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## FEATURE

### Welcoming Back a Lost Tradition

Hello Readers, and welcome to the first issue of the newly resurrected Dover Bay Mirror. It has been more than nine years since the last publication of this newspaper, and therefore, I am going to take this opportunity to explain what this paper is about. The Mirror is a school newspaper, run by students just like you, the readers. It was originally founded, and now has been re-founded on the idea that the students at our school should be informed about school events, and events in the greater world. We, at the mirror, think this idea is important - very important actually - and thus will be publishing one issue of our newspaper every month in an effort to achieve it. However, due to the economic downturn that we are all suffering from right now, the Mirror will mostly be published online, like this issue was.

Now that I am done introducing the Mirror, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the re-founding of this paper: Mr. McPherson, our sponsor teacher and mentor, Mr. Currell, the teacher who made online distribution possible, and the students who made the return of the mirror possible: Marissa Gibbard, Jay Herringer, Hanna Yang, Henna Manhas and Jacob Burnley. I would also like to thank Mr. Blain, our publisher. Thanks for helping out!

Enjoy this, our first issue, and with luck we will have another out in time for Christmas. Thanks for reading!

- Aaron Mishkin

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## **THE NEWS**

### **World:**

### **Occupy Wall Street: The People Have Had Enough**

It is difficult to ignore the many protests, in hopes of economic and political changes, that are cropping up right now all over the world. At this very moment, people are congregating with tents and signs to make a stand in cities across the globe. This movement, titled Occupy Wall Street, is a people-powered movement that began in early September this year, and has already spread to over 1,500 cities globally. Simply put, Wall Street is the financial district of America, and the center of the stock exchange and finance, representing economic power - but what is the whole protest about?

The movement aims to expose how the wealthiest people in the world, titled the "1%", hold a great deal of power and dictate an unfair global economy that is foreclosing the future. 99% of the wealth is owned by 1% of the population, and the movement wants this to be changed. The grievance, "We are the 99%", is that most of the population, living in middle class and below, are struggling to make ends meet while a small fraction of the population is getting by very easily, without repercussion. Many people will no longer tolerate the greed and corruption of the "1%". Taxation, income, environment, health and many more issues come into play, providing the government with a very big dilemma and forcing action to be taken.

If you wish find out more about the Occupy Wall Street movement, or to become a voice in it, visit the official site of the movement <http://occupywallst.org> . You can also educate yourself and take a stand on the grievances of the 99% at the official tumblr of the movement, <http://wearethe99percent.tumblr.com>.

No matter your age, ethnicity, religion or political views, the question is the same, would you occupy?

*-Marissa Gibbard*

### **Nanaimo:**

### **Housing Project Proposed for North End Location**

For the past few months, the North End has been abuzz with talk over a controversial new affordable housing project planned to be built on the currently vacant lot between the fire hall and Nanaimo Seniors Village on Uplands Road. Because of the public outcry surrounding the proposal, the project has not yet gotten the go-ahead from city council, and with a civic election on its way, it likely won't be approved or disapproved until the voters go to the polls.

This type of housing project is specifically designed to accommodate homeless people with drug and alcohol addictions, giving them a place to live. The facility is not exclusively for rehabilitation, and residents may continue to access their vices while they live there, hence its common name, a "wet house" or "low barrier housing."

Proponents of the project say that the units will give addicts a place to live, which, they say, is a crucial element to recovery. In terms of rehabilitation, they point out that overcoming an addiction must be one's own

choice and that if one chooses to undergo rehabilitation, it is likely to be more successful if one has a place to live, rather than trying to survive on the streets. Proponents say they like the north end for the location because it is close to many of the shopping, transportation, and other services that the wet house residents would need to integrate themselves back into society. They also point to the success of these types of units in other North American cities such as Vancouver and Portland.

Meanwhile, opponents claim that the location of the wet house is totally inappropriate because it is within such close proximity to a senior's centre and a high school. They argue that the presence of addicts will be problematic and dangerous for the community because the fact that residents of the housing units are allowed to continue using will make the facility into "a hangout for junkies and drug addicts." Concerned Citizens of Nanaimo, a political lobby group formed exclusively in opposition to this project has been voicing its concerns at city council meetings recently and has even begun issuing pamphlets door-to-door depicting a family out walking in an affluent suburban neighborhood while a girl injects heroin against a white picket fence in the background. The caption reads "what is wrong with this picture?"

