

Column of the Issue:

Finding yourself in high school

High school is probably one of the most miserable places for some people, especially if you are different or awkward or whatever the case may be. That is why when you find your niche, it is very important that you hold on to it throughout the years.

For some it is art, choir, band, or maybe sports. One "belonging" to something like that I can say that has saved my life on more than one occasion though, is journalism.

I have had Mrs. Nichols since I was in eighth grade (I'm a junior now). I was one of those kids that was used to calling her "Eubank" and was thrown off for about a year after she was married.

Over the years, I have come to realize how passionate I am about journalism, and have realized what I love to do. Not everyone can say that they figured that out during high school. Whether it is yearbook, newspaper or dealing with junior high kids this class is always the best part of my day.

I would like to advise anyone who struggles

with school or anything else, do find what makes them happy. When you wake up in the morning it helps to have something to look forward to. Walking into room 115 every morning puts a smile on my face, even when it drives me crazy.

Other kids may say the same thing. Maybe football changed your life. Maybe being in a club helped you become a better person. It is different for everyone.

If you are a social hermit, and you cannot wait to get out of this place, it would not hurt to consider taking up a simple group or club or whatever it is you are interested in to help speed up the time.

Take it from me, it will not hurt you.

Nonetheless, I just want to tell people how meaningful Mrs. Nichols' classes are, and not only that, but how helpful it is to have a "thing" in high school. Without something to guide us we are easily lost and confused and as adolescence, we already have enough of that.

Story and Art by Samantha Patton

What you will look like if you take my advice.



Me (on the inside) every day in Mrs. Nichols' class.

STAFF ED We see you!

Security in schools has changed immensely since the days of Columbine. Enhanced security exists to keep students out of trouble and to protect students and staff. Schools have been able to boost security with the help of software such as security cameras. How does this feature affect students at PHS? How does the *Paolite* staff feel about this?

We on the *Paolite* staff have several mixed feelings about the new security technology installed throughout the school. Half of us believe that the cameras have helped reduce trouble and half of us believe that the cameras are pretty much pointless.

Those of us who believe the cameras are a good feature say that the cameras put fear in students which keeps them out of trouble and mischief. We believe that if trouble and mischief does occur the principals can look back on the cameras and solve the problem a lot easier without having to try to decide what really happened. We believe that if the cameras were watched more closely after school that a lot of problems would not occur. Half of us believe that the cameras are a useful security feature.

On the other hand, some of us believe that the cameras don't serve any purpose in the school. We believe that if kids are causing mischief then they don't really care if they're been seen or if they get caught. We also believe that kids are going to be immature whether they are being watched or not. We also believe that even if students are being watched, that the principals don't take action about mischief that is seen.

The majority of us at the *Paolite* staff believe there is not a negative side to having cameras in the hall. We believe that as long as cameras stay in the hallways only and not come into classrooms, rest rooms or locker rooms, then it's not invading privacy. We believe that cameras in the gym aren't a problem because people can watch you while you are in gym class with our without a camera.

We at the *Paolite* staff believe that the new cameras make us feel safer. We believe that since the security at the front doors is controlled by the office staff that the staff has total control of who comes and goes. We also believe that the cameras have no effect on our personal feelings of safety.

We believe that some behavior of students has changed since the installment of the cameras but personally we feel like it hasn't affected us as individuals.

Overall, we have mixed feelings towards the cameras. Half of us believe the cameras are useful while some of us believe they serve no purpose.

