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World shocked by Virginia Tech shootings

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Copy Editor

It was a sad day on April 16, 2007 in Virginia, a day that no one will forget. It all happened on what seemed a regular Monday in Blacksburg, Virginia; however, one that changed the lives of many.

At 7:15 A.M., shots were heard out of the Ambler Johnston dorm room. Students were not warned about these shootings until two hours later, and by that time, it was too late. At 9:45 A.M., the shooter opened fire once again at Norris Hall, and then again at 10:15 A.M. Finally, after more than three hours of hell for the people at Va. Tech, the shootings stopped, and everyone was finally going to be able to see the damage the shooter had done.

The shooter reportedly killed 32 innocent people, and hospitalized nine others. He then took his own life. Everyone waited in anticipation to see who caused this much harm to such a peaceful community. Police

stated that there was a second shooter, since the students weren't warned until two hours after the first shooting. Authorities reportedly were interviewing the boyfriend of one of the victims, and when they realized he was not the shooter, they finally sent an e-mail out to the students warning them of a killer on the loose.

Many of the students still went about their daily rituals, and when the shooter entered Norris Hall, students tried to escape any way they could, even resorting to jumping out of the window. However, some did heroic deeds, and tried to prevent him from killing more. One teacher, Liviu Librescu, tried to block the doorway so students could flee; some started to jump out of the windows to escape. The shooter eventually killed Librescu as well.

After a full day of investigating, the identity of the killer was released. His name was Cho Seung-Hui, a 22-year-old immigrant from South Korea who came to America over 15

years ago and was raised in the D.C area. Cho was majoring in English at Virginia Tech, but his writing style frightened many of the teachers, calling him "troubled". According to many of the students who knew him, Cho was a loner who always tried to stay isolated from the world. Students also stated that Cho was involved in a previous incident on campus in which he stalked several female students and told them he wanted to kill himself. The students immediately told the police about this. However, no one could have imagined Cho could go on a violent rampage, killing many innocent people.

The massacre has now revived the debate over U.S gun controls laws, which are the most lenient in the Western world. ABC news reported that Cho purchased a 9-millimeter hand gun from a local gun shop for \$571. Nevertheless, for the 32 families and friends of the victims, April 16, 2007 will never be forgotten.



(AP/Collegiate Times)

Two Sheriff officers patrol the Virginia Tech campus the day of the shootings, April 16.

Pratt High Opinion:

How do you feel about the events at Virginia Tech, and has it changed how safe you feel at school?

"It saddens me that in today's age, someone feels they have to end someone's life to prove a point. It also made me feel happy to go to Pratt, where it's safe and I know everybody." - Ben Eastes, sr.



"It was really sad and kinda creepy to know anyone could do that." -Naomi Williams, so.

"It kind of makes me want to wear a bullet-proof vest to school." -Chris Shumway, jr.



Violence erupts in Darfur

Meghan Connelly
Head Staff Writer

Fresh water, food, and shelter—necessities most Americans don't think about twice daily. Conventional amenities such as these often blind citizens to international conflicts, directing their attention instead, to issues with which they are directly affected. However, thousands of miles from suburbia and fuel-efficient cars, a war so barbaric and uncouth rages not even the most solicitous humanitarians can successfully restrain.

Traditionally Sudan's government Arab militias have been accused of war crimes solely against black African tribes. However, according to statistics released March 22 a far more menacing dispute has erupted, suggesting increased violence and displacement.

Both Arabs in the western Sudanese region of Darfur and black African ethnic groups have been affected by genocide over the course of the past three years. Due to inhumane slaughter 200,000 people have been killed while some 2 million remain

displaced. In the latest twist, Arab militias armed by the Sudanese government, turn their guns against one another as a counter-insurgency strategy. Only in recent months have inter-Arab clashes occurred, raising the death toll by 200 in southern Darfur. "This is absolutely new," said Marian Sadiq Mahdi, responding to inter-tribal fights.

Marian, daughter of former Sudanese Prime Minister Sadiq Mahdi, is not the only one surprised by the newest hostilities. Experts say Arab tribes are beginning to panic, wondering how Darfur's political future can possibly be established.

