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Herald Proven Wrong! Columbus makes it 6-0

By Brandon Fernandez

The Columbus Explorers took the field on Friday, September 10th, against rival school Belen Jesuit. The Wolverines were determined to walk away with a win this time around. The Explorers had other ideas.

Belen gained momentum early when linebacker Frankie Hernandez blocked a punt with the Wolverines recovering on the 4 yard-line. Miguel Maseda wasted no time when he spun his way into the end zone on the very next play. The Explorers would have the last laugh, however.

The Columbus defense was suffocating, allowing fewer than 100 yards through the first three quarters of the games. The offense also did its job by scoring 28 unanswered points before halftime. Senior Wide Receiver Taco Sumler was the stand-out performer for the Explorers offensively. Sumler caught four passes for 160 yards and three touchdowns.

Senior running back Collin Alford also played well, making two big plays for the Explorers. Alford took an option pitch and sprinted 16 yards towards the end zone, which tied the game at 7. On the very next drive, Alford took another pitch, rolled out, and found Sumler deep for another touchdown.

The Wolverines did manage to put a few more points on the board, but, needless to say, the game was already way out of their reach. Columbus defeated Belen 35-16, winning their sixth game in a row against the rival team. "Belen's a very disciplined team, and they deserve a lot of credit for going to state's last year," said senior defensive end Anthony Rabasa. "But Columbus is Columbus, and weren't going to lose to Belen."



Left: The Columbus defense, led by seniors Anthony Rabasa, Brandon Bradley, and Matthew Larubia, was on fire Friday night, allowing fewer than 100 yards in the first three quarters of the game. Larubia recorded 14 tackles and senior Dion Rivera had 11 tackles. Anthony Rabasa and senior JC Diaz each recorded a sack.



Left: Senior Taco Sumler proved that he was one of the best wide receivers in the state of Florida, catching four passes for a staggering 160 yards. Senior quarterback Wes Keller was a perfect 7 for 7 passing for 159 yards and two touchdowns. Kennrick Washington also had a TD run.

Free Agent Frenzy

By Brandon Fernandez

Summer has come and gone, and along with summer came one of the most anticipated sporting events of all time—the 2010 NBA free agency period. With names such as LeBron James, Chris Bosh, Amar'e Stoudemire, and Dwyane Wade at the top of the list of big name available players, several teams were willing to do whatever it took to simply land one of these guys.

That's exactly what the New York Knicks decided to do when they signed Center/Forward Amar'e Stoudemire almost immediately. Carlos Boozer and David Lee were two other forwards pursued during the free agency period. Boozer signed with the Chicago Bulls while Lee signed with the Golden State Warriors.

The New York Knicks, Chicago Bulls, and Golden State Warriors had each acquired a big name. The Miami Heat, however, had other ideas. Pat Riley would not settle for just one big name — he wanted three big names. Riley's wish came true. The Heat resigned Guard Dwyane Wade and also managed to add forwards LeBron James and Chris Bosh. "The Three Kings", as they are now being called, each signed six year deals. Each deal was worth a little bit more than \$100 million.

Miami was not going to stop there. The front office now faced the grueling task of bringing a solid supporting cast to South Beach with very limited funds. Almost immediately after James announced his "Decision", guard Mike Miller decided to join Miami as well. The Heat also resigned hometown favorite Udonis Haslem and added veteran Forward Juwan Howard. Center Zydrunas Ilgauskas and guard Eddie House signed with the Heat as well.

The 2010-2011 Miami Heat team has already been voted one of the most hated sports teams of all time by *Sports Illustrated* magazine, without even stepping foot on a basketball court yet. However, no matter the criticism, the 2010-2011 Miami Heat team is arguably the best basketball team ever assembled and is expected to do big things, such as break the all time regular season record for wins as well as contend for an NBA title.

2010: The Year of the Hellions

By Jose Estevez

I wonder why I wake up in the morning and run more than people walk in the day. Why I put myself through so much physical pain day in and day out. Why I give up on going out and having a "life," as my friends call it, for this sport. And after sitting here for a while and wondering, the only reason I could come up with is, it's because I am a Hellion.

Now right about now you should be asking yourself, what is a Hellion? Well the dictionary calls it a troublesome, mischievous, unruly person; derived from the word hell. If you ask a Columbus Cross Country runner, he will tell you, "I am a Hellion." A Hellion, and this is rough explanation, is a gut-wrenching, oxygen stealing, hard working, non-stopping machine. We give up everything for one thing, each other. We are a team like no other, one that no one can stop, and this my friend, is the year of the Hellion.

