

Towle Bridge

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Welcome Fall!

*And God said, “Let the earth
bring forth living creatures
according to their kinds—
livestock and creeping things
and beasts of the earth
according to their kinds.”
And it was so.*

Avoid College Debt!

By Kayla Shultz

College-searching can be overwhelming when you take a look at the price tag. Many are puzzled as they seek out a way to further their education without going into debt. If you're like me, you are both overwhelmed and puzzled. But I've done some research and discovered that going into debt is avoidable.

If you are a Delaware resident, or your immediate family owns a business in Delaware and you do well in high school, then you are automatically qualified for the "SEED Program" at Delaware Technical and Community College. This program guarantees free tuition to the college, which contains several campuses throughout the state. Course fees and books are the only out-of-pocket expenses. Generally speaking, a student enrolled in the SEED Program can receive an associate's degree for about \$2500. Let's face it—in this day and age, that's considered free college!

But maybe DelTech isn't for you. Saving money and avoiding debt is still possible. If you intend to stay local, living at home instead of on campus can save thousands. The dorm life is, unfortunately, very expensive. Meal plans, room, and board can drain your bank account in just a few semesters. Remaining at home for a few more years can help you get your new adult life started once you graduate college because of the money you'll be saving.

Even if you intend to go to an out-of-state college, you can still save. Research scholarships your top colleges offer, and *apply!* In addition, always, always, always submit an application for financial aid. Every little bit helps.

On top of that, if you wish to avoid student loans and college debt, start now. I recommend finding a part-time job while you are still in high school so you can begin a solid savings account. Even if it's only a few hours a week, you'd be surprised at the difference even a small income can make. Make financial goals for yourself. For example, try to reach \$2000 in your savings account by a certain time. In addition, several academic competitions for high school students offer cash prizes. The Newark Free Library presents a scholarship for the winner of an essay contest. National History Day offers cash prizes, as does the National WWII Museum. These competitions may be worth looking into.

If you are still confused and don't know where to begin when it comes to college, the Newark Free Library is hosting a free workshop for teens and parents on Monday, October 17th at 7:00 pm. Here, those who attend will be instructed on how to find scholarships, submit an application, and write a scholarship essay.

In conclusion, debt *is* avoidable. It takes a little extra work, but it will be worth it in the end. *Research, research, research* and find scholarships that suit you. Look into colleges like DelTech that offer free tuition, or consider staying at home for a few years. Alternatives do exist! Seek them out—it will be worthwhile.

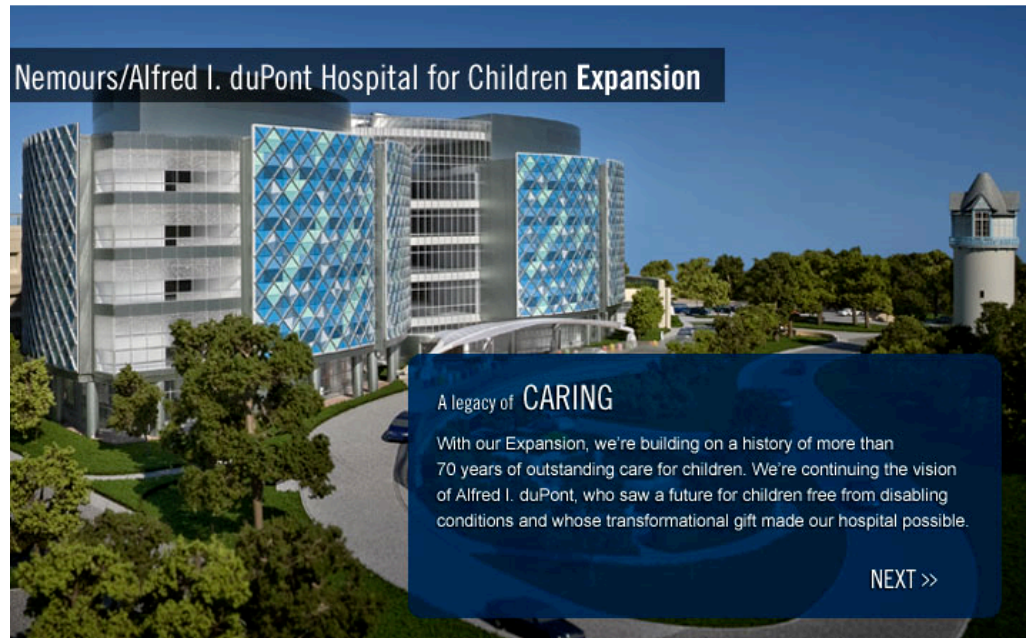
The new “Hotel DuPont”

