



Hugs for Victory

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Those Tough Sophomores

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Who's Who: The New Faculty

By: Sydney Lane and Lilly Calhoun

Chatham Hall has added twelve new faculty members to our Community this year. Their talents and interests are as diverse as their backgrounds.

Lauren Wilson is the new dance teacher, off-campus activities coordinator, and is also a houseparent on 2nd Dabney. Ms. Wilson's favorite Chatham Hall meal so far is "taco night." Her favorite book is *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck, and her favorite place on campus, not unsurprisingly, is the dance studio. When asked why she came to Chatham Hall, she answered, "I decided to come to Chatham Hall because I felt so welcome and at home when I came to interview. I was impressed by the warmth and enthusiasm of the students and faculty and it was clear that the culture of the school places a high value on the arts."

Laura Rand is the new Assistant Director of Advancement for Communications and Young Alumnae Relations. She will be the Managing Editor of the Chat and will work to develop different strategies to connect with and communicate with young alumnae, using social media as well as personal visits across the United States. Ms. Rand, who lives on campus, encourages all students to come by and visit her and her dog Sally, who loves to play. When Ms. Rand was asked why she decided to come to Chatham Hall, she answered "I

am a graduate of Chatham Hall, so coming back here to work among such marvelous students and faculty was a no-



In back: Don Morley, Demery Close, Ned Edwards, and Beth Griffin. Middle row: Susan Morley, Laura Wilson, and David Grimes. In front: Laura Rand, Eva Greenburg, and Amy Davis.

brainer."

Amy Davis is the new AP Biology, Environmental Science, and Algebra I teacher. She is also helping Ms. LaDuke and Ms. Allen coach field hockey this season, and hopes to teach a seminar/research elective course this winter--growing plants in the greenhouse. Her favorite color is orange, and she guided whitewater raft trips for several summers on the Nantahala, Big Pigeon, and Ocoee Rivers. Ms. Davis's favorite place in the world is Max Patch, a mountaintop in western North Carolina that was once clear cut and used for grazing livestock; now, the for-

est service maintains it as a meadow. Why is this Ms. Davis's favorite spot? She says because, "You climb one mile

straight to the top, throw your sleeping bag down, see more stars than you ever thought possible, and wake up to the most beautiful panoramic mountain scene imaginable--you can see wilderness forever in every direction. On the hike down, you pick myriad fat blackberries and feast with the birds, watch the butterflies flutter by." Ms. Davis loves the friendliness and the polite way everyone treats each other in the Chatham Hall Community, and she already feels as if she has made many lifelong friends.

Jie Tang is the new Chinese teacher at Chatham Hall. The Chinese program is

new and we are all excited to have her a part of the community. When asked what her favorite place in the world is, she answered: "My favorite place is my hometown. Just like the Chinese saying: "East or west, home is best." Her favorite colors are pink and purple and her favorite book is *Dream of the Red Chamber* by Cao Xuequin. Ms. Tang likes the atmosphere at Chatham Hall and feels as if it is like a big family.

Demery Close, who is the new swim coach at Chatham Hall, is also helping in the Admissions Office. She has two pets, a chocolate lab named Emmie and a cat named Chase Utley (like the Philadelphia Phillies baseball player). When asked why she came to Chatham Hall, she answered, "I came to Chatham Hall because I wanted a change from my everyday life in Pennsylvania. I absolutely fell in love with the school and the people when I came for my interview. I could not imagine being surrounded by a better group of people." Her two favorite books are *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, both by the author Khalid Hosseini, and her favorite movie is *Finding Nemo*. Her favorite spot on campus is Mr. Jackson's garden, and she likes how the faculty, their children, and the students enjoy spending time together both outside of class and at other Chatham Hall functions.

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Editor's Corner

So far, my senior year has been all about college. Every decision I make seems to be based on whether or not it will look good on my résumé, lead to a good college essay, or impress an admissions representative. I don't just have to worry about making good grades anymore, but I also have to find time to fill out my never-ending pile of applications and to perfect my ACT score. Sometimes it feels as if there just aren't enough hours in the day. Despite all the stress, though, I'm happy.

My only regret is that I didn't start thinking about all this college stuff earlier. My sophomore year, when I was a New Girl here at Chatham Hall, my top priority was getting all my homework done. Making myself an "active person of the community" and a "well-rounded individual" did not even cross my mind. The truth is, I was scared to get involved. It was much easier to just sit in the Day Student Room until my ride came to get me, rather than actually branch out and try to make friends.

