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Securing the Jungle



GET GOING: Head of security Troy Pendell warns students to get to class before their ten minutes pass. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

After the tragic events that took place at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School last school year, Superintendent Robert Runcie implemented a plan for stricter security measures in Broward schools. Broward County school's original design allowed them an open, welcoming campus, containing many entrances and exists. Runcie, however, proves determined to make it a new goal for all schools to consist of a single point of entry. Thus, making it difficult for unwanted guests to enter.

According to NBC, student I.D. badges and limited entries all remain a part of the 26 million dollar plan to tighten security across schools in the county. The security plan also requires every school to maintain at least one armed guard or school resource officer, upgraded security cameras, and an additional \$5 million grant towards mental health services. This school year welcomes new SRO (school resource officer) officer Tim Burton along with officer Vincent Bonasera. The school limited the entrances to three main

gates: the main entrance, bus loop entrance, and the student parking lot entrance. Once school starts, a guard patrols the main entrance and the rest remain locked, only opened once school lets out. Upon arrival, the school requires students to wear their I.D. badges and show them when entering the building. If a student enters the school without an I.D., they must report to the Media Center for a new one, which costs students five dollars.

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Certiably questionable

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According to ABC news, more than 1,000 teachers in Florida were recently terminated due to poor performances on the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE). The FTCE, a group of tests that each teacher must take depending on that teacher's subject and experience, caused these educators to become prohibited from teaching this school year because of their scores. The scores from this test determine whether teachers will continue to teach in Florida. The participants of the test must pay in order to take or retake the test. According to Channel 7 news, "A total of 171 Broward County teachers and 52 Miami-Dade teachers were fired." This not only means that these 223 teachers no longer hold a job, but schools rushed to hire new teachers in time for the new school year. As stated by Channel 7, "At least 1,040 FL teachers out of jobs after failing state test, despite 'effective' evaluations." According to ABC news, examinees failed their tests at alarming rates, some parts of which increased by almost 30% after the test underwent revisions.

The numerous teachers who faced termination reacted to the test and its importance, on many occasions, with intense feelings of shame, stupidity, and discouragement.

"It's obviously a hurdle, it prevents a good instructor from working in our classrooms," Principal Steven Carruth said. "They could be good at teaching kids, good with their content, but struggle on an english test."

The schools found it difficult to fill in empty teacher slots and quickly discovered that with the FCTE involved, this task proves extremely difficult. After the test's revision in 2015 to make the tests harder for the examinees, the failing rates grew much higher. As indicated by ABC news, scores for teachers who specialize in math, for example, went from 80% passing rate in 2014 to a 57% passing rate in 2017.

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NEWS



GOING GREEN THE WRONG WAY: A tri-colored heron attempts to wade in algae infested waters near Franklin Locks, located near the Caloosahatchee River in northern Florida. The algae currently threatens multiple bird populations that inhabit areas affected by the outbreak.



SOMETHING IS FISHY: Fluorescent blue and green algae pile up on a dam, contaminating the stored water. "Harmful algal blooms, such as the red tide shown here along Florida's coast, are increasing in frequency and duration," C&EN magazine tweeted. "U.S. senators are calling for a national monitoring system to forecast future outbreaks."



MAKING A FUZZ: Fuzzy clumps of algae form in the water, clinging close to rocks and shorelines. These masses of toxic algae clog up the water and make it difficult for animals and people alike to swim.

Photos provided by USA Today

Sea-ing changes

Florida beaches face algae bloom outbreak

Julia Bennett
COPY EDITOR

This summer, Florida's beaches prove a hot topic of discussion since they faced being affected by several biological anomalies. The most recent one serving as the algae blooms off the coast of Florida, which recently caused the water to turn an alarming shade of green at many of the beaches and killing marine life along the East and West coast of the state.

Two different algae blooms currently prove determined to spread fish killing bacteria around the ocean that could possibly bring harmful effects to humans. A red tide traveled from the Gulf of Mexico to southwest Florida, bringing a microscopic form of algae that can release toxins into the water. Ocean and climate scientist Priya Shukla wrote for Forbes that small amounts of this algae remain harmless "when there are 10,000 cells per liter of seawater." However, this species of algae, known as *Karenia brevis*, during the red tide this year "water quality experts have found 20 million cells per liter of seawater." In case it remains unclear, this amount proves absolutely staggering, and extremely concerning for aquatic habitats.