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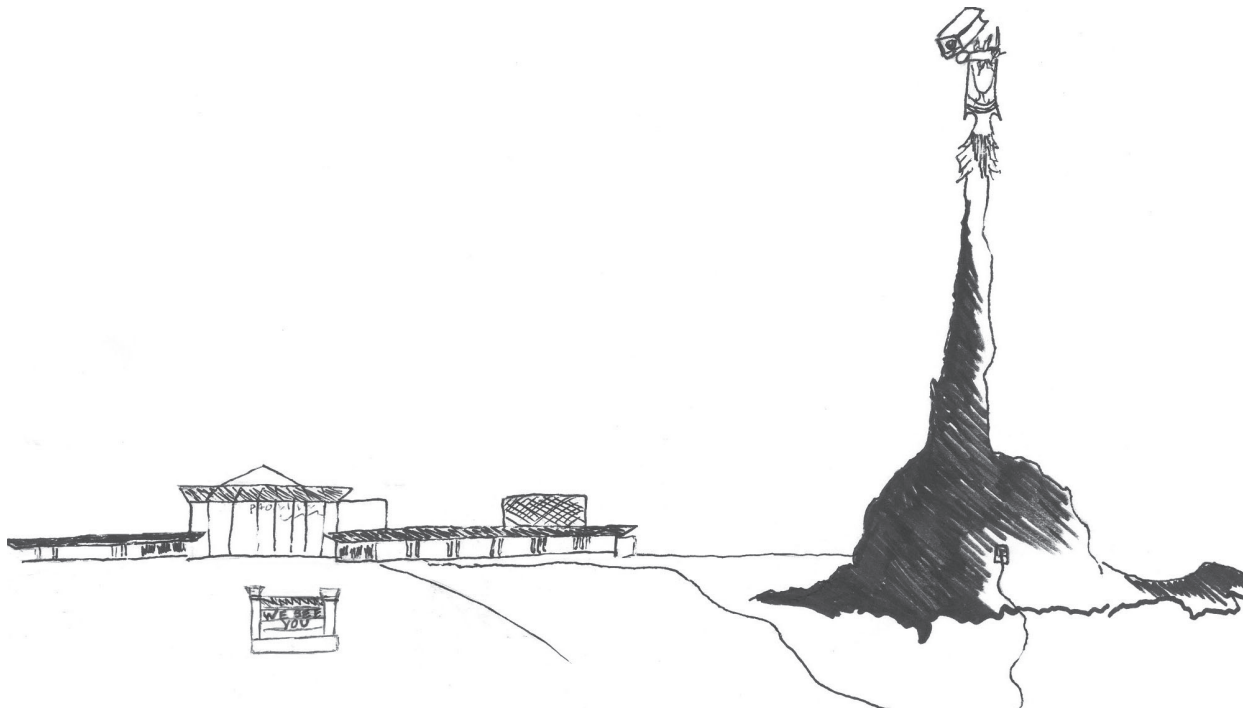


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The EYE of PHS



Art by Gracen Dunn

HITS & MISSES

The Paolite Staff takes a look at PHS culture and world events to rate the hits and misses.

HITS

End of the school year
It was unanimous.

Yoga-pant fad
The girls seem to like them and the boys do not mind.

Twitter
Shelby Waynick gives it a 10.
#shelovestotweet

Prom 2012
It rocked Taylor Pigg's socks.

Reality TV shows
We have our own problems.

Remakes of movies in 3D
It really depends on the movie, some are awesome, others seem pointless.

Finals
Get serious.

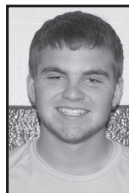
MISSES

By Gracen Dunn & Paolite Staff

YOU SAID... What are your plans for summer vacation?



"Go on vacation to Hawaii."
Senior
Courtney Compton



"Church mission trip to Michigan."
Sophomore
Spencer Cornwell



"Move to Henryville."
Junior
Cory Hunt



"Getting more hours in at my job."
Senior
Erin Sneed



"Working on college stuff."
Biology teacher
Jill Taylor



"Spending time with family and friends."
Freshman
Emilee Waynick



"Going To Disney World ."
Senior
Alexa Brewster



"Starting my career in taxidermy. Riding lots of horses. Every weekend going to rodeos and enjoying the summer."
Senior
Rachel Manship

Info by Cassidy Daugherty