Our summer break consists of one weekend, because while everyone is resting their brains that first Monday of summer, we are already at hard work towards another excellent season, one that should bring another state title. The main ingredient to a Hellion is dedication, and it is one that we don't take lightly. We are expected to be at practice dark and early at six in the morning and then again in the afternoon, Monday through Saturday, from the first day of practice till December 4th, the day of the Nike Cross Nationals. Everyday you show up you are expected to give nothing less than your best, whether it is three miles or 12.

Another crucial component is desire, not only desire for the sport, but desire for each other. When you step on that line, the men you see to the right and left of you aren't your teammates, they are your brothers. They are the few that sweat every mile along the way with you, the ones that feel the pain you do and motivate you to go on. We are raised as a team not as individuals and learn to trust each other, just like we trust one another at a race. At the race I don't have to worry about anything, because I trust in my team and they trust in me, and with that thought alone I know we will succeed.

The year of the Hellions brings a lot of pain and struggle but in the end it brings bliss and success. We work toward the State Meet, and this job has no vacation. So now when I wake up in the morning I can stop wondering why I am here, because now I know I am here for two reasons, for that state title, but more importantly for my brothers who feel how I feel everyday of their lives.

Will the Hellions Three Peat?

By Roland Calderin

For the past two years, one Columbus team has completely dominated the field of competition. The Columbus Cross Country team, aka The Hellions, has won the state championship for two straight years. The Hellions have proven that they are the best, finishing 33 points ahead of 2008 State Runner up Melbourne High, as well as finishing 66 points in front of 2009 State Runner Up Dr. Phillips High. This year, the Hellions look to do it again, under the leadership of star AJ Del Valle.

R: How do you feel about your individual achievements of last season? How do you feel about your team's achievements of last year?

AJ: Overall I think I had a good season. I was disappointed with my state finish (6th), but happy with my national finish (14th) and season-best time for the 5k (14:56). As a team, I don't think we could have done much better. We won our second straight title and finished 22nd in the country.

R: How beneficial will the addition of senior Jose Estevez be to the team?

AJ: I think Jose is a huge addition to our team. With Jose filing Dominick's shoes, we should dominate state competition and make it to Nationals for the second straight year.

R: How has the team improved as a whole in the offseason?

AJ: We've seen some great improvements from our underclassmen. Manny Garcia put in a great amount of work this past summer and is now our fifth man. Plus, our sophomores have added great depth to our team. The addition of freshman Kenny Castro should also help us out if not this year, then definitely next year.

R: How does it feel to know that you guys have a chance to three peat?

AJ: It feels great. Not many high schools get to experience winning one state title, so to have the chance to win three is outstanding.

R: How will winning the state title this year compare to winning the state title the past two years? Will it be easier or more difficult?

AJ: Even though it's never easy to win a state title, I'd say this year's state title can be the least difficult to win. We've put a lot of hard work to be the number one team in the state.

R: Lastly, what are your expectations for the season as an individual? What are your expectations for the season as a team?

AJ: Individually, I would like to run about 14:45 in the 5k, win the state meet, and place top 5 at Nationals. As a team, we would like to 3-peat and place top 15 at Nationals.



NEW GOLF COACH EYES SUCCESS By Gabriel De Tuya

Some of you, actually most of you, have yet to realize that the "University of" Charles Frazier is no longer the Columbus golf coach. To learn about the golf team's upcoming season, I sat down with the new guy: Mr. Michael Marinelli.

T: How do you expect this season to turn out compared to last year?

M: I think anything less than last year would be a disappointment.

T: What are your goals for this season?

M: My goals for the team this year are to win our region and, hopefully, have a strong showing at states.

T: How much do you see this season resembling the movie *Caddyshack*?

M: I could definitely see myself being Rodney Dangerfield.

T: How much golfing experience do you have?

M: I've been golfing since college, so about six years.

T: Lastly, what do you have to say to all the people out there who say LeBron should've tried to win a title on his own?

M: What does this have to do with golf?

T: Nothing at all.

M: Well, nobody has done it by themselves; Jordan had Pippen; Kobe had Shaq, and now Kobe has that Spanish guy.

The golf team is hoping for a big year out of junior Stefano Diaz and senior Jordan Portal. So far the team is off to a 2-0 start, beating the likes of South Dade, Krop, and American. Coach Marinelli and his squad look to keep the good results coming in their upcoming matches.

SUMMER 2010 ALBUM REVIEW

By Lucas Blanco

Hey, Columbus, and welcome back from what was hopefully a long and relaxing summer. I will be writing the music section of *The Log* this year, and I hope that the column will provoke your interest in fairly unknown musical artists.