The effect of this red tide caused thousands of deaths in terms of marine life, from fish, to the already dwindling populations of manatees and sea turtles. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission confirmed that almost 100 deaths of manatees this year prove a result of the red tide algae bloom, as The Guardian.com reported that they absorb the bacteria through their skin. This heartbreaking statistic proves only capable of increasing the longer the red tide outbreak remains an issue.

Many Florida beach enthusiasts remain concerned over the harmful affects this bacteria may cause for humans. Their fears prove legitimate, as the bacteria can cause multiple ailments for the human body. While the effects are not life-threatening, USA Today reports that the red tide can cause 'runny nose, headaches, shortness of breath, coughing' and can even lead to 'intestinal distress' if ingested.

However, the toxin is not only carried through the water. Dr. Walter Bradley spoke to USA Today and noted that the toxin can 'carry for miles,' and that it is 'aerosolized.' This means that the algae not only causes the water at beaches to turn green in color, but also produces a foul odor.

The red tide algae bloom is not the first of the algae blooms, however. A blue-green algae bloom in several freshwater areas more North of Coral Springs such as Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie River began drastically affecting the waters in early July.

This blue-green algae differs from the red-tide in its origin. Pam Wright for weather.com compared the two, showing that red-tide occurs naturally in marine water, while the blue-green algae "originate[s] from runoff containing human waste and fertilizers from nearby farms and neighborhoods." This may have happened as a result of Hurricane Irma last year. Amongst the already severe damage caused by the storm, it seems new problems will continue to rise as time goes on.

Like red-tide, the blue-green algae bacteria proves harmful to humans, but in far greater severity. Wright noted that "at least 86 people sought treatment" after being exposed to water containing the blue-green algae particles. This proves concerning for Florida residents, as visiting the beach serves as a favorite pastime for the coast dwellers.

Unfortunately, contaminated water can cause "nausea, vomiting and, in severe cases, acute liver failure." Many hospitals prepare their staff by teaching them how to easily and readily identify the effects from the algae. This proves essential in ensuring that both residents and tourists affected by the algae can receive speedy, quality treatment in order to prevent more severe symptoms.

The effects of these outbreaks can be easily seen in beaches as close to the Coral Springs area as Pompano Beach and Deerfield Beach. A state of emergency was earlier issued by Governor Rick Scott for Palm Beach county, and several others, in July. Proving as cautious as ever, Scott also took measures to close down beaches and other areas affected by these algae blooms while many officials seek financial aid to make up for lost profit from the decline in tourism.

While no solution for the algae outbreak has been found thus far, researches and qualified professionals race to find a way to get rid of the algae, if not limit its spread to new marine environments. While these algae blooms prove to move and spread quite rapidly, residents and researches alike remain hopeful that they can find a non-threatening, effective way of reverting florida waterways back to their previous, healthy condition.



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JAMMING OUT: In eighth period Music Tech class, taught by John Luffred, students study music theory in the highly funded, recently remodeled music lab courtesy of a \$300,000 grant provided to the music department. “I think it’s pretty cool that we got new equipment. It makes our music theory classes a lot easier to get a decent grade in,” junior Dillon Stawicki (left) said. “The quality of the computers and the keyboards are definitely a lot better, and the sound quality was improved a lot. I was really surprised by the improvements.” *photo by Natalia Maldonado*

School cafeterias heating up

Concerns arise over public schools’ handling of students’ insufficient lunch funds

Valeria Gaviria
STAFF WRITER

For years, a debate waged on whether students should receive free school lunch. This remains one of the biggest issues with school lunches. The problem students face with this shows that some students must pay for school lunches while certain others cannot. According to statistics, 2 million students receive free lunch, 5 million receive reduced-price lunches, and 7 million pay full price lunch. Many students starve of hunger because of a shortage of money and an inability to afford school lunch prices. Depending on the parent’s income, this determines whether the child may receive free lunch. The unfair situation results from the many parents that can not maintain vigorous jobs with higher pay and, as a result, their children face adversity when attempting to receive a simple meal. Since the students can not eat lunch, they receive an inadequate amount of the necessary nutrition their systems require to function properly.

It proves unfair that schools deprive their students of their lunch, simply because they do not possess the few dollars to afford it. Aside from the physical cost of not receiving lunch, students also face something called lunch-shaming. According to an article on lunch-shaming posted by the New York Times, Caitlin Dolan, a student in Canonsburg, PA watched her lunch get thrown in the trash, in front of her and her peers, because she proved unable to pay the bill of a few dollars.

“I was so embarrassed,” Dolan said. “It’s really weird being denied food in front of everyone. They all talk about and stare at you.”