But now, looking at my résumé and seeing my lack of participation that year makes me wish I could go back and change everything. Unfortunately, I can't. What I can do, though, is advise you



underclassmen to not make the same mistakes. As easy as it is to just relax on the weekends after a long, stressful week of classes, don't waste away all your precious time napping and being lazy. Join a club, play a sport, volunteer, try out

for the play, ANYTHING! Because being an active member of our community will not only make your time here more enjoyable; it will help you in the long run when you are, like me, trying to get into college.

In the Blink of an Eye

By: Bell Johnson



I've always been slightly premature. Having been born a month early, my constant anticipation for the future seems to have been embedded in my DNA. When I was younger, I wanted to be a veterinarian. As I grew older, however, writing became more of my specialty and passion. So when I came to Chatham Hall, I joined *The Columns*. From the moment I wrote my first article, I was hooked. Afterwards my mind was made up; I wanted to be a journalist.

This past summer, I was blessed with the opportunity to shadow a news reporter at

WSPA, a news station in Spartanburg, South Carolina. I was eager to see behind the television screen and see what really happened at a news station, but at the same time I was kind of wary. I had, at the time, only been interested in the print side of journalism. Yet the

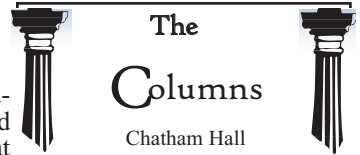
moment I arrived at the station, the foreboding sense of apprehension faded away. Diana Lee, the reporter I was shadowing, was what every news reporter should be like; she was open, communicative, and friendly. Her personality was trusting and she stilled my nerves.

Walking through the station, my eyes became brighter. Everything was not as I had imagined. The sets were bigger, the news room quieter, and the people much nicer. I watched as a simple story on a piece of paper, became a full-fledged feature length section on the 5 o'clock news.

Afterwards, my mindset was changed. I had learned and observed new things that surprised me, considering I knew little about the broadcasting field. Ms. Lee opened my eyes to a whole new side of journalism that I had never known much about.

I find it amusing how people make up their minds so rigidly and so decisively only to have them changed in a matter of hours. I experienced this first hand this summer while going on college tours. Going into the tours, I had my favorite schools already picked out, but in the end, I gained new and surprising perspectives on all of them, changing those favorites to colleges I did not even think I would like.

Of course, I am still ahead of the game only going into my junior year of high school and already knowing that my first choice is NYU. Nevertheless from what I have experienced this summer, I know that it can all change in a blink of an eye, and even though I might know what I want now, things can always change.



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To be or not to be, that is the question-“Ch”akespeare

By: Ardra Hren



Balancing Act
Ardra finds balancing act, school, and sports to be very difficult.

As everyone has surely noticed, Chatham Hall has a new set of athletic requirements this year. In an effort to improve our varsity teams, gyms have been done away with, varsity sports have become required for all students, sports time has been lengthened, and activities that fulfill requirements have been changed. While the new system will no doubt make us more competitive in the athletic arena, what effects will it have on the other elements of our community?

The end of gyms is one of the most sensible

changes, and few if any students mourn their loss. “I didn’t feel like they were a very useful, especially compared to varsity sports,” says sophomore Sasha Siliverstova, as gyms were rarely serious, didn’t provide much of a workout, and did not act as very good preparation for varsity sports, especially compared to the experience of being on a team.

The requirement of varsity sports may be a great hindrance for some, and very little trouble for others, as freshman are required to play one for three trimesters and sophomores for two, while jun-

iors and seniors are only required for one. However, the definition of “varsity sports” is fairly broad, and it includes dance, riding, and the winter musical. Varsity sports have also been lengthened to two hours of practice every day, which could potentially improve our teams, but then again it may just wear out our athletes. An anonymous cross country runner said “I think that the change could be beneficial, but not every sport needs that much time to practice.”

Also, while upperclassmen are not always required to participate in varsity sports, they still must do athletic afternoon activities each trimester, and community service, choir, and the fall play no longer fulfill the requirement. If a student wants to participate in one of these activities, they must take it out of their own free time. As the average student already has very little time due to the crammed schedule, many have chosen not to participate in these activities because of time constraints. Community service can only be scheduled on weekends when there are many other fun activities students want to do, many people chose not to do choir because it would mean that they were unwilling to give up their precious little free time, and only two upperclassmen tried out for the play

because others could not fit it into their busy schedules. Senior Elizabeth Ferlise said that “I really wanted to do the play this year, but I couldn’t because I just don’t have the time.”

The changes to requirements could undoubtedly inject much needed energy into our athletic program, but it could potentially damage other aspects of community. Students are given the option to choose sports over the arts and community service, and also to do them both, but students are not allowed to choose the arts over sports even if they prefer them. In most cases this does not help varsity teams at all because students that would typically opt out of sports in favor of the fall play or choir usually join fitness gym or another artsy requirement like dance because they do not enjoy athletic activity in the first place. In the end, this change in activities that fulfill requirements does not usually add to varsity teams, and often damages our arts program, which is equally important.