By Cameron Bonney

Picture this: you’re standing on the 5th floor of one of two oval-shaped wings of a huge building in your brightly colored, private room. Sunlight pours through the large window that looks out over the beautiful landscape. It’s almost hard to remember that you’re in a hospital.

That’s exactly what the architects that designed the new building for A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children want. It is expected that in 2014, the new hospital building will be complete and ready for occupants. This new hospital building will take the place of the current building, which will be converted into office spaces for the employees.

One of the really cool things about this new building is that its design was inspired by kids! The team of architects worked with patients who had stayed in the hospital for long periods of time, to get a feel for what would make long stays seem less-long. Some of the things that the kids requested included private rooms, a window with a view



to the outside, and accommodations for family members in each room. Having stayed in the hospital for months on end myself, these are exactly the types of improvements I would like to see.

Currently, if you have to stay in the hospital, you will be sharing a room--and one bathroom--with another patient. This is inconvenient to both patients and their families. The improvement of private rooms, each with their own bathroom and accommodations for parents, will make your stay seem much shorter. Right now, you might be the lucky patient that gets the window on your side of the room, but it doesn’t help you feel any more at home if you’re staring at the cement wall of the hospital and not shrubbery. The new rooms will each have a large, diamond-shaped window that overlooks greenery!

Other improvements include two TVs in each room (one for the patient and one for the family), a refrigerator and closet in each room, a serenity room and playroom on every unit, and rooms to accommodate special needs children. There will also be a new dining area, a gift shop, a Discovery Zone for kids, and a Gelato shop!

The idea of making the hospital seem less like a hospital is a fantastic idea. Since I spent so much time at the current hospital, I’m excited to see how the new building helps patients cope during a difficult time.

Homeschoolers Have Proms?

By J. Tucker

Some may find it hard to believe, but homeschoolers have proms just like everyone else. We get dressed up, find dates, fake our way through dancing, and go through all the fun *and* hassle of prom. Although it may not always be prom in the “traditional sense,” it becomes a night that many of us never forget.

Homeschool proms are not usually big in numbers. The largest proms may include from 100 to 200 kids; most have fewer. However, the dances are widespread and can be found across the country. This is not to say they aren't everything public school proms are; it's just at the same time they're everything the latter are not. It's a better experience with the focus more on kicking back and relaxing with friends. You still get the limo, the flowers, the tux or gown, the tradition, and unfortunately, you still get the cost.

Proms can be put together by either home school association groups or sometimes simply by a motivated homeschooler. Many homeschoolers are unaware that these prom options even exist for them. These proms can happen early (to beat the prom rush) or even after most proms have occurred. If you are interested in attending one, google “homeschool proms” along with your city and state. It can't hurt to be aware.

If you don't want to attend prom you're not alone. Many students feel complete without the experience; it is great that you have a choice as a homeschooler. A lot of kids don't feel they have that choice not to go. Don't feel pressured to attend prom, because it's an option you have and it's your choice to make. Still, the next time you hear someone saying homeschoolers don't get to have proms, just sit back and smile.

Learn To Lead

By J. Gilgenast

“Charlie Flight! HYDRATE!”