According to the L.A. Times, March 22, "Thousands of Arabs have been forced into makeshift displacement camps around towns such as Kas, Nyala, and Zalingei". The most brutal battles have revolved around former allies, Reizegat (powerful group of Arab pastorals) and smaller Arab tribe of semi-nomadic farmers known as Targen.

Targen lost 32 villages last month due to Reizgat torching. During one raid four children were executed while sleeping.

Amid the chaos and tyrannical atmosphere of the region some remain optimistic, providing new ideas to assess the situation.

"Ultimately, these people are going to have to live together," said Cate Steains, acting head of the UN mission El Fasher. "The more we isolate them and tarnish them psychologically it can only serve to make them feel more defensive. We need to engage all groups, including the Arabs, if we want to achieve peace".

Currently, all indications point toward a very long and bloodthirsty war. With strong leadership from the United States—among other countries, may the people of Darfur put an end once and for all to such diabolical ways.

iPods used as cheating devices

Katie Walters
Staff Writer

Schools all around the world have started a trend by banning iPods from classrooms. Principals are banning iPods altogether rather than just not allowing them during tests because of how easily you can hide them in your clothing. It has become apparent that iPods are not only being used to listen to music, but students have found their way around to cheat on tests.

For the students in Meridian, Idaho that obviously don't have enough time on their hands have found different ways to cheat, such as recording their voice and hiding crib notes in their text files.

As for a private school in Sydney, International Grammar School had banned them for social reasons. The principal, Kerrie Murphy, claimed that iPods lead to social isolation. Mrs. Murphy said, "It's important for kids to be talking to one another at school, socialising and being a part of the community. That's why they come to school, to be connected."

However, not all Principals are thinking alike. President of Victorian Principals Association, Fred Ackerman, thinks that the iPods benefits are too great to be ignored. He said, "The iPod is part of the technological revolution and it's here to stay."

Michael Fitzgerald, assistant principal of Heathmont College, said, "The students are definitely more engaged. The iPods allow them to follow things at their own pace, so they're not getting lost."

Tornadoes leave wake of destruction

Joe Schmisser
Head Staff Writer

On Friday, May 4 a tornado ravaged the town of Greensburg, Kansas, destroying 95 percent of the city. The devastation displaced hundreds of people and killed at least 10. Both President Bush and Governor Sebelius have designated the town a disaster area and Bush even visited the site on Wednesday.

The tornado was the first ever to reach the level of EF5 (Enhanced Fujita) a method of determining the strength of tornados based on both the destruction and wind speed. The tornado was the deadliest in the United States since 1999 and it was estimated to be 1.4 miles wide and have winds up to 205 mph.

The nation has been quick to respond to the events. FEMA and Red Cross teams have already arrived at the scene and the National Guard has moved in

to help. The presence of the Guard has actually caused some controversy because some Guardsmen were supposedly caught pillaging and have been arrested.

The Governor has commented that the War in Iraq has slowed down the response to Greensburg because so many members of the Kansas National Guard and so much of its equipment has been deployed.

The destruction was so total that it caught more than just the eye of the nation. Newspapers and television stations, including the British Broadcasting Company, all across the world covered the events of May 4.

With the near complete destruction of Greensburg the only question that really remains is will the townspeople try to rebuild or simply move on.

Singer's house burns to ground

Audrey Kisner
Staff Writer

The country home of legendary singer Johnny Cash burned down on Wednesday, April 11, in the middle of renovations leaving nothing but a charred steel skeleton in its place. The three-story building was home to Johnny and his wife June Carter Cash from 1968 to 2003 when they tragically died within months of each other. The home of the late country star was being renovated for Barry Gibb of the Bee Gees, who bought the house from the Cash heirs last year and had plans to use it as a vacation home. Gibb was hoping to move in by summer, as the renovations were almost complete. A fire official reported that the blaze started when a wood preservative ignited from a spark given off by fumes.

Seniors

Don't forget to
turn in your senior
wills, ASAP.