These changes will potentially bring us in a positive direction, but they definitely need some adjustments, which will become even more evident as the year progresses, and hopefully the program can be made even better next year.

A New Approach for Going “Green”

By: Kathryn Bennett

There are electric cars, hybrid cars, cars that run on alternative fuel sources, and now the German automobile company, Volkswagen, has taken “green” cars to a whole new level. Volkswagen developer Mohammed Saddiq recently released his methane powered VW Beetle. The use of methane, which requires one to remove the carbon dioxide from sewage, would run the car just like gasoline would. There would not be an odor and one

tank would hold about 200 miles worth of gas, which is pretty standard mileage for a Volkswagen.

So why use methane to power your car? According to Wessex Water engineers, the yearly waste that 70 households produce could run a car 10,000 miles. That is a typical person’s year worth of driving. Since there is plenty of waste out there, and only a couple of ways to use it, why *not* use it for your car?

If using methane to replace gasoline were to revolutionize the “going green” industry as Saddiq hopes it will, then there would be multiple benefits. First of all, there would be more space in landfills for things that cannot be recycled. Secondly, it’s a great way to preserve the world’s oil supply. Finally, since a car running on methane runs the same as a car running on gasoline, it would not be a difficult transition to make. At least,

after you get over the initial shock of the idea.

On August 5, 2010, the first methane powered Volkswagen Beetle hit the streets of Bristol, England and luckily for Saddiq, it had very positive reviews. It was declared a “breakthrough in the drive to encourage sustainable power.” As a VW Beetle driver myself, I think that the introduction of this car is a very exciting step for the company.

Bright Lights of Broadway

By: Bell Johnson

The bright lights of Broadway flash the titles of many noteworthy musicals and plays, yet the brightest light burning this year was David Mamet's latest thought provoking play *Race*.

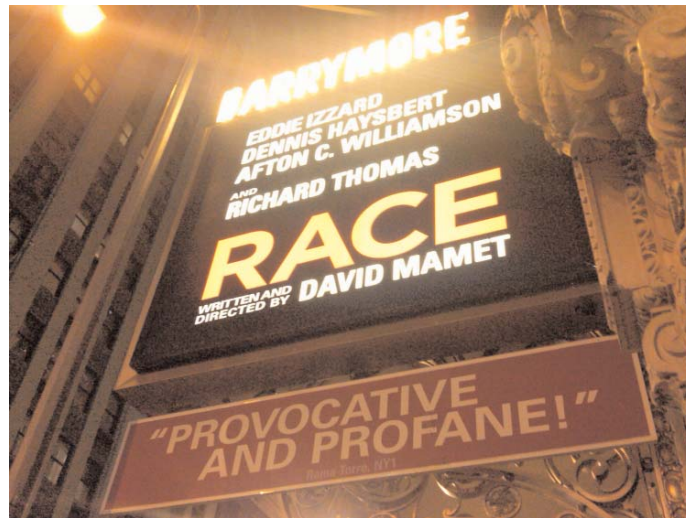
Mamet's play follows the lives of three lawyers, one white man, one black man, and one black woman, in a law office. These three lawyers are faced with the latest case that takes them on a maelstrom of deception, uncertainty, and suspicion, a case that threatens their beliefs and that will stretch them to the limit. Their case: one rich white man accused of raping a black woman.

Mamet describes his play and its themes: "[the theme] is race and the lies we tell each other on the subject". Indeed this new play delves with conflicts that are as old as time itself, yet Mamet uses the conflict of race to question the audience's own morals.

It is not only the characters themselves who are soul searching, but the audience as well. As soon

the play.

Race, which premiered on Broadway on December 6, 2009, just fin-



Critics Acclaim!

David Mamet's play lights up the streets of New York. Critics hailed *Race*, calling it "Provocative and Profane."

as the curtain drops a low buzz from the theater erupts and questions are raised from family to friends on the issues raised throughout

ished its run on August 21, 2010 after 297 performances. The play opened at the famous Ethel Barrymore Theatre in New York.

The play keeps the audience on their toes with twist and turns and exciting new evidence. Mamet's writing uses the jargon of lawyers which helps keep the atmosphere alive, yet at times can be confusing.

The continual sudden endings for the scenes come abruptly and swiftly. The audiences' attention is centralized on the plot that when the lights are extinguished and the play pauses, it feels as if there is a jolt back to reality, which is probably what Mamet was aiming for. And the use of one set for the entirety of the play enhances the atmosphere and allows the scintillating and humorous dialogue to take the forefront.