Caitlin’s mother, Merinda Durila, stated that her daughter qualified for free lunch, but that a paperwork mix-up accidentally created an outstanding balance. Durila recalled her child coming home in tears after being humiliated in front of her friends.

Unfortunately, this incident only further exemplifies the dwindling presence of empathy for

students who find themselves low on cash. Rather than attending school and finding a warm, inviting environment where they can escape home troubles, they find themselves facing ridicule and a hungry belly.

This lack of subsistence causes serious health ramifications. Not eating a balanced diet, or not eating at all, can lead to serious problems, ultimately impacting a student’s performances in school. If students lose the ability to eat lunch because the school deprives them of it, a student receives insufficient energy, which they need in order to remain mentally and physically prepared for their classes and school duties.

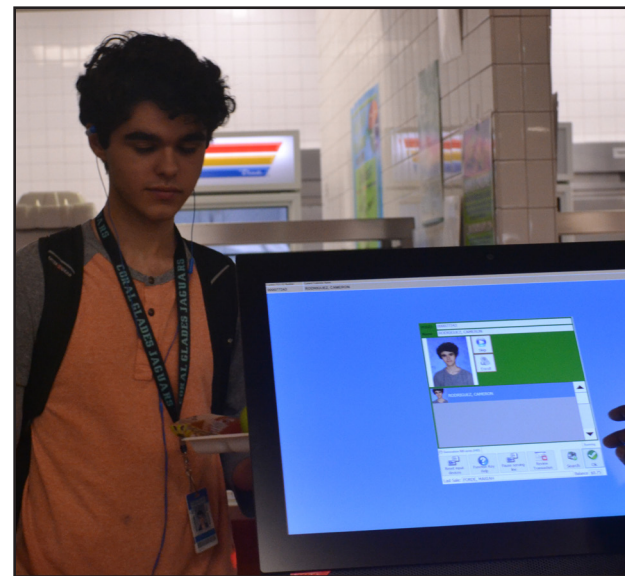
“...Their economic status should not be made a spectacle for other students to witness,”

Samantha Alicea
junior

“I think that the lunch staff could definitely stand to be more considerate towards those who cannot afford school lunches, because their economic status should not be made a spectacle for other students to witness,” junior Samantha Alicea said. “I think students should at least receive the cheese sandwiches we would get in elementary school if we could not afford lunch. While it is not substantial, it is still better than nothing.”

In most elementary schools, when a student proves unable to afford a meal, they receive a cheese sandwich and sometimes a carton of milk, instead. This meal, while still at least a source of nourishment, does not by any means provides students with a sufficient amount of food. Hunger can lead to nausea, inability to pay attention, fatigue, and slower mental processing abilities. This directly impacts a students performance in school, as well as their behavior and ability to perform simple social functions throughout the day.

This issue proves a common theme throughout most American schools, and has for many years. Hopefully, through spreading awareness and bringing attention to the many hungry children throughout the country, solutions can arise to the lack of resources available for hungry students. *Data courtesy of The New York Times*



CHECKING OUT: Junior Cameron Rodriguez purchases a school lunch, hungry from a long day of school. “School lunch isn’t always the best, but I get it for free so that’s cool,” Rodriguez said. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*



CAFETERIA CLICHÉS: Juniors Andres Torres, Brianna Lieberberg, Jack Burke, and Sean Hershkowitz share amusing stories and discuss their days with one another during their lunch break. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*

Certiably questionable

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Makayla Joyce
STAFF WRITER

The evidence shows a drastic change in the passing rates which brings up the question: Is the test just too hard? The FCTE's main purpose remains to support the students academic achievement, carried out by assuring that our educators proves professionally qualified for highly effective instruction.

Many of the teachers affected prove shocked by their sudden need to change career paths. After serving as instructors for a solid amount of time, the knowledge they no longer can continue on this path proves heartbreaking and difficult to process.

"It's definitely a barrier, and we do lose some good teachers as a result," Carruth said. I mean if I trust [teachers] to go to college, get

a degree, [they have] met all these other standards academically, why should [they] have to go back and take a test three years later."

This further goes to reinforce the necessity of appreciating the hard work and devotion teachers put into their jobs. It proves a

"[The certification test] is definitely a barrier, and we do lose some good teachers as a result of it,"

Steven Carruth
Principal

well known fact that teachers often face heavy scrutiny and under appreciation from those in higher powers. Unfortunately, these difficult tests and evaluations prove determined to make their strenuous lives even harder.

