



New DHS Principal

by Ethan Schweitzer and Thomas Corbin

Danvers High School has selected a new principal for the next school year, Mr. Alan Strauss, a former superintendent and school principal who has worked in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. For several months, Danvers High School has been experiencing a vacancy in the school of a permanent principal. The role had been previously filled by Adam Federico, who left last summer to serve as the assistant superintendent at Lynnfield High School. After Mr. Federico's departure, Curriculum Director Mr. Peter DiMauro stepped up to serve as an interim principal this past school year.

In order to choose a new school leader, a board was formed to decide who would fill the role of Danvers High School's principal, and after much thought and discussion on the topic, the applicant pool was narrowed down to three finalists: Educational administrators Mr. Jeff, Carovilano, Mr. Mark Martineau, and Mr. Alan Strauss. In the end, Mr. Strauss was selected for the role.

Mr. Strauss has many past work

CHICKEN WARS

by Autumn Buckley and Sabina Sturgeon

Over the past few weeks, *The Flying Onion* has been attempting to determine the best chicken tenders on the North Shore. Visiting five different restaurants, we graded them all on a scale of chicken quality, portion, price, service, as well as the restaurant's atmosphere. The five candidates in the running for this competition were the following: Big Chicken, Flip the Bird, Wingstop, Raising Canes, and lastly Dave's Hot Chicken.

All the restaurants we visited on the same night (last Friday), to ensure fairness. In addition, the same meal was ordered at each restaurant; plain tenders/wings, with fries and a drink of choice. At the end of each review, we've included how DHS students rated the chicken for each place (called the DHS rating), based on 233 student survey responses across all grades.

Our last lowest ranking - and worst - restaurant for chicken was Big Chicken

As we walked in we were greeted with an absolute ghost town; not one person was in the restaurant. We approached the counter, which had no line and still had to wait

experiences qualifying him for this position. He has worked as a school coach, teacher, assistant principal, principal, and even superintendent in Massachusetts and Connecticut, with his most recent position as a superintendent of the Free-town-Lakeville school system in southern Massachusetts.

According to him, Mr. Strauss is committed to giving all students equal opportunities and programs they need to support their personal journeys. According to his personal biography. He deeply respects and applauds the work of every staff member who contributes to bringing joy to students. He values teaching and learning, support of extracurriculars, and hopes to help Danvers grow as a model of decency and education.

We're all excited to see how he'll brighten and enrich our school community, so let's all be ready to give him a warm welcome.



while the workers fooled around and looked seemingly shocked that they even had people at their restaurant.

The five minute wait to be served wasn't too bad, but as the guy took our order it was clear he did NOT know how to work any functions on the register. We watched him play around with keys for a solid three minutes before going to someone for help. To add onto his bad service, he also did NOT fill our drink cup to the top - the Diet Coke was only 3/4 full.

While all this was quite odd, we still tried to remain unbiased for the tasting. The chicken was arguably the worst; it had a very soft, weird texture, was extremely bland, and arguably we could make better chicken at home. They gave us extra chicken, too, although we only ordered three tenders. (Perhaps they thought they were doing us a favor by helping us out by giving us more tasteless chicken).

The atmosphere was not too bad; the restaurant has lots of seating and some cool perks - like paper towels already on the table. The only downfall was that it was kind of creepy being the only ones in there, and for the remaining time we sat and ate, not one other person came in. The chicken was served to our table by the guy at the register which was the only good thing that happened there. **(DHS rating: 2 out of 5 stars)**

Senior Spotlight: Lily Patterson

by Teagan McGonigal

We are excited to announce that this week's new "Senior Spotlight" for the Flying Onion is.... Lily Patterson! Lily has worked very hard over these past four years at DHS and has been a role model and a friendly face to all. We want to point out Lily's accomplishments and how she has contributed to making our school a better place.

To start off, Lily is involved in many activities here at DHS including Falconize, our field hockey team, and she serves as one of the captains of our swim team.

Lily has been on the team since her freshman year, but has been swimming in a swim club years before that. With loads of experience, Lily was granted the opportunity to become one of the three captions.

Lily talked about her experience being a captain stating, "Being captain of the swim team was so much fun and such a rewarding experience. To be able to now have a leadership role felt amazing."

Lily also had great experiences as a member of field hockey and Falconize. Her experience with field hockey throughout her high school career was great. Even though the team didn't have the best season this past year, she feels this was an amazing sport to play. She enjoyed having practices and games with her fellow teammates and overall enjoyed her time playing.

Lily's also been singing with Falconize for the past two years. She first joined it just to have something to do and be a part of, and did not expect to like it as much as she did, but found she loves it. Lily enjoys singing, especially with the people around her. She's completed many achievements in this group, including last year, when Falconize went to the ICHSA (International Championship of High School A Capella), a championship where they won the quarter finals.

In addition, Lily is also a member of many clubs; including **(CHICKEN WARS, cont.)**

Our number four pick was Raising Cane's

Moving along, we were expecting for this to be our number one chicken spot. However, the service we endured at Canes was not the best, to say the least. It was extremely loud in the restaurant, with music blaring and every table taken. The woman taking our orders asked us to repeat ourselves multiple times,

National Honors Society (NHS), World Language National Honors Society (WLNHS), as well the National English Honors Society (NEHS) where she serves as president.

With Lily being the president of NEHS, she gets to work with the other officers alongside advisor, Ms. Aste. She also gets to practice her leadership skills, especially within activities involving English. Lily enjoys being a part of this because not only does she want to study ELA when she gets to college, she also has fun with what she does and learns.

English teacher, Ms. Kristina Aste-Mayer talked about Lily as a student.

"Lily Patterson is an amazing scholar, singer, and student-athlete," Ms. Aste said. "As president of National English Honor Society, she leads with integrity and enthusiasm. Working with her is an absolute delight because she is dependable and kind, always taking the next step in order to excel."

Aside from her involvement in these clubs, Lily works hard on her independent study which focuses on leadership here at DHS. She constantly helps out with our community blocks, being a "driving force" for us. She also helps design and make the posters around our building as well as the videos at our assemblies, helps out with creating the rosters for Passion Projects, our Falcon Fifty project, and many more. Lily shows great leadership within our school and is very dependable and dedicated to the work she does.

With so much going on for her, Lily hasn't committed to any school yet, but she is looking forward to studying English, mostly on the literature side. We hope Lily finds the perfect college for her and we will all be cheering her on at graduation!



which of course we don't mind (but after the third time it gets TUAH point). The atmosphere was fun; there was a big teenage crowd as well as lots of tables interacting with each other.

As for the chicken, we were expecting more and were very underwhelmed. The chicken came out steaming hot, was dry, and had no seasoning at all. If anything, the bread that Canes serves was the highlight of the restaurant. Luck-