Mamet's piece definitely deserved the exceptional praise it received. Described as controversial and provocative, *Race* is a must-see play you should definitely consider if it ever returns to Broadway.

Do I have a right to be critic? Do you?

By: Rebecca Oh



Whenever reading about the proverbs, or sayings emphasizing humility, I always nodded my head as enthusiastically as I could. "That is right. People are incapable of realizing their own flaws, busy trying to pinch out the mistake of the others." However, every time I agreed with the statement, I never thought myself to be one who deserves that harsh criticism. I have always abhorred people who are arrogant. "I just cannot stand them," I used to say with my lips tightened.

It took a long time for me to finally realize that I was one of

those arrogant brats that used to disgust me. The moment I stereotyped others to be "arrogant" is the very moment that I reached the apex of arrogance.

What gave me the right to evaluate or criticize others? This fabricated right came directly from my own illusion that I was actually better than they.

Watching the popular American television show, *American Idol*, I suddenly questioned, 'What grants those people the right to judge these singers? Is it just because they are capable of performing better than the competitors? Or is it just because they are more experienced? If so, why do they care so much about the perfection of the singers pitch,

image, and life instead of appreciating the pure, creativity of the performance itself? In other words, why are they criticizing performers compared to their own criteria embroidered in their idealistic and very unrealistic utopia? They might have been capable of making sharp observations, yet they probably cannot even reach their own standards when performing.

What is the ideal world that I dream of? I asked myself. Is it even realistic? Maybe I dreamed of a utopia without any arrogant criticism, but I ruined it at the same time. It's a vicious, never-ending cycle.

News

New Faculty Continued

Beth Griffon is Mrs. Fountain's new assistant in the Advancement Office. She is working with both the alumnae council and the class agents, and is also responsible for Chatham Hall's Annual Giving. Beth has two children in college. Aiden, a junior, attends the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Maddy, a freshman, is attending Concordia University in Montreal. When asked why she decided to come to Chatham Hall, she answered, "I was looking for a new adventure! I wanted an interesting and challenging job in advancement, and I wanted to live in a different, more rural place than my hometown of Boston, MA." Beth loves horses and says her favorite place in the world is on the back of her horse. She is surely an animal lover and a proud owner of both Edward, her 28 year old horse, and Maggie, her 3 year old dog.

Don Morley is the new African, Asian, and Latin American Studies teacher here at Chatham Hall. He is also teaching Model UN during the winter trimester. At the Blair Academy in New Jersey, the school he came from, he was the Chair of Foreign Language. Mr. Morley is an avid baseball fan and loves the Red Sox. He has done a lot of traveling, especially in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Mr. Morley has also served in the Peace Corps.

Susan Morley is the new Art and Ceramics teacher at Chatham Hall. Her hobbies include painting, drawing, ceramics, theatre, and traveling. She loves the Beatles, and her favorite song by them is "Yesterday." One of her favorite types of candy is dark chocolate. Mrs. Morley has done lots of travelling. In college, she studied at Oxford University. She stayed in Italy for three summers painting and studying art history. She has also been all over Europe and Latin America. In China she was an International Artist in Residence. She traveled to

Japan, distinguished as a Fulbright. Japan also happens to be her favorite place that she has traveled so far. She was in the Peace Corps for three years in Venezuela and Ecuador. In the Ecuadorian Rain Forest, Mrs. Morley ate Golden Termites and they tasted like.... (See Mrs. Morley for the answer!)

The man of music, David Grimes, is Chatham Hall's new choir director. This talented teacher was once on Broadway, and also pursued musical theater oversees. His passion for music has remained with him throughout his life. When asked in first grade what he wanted to be when he grew up, his natural response was, a "Rock Star," and explained that as a boy, born in Winter Park, Florida (however, Alexandria, Virginia is what he considers home), "I would lock my door, turn the stereo up loud and give wonderful concerts to thousands of invisible fans. Where were you Randy, Paula, and Simon???" And when given the option of rock concert or opera, a "Rock Opera" is just the ticket. He is a lover of dogs, good NY style Pizza, purple and gold, "A Day in the Life" by the Beatles, and the artists DaVinci, Alexander Calder, and Marcel Duchamp. Mr. Grimes also enjoys Motorcycles, Genealogy, History (particularly the Revolutionary War era), and hands-on projects. As far as candy goes, he accepts anything with peanut butter and chocolate, "think Reese's." Having lived in Germany for five years, and traveled to France, UK, Denmark, Hungary, Czech Republic, Italy, and Russia, some of his favorite places that he has visited include the Tuscan region of Italy, Budapest and Prague.