“WE CAN’T SIR!!”

“Isn’t that water in your canteens!”

“NO SIR!”

“Then what is it!”

“COOL AID SIR! AAAAAHH YEAH!”

Sergeants yelling, cadets screaming, and officers commanding; these were the sounds of the 2011 Tri Wing encampment. I spent a week last summer marching, doing drill, getting yelled at, and be treated like a USAF cadet at basic training. I learned how to march, how to fall into formation, how to make my bunk, and how to wear my uniform correctly without having enough time to get it ready. Placed in a flight of about 25 other cadets, we shared a barracks. We were rudely awakened every morning before light to go out and do PT (Physical Training).

Some of you reading this are probably thinking: “Why on earth would anyone want to spend a week of summer like that?” The answer is very simple: to learn the rudiments of leadership. Again, some of you are probably asking, “What does marching around, getting yelled at, and told what to do have to do with leadership?” If you want to lead, you must first learn to follow.



Leadership is a very dynamic thing, it can be a gift or a natural talent, but just because you have a gift of leadership does not mean that you’re ready to be the president or a five-star general in the army. In order to be a truly good leader in any situation, you must work from the bottom up. Most of the greatest leaders in history had a very humble start, such as George Patton. He started at the near-bottom of the military hierarchy, but became a five-star general. One must learn to follow first in order to understand and care about the people under him or her. Being yelled at and made to do some pretty ridiculous things teaches you what it is like to be at the bottom of the pecking order. So, if you want to be a good leader and be remembered as one of the best leaders in all of history, learn to follow first.



Ali Baba Restaurant Review

By Abigail Durkovic

The exhilarating music filling in the void spaces of conversations, the intricately designed walls, chandeliers, and tables, the decorative yet also historic artifacts, all of this and more adds to the entertaining atmosphere of Ali Baba. Ali Baba, located in Newark, DE on Main Street is a Middle Eastern style restaurant that offers both enticing food and a family-friendly environment.

When first walking in, my ears were filled with authentic North African music that tempted me to dance. Amid the sound of laughter, the waiter showed our group through the restaurant and to the back room. This space was dimly lit by crystal chandeliers hanging from the ceiling. Hanging down from the chandeliers were beaded strands that encompassed the light bulbs, dimming the light perfectly. Several low, round wooden tables detailed with extraordinary carvings were surrounded by couches and stools. We sat down around the table, and admired the tapestries that hung down from the robust, yellow painted walls, and the wooden boards centered on them that contained red, yellow, and white geometric painted designs. The seating was close and casual, similar to Biblical reclining.

After absorbing the décor, we ordered two appetizers: Ali Baba's Hommus, and the Vegetarian Platter. The Vegetarian Platter included small amounts of numerous appetizers that were on the menu: stuffed grape leaves, fried falafel, and hommus. I tasted small bits of everything, and greatly enjoyed the fried falafel and hommus. Stuffed grape leaves are indeed a delicacy, one that I can imagine not everybody would enjoy, but they were wrapped beautifully.

Ali Baba's Hommus is the restaurant's personalized recipe of hommus. It is very similar to regular hommus, but is topped with finely chopped pine nuts and ground beef. Following the delectable appetizers, the entrees were brought out. I ordered a Lamb and Beef Gyro (jai-row), Greek style [roasted lamb and beef, tomatoes, onions and homemade gyro sauce, on a pita wrap]. As I bit into the gyro, my taste buds roared with delight as the tantalizing flavors danced across my tongue. Delicately roasted beef and lamb surrounded by a slightly tangy sauce (similar to sour cream), fresh, juicy tomatoes, and sweet onions all work together to create a fantastic sandwich pita wrap known as the Gyro. The food, the exuberant atmosphere, the historical yet inspiring artifacts, combines to make Ali Baba a great family-friendly choice for any occasion! All this, and for a great price too!