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Days of school left for seniors

9

Days of school left for everyone else

14

Days until Pirates of the Caribbean 3 premiere

17

Days until the pool opens

70

Days until the final Harry Potter book release

362,948

Days until the new millenium

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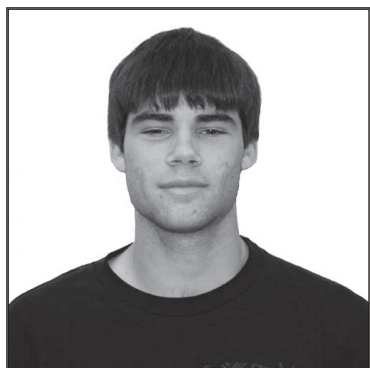
MIRROR MIRROR on the wall... ”

“If you could rename any day of the week, which day would you change, what would you rename it, and why?”

Jenna Gatz
Ad Manager



“Instead of renaming one, I would just add -la to the end of all of them...Mondayla, Tuesdayla, etc.”
-Dayla Garten, sr.



“I would rename Tuesday to Snoozeday, so I can sleep all day. I guess...”
- Jake King, jr.



“I would change every day to Saturday so we would never have school.”
-Justin Schneider, fr.



“Monday should be renamed Sat-Sunday. Who wouldn't like a three-day weekend?”
- Mrs. Graff, faculty



“Monday to YAG day, because Addie told me to.”
-Rebecca Slief, soph.

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Emily McIntosh
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You've all seen the new Mac computer ads (“Hello, I'm a Mac” “And I'm a PC.”). These ads promote the user-friendly entertainment qualities of Desktop and Laptop computers from Mac. I've recently become aware that these advertisements, broadcast on television stations across the nation, are causing some Internet backlash from PC-lovers. Those devoted to their PCs have now created commercials toting the great qualities a PC has to offer over its counterpart, the Mac. The best of these commercials I have encountered so far are located on the home page of an independent advertising guru, lauriemcguinness.com. Whether you're a PC lover, a Mac user, have learned to love qualities of both, or even if you have absolutely no idea what I'm talking about, the PC commercials at www.lauriemcguinness.com offer a humorous look at computers and how they relate to our lives.

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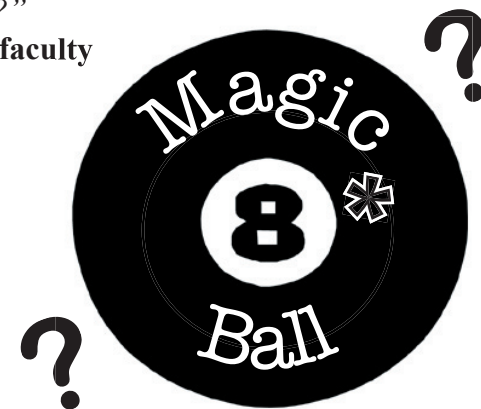
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Neil Goss
Photography Editor

How do you think the spring sports are going to turn out, 8* Ball?

Reasonably well, I imagine.

But will they ever be able to play or compete? The weather has been crazy.

Yes, they will be playing hard here pretty soon, Mother Nature is just a little upset right now. She said that all will be well in no time.

That's good to hear. Are you upset the year is almost over? It's coming to a quick close.

No, I'm not upset. I'm beside myself with elation...yeah I'm upset, I have to go the closet for three months.

Eric and Joe's

HORRORSCOPES

Joe Schmisser and Eric Kocher
Head Staff Writer and Staff Photographer

Aquarius

You stay awake for 72 hours straight, studying for a test worth 75% of your grade. But when you get to class, you will find that the teacher has canceled it. But you WILL find a nickel!

Pisces

I don't know what you did, but the Barron was closed, and all fingers point to you. . .

Aries

You will be forced to watch some horrid new musical with a terrible lead singer.

Taurus

You will be angered when you think that you have received a \$1 tip on a \$70 ticket. But you then find that it is indeed a \$100 tip. Your anger will quickly dissipate.