Ned Edwards is the enthusiastic new chaplain for Chatham Hall's St. Mary's Chapel. Born in Detroit, Michigan or "Motown," he grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. A surprising bit of information about him is that as a kid, Dr. Edwards hated church and planned on an adult career of either Batman or Speed Racer.

Some of his favorite things are the color green, strawberry ice cream, Snickers, the artist Mary Cassat, Pumpkin Pie, and of course his two dogs. Some of his hobbies include anything and everything Mac related, scooters, and playing Guitar Hero. Dr. Edwards has travelled to many places around the world including Israel, Sierra Leone, Berlin, Germany, and our neighbors to the North and South (Canada and Mexico). Though he loved them all, his favorite was living and studying on the Navajo Reservation in college. You will often see him around campus with a big smile (sometimes his dogs) and possibly listening to his favorite Beatles song of the day: While My Guitar Gently Weeps; and if you ask, he might even draw Harold the Worm.

Meredith Schwane is the sporty new volleyball coach from Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. She graduated with a master in diplomacy from Averett University and was captain of the volleyball team, after initially going for softball. When she was young, Ms. Schwane thought she wanted to be a doctor. She loves to play ALL sports, read, and watch movies in her free time and loves using movie quotes in everyday life (to see who can pick up on them). Her favorite color is red, anything chocolate is great (especially milk duds), and is a admirer of Salvador Dali. A fan of the Beatles, her favorite song is "I Want to Hold Your Hand." Ms. Schwane absolutely loves to travel anywhere and everywhere, but her favorite place is Venice because it's a city on the water.

Eva Greenberg is running our cross country team straight to victory. She was born and raised in Washington, DC and is a graduate of Dickenson, where she studied abroad in New Zealand for a year. Her favorite place to have travelled is the Peruvian Amazon. Ms. Greenberg would go to a rock concert when given a choice, and loves Thai food, cats, dogs, and horses.

See if you can match the right faculty member with a fun fact about them!

The Faculty:

- David Grimes
- Ned Edwards
- Meredith Schwane
- Eva Greenberg
- Don Morley
- Susan Morley
- Beth Griffon
- Lauren Wilson
- Laura Rand
- Amy Davis
- Jie Tang
- Demery Close

The Facts:

This faculty member's favorite color is blue.

This new member of our Community loves her hometown in China.

This new faculty member can do the worm.

This new faculty member loves hiking, rafting, essentially anything to do with nature.

This new faculty member loves baseball.

This new faculty member graduated from Chatham Hall

This new faculty member would rather be in the Dance Studio than anywhere else on campus.

This new faculty member loves animals, especially horses.

This new faculty can play the ukulele.

This new faculty member's favorite ice cream flavor is Chubby Hubby.

This new faculty has a sibling that was born on her birthday.

This new faculty member has traveled all over the world partaking in art, the Peace Corps, etc.

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Opinion and News

Trust, Teamwork and Togetherness: The Motto of the Sophomore Class

By: Krista Phillips and Sasha Seliverstova

Early Friday morning the class of 2013 set off on a traditional Chatham Hall experience: Sophomore Retreat! Beginning the day with the renowned ball throwing exercise and Rock-Paper-Scissors game, the sophomore class was ready for a day of bonding. Once the class broke off into smaller groups, each one discovered the challenges that they were to face together that day. An example of one of the first team building exercises was a large, unbalanced platform in which the whole team was to cross to the center of the platform without letting it touch the ground, then to slowly get everybody off of it. Through this exercise, the team was able to discover the importance of trusting one another and keeping things balanced.

When all the teams finished their excursions, the class moved to the upper ropes course for the final team building experience of stepping out of comfort zones. Through the towering heights, leaps of faith



Working Together

Sophomores Amy MacDonough, Meg Roth, Sasha Seliverstova, and Maren Sherrill rest for a moment after completing one of the perilous high rope courses.

and utility poles, the sophomores were tentative about trying new things. However, with much support from their peers they reached new personal heights and grew closer with every new challenge.

After a long, tiring

morning, the sophomores returned to the dining hall to reminisce on how far they had come as a class. As Emma Dupre insightfully remarked, "I was really impressed with our group on the lower ropes course, because we literally

had students from all over the world. With all of the different cultures mixing together we were able to form a relationship and understanding, as well as communication that we did not have before. We were able to work together to think of ways to solve problems without getting upset at one another, but instead to listen, learn and appreciate the opinions of one another. I felt a great sense of accomplishment today."