The Cast*: The 2011 Volleyball Season of the Boys and Girls Club Falcons

By Camille Fontenelle
Photograph by Brian O'Sullivan

If you close your eyes, it sounds like a basketball court, the bouncing of balls pounding loudly on the polished surface. Open your eyes, though, and you can see that down the middle of the court is a volleyball net; where the lanky basketball players are supposed to be, the tall, fit Tri-State Falcons stand, ready to practice.

With seven games left in the season, the Falcons are focused and ready for anything. Varsity has won their first two games of the season, and as player Maddie Johnson says, “[Even though the Falcons] practice way less [than their competition] we are doing really well. We have lots of new people this year with little experience but they’re doing fantastic.”

The energy in the gym pulses as Varsity and JV split up for practice. Two nets are set up length-ways on the court, one on the right and one on the left. Soon, volleyballs spin in the players hands, bodies crouch, sneakers squeak.

On the Varsity side, Maddie Johnson serves. The ball soars over the net in slow motion; Alli Thurman (co-captain along with Rachel Boedeker) seizes the opportunity. She strikes the ball and the Falcons launch themselves into action.

Cries of: “Good, *good!*” “Call it!” “Nice serve!” “Good hustle!” and “Great Play!” ring out on both sides of the court. Watching the Falcons, one would think the game is easy. But as player Danielle Corrigan says “People think [volleyball] is easy but it’s not. There are a lot of

positions you have to go to and rules you have to follow.” The thin sheen of sweat that coats the brows of the players confirms Danielle’s words.

On the JV side, the ball is served, it vaults back and forth across the net, to Abigail McFadden, Julia Mahoney, Helena Johnson, Jenna Henke and finally, it is out. It is good series of plays.

According to Kerianna Frederick, the best part about being a Falcon is “getting to hang out with my team,” and this shows. As practice comes to a close, the balls start to bounce again, and the chatter of the players illustrates their camaraderie, dedication and

enjoyment. When JV player Julia Mahoney says of volleyball, “It’s really fun!” she is definitely speaking for the team.

Close your eyes, and it sounds like a basketball court again, but this time, you know, it is all about volleyball. Go Falcons!

Towle’s JV Players:

Jenna Henke
Julia Mahoney
Abigail McFadden
Kathrynn Steward

Towle’s Varsity Players:

Danielle Corrigan
Kerianna Fredrick
Courtney Lang
Kayla Shultz



* Cast is the name given to a group of falcons

Falcons Volleyball Schedule

Varsity - Falcons

Day	Date	Time	End Time	Status	Score	Visitors	Home	Venue
Tue	9/6/2011	4:00pm		#1 - W	3-1	Falcons	Fairwinds Christian School	Fairwinds Christian School
Tue	9/13/2011	3:30pm		#2 - W	3-0	Falcons	Salem County Christian Academy	Salem County Christian Academy
Tue	9/20/2011	4:00pm		#3 - W	3-0	Falcons	Tall Oaks Classical	Tall Oaks Classical
Tue	10/4/2011	3:30pm		TBP		West Nottingham Academy	Falcons	Boys & Girls Club (Falcon's home court)
Thu	10/6/2011	3:30pm		#5 - TBP		Salem County Christian Academy	Falcons	Boys & Girls Club (Falcon's home court)
Fri	10/7/2011	3:30pm		#6 - TBP		The Westtown School	Falcons	Boys & Girls Club (Falcon's home court)
Sat	10/15/2011	2:00pm		#7 - TBP		Falcons	West Nottingham Academy	West Nottingham Academy
Thu	10/20/2011	3:30pm		#8 - TBP		Tall Oaks Classical	Falcons	Boys & Girls Club (Falcon's home court)

Status: F - Final Score (Visitors-Home)

W - Win

L - Loss (OT-Overtime)

T - Tie

TBP - To Be Played


CAN - Canceled

PPD - Postponed

SPD - Suspended

FFT - Forfeit

N/R - Score Not Reported



WANTED!