Gemini

Today, after spilling hot coffee on some lady's lap, you will be sued for every penny you own.

Cancer

Don't go to Candy Mountain. You will have your kidney stolen. This message brought to you by a magical leopleradon and the letter "Y".

Leo

To day you will be sucked into your computer. Into the *N Game*. And your shift button is broken. Haha.

Virgo

You will perform an obscene gesture toward what you think is your best friend's vehicle. You soon find out that it is Mr. Nightingale's car.

Libra

While hiking in the Amazon, make sure to avoid the dreaded "Toothpick Fish".

Scorpio

Today your long-term relationship will abruptly end when you accidentally cut off your significant other's foot with the bottle opener on the bottom of your sandal.

Sagittarius

Your musical talent will finally be noticed and you will be given your own Broadway musical!

Capricorn

You will find a traditional Kazakhi wedding sack lying in the middle of the street. Great success!



NeNe & CoCo's NEVERENDING ADVENTURES



Starring: Neil Goss and Courtney Witten, with photography help by Meghan Connelly



THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE!



After making it to Nemesissy's front door, the anticipation to end this feud boils in NeCo's blood. NeNe reaches for the doorknob with his hand trembling from the fear of what lies ahead. They are well aware that they must push their mind powers beyond their abilities to even get close to defeating Nemesissy.

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NeNe swings the door open, revealing a high, vanishing staircase and the powerfully evil Nemesissy. He reeks of dictating power and the need to be torn down. The look in his eyes could kill a man. His powers will test NeCo beyond belief.

After spotting Nemesissy, NeNe and CoCo attempt to make an early move in the fight. Nemesissy, slightly thrown off guard, runs away making his way to the high loft up a sketchy ladder. NeCo do the only thing they can think to do: follow him.

Summoning their combined strength, NeNe and CoCo begin shooting magical, mystical mind powers towards Nemesissy. For the time being they have Nemesissy on defense. Things could end up favoring NeNe and CoCo.

In the scuffle, Nemesissy knocks NeNe to the floor with powers unknown to NeCo. He dangles precariously over the edge; Nemesissy attempts to eliminate NeNe once and for all. CoCo luckily stops him with a piece of scrap metal.

After CoCo stopped Nemesissy from killing NeNe, it made her the one thing on Nemesissy's mind. He focused all his strength and magic upon her. NeNe sits up and releases defense power toward Nemesissy ending with no positive result.



While Nemesissy was knocked out, NeNe grabbed CoCo and ran for the outdoors; he had to try and revive her. Nemesissy will have to be eliminated on a later date. While running down the staircase Nemesissy gained consciousness, and watched NeCo exit his lair knowing too that this would be handled not later on...but soon.



NeNe gets to his feet too late. Once he makes himself a part of the fight again, Nemesissy stabs CoCo with the dreaded "Magical Staff." NeNe's effort to stop him failed.

After killing CoCo, Nemesissy gloats about it and feels no remorse. In the midst of the death, NeNe can't be found by Nemesissy. Nemesissy begins to be fearful of his life.

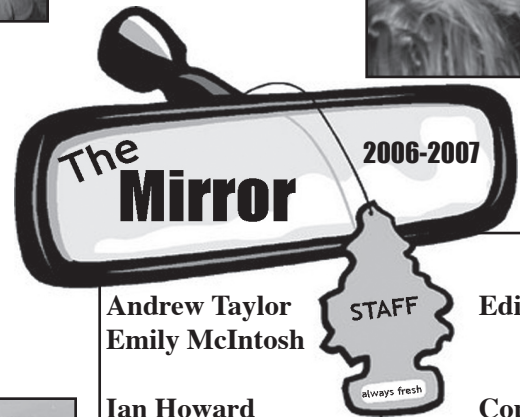
Nemesissy jumps down from the loft and creeps around quietly looking for NeNe. Ne Ne perches himself high upon the cage surrounding Nemesissy's loft in an attempt to surprise him. Nemesissy spots NeNe and tries to shoot him with a deadly power, but NeNe shoots first. He hits Nemesissy knocking him out for two minutes.