As the evening approached and free time was available, the girls were able to partake in different games or simply to converse with one another. After dinner, the group was able to participate in peaceful moments, such as singing hymns together in a local church. The day concluded with a restful night of movie watching and connecting with one another. There is no question of the significance that this day has had on the Class of 2013 as everyone returned with a better feeling of trust and understanding of their classmates.

Is Saving a Dying Language Worth It?

By: Chen Xie

There are about 6,000 different languages that are spoken around the world. However, according an investigation from the Foundation for Endangered Languages, around 25 languages become extinct every year. Among these 6,000 languages, 500 to 1,000 of those are spoken by only a few people, which means at least 500 to 1,000 languages are now endangered.

Earlier this year, the Bo language and culture grew extinct when the last member of the Bo tribe died. "When languages are lost, most of the knowledge that went with them becomes lost too," says Nicholas Ostler, the chairman of the Foundation for Endangered Languages.

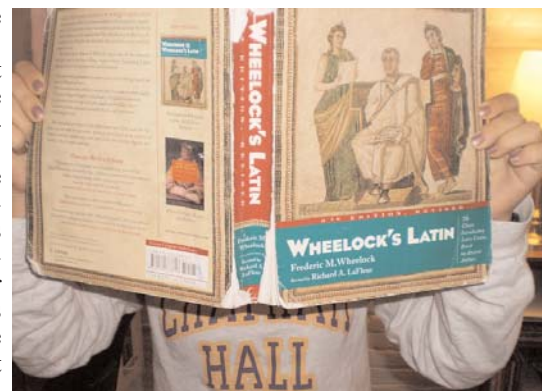
Many ethnic minorities are facing the problem of losing their native languages.

There are 55 minorities and 120 minority languages in China; however, half of these languages are about to become extinct. For example, Manchu, an ethnic group that once controlled the empire of China for three centuries, is also confronted with language extinction since most of young Manchu only speak Mandarin instead of their native language. If the language is lost, then hundreds of years of Manchu culture and history will be gone.

Although the decline of languages is commonly considered a decline of human civilizations, many people believe it actually shows the progress of globalization, and finding a single, universal language that connects the world. However, this belief ignores the fact that each language is also a com-

mon heritage of mankind, and so it deserves the best protection possible. Also, with the loss of language comes the loss of culture that for years has shaped the development of humankind.

So how do we keep the culture from extinction? The European Nation members have approved a Charter for Regional Languages, which is designed to protect the most threatened native tongues and keep them from extinction. Last year, the Charter received



Is it Truly the Dead Language?

Latin, which is considered the "dead language," is still studied throughout the world and at Chatham Hall.

2.7 million Euros or 3.53 million US Dollars to identify the endangered languages in Europe. People should also make it a personal priority to preserve their native languages so they don't become endangered in the first place.

The New Schedule, For Better or Worse?

By: Isabelle Dunham

Members of the community who are not new to Chatham Hall this year, whether they be students, faculty, or staff members, are all adjusting to a monumental change in the academic life of the school—the new class schedule. This year, each class period only meets four times a week with two 45-minute classes, one 60-minute class, and one 75-minute class. Longer class periods allow students to have more meaningful class periods, by allowing further discussion and more in-depth lessons.

The schedule change was decided upon last year when a group of faculty mem-

bers got together, wanting to change the schedule and allow longer class periods. The problem with the old schedule was Prime; the daily, mid afternoon class period set aside for Advanced Placement and Science classes. The reason prime was a problem was because it limited a student's curriculum, restricting their ability to fit the classes they wanted into their schedule.

There is now an H period at the end of every day, which accommodates classes like Choir, College Counseling, and Chatham 101. Students who have the period free are able to access teachers before athletics, which start at 3:45 P.M. Assembly and Chapel also experienced a

change, being moved to mid morning instead of before lunch, which has been shortened by 10 minutes.

The new schedule shortens the academic day, since there are only six class periods a day and the passing periods were cut back from 7 minutes to 5 minutes. This cut back is not favored by most of the students, who now have to hustle their way from building to building in order to be on time, and no longer have time for their routine trips to the Book Store between classes.

When asked about how she feels about the new schedule, and its effect on the Old Girls, Academic Dean Martha Griswold commented, "Change is hard, but students

are now seeing what the new schedule has to offer them." Dean Griswold first noticed the inflexibility of the old schedule when she first started forming students' schedules. She commented, "There were many instances where I would have to call a senior during the summer and tell her that she couldn't take a certain AP class because of the limited number of prime periods."

One added bonus about the new schedule is that teachers like Ms. Tang, who teaches Chinese, and Mr. Morley, who teaches World Cultures, can easily teach part time because the morning and afternoon classes rotate independently.