Do you think something is wrong with this project? Or do you think it is a good decision for the community? Tell us what you think by sending us a comment to: [mirror.doverbay@hotmail.ca](mailto:mirror.doverbay@hotmail.ca)

To read more about opinions on the project, see our "At Issue" page with Jay Herring.

*-Jay Herring*

## **THE SCHOOL**

### **Student Council:**

## **Change for Change**

The student council section of the Dover Bay newspaper will inform students of upcoming fundraisers and events such as the winter ball. The student council is a great way to get involved in the school, as they organize a lot of events for the students to take part in and have fun. Our co-presidents this year are planning this year to be one of the best in the history of Dover Bay, and our updates will keep you informed so you can go out and enjoy what they have planned for us!

Right now, the student council is starting up this year's fundraising campaign, "Change for Change". On the second of November there was a pop corn sale with all the money raised going towards charity. We encourage you to bring out your spare change for donations!

We'd also like to spread the word about "Movember!" Though there most likely will not be any events involving Movember at our school, Dover Bay Student Council wants to spread the word! Movember is a health event revolving around the growing of mustaches, and is meant to raise awareness about men's health issues like prostate cancer.

Also, don't forget about the can drive and Christmas shoe boxes! Ask your D-Block teacher if you want to know more about the Can Drive, and, by all means, bring your non-perishables in to donate!

*-Henna Manhas*

## Arts:

### Halloween Dance Showcase

Hello Dover Bay, this is your faithful reporter Hanna Yang. I'll be writing about the performance division of our school-Dance, Band, Drama, and Musical Theatre. This month, I'll be writing about the Dance class, led by our beloved leader Mrs. Roberts.

This year, Halloween at Dover Bay was a little different: We had a dance showcase. No, not like that flash mob dance the Student Council pulled off so wonderfully last year; it was a full-on, one-block (B to be exact) dance showcase held on the stage, Halloween Day, by this year's Dance PE 10 class.

Teachers signed their classes up to come watch an excellent show, with lots of great dance numbers. Performances included a new-generation version of the oh-so-famous "Monster Mash", a rendition of Glee's famous mash-up "Thriller/Heads Will Roll", and closing off the show was a great interpretation of Tim Burton's quirky style with "This is Halloween". Musical performers were Melissa Kahan with Ryan Martin, and Mr. Irving's Senior Concert Band.

The show was received with general praise, what with having a full house (that means there were no seats left, for you who didn't know.) and is being called "wonderful" and "genuinely scary, with lots of character and diversity".

All in all, this year's Halloween Dance Showcase proved to be quite successful, and I think everybody, both on- and off-stage, had a real blast (I know I did!).

*-Hanna Yang*

## Me to We:

### We Day

Vancouver BC- Imagine 18,000 students packed into an arena, cheering on the inspirational speakers, and dancing to the songs of their favorite bands. This became a reality for the members of the Dover bay "Me to We" club, when they attended the 2011 "We Day" at Rogers arena in Vancouver. "We Day" occurred on October 13th, and was a massively successful event, inspired by motivational speakers such as Craig and Marc Keilburger, founders of the Free the Children foundation, and Mikhail Gorbachev, Nobel laureate and head of the former Soviet Union. Michel Chikwanine, a former DR Congo child soldier also spoke. Many Performers also attended – people such as Mia Farrow, Shaquille O'Neal, the band, Hedley, Shawn Desman, Down with Webster, and Noah Kaplan. The speakers and performers had a profound effect on those that attended, instilling us with the feeling that a single person or an organization can truly change the world.

*-Jacob Burnley.*

## **AT ISSUE**

### **Opinion:**

### **Will to Help Blocked by Fear to Accept**

It seems to be the consensus among those most vocally opposed to the city's proposed "low-barrier housing" project that our draconian city council is condemning the Wonderbread community of the north end by suggesting that mixing the well off and the dysfunctional might not be a bad idea. Their attitude is one of "how dare they!", for if the untouchables were to ever infiltrate the north end, our safe, suburban dream would be over, right? Yet how safe is this neighborhood as it is? Are there not already a multitude of drug related influences going on within the very high school which is now about to be "corrupted" by the influence of a nearby "drug house"? It seems to me that the students of Dover Bay have been the subject of a great deal of complaints with respect to causing problems in the neighborhood, yet it seems that now, as a more visibly dysfunctional group is set to move in, my peers and I have conveniently been redefined as the innocent, suburban children whose safety will be compromised if this project is completed.

