

Bands 'battle' for graduation funds

Hidden Drive from Dallas, sponsored by Bekin A-1 Movers, was the winner of the 2008 Battle of the Bands competition held at Dallas High School, receiving a \$250 prize for its efforts. Band members are Matt Hall, vocals; Matt Alles, drums and vocals; Andy Judge, guitar and vocals; Justin Hall, guitar; and Sarah Szczucki, bass guitar.

Other bands participating in the contest were Bad Habit, Dragon Bearfish Shaman, Evolve 180, Fridge Full of Popsicles, Hollywood Refugees, Sliced Bread and The Statues. Coordinated by Dallas High School students and overseen by senior class advisors Tom Gilroy and Joanne Drayer, Battle of the Bands is a fundraiser that provides funds for graduation events.

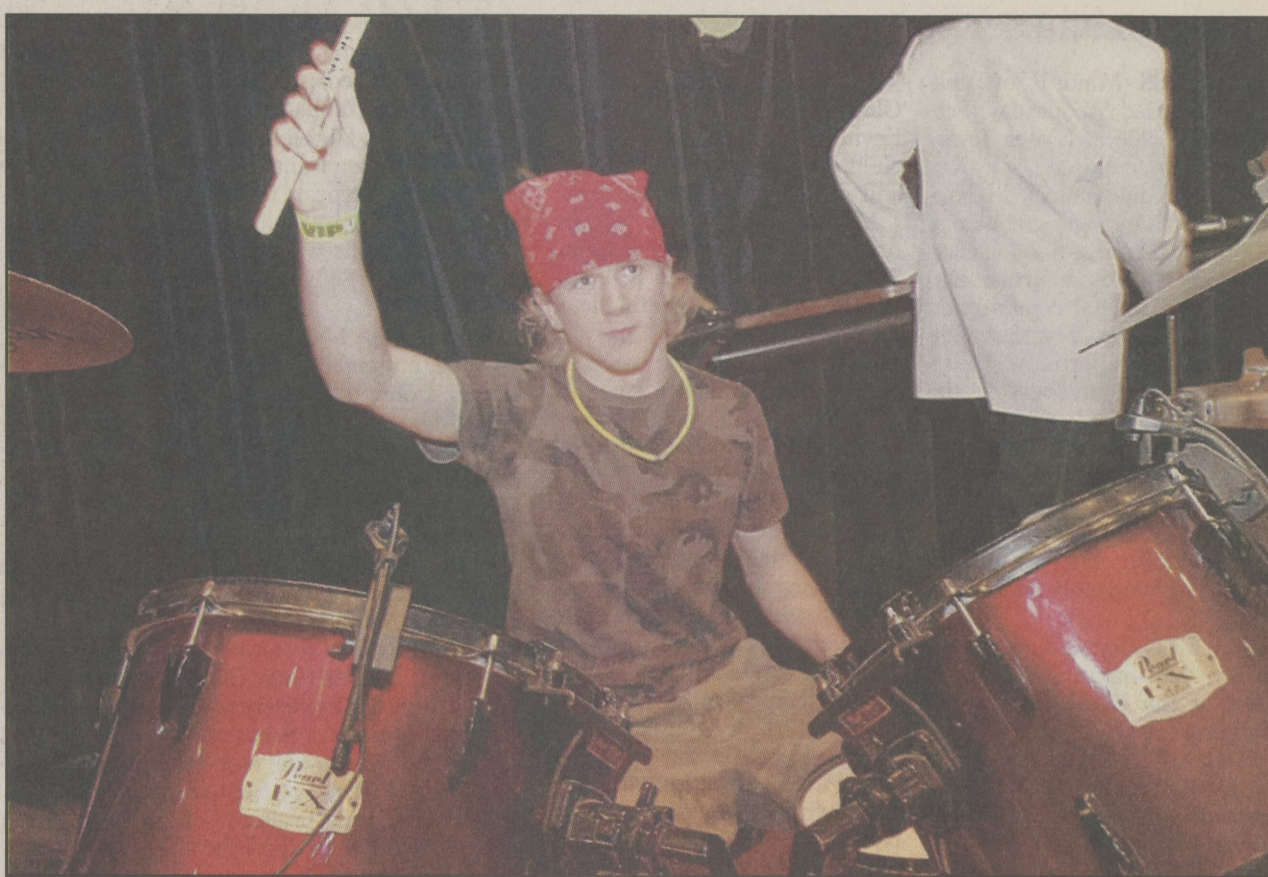
The competition was for area high school students with "garage" bands. The bands that competed were selected after auditioning in February and included bands from Dallas, Mountain Top and as far away as Dunmore. Band members

wrote their own music, played typical instruments but also played unusual ones such as a sitar.

Every band was given 15 minutes to set up and 20 minutes to play for the crowd of approximately 500. Their music was enhanced by the professional sound equipment from S & L Sound Systems. Bands were judged on their technique and control of instruments, their performance, presentation and overall entertainment value.

