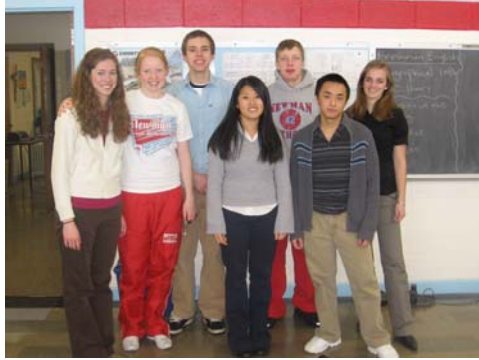


The Red Hat

Newman Catholic High School

Fresh Off the Press!

Welcome to the first issue of the Red Hat for the 2006-2007 school year! As many of you already know, the first semester of Publications class was dedicated to creating the most spectacular yearbook in the history of the school...



The Red Hat is brought to you by this year's publication class. (From left to right) Elizabeth Martin (editor), Allie McManus, Ben Vechinski, Yer Thao, Alex Erdman, Tsimtchiaj Lo, and Kirsten Cornelissen.

...or so we think! However, this semester is committed to providing Newman students, faculty, and staff members with an up to date account of all of the things happening in and around school. In addition, we hope to provide everyone with some fun games, helpful advice from our very own expert "therapist," and most importantly, we hope to keep everyone informed about current and upcoming

events. So just sit back, relax, and enjoy!

First of all, everyone's probably wondering what the seniors are up to, especially now that senior projects are done and over with. You'll be surprised to know that many of them are still hard at work, strongly resisting the temptation of the infamous

Yer Thao

"senior slide." However, even with all of the papers, projects, and tests being poured on them, the seniors somehow still find time to squeeze in college visits, scholarship essays, and time to be with friends.

It is a well-known fact though, that the juniors are experiencing even more dire circumstances. Not only are they faced with the enormous I-

Search project; they were also just recently introduced to the senior project. It's obvious that many of them are just about ready to fall under the pressure, but as always, Newman students manage to pull through somehow.

Following in the Newman tradition, the sophomore (continued on page 4)

Off Campus Lunch

Off campus lunch is a wonderful privilege that many of the seniors love to enjoy during the school day. It's a great way to get away from the stress of school, even if it is only for a half hour. Many seniors take advantage of this while others decide to stay at

school for the lunch period, whether it be for money conservation, or for attending club meetings and such. Brandon Kempf is a senior who enjoys his off campus lunch privileges but only uses them in moderation. Once or twice a week Brandon usually goes to

Subway, or to McDonald's with the boys. With his lunch budget being self supplied, he feels that rationing his off campus adventures is the best strategy. While going off campus can be expensive, it doesn't have to be. I have (continued on page 3)

Ben Vechinski

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A Passion for Music...Solo/Ensemble 2007 Elizabeth Martin



After months of hard work and long hours practicing, Anna Luetmer (from left to right), Stephanie Corbett, and Leah Klosinski are just three of the many talented musicians that participated in Solo/Ensemble this year.

"[Solo/Ensemble] is a day for musicians to come together to celebrate the music within each of us..."

Every February, music students from across the area gather to show each other all of the time and effort they put into preparing solos, duets, trios and large ensembles. For many, Solo/Ensemble can be a very nerve-racking experience, having to stand in front of other musicians and be critiqued by a judge. But for all, this is also a very rewarding experience, as self-confidence is built, and many share their musical talent with other students.

On February 16, 2007, several Newman students made the trip to Edgar, instruments and music in hand, ready to show off their musical talents. Choir students,

Newman Singers, Band and Jazz Band all proudly represented Newman, performing well in numerous events. Newman Singers performed as a show choir, receiving top marks, and once again made it to state. The jazz ensemble also won over the crowd, receiving a first rating in Class A. Many soloists and small ensembles also represented Newman well, receiving first ratings in Class A and being invited to participate at the state level in May. They are:

Matthew Zblewski, Mike Rosentreter, Stephanie Corbett, and Loren DeLonay (vocal solos); Anna Luetmer (violin and viola solos); Matthew Zblewski, Sara Ziegl-

meier, and Leah Klosinski (piano solos); Anna Luetmer and Leah Klosinski (String and Piano Duet); Anna Luetmer and Matthew Zblewski (Vocal Duet).

Music students clearly have much to be proud of. Whether they made it to state, or performed less than their best, it is in their effort and willingness to learn and perform a challenging piece of music that the real reward comes. Solo/Ensemble is not a competition, but rather a day for musicians to come together to celebrate the music within each of us, and to share this passion with those around us.

"4N6" News

Some high school students avoid drama, but the members of the Newman Catholic High School Forensics team see it a different way. They have become skilled in using drama to make texts come alive. Forensics, affectionately known by team members as "4N6" is centered around

acting, play reading, poetry.

