber Fever

By Alexa Lange

Is it hot in here, or is it just the “Bieber Fever” taking over the world? Many adolescent teens around the United States are falling in love with the seventeen year old Canadian pop/R&B singer, songwriter, and actor. Justin Bieber’s new C.D., “My World Part Two,” has been popular for many girls. The songs on this C.D. include: “Baby, Somebody to Love, Stuck in the Moment, U Smile, Runaway Love, Never Let You Go, Overboard, Eenie Meenie, Up, That Should Be Me, and the two bonus tracks Kiss and Tell and Where Are You Now”. I’m sure that almost everyone knows the song, “Baby”. The song is featured by Ludacris. If you like songs with pop and some rapping in it, you would love this song. All these songs in this C.D. can

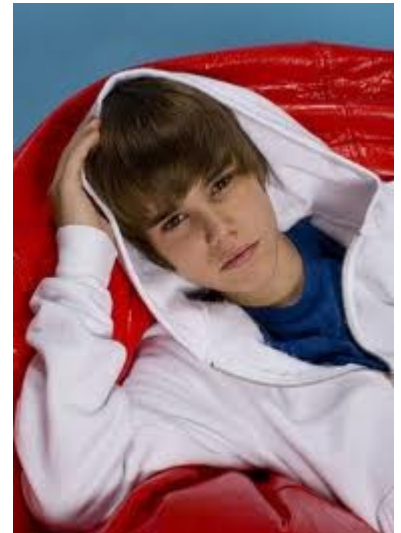
easily get stuck in your head, and you will find yourself singing to yourself a lot.

If you are a love song fanatic, Justin Bieber is for you. Obviously, with all the ladies drooling all over him, he would have many love songs for the girls. Speaking of an anonymous overly obsessive Bieber fan had a lot to say about him. “I have Bieber fever because he is super cute and down to earth. You do not find that in many superstars these days. He is my future dream husband. I listen to his C.D. every moment of every day. It is wonderful!” The My World 2.0 C.D. was released on March 19, 2010. Ever since it has been released, the C.D. has sold over 1.6 billion copies!

Justin Bieber’s first release, “My World”, sold about 137,000 copies in the first week. The songs on the first

C.D. include: “One Time, Favorite Girl, Down to Earth, Bigger, One Less Lonely Girl, First Dance, Love Me, and Common Denominator”. Bieber’s first leading single, “One Time”, achieved the top Billboard honors. His iTunes downloads have also been soaring in sells. My opinion is that the only songs worth listening to are “One Less Lonely Girl” and “Love Me”. I think these two songs are very sweet and fun. The other songs get annoying after listening to them too many times. For instance, his first single “One Time” was played one too many times on radios and got very old.

Justin Bieber will probably be popular on the charts for a long time. If you love pop songs about love and good beats, you will love Bieber. If you are a guy or a girl who gets annoyed by the obsessive girls, buying his C.D.s are probably not a good idea. I recommend the second C.D., “My World 2.0”, because it is much better than the first. Bieber fever will eventually take over the world. Be ready for it!



The Hair Feather Trend

By Bailey Cronin

Have you seen any feathers lately? Most of you may have noticed the growing amount of girls with attached feathers in their hair. The trend has recently taken off and has become very popular. It is said to all have started with the celebs: Steven Tyler from American Idol and Aerosmith, Kesha, Hilary Duff, and Miley Cyrus. As fans and followers have jumped to mimic these people, the number of people with hair feathers has greatly increased.

Where do the feathers come from? According to *USA Today*, most hair feather extensions are known as 'saddles' from a rooster. The main producer is Whiting Farms in Delta, Colorado; from there, the trend spread to California and progressed across the country. The next hottest place to purchase these feathers was surprisingly, bait shops.

The feathers are also used as fly-fishing lures. Many owners of these shops were shocked at the rapid need of these feathers but were happy to see

sales increase. Not only did the amount of feathers purchased increase but the price did also, causing consumers to become upset.

The sudden trend caused a shortage of the feathers. Fishermen found it difficult to find a place to purchase them. Not only did the fishermen become upset, but Animal-Rights activists were also troubled about the subject. They have found that some roosters have been killed in order to obtain the new fad.

So one might ask himself/herself, is it really worth it? Do we take some things too far in today's world, killing for 'beauty'? Or do we just not think about what we are doing, oblivious to the bigger picture?

After asking a fellow student here at Forest Park, Rebekah Thomas, why she decided to purchase a hair feather, she answered, "I love all the different colors that you can choose from; it gives you a chance to really

show your personality." Rebekah has a bright blue feather. "I went to the mall with a group of friends in early August." At this point in time, the trend had hit. "Another friend and I both bought them at a vendor for twelve dollars." The mall is the cheapest place you can get the feathers; however, hair salons can cost up to fifty dollars. "They had a big book full of so many choices. It was difficult to decide." said Rebekah. When asked about her thoughts on the angry fishermen she stated, "I think that they need to be innovative and discover new ways to catch their fish."

Though many people seem to be excited about the new trend, there are people that do not agree with it. Some students do not see the point in the feathers. It all ends up being a personal preference.



Planning For College

By Shelby Bettag

High school is said to be one of the best times of your life. Considering this, time flies when you are having fun, and senior year comes around before you know it. Planning for college during your high school years is essential in the life process. There are many steps in the process to attaining a college plan.

The first step you can take as a high school student is signing up and taking the SAT and ACT tests. These are vital tests that colleges will look at to determine if you're going to be accepted into the college of your choice. Getting the best score possible on both of these tests would be ideal.

Making a list of colleges that you are interested in should be your next step. Figuring out which professional field you are interested in will slim down your col-

lege choices. For example, if you are wanting to become a veterinarian, you have to search for a school that has that major.

Once you have figured out which colleges interest you, the next step is setting up college visits. Forest Park Jr./Sr. High School allows seniors to take two separate college visits of their choice during the school year, which are counted as excused absences. Visiting college or university campuses allows students to decide which school is most ideal for them.

Reviewing your resume and making sure it does not contain any glitches is a necessary step. University admission offices are interested in your academic achievements, but they also want to know what you are like outside of school. They are also interested in extracurricular ac-

tivities, such as sports and clubs that you participated in during your high school years. College admissions directors tend to also look at community service that you may have completed in your free time.

The cost of college is almost always an issue among high school graduates. It would be ideal to maintain a job, if possible, during high school. Scholarships are also a way to help pave your way through college. Take charge of your future and apply for scholarships and private grants, if possible. Scholarships can have a big impact on your future, and determine how much money you are going to have to take out in loans.

Some words of wisdom from the wise and intelligent senior, Erin Schaefer: "Start thinking about what you want to become and where you want to pursue your future early. Procrastination will only put you farther behind. Planning for college is paving your way to a successful future."