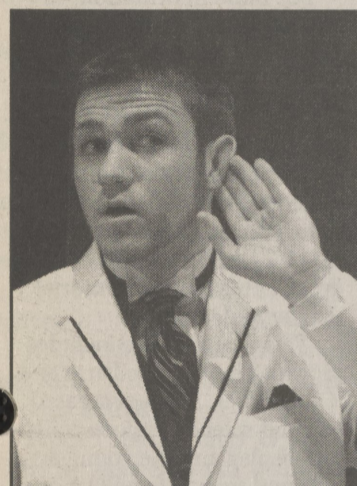
Second-place winners, Fridge Full of Popsicles of Dunmore sponsored by Catherine Delaney, won \$100. The band's name comes from the fact that its members always have a popsicle break during their practices. After winning, Fridge Full of Popsicles passed out popsicles to the crowd.

Third-place winners, Dragon Bear Fish Shaman from Crestwood High School and sponsored by Pioneer Abstract Co., won \$50.



Michael Jayne performs as the drummer for "The Statues" at the Dallas Senior High School Battle of the Bands.

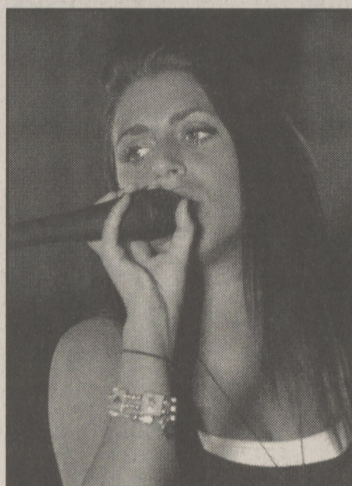
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Emcee D.J. Carey indicates he's having a tough time hearing the crowd.



Chris Jayne is the lead vocal for "The Statue" and is accompanied by Jake Reinert at the Dallas Senior High School Battle of the Bands.



Brittany Rice is the lead vocalist for "Evolve 180."



"EVOLVE 180" was the opening performance at a Battle of the Bands at Dallas Senior High School. Brandon, Brittany and Tyler Rice perform here.



Academic propper proved a standard at Dallas High School over the past few weeks. With success achieved in the arena of academic competition by both the Forensics Team and the LifeSmarts Team, Dallas students have demonstrated superior skill. Each of the aforementioned competitions require extensive training and review on the part of student participants and the superb results gained by the students is a testament to their hard work and dedication over the past months and years.

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compete in the national qualifying tournament.

Working on a condensed schedule with skills acquired through many hours of practice, the team worked to its optimum potential and three seniors earned a place in the national competition. Due to hard work, passion and the aid of coaches Mrs. Fike and Mrs. Mould, seniors Rosemary Shaver placed second in Student Congress; Lauren Kelly placed third in Dramatic Performance and David Hunter placed fourth in Extemporaneous Speaking and will travel to Appleton, Wisconsin over Memorial Day weekend to participate in nationals.

The top four students in each category, varying from speech and debate to acting, advance on to the national competition, so it is a great honor to have three Dallas students among them.

Congratulations are also in order for Michelle Banta and Emily Baut who made it to the final rounds in Dramatic Duo and just missed nationals, as well as team members Anna Kammen, Peter Blanchard, Casey Baldwin, Hillary Grube, Shannon Brobst, Alysa Dolman and Emma Pfeiffer.

Just a few days previous to the excellence grasped by the Forensics Team in Scranton, Dallas High School's LifeSmarts Team competed in the state competition in Harrisburg on February 26. Requiring vast preparation and dedication, the student participants on the LifeSmarts Team have channeled their passion into unbelievable success this year.

LifeSmarts is a national competition which challenges high school students in the areas of personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities.

Guided by team captain Drew Clouse and coach Mr. West, Dallas team members Katelyn Reinert, Kim Coscia, Tim Reinert and Pierce Donovan mastered the five completion topics to such a degree that they managed to achieve third place in the state competition, narrowly missing the championship round of competition.

While in Harrisburg for the competition, the team was privileged to meet Attorney General Tom Corbett as well as State Representative Karen Boback and State Senator Lisa Baker. Congratulations to the LifeSmarts Team which has consistently attained excellence over the past years

March 1st also brought the annual senior class fundraiser, Battle of the Bands. Bands participating in this six band contest were Bad Habit, Dragon Bearfish Shaman, Evolve 180, Fridge Full of Popsicles, Hidden Drive, Hollywood Refugees, Sliced Bread, and The Statues. The \$250 first prize award was granted to contest winners Hidden Drive.

Congratulations to Hidden Drive and thanks to all the teachers and students for working hard to make the event possible, especially senior class advisors Mr. Tom Gilroy and Mrs. Joanne Drayer.

Community members should also be aware that Dallas High School's spring play production will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15.

The British comedy "Blithe

Spirit" will be performed on this date with Chris Jayne inhabiting the male lead of Charles Condomine.

Playing opposite Chris are Ashley Zerfoss as Charles' wife Ruth, Sarah Siegel as Charles' first wife Elvira and Rachel Kesselman as Madame Arati, the physisc.

If at all possible, take an hour or two out of your day to come see the drama club's final production of the year.

Many performers will take their final bow on the stage of Dallas High School as they will graduate at the conclusion of the school year.

Among these departing seniors are Chris Jayne, Rachael Kesselman and Sarah Siegel.

Rosemary Shaver is a senior at Dallas High School. Her column appears every other week in The Dallas Post.

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