Though the musicians and bands discussed will be somewhat under the radar in terms of popularity, this section of the newspaper won't be devoted strictly to Indie rock as done in past years in an effort to present different genres. Also, the reviews will emphasize songs instead of entire records. Let's face it - the concept of the "album" is dying out in the face of a changing music industry, with singles and individual songs taking its place, so we might as well roll with the changes.

Now that we're done with introductions, let's continue to a review of some of the summer's best, left-of-the-dial releases.

1. *Crystal Castles (II)*

Crystal Castles — Fiction Records

The duo of Alice Glass and Ethan Kath has created another fantastic album which takes the world of dance music and melds it with a punk attitude. Much darker and experimental than their first album, this album

Key Songs:

"Celestica" - This trance-y sounding track is one of the more wonder when you listen to the awesome beat and swooshes of

"Year of Silence" - Definitely a creepy song, especially at the entire thing comes down on you. Just don't listen to it while you sleep.

"Vietnam" - The album's best and the duo at their prime. It's a perfect great dance.



still holds the vibe which is the Crystal

accessible on the album, and it's no distorted bass synths.

intro. But when the beat kicks in, the

balance of dark punk and

2. *Diamond Eyes*

Deftones — Reprise Records

Bassist Chi Cheng's car accident and subsequent coma in November of 2008 put a stop to the Deftones for a while, but now they are back and better than ever before as shown by strong music and surprisingly optimistic lyrics. Since Chi remains in rehabilitation from his crash, the band has recruited Sergio as a temporary member.

Key Songs:

"Beauty School" - The dark, trippy atmosphere which made the Deftones famous in the first place can be found here along with a striking melodic attack from the band's singer Chi Moreno.

"Royal" - Loud/Soft dynamics contribute to a song that always has you asking "what's next?" Just when you think it's all over, an arresting breakdown catches you unexpectedly for an epic finish.



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3. *Brothers*

The Black Keys — Nonesuch Records

It's a shame that this band lives in the wake of the more famous White Stripes, because these guys from Akron, Ohio, know how to get it done. Their aptitude is demonstrated on *Brothers* - a fantastic collision between Indie and Led Zeppelin.

Key Songs:

"Everlasting Light" - The song's groove puts you in the right place throughout, while bach (the lead singer) performs with a tremendous falsetto - it's an awesome opening awesome album.

"Next Girl" - If there ever was a song which fused gospel church-choir swagger with would be this gem right here. Combine that with an extremely catchy chorus, and you got an extremely rocking track.

"Unknown Brother" - A very sobering story about a lost companion, a missing friend, a departed brother. A magnificent song which reaches down into the human spirit.



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Ride of the Week

By Kevin Casamayor

The ride of the week goes to junior Stefano Balli and his Mercedes-Benz C Class. It's a car that competes with the very popular 3 Series BMW, along with the Lexus IS, Audi A4, and Cadillac CTS. Mercedes spent seven years getting this car ready; imagine spending that much time on your homework. Mercedes engineers even road tested the C Class 14 million miles. There are many design elements that incorporate traditional Benz stuff along with cutting edge technology. For example, at the rear of the car the taillights actually serve a dual purpose. As you drive along, air is sucked up from under the car and drawn up behind the rear bumper and sucked out of tiny hidden vents in the taillights; the process helps reduce lift. Mercedes even went so far as to include microscopic pieces of ceramic in the car's paint to make it scratch resistant. Stefano also included several modifications of his own. He's added blacked out taillights, a carbon fiber rear spoiler, a quad exhaust system, carbon fiber mirrors, deep tinted windows, and special matte black 18" rims. When asked what he likes about his car Stefano replied, "I love it. It's the perfect car. I am thankful that my parents got me my dream car. I am really proud of all the modifications that I have put on the C. It really is the perfect car for me. It suits my personality." All in all, the C Class is a great car that brings exceptional value.



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New Teachers on the Block by Christopher Borges

A total of five new faculty members has been recently introduced into the Columbus family for the 2010-2011 school year. The staff members are: Ms. Acevedo, Mr. Camara, Mr. Mendoza, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Comesana.

Ms. Acevedo has joined the Math Department at Columbus; she is teaching Algebra I and Algebra II this year. Although she is new to the school, Ms. Acevedo has been teaching for thirteen years. When she was asked about what she thought about Columbus so far, she said, "Columbus is an excellent school where the students take pride in their academics and their sports. The faculty has been very helpful and welcoming."