"If I went and took one of those tests now and had to take the math portion, I would need to study, I haven't take that test in three years," Carruth said.

While it proves understandable that the state wants to make sure it employs the best teachers possible, it seems unnecessary to test these professors on topics that prove unrelated to their major.

The state tries to ensure students receive the best teaching and resources

available to fit their needs. However, the system proves imperfect, and it may prove beneficial for these certification tests to undergo further revision, in order to ensure teachers receive the same fair treatment and prioritization as their students.

Securing the jungle

from **SECURING**, page 1

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In the beginning of the year, club advisors were obligated to leave their classrooms to move their vehicles to the student parking lot to prevent their cars from getting locked inside the lot until the next day. Because of this rule being such an inconvenience to teachers, their parking lot now remains open until seven o'clock, before the gates permanently close for the night.

Determined to make sure his campus and students remain safe from any potential threats, Principle Steven Carruth informed all of the students about the new security measures, throughout repeated assemblies centered on the students' safety. These assemblies helped ensure that everyone on campus remained aware of the new rules and regulations recently placed upon students and staff.

Now, according to Sun Sentinel, so far 135 schools out of the 230 in Broward County took on the duty of making any visitor who comes on campus first visit the welcome desk, before they can gain access to school grounds. Students must also endure frequent Code Red Drills, fire drills, etc., throughout the school year and the next to come, in order to prepare them for any potential threats.

Following Feb. 14, school shootings during and after school

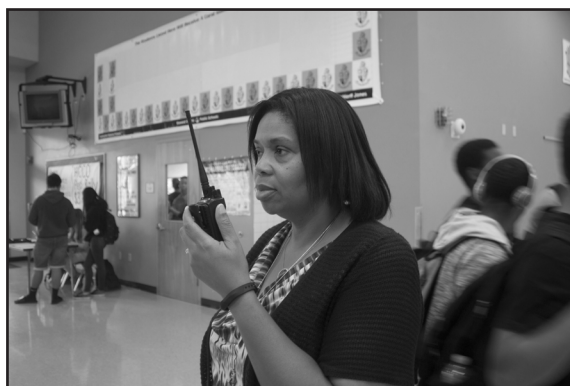
became a recurrence. The county declared that every student must not bring a bag to athletic events and may not return to an event after leaving without repurchasing an entry. This prohibition also applies, though protested, to journalism students. The only permitted items for these events staff consists of the photography and videography equipment the journalism staff require, after being thoroughly searched by the scheduled officer. Unfortunately, this makes journalism students jobs increasingly harder to carry out.

Schools across the county implemented their own rules and materials into school operations. According to Sun Sentinel, Riverside Elementary school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) created "Trauma Kits" which include: lollipops, phone chargers, stress balls, first aid, scissors, flashlights, glow bracelets, and tourniquets for a grand total of \$67. These kitsx intended use prove to help soothe and provide first aid to students in the event of a threat.

Many schools seem ready to implement stronger security measures to ensure the safety of their students; however, whether or not students and staff seem keen to adhere to these adjustments remains to be determined.



SCANNING THE JUNGLE (left): During lunches, Student Resource Officer Vincent Bonasera scans the crowds and makes sure all is well amongst the students as they venture around campus. photo by Natalia Maldonado



COPY THAT (right): Intern Principal Wendy Bernstein keeps a watchful eye on a crowded cafeteria, making sure things stay calm and collected. photo by Natalia Maldonado

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/12
HOSA Blood Drive
Gym

10/15
SGA homecoming court meeting
2:50-3:15 PM

10/17
NHS Social
Pei Wei
5-9 PM

10/25
Key Club Halloween Party
Media Center
5-8 PM

10/26
PTSO
Chamber of Horrors Cafeteria
7-9 PM

10/28
Baseball Car Wash
Student Parking Lot
9 AM

11/3
Homecoming Signature Grand
7-11 PM

NEWS BRIEFS

Lights, camera, action

Television Production club proves a club students can join if interested in filmmaking, script writing, etc. The club started out malnourished, with only 15-20 members, but as the group increased, with a current total of 25-30 members, it gained more attention. This year, with the increase of members, captains proved necessary within the system to help direct the class. The current captains consist of Christian Livesay as Filmmaking/Trailers Group Captain, Matthew Larrick as Music Videos Group Captain, and Hannah Betts as News Package Group Captain. Everyone in the club splits up according to which genre of TV production the student shows interest in. "Candyman" by Andrew Cardarelli remains the largest production at the moment and students can expect more projects as the year progresses. TV production club, one of the more unique clubs this school offers, highly encourages all those who want to pursue a career in this field to join.

