

Panther review

Practice makes perfect

by Justin Hix

While the Panther basketball teams have had a rocky start to district, they still feel good about the way they have played. All of the scores of the first district games have been exceptionally close. The game against Chapel Hill resulted in a final score of 69-72. The panthers barely lost. The team has practice every day to help them critique their plays.

"Practice has changed to allow more time to scrimmage in preparation for more district games," senior Dillon Lewis said.

This allows the team to practice their in game skills.

All of the pre-season games this year have been in preparation for this series of district games.

"We are very prepared and feel confident going into district," senior Parker White said.

While the team hasn't had the season that they had in mind, there are still plenty of games for the Panthers to redeem themselves from this tough beginning.

The Panthers appreciate all their fans, and love the encouragement. So, if you get the chance to go to the game, take it.

The Panthers Gladewater, in Glade water tonight, the first games start at 5:00p.m.

Je Suis Charlie: Tragedy in Paris

Editorial by Alli Hall

Jan. 7, was a day of immense tragedy.

Two armed terrorists stormed into the offices of *Charlie Hebdo*, a satirical newspaper, a dozen people were killed at the site, including 3 police officers.

The next day, civilian hostages were killed by the gunman in a market.

Since the days of the attacks, people across the world have been rising up in protest of terrorism and in support of free press.

The slogan "Je Suis Charlie" (I am Charlie) has become the rallying call of all people, from stars at the Golden Globes to protesters in the streets of Paris.

1.6 million people walked the streets of Paris on January 11, not in protest of the attacks, but in the support of a unified, free, peaceful world.

Present at this march were 40 world leaders, including the president of Israel, and the leaders of England, Germany and Pakistan.

Absent at this march? Us.

Not a single American leader made it to the march,

even though the President's and Vice President's schedules were clear.

Not even Attorney General Eric Holder made an appearance at the march, and he was *in Paris*.

As a result, Americans everywhere have expressed being ashamed of our leaders, and rightly so.

We were misrepresented.

The official White House statement about the absence was that our security detail would distract from the march.

Really? *That's* supposed to make us look better?

A. How pompous are we to say that *our* importance would ever distract from the true meaning of the march, and;

B. Other countries found the way around their own security, and didn't stress about it.

The excuse about the security is obviously a weak one. Whatever the actual reason, I am ashamed. I am ashamed that the world view of America is even more negative than before.

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Dear Darcy

Dear Darcy,
What are the pros and cons about going out of state for college?

-Worried About The Future

Dear Worried About The Future,

Depending on the person, going out of state for college could be a fantastic idea.

With this, you get the experience of new towns and restaurants, new people and fun.

You get an all new start with probably not many people from your past coming with you.

Some go to the same college as their parents, which requires going out of state.

However, this choice isn't exactly perfect either.

Many people who are close to their parents or guardians don't consider this option, due to the fact their families will not be around. They can't easily come home to do laundry or even just visit.

Whether you go to an out-of-state college or not, make the choice that's best for you.

Dear Darcy,
How do you keep a resolution?

-New Year New Me

Dear New Year New Me,

First and foremost, be realistic.

For example, resolving to never eat your favorite food ever again is a recipe for failure.

You want to do something you know you can go at least a full year doing.

Next, rather than going for one immense goal, try to start small until you are finally able to reach your goal.

Definitely do not beat yourself up if you accidentally slip up.

Do the best you can and only take one day at a time.

Resolutions are not easy to keep, but keep trying.

Dear Darcy,
How can I make friends if I am super shy?

-The Introvert

Dear The Introvert,

Try opening up a little and getting out of your shell.

Find others with similar interests, because you will more likely get along with these sorts of people.

Attempt to make one friend, as one friend can help you make others by introducing you to their friends.

Good luck!

If you have any Dear Darcy questions, bring them by Mrs. Tucker's room and check the next issue! Your questions could be selected!



Started from the bottom now we're here

by Sommer Harkins

The most talented members of the Spring Hill High School Blue Brigade competed at Area this past Saturday, January 10, at Chapel Hill, in hopes of advancing to State.

Members have gone to state each year, but for the first time since 1997, 7 aspiring high school musicians will be joining the All-State Band: Samantha Morris, Daniel Vadasz, Brendyn Massey, Hayden Domino, Brandon Dunaway, Tyler Parr, and Kody Jernigan.

"I got second at Region and Area this year. It took a lot of practice to make Region and even more to make State," returning All State percussionist Brandon Dunaway said.

Students practice for consecutive hours each week to play their instruments to the best of their ability and achieve their goals.

"Getting to this point took a lot of time and effort," All-State member Hayden Domino said. "I started working on the music around

the end of school last year."

After months of learning the music, Domino competed at All-Region, earning first chair and later, earning second at Area. This is Domino's first time to make it this far, however some musicians have previously made it.

"I went to state my junior year, and we played really good music, so I'm looking forward to what we'll play this year," Dunaway said.

The pieces the students learn are extremely challenging, so students are anticipating this experience to improve their playing abilities and open doors for their futures.

"I'm excited, because it's an opportunity for me to be surrounded by exceptional musicians, and it also looks good on my resume," Domino, a French hornist, said.

It took a lot of determination and long practice sessions for these musicians to get this opportunity.

Soccer Girls Making Progress

by Brooke Williams

The Spring Hill Lady Panther soccer team started out their season with several losses but have started to make strides towards a successful season.

As of this past Tuesday, the girls have lost seven games, but have won three and tied one.

"We definitely have some work to do," sophomore Grace Stark said.

With these losses behind them, the Lady Panthers will press on with a greater understanding of their team dynamic.

"We've had a tough preseason so far, but when we all work together and push ourselves, we're unbreakable," sophomore Hannah Belt said.

It's only a matter of time before the girls find their groove and tip the balances to have a winning record.

The game on Tuesday was a hard loss for the girls, but they scored "two beautiful goals" according to sophomore Avery Barnhill.

District Begins Feb 13 for the girls. Between now and then, they have to work together more efficiently and start winning games in order to balance out their record.