Mr. Camara has joined the English Department at Columbus; he is teaching sophomore English and Debate. Even though this is Mr. Camara's first year at Columbus, he has been teaching for eight years. He is moderating the debate team for the 2010-2011 school year. Although he is not a Columbus alumnus, Mr. Camara said that he is still very proud to be a part of the faculty. "Columbus is a great environment for both students and teachers. The school has a very friendly and successful sense," said Mr. Camara.

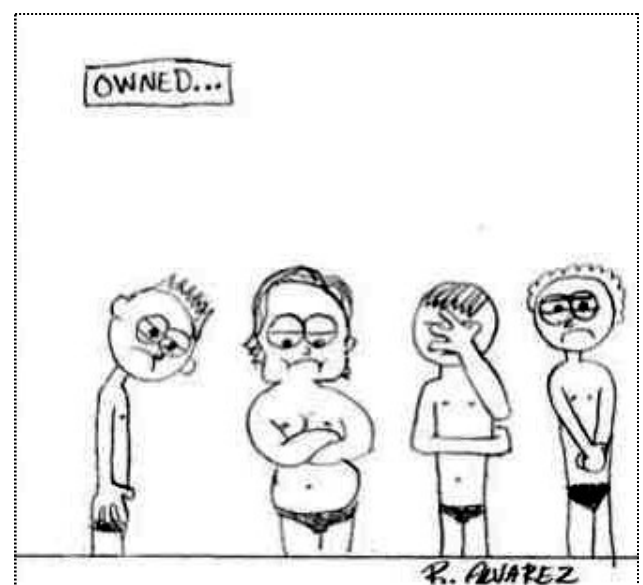
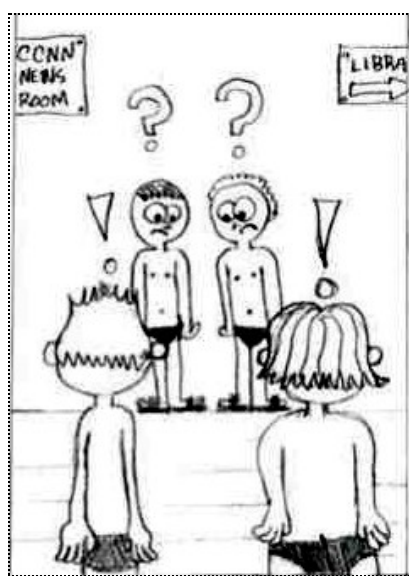
Mr. Mendoza is a permanent substitute. For example, recently he had been teaching Mrs. Chomat's Chemistry classes. Mr. Mendoza is a Columbus graduate; he became an alumnus in 2005. During his high school years, he played baseball when Columbus's team won the state championship in 2003. Now, Mr. Mendoza helps coach the baseball team. When asked about what he thinks of Columbus so far this year, he said, "Columbus has advanced technologically." He also said, "I'm glad to be back."

Mr. Perez is not teaching classes this year at Columbus; however, he is the Assistant Technology Director. He deals with the technological infrastructure of Columbus — the computers, the servers, the networks, the IP phones, the speakers, etc. He also said, "Before I started working here, I had no idea how great Columbus was. Now, I am happy and grateful to be part of the Columbus family." He also wanted to thank everyone for being friendly and welcoming, especially Ms. Alvarez.

Ms. Comesana is not teaching classes; she is the new receptionist. She helps Columbus' students, parents, and faculty. Her son is a Columbus alumnus from the class of 2003. Ms. Comesana said that he was a great basketball player and that he still often meets with friends from Columbus to play basketball. When asked about what she thought about Columbus so far, she said, "I love working at Columbus High School! I've always found it to be a great environment for personal growth, where a balanced life is strongly encouraged and where brotherhood is a way of life. At CCHS you make memories and friends for life."

Brother Al has also been welcomed into the Columbus family this year. Although he was around last year, he is now a full-time teacher. Brother Al is teaching Spanish 2, Spanish 4, and AP Spanish Language. When asked about what he thought of Columbus, Brother Al said, "Columbus is a good school, there are a variety of opportunities. There is a good sense of charity and service here."

Columbus Shorts by Raul Alvarez



DID YOU KNOW?

Colleges look seriously at a student's involvement in extra-curricular activities. What club do you belong to? None? You leave campus at 2:25 every day? Join Squires! Join the Key Club! Join Campus Ministry! Come by A-12, see Mr. Linfors and join *The Log*.

World History Trivia Question:

What happened in England between the dates September 2, 1752, and September 14, 1752?

Columbus Trivia Question:

What was the breed and name of Br. Eugene's dog that would come to class with him?

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