The members of forensics can either pick groups or fly solo. They must then choose their type of reading,

The groups (or solo acts) come in and practice with their advisors (Mrs. Kurtzweil or Mr. Strassburger) a couple of times a week. Then they have various levels of competitions, including Sub-District, District, and State.

The club has high expectations this year, because they did so well last year. Mallory Luedtke, Allie Kalstrom, Melissa Polzer, and Jen Meverden got a first at state for their group interpretation of "The Tortoise and the Hare." Megan Vesel received a one rating for her prose reading of "My Sister's Keeper." Katie Bober made it to state and got a silver for

Allie McManus

her poetry reading. Stephanie Corbett and Leah Klosinski earned a first for their group interpretation of "Math Curse."

So far forensics is doing very well. All members made it past the Sub-District meet in Wittenberg-Birnamwood, and are excited to be moving on to the District Competition. The club is hoping to make it back to state this year, and come home with ratings that surpass last years outstanding results. Stay tuned to future editions of the Red Hat that will keep you updated on 4N6 accomplishments!



Above: The enthusiastic members of forensics sporting their new "4N6" t-shirts!

Off Campus Lunch (continued from page 1)

found myself simply going to my house for lunch. Living only a few minutes away from Newman, it's quite a convenience to just get away from school for a while and have some left over pizza at home and save some cash in the process. Indeed there are some disadvantages to going off campus for lunch besides the cash flow. On numerous occasions, time has time run shorter than expected when eating out. Having to slam a super-sized Big Mac meal in 8 minutes can be a hassle. When eating at the mall, one is quite compelled to go to Zhou's Mongolian BBQ for the famous bourbon chicken. Although it is probably my



Ben Vechinski and an employee of Zhou's Mongolian discuss one of the mall's most popular food destinations.

favorite meal (well second favorite to Newman's own pizza dippers) the wait can be agonizing. Myself and

Kevin Cotter found ourselves waiting a ridiculous 21 minutes for our meal. Although, because of this inconvenience I vowed never to eat there again, in the words of Kevin, "Once that juicy goodness hits your tongue, you cannot deny that great flavor!" Over all, off campus lunch is a wonderful opportunity for seniors. It allows them to relax. During a stressful day it's a nice opportunity to unwind and enjoy a nice meal with your friends.



Orange Julius, a favorite hot spot among off campus lunch goers.



A hard working and hungry Brandon Kempf looks forward to a nice lunch off campus.

Teacher of the Week: Mr. Welch

Ben Vechinski

Mr. Welch is commonly referred to as one of the coolest and most favorite teachers of the average Newman student. In response to this he feels that it is important to be personable and interesting but his real goal is to be a good teacher, not just a fun one. Although rather new to the art of teaching, he has found that the students of Newman welcome him with open arms. From the first days of his student teaching with Mrs. McQuillin, to the days of snow angels on the first snowfall of the year. Mr.

Welch has made room 210 a fun and interesting learning environment for all who enter.

Stats

Name: Daniel Jason Welch
 Birthplace: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Years Teaching: Two
 Favorite Class To Teach: Psychology
 Hobbies: Racquetball, Online gaming, reading
 Favorite Color: Brown
 Favorite Type of Music: Western Swing
 Favorite Movie: *Blazing Saddles*
 Favorite Planet: Uranus

Favorite Animal: Kangaroo

A short Q & A with Mr. Welch

Q. If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be?
 A. I would go to the Saharan Desert in Africa
 Q. If you could have dinner with anybody, who and where would it be?
 A. I would eat with Jesus Christ, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King Jr. and we would go to King Buffet.



"The color brown makes me happy."



Fresh Off the Press! (continued from page 1)



Emmy Mickevicius is very excited for the first issue of the Red Hat this year!

mores are currently working on their science research papers, which combine both English and science classes. After finishing this paper, the sophomores will definitely be ready for both the I-Search and Senior Projects.

Last, but not least, are the freshmen. Currently, they don't have any major projects that they are working on, but adjusting to high school takes enough work as it is. However, with the help of the upperclassman, the freshmen will have no prob-

lems fitting into the normal routine of Newman Catholic High School.

Unquestionably, Newman students are some of the busiest and hardworking people around!

Today's Fashion: Girls versus Boys Kirsten Cornelissen

"I like fashion because it is always changing. Your clothing is also a good way to express yourself...not to mention how much fun it is to shop!"

~Kirsten Cornelissen



The Red Hat will keep you updated on all of the latest fashion trends this spring!



Left: Belts worn around the waist are very chic!



Right: Bright colors and patterns are perfect for spring!



Left: Skirts and pants are fashionable when worn at the waist.



Right: Choose flats with a bold print!



Left: Big bags are still in!



Left: Wear a v-neck sweater over a shirt with a tie for a very nice look!

Right: Choose a formal shoe that is slightly unexpected!



Left: For spring, wear a nice pair of shorts with a pair of sporty shoes!

Right: Big watches with thick leather bands are in!