The Bachelorette: Rachel Quinn

By: Margaret Spencer

British invasion. It's been done by The Beatles, J.K. Rowling, mini skirts, and The Office. Scottish invasion-- now that is a breath of fresh air. Though Scotland is a part of the United Kingdom, which also includes England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, it has a distinctive history and culture. And Scotland's identity is about more than bagpipes and *Braveheart*. Chatham's very own Rachel Quinn, a senior and this issue's Bachelorette, hails from Scotland, home of tartan, Pringle jumpers, and so much more. Rachel will shrug and say "whatever floats your dinky" if you perchance say something off-color, and possibly call you a chump in good humor (when you deserve it); she will even entreat a certain *Columns* journalist to "not make me sound very daft, got it, Margo?"

Name: Rachel Quinn

Age: 18

Hometown: Dunfermline, Scotland

What's the best thing about America? "The diversity is nice...and the fact it's enormous. Like, you don't even get it."

What's the weirdest thing about America? "The accents! As a collective group, how you spell things. And how everything is large. And how you add on taxes at the till. Oh that's the cash register if you didn't know..."

If you were on a desert island, what would you bring? "Mr. Merricks. Wait, could I bring just his accent? A hair bobble. And Bruce Springsteen...did you write Bruce Springsteen? But not his wife. Oh and stamps! Because you never know when you will need a stamp. It's true!"

What is the best part of fire drills? "Getting to go outside in your pajamas."

What do you consider your best dating quality? "I have no problem with letting people pay for my dinner. Presents are also accepted."

Best quality in a guy? "Older, preferably Irish, fairly moneyed (I have become

accustomed to certain standards, and I don't have a desire to drop those standards). And literature—it's important that he knows how to read."

Is there a type of guy you steer clear of? "Married ones, ones with hair longer than mine, ones dressed in all orange, incarcerated, and golfers. I have a strong objection to men who play golf."

What is your "dream date"? "Must it be a date? Because this would work much better if it was just a dinner party."

What is your dream dinner party? "I would really like to have a dinner party with Obama, Springsteen, of course, the dog from Family Guy, and also probably I would enjoy having Johnny Depp as Captain Jack Sparrow...but he won't be allowed to talk."

Rachel later goes on to say that in the UK, a boy does not take you to dinner, he takes you out for tea, and that supper is a snack before bed. Miss Quinn is a fine addition



Quinnbert
Our Bachelorette, looking dazzling as ever.

to the Chatham Hall community, always endearing and witty, ready for a conversation about Bruce Springsteen or politics. She is happy to teach the inquisitive student, teacher, staff, or dean a plethora of useful and entertaining Scottish slang.

Summer School...goes Abroad

By: Laurel Street



Happy Studying

Tyler Burkett and Laurel Street share a smile while studying Scottish history during the Woodberry in Scotland trip 2010.



St. Giles Cathedral

Tyler Burkett and Laurel Street gather with friends Kelvin, John, James, and Brandon after attending a service at St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland.



A Recycled Armadillo

Sandra DeAnda poses for a photo in front of a giant armadillo- a piece of artwork made by local Argentinians from recycled materials.

Ah- What a View

Sophomore Maren Sherrill and junior Ji Min Kim smile for the camera while enjoying their Chatham Hall study abroad trip to Spain this summer.



The Top Ten Things Every New Girl at Chatham Hall Should Know but Nobody Tells You

By: Mary Kate Winebrenner

1) Everyone does LAUNDRY on Saturday.

Everyone. So do it during the week before sports if you have time or in a pocket during your day.

2) Save the Pizza Hut number in your phone. Also ask about specials. If you order too much pizza you can sell it and people WILL BUY.

3) What to eat in Chatham:

EL CAZ-The food is mediocre but it is the closest walk, has the cheapest prices, and best when the Sunday afternoon munchies get to you. Pinos' pizza is ok. Pizza Hut is better, but they have pasta and stuff like that as well. Chathamooca: Good ice cream and real food. Bonus? There's wi-fi! Pats: perfect if you've got a hankering for fried okra, sweet tea, and greasy southern food. A family owned restaurant that is good any time of day (if you feel like hiking into town on weekends for breakfast you won't regret it.)

4) Get riding permission with as many Day Students as possible

If you don't feel like walking into town but Sunday brunch just isn't cutting it, having someone who can drive you to Bojangles is a lifesaver!

5) Make your own FUN.



The best way to not be homesick is to do something really random and very juvenile. No one will see it except you and your friends so do something really dorky. No one will judge and you'll probably get some really odd Facebook pictures out of it.

6) Embrace what the school throws at you.

We can't be happy with everything that goes on all the time, but if something comes up and you are genuinely interested, go for it. Get out of your comfort zone and try something that your friends might not be interested in; you might just find something that you like doing.

