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New Teachers at MLWGS

New Teachers at MLWGS Are Sure To Fit Right In

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On Tuesday, September 7, MLWGS students returned to school with down-trodden faces, solemnly reflecting on a summer that had felt too short. Little did they know that while they were busy relaxing their days away, the administration was hard at work sorting through the highest quality teachers Virginia had to offer.

This year, eight new

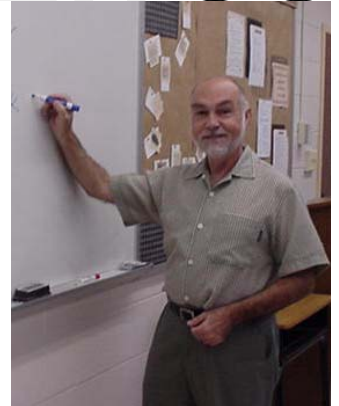
teachers will be joining the MLWGS family. Ms. Debbie Hidalgo-Monroy joined the language department, Mr. Taylor Barnett joined the fine arts department, Mr. Matt McGuire joined the global studies department, and Mr. Alan Perhson will be working part time for the science department. The English and math departments will both be gaining two new employees, Ms. Maria Cuellar and Mr. Harold Lawrance in math, and Ms. Kimberly Crow and Mr. Gary McCown in English.

“We have great expectations for [the new teachers],” said Mr. Douglas

Hunt, MLWGS director. “Each has a great deal of experience and success teaching gifted students.”

Each teacher truly does come with outstanding credentials. With educations ranging from William and Mary, to UVA, to Harvard, teaching experiences from all different walks of life, and entire stories of their own, these teachers will undoubtedly become an asset to the school and bring to us fresh, new ways of thinking.

“Being at Maggie Walker is like coming home,” said Ms. Kimberly Crow, a diehard Cavalier fan and a new MLWGS



New teacher, Dr. McCown speaks to class. Photo by Sohini Sircar.

English teacher. Ms. Crow has taught for nine years,

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Gaston Results in Damage at MLWGS

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Tropical Depression Gaston wreaked havoc in Richmond on Monday, August 30, by dumping 10-14 inches of water.

The Media Center, dark room, senior commons, gym, broadcast studio and elevator shaft received a considerable amount of water damage.

“We are very lucky that we didn’t have more damage than we had here [at the MLWGS building],” said Administrator Mr. Phil Tharp.

The water seeped through the windows and



Media Center flooded. Photo courtesy of Phil Tharp.

roof. Fortunately, the storm drains did not overflow.

The Media Center is still damp from the flooding. Due to the moisture, the carpet will probably have to

be replaced. Before that, the books and furniture must be removed. The estimate from one company for moving the books to the Black Box is at \$6,000. Hopefully vol-

unteers will be able to help out and lower the cost.

Some of the wood on the gym floor collected water underneath, resulting in the wood cupping.

The computers and electronics were saved from the flooding and so, therefore, did not get damaged.

The roof of the building retained much water and resulted in ceiling tile discoloration.

The elevator shaft received a lot of water that resulted in a fire alarm going off at around 6 on Monday afternoon.

An estimate for the total damage has not been made as of yet.

Drink Machine Dispute

This school year brought freshmen, a new food servicing company, and the rearrangement of vending machines. This created a particular fuss among the “freshman year veterans.”

A drink machine has been placed in the freshman hallway. This drink

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machine is fifteen cents cheaper than the drink machines in the Carmax Commons. And since when do Freshmen deserve a drink machine in their essential “hangout” spot?

Andrew Bair (’05) said, “These freshmen don’t know how good they have it with a drink machine in their hallway.”

When a person is automatically given certain privileges, they do not learn to appreciate the things they are

given. Every veteran class started from the bottom. They work up to the top, where they get their own Senior Commons with drink and snack machines. This freshmen class isn’t starting from that point. They are starting out with their own freshman area and their own vending machine.

**Opinion by...
Alex Guzman**

The bottom line is that there is a certain “flow” of seniority from the time you enter MLWGS until the time you leave. Those who have survived three years at MLWGS ultimately get the perks of the Senior Commons. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are left with nothing until that point.

“The Freshmen don’t deserve it yet,” said Junior Shравan Kumar (’06).

They are only freshmen. Why should they?

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and while she admits teaching at Maggie Walker allows her to explore more in depth topics, she has equally loved all her teaching experience.

Mr. Lawrance, a new Math teacher at MLWGS, agrees. “Maggie Walker has allowed me to go beyond basic course material in class. I’ve found that these students seem to be more open and receptive to advanced ideas.” Mr. Lawrance has taught at several schools in the Los Angeles area and has even taken some time off to pursue his interest in music. “But I always end up missing teaching,” Lawrance says.