After about 23 seconds of trying to revive Co Co, Ne Ne falls to the ground, lifeless, at Co Co's head. The two appear dead, Ne Ne and Co Co dead forever, left to be found by an elated Nemesissy of his dirty work done and completed.



Running out the back door, Ne Ne finds it to be snowing. He takes Co Co to a flat rock near a lake located in Nemesissy's vast acres. Lying there lifeless, CoCo looks dead, no hope. NeNe immediately begins reviving her with every amount of power he possesses. This could easily kill NeNe in the process.



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WILL NEMESSISSY FIND NECO DEAD ON THE GROUND? WILL THEY PERHAPS EXPERIENCE REVIVAL BY A POWER-POSSESSING MONK? WHAT WILL HAPPEN, NO ONE IS REALLY SURE OF, BUT THE ISSUE WILL TELL. SO TUNE IN NEXT ISSUE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS!

THANK YOU.

Music



AROUND THIS TIME IN HISTORY

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Arcade Fire – *Neon Bible*

Known to me as one of the most progressive indie rock bands currently pushing popular music, Arcade Fire released their newest listening beauty, *Neon Bible*. This is the second album from this fresh band. You can definitely hear their first album's sound in the music but with an added knowledge and attempt of what must be done. "Keep the Car Running" was the first track that popped out at me with an up-tempo, elating sense to it. The power, importance, and beauty of the vocals in this track astound me and please me beyond musical belief. One of my favorite songs on this record was "Neon Bible." This song gives me tastes of Mark Mothersbaugh for sure, which of course, is always a blessing thing. After that comes the organ-soaked single entitled "Intervention." This amazing single blows minds with its purity and ability to easily release euphoria. To be simple, this is a brilliant track. "Black Wave/Bad Vibrations" consists of a beautiful, ear-pleasing female vocal, a very tasteful song indeed. An uplifting song can found at the seventh track, "The Well and the Lighthouse." This song is roughly soft if that makes sense. It is a very important song to the *Neon Bible* album. Arcade Fire wraps up its piece of genius with "My Body is a Cage." It starts off super-slow then incorporates their strapping, bliss-soaked organ to up the comfort level. This album might not be for everyone, but I still advise you to try it out. You could listen to it and fall in love, but even if you don't, you wouldn't have wasted your time.



- 1758 James Monroe, fifth U.S. president is born.
- 1788 Maryland ratified the U.S. Constitution.
- 1789 Mutiny against British naval captain William Bligh on his ship, the *Bounty*.
- 1795 Charles Sturt, British explorer of Australia born.
- 1986 Maurices opens its doors in Pratt.
- 1988 Don Buhler is named master teacher
- 2006 School Board approves laptop initiative

Movie Reviews

Courtney Witten
Staff Writer

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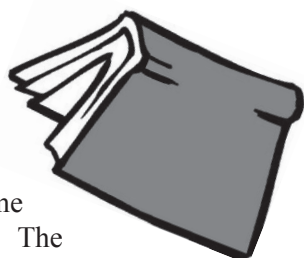
I bet a bunch of you guys have seen this but I decided to review it anyways. I thought it was really good...pretty graphic but pretty good. Of course I saw it in the theatre with Josh and everytime I hear Xerxes' voice, I can hear Josh's voice ("Yes Leonitus...I like gold eyeshadow...Yeaaaah.") It is a pretty good flick though...check it out. You're in for a lot of slow-motion glistening 8 packs.

Renaissance Man

Okay so I kind of cheated. This was a movie we watched in Shakespeare with Ms. Kahmeyer. It was alright, I guess. It's kind of one of those movies you watch while you wait for South Park to come on or something. Pretty good though.

Recommended

Reading



Ana Whitson
Staff Writer

Tamar: Mal Peet

The reason this book intrigued me was the fact that it was based on WW2. The story begins with the Grandfather wanting his son to name their baby Tamar. His son didn't know exactly why, but named her Tamar anyway. After the suicide of Tamar's grandfather there were a lot of questions as to why he would do this. He left Tamar a box of clues that she thought would lead her to his cause of death. At first, she was mad at him, and didn't open it, but she eventually opened it out of curiosity. The book goes back and forth from WW2 in Holland and the present. When Tamar follows the clues, it leads to a surprise that would forever change her life.