7) Be friend the UPPER CLASSMEN.

You don't have to be best friends, but as long as they find you relatively nice to be around, your life at Chatham Hall will be easier. Plus, they are more experienced and can help you with difficult situations.

8) NETFLIX is a must!

Not only will you fill your weekend but you also get mail more often. The shipping center is in Roanoke so the DVDs usually get to the school in about a day or two. Play instantly is also awesome if you are really bored.

9) Work on homework Friday night, that way you aren't freaking out on Sunday night when you can't get a light cut but you've still got TONS to do.

10) As much of a hassle as it is, try to get a PERFECT ROOM SCORE.

The better your score, the bigger the room you will get next year! (And you want a big room.)



The "New" Chatham Hall Stables

By: Reid Smith

Most Chatham Hall girls never get to experience life at the horseback riding stables, but for others, it's their home away from school. For those who don't know the stables that well, Chatham Hall stables have made a whopping total of 360 changes over the summer. Not only is the stable much cleaner, but there's also a new barn manager and a new and improved riding system.

The first thing that changed at the stables was the organization, and that couldn't have been done without the help of the new stable manager, Jennifer Jones. Some other changes include clean, organized tack rooms, wash rack stalls, and office area. Also, each horse has its own specific saddle, pads, and halters.

Junior Krista Phillips says, "It looks so much better and it is working out well, but it's going to be tough getting use to it."

One of the biggest changes at the barn is the new riding system. Every rider must be on a riding team if they are going to ride for a semester. The three teams are Varsity taught by Jessica Leonardi, JV A taught by Cricket Stone, and JV B taught by Alyson Kent. Also, another change is that the riders have to try out for the Varsity team. The riders that signed up to try out had to go through a 2 day try out session, some having to ride horses they had never ridden before. The goal of the new riding system is to help engage the riders more in their riding and hopefully improve their riding skills with each



A Complete 360

Horse and rider prepare for a new era in the show ring.

semester.

Chatham Hall stables have changed dramatically this year, but luckily it is affecting

each rider positively. So, if you've ever been interested in trying out riding, this is the year to do it.

Turtles Snag a Win

By: Bell Johnson

Shouts and cheers reverberated through the Well on September 21, 2010 as the Chatham Hall field hockey team screamed out their "Ahkahlahkah" cheer. There was no denying that the Turtles had won their first game of the season. After just about three

weeks of practice the team unified to become a mean fighting machine.

The game, against Virginia Episcopal School, was a great start for the Turtles. Junior Charlotte Jones, who plays on the team, commented, "I was particularly anxious about the game, especially

since we found out at the last minute. Yet, the team banded together and performed wonderfully."

The Turtles played strongly for both halves of the game, controlling their offensive advances as well as putting up an indestructible wall of defense. The score, which was undecided at half time, remained at 0-0, until the Turtles came out in the second half and scored the first goal. Chiara van der Put, a new addition to the team, scored the sealing goal with the help from her fellow teammates, who brought the ball out of the backfield and into the circle.

With many new members, the team has grown immensely in numbers as well as with talent. "The team has progressed tremendously since last year. The talent is there, and the team definitely showed that out of the field," remarked Junior Margaret Spencer.

Junior Hannah Haymes commented on the

new changes to the athletic program, saying, "All the new changes to the athletic program have been confusing at times, with longer practices and the changes in coaching. Nevertheless, this victory verified that these changes seem to be working."

The three coaches, Athletic Director Cathy LaDuke, Houseparent Jane Allen, and Science Teacher Amy Davis, have proved themselves in teaching the new girls, many of which have never even touched a field hockey stick, the skills and techniques of the sport. All the new players have really stepped in and picked the game up.

The Turtles have begun their season on a good note, and hope to continue on throughout the season. The team plans to harness that new talent, develop it, and put it to good use out on the field. Hopefully there will be more cheers and bellows resounding through the Well in the coming weeks.



Pushing on Through

Freshman Madison McAdams dives in for the ball.

Would it have been different

Standing by a bus stop
Counting the raindrops falling off the roof
I stretched my palms out
As if I could hold on to them

I promised I would be gentle
I even had a little pocket to keep them safe
But the raindrops were never there
When I opened my hand after a big and firm grasp

Again
And again
My palms remained still in the air
Trying to reach the raindrops
But they always
disappeared

It took a long time for me to realize
That they are beautiful the way they are
I was amazed by the beauty
of the little bits of falling raindrops
Not when they are still
in my palm

Would it have been different
If I had realized it earlier,
Earlier before I caged you in my little pocket



- Rebecca Oh