It is the preconception among those who are opposed to the project that the housing units will become nothing more than a drug users' hangout. Of course, our picturesque community couldn't possibly have a number of what could be called "drug houses" as it is, could it? I beg to differ on that; we all have demons in our own back yards, some are just better concealed and others. Nevertheless, I wonder how loud the public outcry would be if such a project were proposed in a community like Harewood? Are there no schools and children in South Nanaimo? Despite that, I sense that a south end location of such a facility would be met with less criticism because lower income parts of town already have problems with drugs; after all, it makes perfect sense for people try to get better in the midst of what they want to get away from...

For a society that wants so badly to be "drug free", nobody seems to want to have the appropriate facilities for such a thing in their own back yard. Righteousness is pretty sick sometimes; everyone pretends like they want to help the less fortunate, as long as it doesn't inconvenience them at all. Harewood doesn't need another project, yet I believe our community does, because it might just be the eye-opener that some of the people around here need to understand the real problems facing the less fortunate. People around here look outside and expect to see a mirror – they want to see something familiar staring back at them. It's time for people to stop fearing being close to that which is different. Maybe then our focus would shift, somewhat, from worrying so much about how our property values are going to be affected, and more about how we can help those whom we seem to know so little about. Maybe then we'd remember just how lucky we are, and how easily it could be our friend, our even ourselves, looking for a way to get better. Something like that would hit us closer to home than this project ever will.

*-Jay Herringer*

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

## **Books:**

### **Ready Player One**

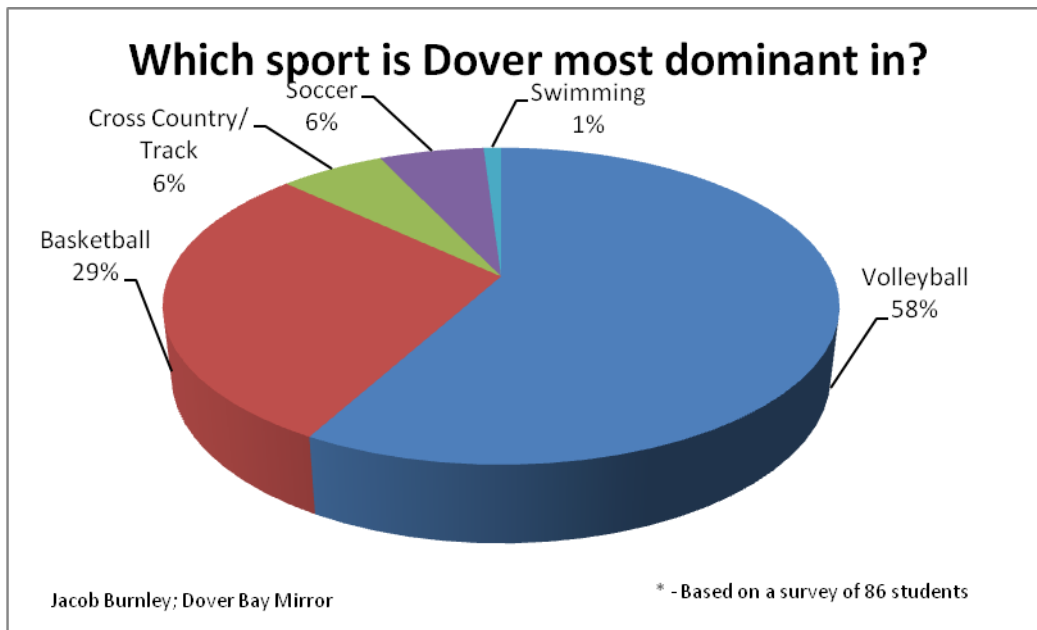
This month's book review is of "Ready Player One", a science fiction novel written by Ernest Cline. "Ready Player One" is set in a dystopian version of earth's near future, and in an online virtual world, called Oasis. The book follows Wade Watts, a poor, but clever high school student who is on a quest to find the vast fortune that was hidden in Oasis by its enigmatic and insane creator, James Halliday. To find the treasure, Wade must navigate the massive, artificial world of Oasis, and solve the many riddles and puzzles that point the way toward the greatest Easter Egg of all time.

"Ready Player One" is a wonderful book that paints a picture of a technological future, full of brutal problems, and ruthless corporations. It focuses heavily on the culture of the 1980's, and is filled with references to retro gaming. Anyone who is interested in either of these things would get a kick out reading it, as well as people who enjoy Science Fiction, and stories about the near future of earth. It is an excellent story, with a gritty and involved plotline that will keep any reader begging for more.

*-Aaron Mishkin*

## **Sports:**

### **Student Poll**



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