Clearly, the eight new MLWGS teachers are unique in more ways than their academic background and perhaps embody the very spirit of our school. They are a handful of bright, talented (and slightly strange) individuals, and here, they are sure to fit right in.

America's War on Terror is Essential to Safety

How do you measure the security of a nation? By the amount of time since it was last attacked? By the testament of the officials in charge of security? Or do you measure national security by what a few democrats and Al Qaeda say?

**Opinion by...
Jeremy New**

Some of George Bush’s political opponents claim that the war in Iraq has made America more vulnerable.

Those politicians cite the 1,000 casualties mark in Iraq as proof that America is losing the War on Terror.

Critics of the War on Terror maintain that America should pull out of both Iraq and Afghanistan. They provide other Spain and Russia as role models, and after refusing to continue the War on Terror, both countries were attacked. Both lost more than 250 civilians.

The United States has been fighting terrorism since September 11, 2001, and as a result hasn’t been attacked at home for over three years. Not participating in eradicating terrorism makes a country weak and a target for terrorist attacks. Attacking Iraq and Afghanistan has eliminated terrorist threats before they have arisen.

The war has beaten the terrorists to a point where they can’t launch an at-

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tack against America. They can only try to make Americans think they have lost.

In his own words, President George W. Bush has “taken the war to the terrorists.”

Student Stuck at School for 12 Hours

Patrick Young and Mr. Phil Tharp Labored Through the Stormy Night To Save the MLWGS Buidling

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When Patrick Young first arrived at MLWGS on August 30th, it was a normal day. He had planned to attend a chess tournament with his fellow players of the game, and probably beat some other school. Little did Young know, he would soon be spending an entire night in the flooded school with none other than... Phil Tharp the Assistant Director of Administration at MLWGS.

At 3:15 it was announced that all students attending the chess tournament were to leave immediately, due to a tornado warning. Young's parents could not come and get him until 4:30, due to a tornado warning, but by then it was too late. Most roads leading into town had been flooded, leaving Patrick and Mr. Tharp stranded. By 10:00 an unidentified Richmond resident had come to the school to hide from the storm, and seeing as weather conditions weren't getting any better, Young and Mr. Tharp decided to spend the night.

"It was an apocalyptic death storm," said Young, a week after his traumatic experience.

As water flooded into the school,

Mr. Tharp and Young desperately tried to save the delicate electronic equipment from the rushing tides. Water was seeping in through old renovation spots in the roof and walls, flooding the media center, gym, and hallways. While Young and Mr. Tharp rushed to and fro trying to save their school, their fellow refugee waited in the main hall, watching the news.

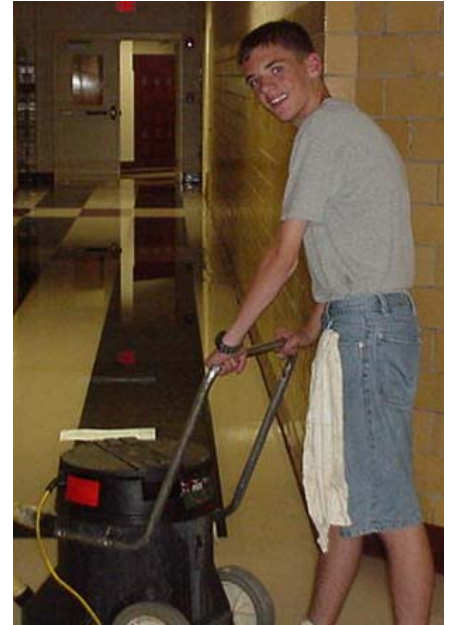
"I tried not to give him [Mr. Tharp] too much trouble," said Young with a sly wink. The two flood victims wet vacuumed the all of the water, while stopping intermittently to take pictures.

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At 12:00, the worst of the storm was over and the lazy live-in left the premises. Young and Mr. Tharp, however, continued there arduous labor until three in the morning. With tired bodies and minds, Young and Mr. Tharp laid down for a well earned rest, Patrick in the clinic and Mr. Tharp in his office.

When Young's father picked him up the next morning, 40 roads were closed, 24 of which were in Henrico, Young's home county. "I was glad to get home and take a nap," said Patrick. The trip to Maggie Walker and back, usually taking a mere hour, was twice as much for the Young family that day.

"Young was a real trooper, he helped immensely," said Phil Tharp.



Patrick Young helps out during the storm. Photo courtesy of Mr. Phil Tharp.

Mr. Tharp's own home street had been flooded at both entrances, but the tired administrator was still glad to be home. According to Mr. Tharp, the school sustained little damage, but it will take a some time to get everything back to normal.

It was pure chance that threw these two remarkable individuals together, but the storm served to unite as well as destroy. It caused an administrator and a student to work together and both left with a new understanding for the other.

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