Soda can tabs!

You know those little aluminum pull tabs you use to open your soda can? Have you ever wondered if there was something you could use them for? Would you believe that you could help save kids' lives by saving them? Well you can! A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children collects them to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. They want the just the tabs, rather than the whole can, because the tab contains more pure aluminum than the rest of the can. We can help them by saving our soda tabs! There will be a small box on the snack table each week. Just finish your soda(s), take off the little tab, and put in the box!



A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Hope your school year is off to a great start! Here are a few friendly reminders:

Any Senior who is applying for *Early Decision* or *Early Action* with a November 1, 2011 deadline must contact Mrs. Kaliakin by October 10, 2011. *Please remember* to give all those individuals who are writing recommendations for you: 1) at least three weeks' notice AND 2) a stamped envelope addressed to the college to which you are applying.

If you are going to take the SATs or the ACTs, please use the School Code of **080071** in order for Towle to receive a copy of your score report. These scores, however, are NOT automatically printed onto your transcript. For that, you must give me permission to do so. The best way is to give me a copy of your Student Score Report, circle the scores you want to release and sign off on that copy

The PSATs will be administered on **Saturday, October 15th, 2011** at Faith Baptist Church. Please plan on arriving by 8:45 am with a few #2 pencils, a good (non-smudging) eraser and an approved calculator (see *page 17* in your PSAT Student Guide). Also, students may bring snacks and a drink but they may not eat or drink while testing is in progress. Dismissal will be sometime after 12 noon.

To all Juniors and Seniors, please check your "Inbox" weekly – the file box set up on stage in the study hall.

The **Junior and Parent College Night** is scheduled for *Tuesday, November 1, 2011* from **7 to 9 pm** at Faith Baptist Church. Main topics that will be discussed -- college searches, college admissions and financial aid. This is a mandatory meeting for all of Towle's *full-time* junior families. Only the student and his/her parent may attend. No younger children, except for nursing infants, are welcome since there will be no childcare services provided. If you are a *part-time* junior family, you are welcome to attend this meeting for a fee of \$25.00 (prior registration is required). Please contact Mrs. Kaliakin leezakal@udel.edu with any questions and/or concerns. Thank you.

To all Seniors – STAY FOCUSED on your academics. The senior year counts!!!

Please make two corrections in your copy of the student/parent directory:

- The student listed as Daniel Healey should be Jared Healey
- The student listed as Elizabeth Imhoff in second grade should be Naomi Imhoff

2011-12 Lab Schedule

Fall (Wednesdays at FBC)

September 14, 2011 (Lab **Group 1** on school calendar)

(Please note that lab is Week 3 this month due to the later start of the school year)

- 8:30 – 10:30 Physics
- 9:30 – 11:30 Chemistry
- 10:30 – 12:30 Physical Science

September 28, 2011 (Lab **Group 2** on school calendar)

- 8:00 – 10:00 Anatomy & Physiology
- 10:30 – 12:00 Biology
- 12:30 – 2:30 Health

October 12 Follow Lab **Group 1** schedule

October 26 Follow Lab **Group 2** schedule

November 9 Follow Lab **Group 1** schedule

November 16 Follow Lab **Group 2** schedule

December 7 To Be Announced

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2	3 <i>Week 5</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Week 6</i>	11	12 <i>Lab Group 1</i>	13	14	15 <i>PSAT</i>
16	17 <i>Week 7</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Week 8</i> <i>Teacher's Mtg</i>	25 <i>Mapping Night</i> <i>7-10 p.m.</i>	26 <i>Lab Group 2</i>	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Week 9</i> <i>End Plant Sci.</i>	1 <i>Jr./Parent</i> <i>Mtg.</i> <i>7-10 p.m.</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Week 10</i>	8	9 <i>Lab Group 1</i>	10	11	12