The Bell Jar: Sylvia Plath

Plath wrote a story based on her own personal struggles. For me, the beginning of the book wasn't very catchy, but once I got though that, it was captivating. This story reminded me over and over again of how the women in the fifties weren't given much of a choice to break the mold; they were expected to all think and act alike. As a result, these women were often unstable and overstressed. Sylvia Plath's story is a good example of what happens to a person who has so many ambitions in life, but sadly as a result of reality, finds her breaking point. I STONGLY recommend this book to anyone!

VIDEO GAME REVIEW:

THE ELDER SCROLLS IV: THE SHIVERING ISLES

Joe Schmisser
Head Staff Writer

If you have done every quest, raided every dungeon, and collected every item in the *Oblivion*, but still have a thirst for fantasy action then you are in luck. Bethesda just released *The Shivering Isles*, the first official expansion to *Oblivion*, on the Xbox Live Marketplace and for purchase for computer. *The Shivering Isles* opens up a whole new realm, roughly one quarter of the size of the original game, and offers many new dungeons to explore, enemies to kill, items to collect, and quests to complete.

The adventure begins when a strange gate in one of Cyrodiil's many lakes that opens into the realm of the Shivering Isles (the place, not the expansion). The Isles belong to Sheogorath, Daedric Prince of Madness, and the twisted landscape and bright colors reflect the mental state of the ruler.

The people in the realm are just as crazy as the landscape. An adventurer could encounter anything from a man afraid of walls to an Argonian that misses his singing fork. Much of the dialogue is new and some of it is absolutely insane. Some of the crazier lines come from the Prince himself. When Sheogorath first meets you he states that he is "...so happy to see you that I could rip out your intestines and strangle you with them," in a wonderful Scottish accent.

Most of the quests have their own tune of crazy as well. One of the characters wants you to find his missing calming pants, and another is so depressed with life that he wants you to kill him. The new main quest has the adventurer stopping the Forces of Order from destroying the Realm of Madness. The graphics are the same as the original *Oblivion* graphics, but there are plenty of new visuals that take full use of the engine.

The only problem with *The Shivering Isles* is not actually the game but a bug that comes with the download. There is a glitch that makes items disappear after playing for a while. It started to effect me after around 10 hours, but it is not supposed to effect most people until after 100 hours. It effects both versions but they have released a patch for the PC version.

If you enjoy *Oblivion* then get *The Shivering Isles*, but you may want to wait until they get the bug fixed. But if you don't care about loosing your stuff go ahead and get it.

Netters fail to qualify

Emily McIntosh
Editor-In-Chief

The Pratt High boys tennis team has been busy with both regular and rescheduled meets the past few weeks.

The team's seniors, Travis Ward and Andrew Taylor, played doubles this season, coming up against very difficult opponents in the first few meets. They beat Ellsworth (8-1), Elyria (7-5), and shut out Haven (8-0). A heartbreaking loss to Scott City (7-9) led to losses against Chaparral, Claflin, Dodge City, and Larned. Ward and Taylor's consistent style brought them back, however, for wins against Goodland (8-1) and Kingman (7-0), as well as a close win over Ellinwood (8-7). Their 3-1 record at the Larned tournament earned them second place.

Also playing doubles are Logan Barker, soph., and Josh Rennaker, fr. Their scores varied as well, and they ended up playing the same teams at many different meets. The pair played Russell High in five matches this season, winning one (6-4). Other wins came against Chaparral (8-6), Elyria (7-5), and Kingman (8-6). Matches against

Circle, Wichita Central, and Goodland all resulted in 6-8 losses, and the team suffered a couple tough matches against Claflin (0-6) and (2-6) and Andover Central (0-8).