A Successful Boy's Basketball Season

Alex Erdman

The Newman Fighting Cardinals Boy's Basketball team ended their season 9-13. They were led by seniors Kevin Cotter, Lucas Kennedy, Sean McIntyre, and Josh Wolf. Leading the way for Newman, they took a third place finish in conference. The boys had a terrific regular season ending with their final game 53-52 to the Co-Conference Champions the Assumption Royals. They

started playoff play against the Athens Bluejays, handling the Bluejays with ease winning 52-37. The boys moved on to play top-seeded Marshfield Columbus on Friday, March 2nd. The boys played an excellent game. Down by 14 with 6 minutes left, the boys pulled it back and took the game into overtime. The boys lost 65-62 in a hard fought game. When asked what returning players should

do to prepare for next season, coach Gress replied "Follow the senior's work ethic and whenever they can touch a ball, go play." When asked what the highlight of his senior basketball year was, Lucas Kennedy responded "Taking third place in the conference." The boys have a lot to live up to for next season, but we know they're up for the task!



The four seniors, Josh Wolf (from left to right), Lucas Kennedy, Sean McIntyre, and Kevin Cotter, led the Cardinals in a very successful boys basketball season.



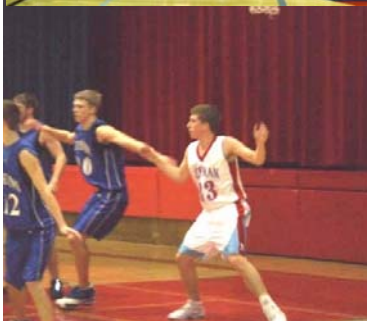
Top Left: The team huddles up for some words of advice from Coach Gress.

Top Right: Anthony Fisher (20), Kevin Cotter (3), and Andy Spear (4) are ready to defend.



Lower Left: Lucas Kennedy lines up for another successful free throw attempt.

Lower Right: Josh Wolf posts up under the basket.



"You never have to tell any member of our team to dive for a loose ball or to play all-out. We do those things without being reminded."

The track team is "looking forward to a very exciting season..." hopefully capped off by "bringing home the gold!"

Spring Preview: Track

The track season has started! With a lot of talent coming back from the last year, Coach Michlig says that the Newman track team should finish in the top 5 in the Marawood Conference. With last year's seniors gone, new seniors, like Lucas Kennedy, Gina Fisher, Josh Wolf, Maggie Passini, Stacy Holmberg, Jorden

Pagel, Tony Anliker, Josh Quaderer, Jackie Bertram, Alex Gassner, Alex Hollis, Dann Schneider, and Arlen Fisher, will have to be the backbone of this year's talented squad. Maggie Passini says that she expects the team to do well this year, and is looking forward to a very exciting season! And Lucas

Tsintxaj Lo

Kennedy is hoping to "bring home the gold" again, but also realizes all of the hard work and effort the team will have to do. Coach Michlig says, "We will miss last year's seniors, but with the new talent that the freshmen are bringing, I'm sure that we will be able to replace those we lost to graduation in no time."



Coach Michlig is excited for the track season to begin this year!



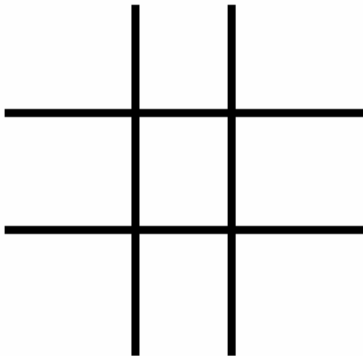
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Memorable Quote:

“You can write whatever you want, just don’t write ‘Mr. Schultz smells.’ I don’t smell.”
~Mr. Schultz, AP English period 7

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Look in the next issue for the answer to this Sudoku!

Dear Katrine



Our very own “expert therapist” Katrine.

Dear Katrine,

We have a dilemma. Our trip to England is coming up, and we've been having a few meetings with our group leader who is a teacher at our school. Well, the other day, this teacher played a mean trick on us and we need advice on how to deal with this situation!

We are going on this trip with another school, and at the latest meeting, our teacher told us that it is a school from Alabama. When all of us wanted to know what kind of school it was, he told us that it was an all-male military academy. Well, as you can expect, all

the girls present pretty much jumped out of their seats screaming. We were all just so excited! But the fun did not last long, as we were all later informed by a "secret source" that he was just kidding, trying to take advantage of our gullible teenage-minds. How could he do this to us? How should we handle our disappointment?

Love,

All the girls going on the UK Trip

Dear All the girls going on the UK Trip,

First off, I am sorry that all of your hopes were dashed by the possibility of vacationing with an all boys

school. However, put this in perspective. Do you really want your time to be occupied by flirting with boys that you will never see again? I think not! Rather, you can spend your time visiting amazing sights such as the Ring of Kerry and Oxford. You can spend quality time with your peers in a place that you have not yet discovered. So ladies, even though the disappointment may be profound, the benefits of it not being an all boy’s school will be even greater.

Yours truly,
Katrine