Playing singles this year are Greg Jones, so., and Jacob Whitson, fr. The young element of the team has made this year somewhat of a learning experience. The next few meets seemed a bit of a letdown as Jones faced older opponents to lose to Dodge City, Haven, Ellinwood, Goodland, and Chaparral. Jones beat Larned (8-5), and placed third at the Larned tournament. In a later meet, however, Jones experienced a let-down as he lost to Larned (8-8) (3-7).

Whitson suffered shutouts to Scott City, Claflin, and Kingman, but fared better against Goodland (3-8), Chaparral (3-7), and Dodge City (4-8). Whitson's season took a positive turn with a (7-0) win over Elyria.

The team's inexperience showed once again in regionals as they failed to qualify a single player for state.

Hitting the links

Eric Kocher
Staff Photographer

The PHS golf team is having a great season so far. With strong showings by the varsity (1st at Chaparral, 2nd at Nickerson) and the JV (1st at St. John, 3rd at Skyline, and 1st at Chaparral), this year's team is shaping up to be one of the best in recent memory. Led by seniors Ben Eastes, Ryan Ford, and Aaron Landry, the varsity team took to the links April 3rd at Chaparral. Danny Mason, jr., played excellently and placed 1st. Eastes had a good

day as well, taking home the bronze medal. At the Highlands in Hutchinson, Eastes surpassed Mason, taking home 2nd place. The weather hasn't helped the team out much though, with the recent postponement of Mulvane. It was rescheduled to May 2nd, and reduced from 18 holes down to 9. PHS hits the links again on the Monday as they put their season on the line at the Regional golf tournament.



A Pratt High golfer eyes his stroke as he tries to chip the ball in. (Photo by: Neil Goss)



Senior Travis Ward leads the pack as the Pratt High tennis team does some conditioning to prepare for regionals. The tournament was held on May 3. The Greenbacks failed to qualify any players for state. (Photo by: Neil Goss)

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Sprinting to success

Baseball struggling to find wins

Elizabeth Short
Staff Writer



A Pratt High pitcher throws out a pitch during a recent game. (Photo by: Neil Goss)

The boy's baseball team this year is young, but so far they've been putting their best foot forward. This year they are 2-9, and are still working hard. "I guess we've had some tough luck this year," said Zach Pixler, so. The team's main asset is their speed. The team is young and only two seniors preside on the Varsity. They are looking forward to regionals, which is on May 14 against Russell. Go out and cheer the team on!

Softball: Batting towards victory

Elizabeth Short
Staff Writer

The softball season is off to a fast start. The girls are young and are less experienced than some of their opponents. The girls are 8-4 and their next game is May 1, against Garden City. Laramie Inslee, so., said, "The games have been good, we went to Wichita East on Friday and then ruled them in the first game, and then ruled them in the second game in the fifth inning." Another victory is waiting for them to catch, and we all wish them luck in the future.



A Pratt High softball player takes a swing at a pitch. (Photo: Neil Goss)

The Adventures of... Krackerman!!!

When we last left our hero...

Now that your would-be hero is gone, there's nothing to stop me!

Not so fast!

I just had to get these!!!

Crap.

Can Krackerman keep this up, or will he decide that he wants to be Steve forever??? Find out next time!

Audrey Kisner
Staff Writer



Senior Justin Navarette leaps over a hurdle. (Photo by: Neil Goss)

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With many meets being cancelled or postponed, track hasn't had much of a chance to kick off the season. When the fourth week of the season rolled around the team had only had one meet. The cold, rainy days have definitely taken a toll on them, with all of the cancelled meets and unpleasant practices.

Although, the tracksters have had more time to prepare for meets, doesn't mean it has been an advantage. When asked if she thought all the postponed meets are preparing you more for a track meet or is it a disadvantage, Arielle Stevens, sr, said "Its is definitely a disadvantage. I think the best way to get better at competing is to compete."

Even though the weather has held the track team back, it doesn't mean there aren't any high hopes. Clayton Suiter, sr, said when asked if there are any possible record breakers for the guys this year, "Definitely, I believe that the boys mile relay have a pretty good shot at it. If not a school record, maybe placing at state will do."