- Austin Parker

Fullest house

On Sep. 4, Coral Glades High School held an open house for the 2018-19 school year. Open house, an evening where teachers make first impressions on parents, allows parents to learn about the classes their students enrolled in. Parents learn about sports and clubs held at the school. They receive the wonderful opportunity to communicate with teachers. Many parents agree that open house is very informative and proves beneficial for both students and parents alike. Students who attend can also learn about teachers' expectations and curriculums. This method of communication between teachers, parents and students remains a great opportunity provided every year, especially for freshmen, new students, and even returning students. Proving a success, open house effectively prepared parents and teachers for the bright school year ahead.

- Emma Brazeo

Left on read flags

Like the children's game of telephone, rumors can be warped and spread easily. Similarly, social media allows them to spread faster and on a larger scope. Currently, he text message scaring most teens, reads: "Someone has complimented you! See more," and recently sparked concerns. A link, provided under the message, believed to transfer an individual's location and all data from their phone to a hacker involved in sex trafficking. Nonetheless, according to the website snopes.com, "What the warning refers to is a social app called 'IRL,' and, there is no evidence whatsoever that the phenomenon has any connection to sex trafficking schemes." While no harm can come from this text, an important lesson learned shows the importance of staying alert and never opening any links sent from random numbers, as the consequences of doing so remain unclear.

- Rachael Sloan

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Cookies with Carruth

Principal Carruth builds relationships with students over cookies

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Principal Steven Carruth emplaced that on every professional study day, he intends to play host to an event called "Cookies with Carruth." This event welcomes any and all students to ask questions on concerning topics about the school to the principal. Of course, they receive a sweet treat in return for their inquiries. After all, the best way to get students to interact with their teachers proves bribing them with delicious, fresh-baked cookies provided by the devoted cafeteria staff.

On Oct. 4, many students joined their principal to share their thoughts about the school. When the event started, senior Jeremy Sousa asked the first question out of the impressive group of students that attended the event. The question was in regard to the school still not providing the art department an auditorium or, as the bare minimum, an amphitheater.

"I feel that because we don't have an auditorium, it makes us very dependant on other schools,"

Sousa said. "It inconveniences some of the families and students that have to go out of their way to travel to other schools."

Carruth told students when construction first began for the school, the blueprints consisted of plenty of room and funding to build an auditorium. However, due to overcrowding that occurred during the first year of opening, the school made the tough decision to use the auditorium money to build what students now call the freshman building.

From the school's opening until now, money has been allocated to the art department for leasing and renting out auditoriums at neighboring schools to help benefit chorus, band, orchestra, and the drama department.

Still, the need for an auditorium on campus proves never ending. However, according to Carruth, the campus's lack of an auditorium provides theater students with an incentive to work even harder than other schools.

Students also asked questions about the certain sport teams the school provides for athletes. Sports like lacrosse were mentioned Carruth out of curiosity of the school not having a team. Soon, the conversation shifted and the need to know more about the mascot and auditions led to the finale of the Q & A.

Only being given a few minutes before class begins for the day, most students proved rushed to ask questions about pressing matters to Steven Carruth. A majority of the answers, however, remained unanswered, because Carruth simply lacked the information for them. Instead, he directed students to the next most informed administrator in order to receive the answers they sought.

Cookies with Carruth ultimately proves an enlightening event where students can ask question to their dear principal and be given a respected answer in return. In an era where students prioritize their knowledge of school functions and events, receiving an opportunity to stay well-informed proves an opportunity too good to pass up.



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School celebrates three candidates for the National Merit Scholarship

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FEATURES EDITOR

According to the College Board, nearly 4.3 million students took and completed the PSAT 10 or PSAT/NMSQT in the 2016-17 school year. A key part of a student's high school experience is taking this famous practice test.

On Oct. 10, all freshman, sophomores, and juniors took the PSAT thanks to Principal Steven Carruth's offer to purchase exams for all underclassmen. With over 1000 students taking the evaluation standard, classroom after classroom overflowed with anticipating test takers.

A widely used standardized test that predicts a student's college readiness, the Scholastic Aptitude Test measures a student's skill in reading, grammar, and mathematics. The practice test gives students an idea of what to expect once they prove ready to be assessed legitimately. Once they receive their scores, they can determine which areas of the test they mastered, and those they need to brush up on before taking the SAT.

"I think the PSAT gave me a good idea about [the SAT]," sophomore Kyla Muñiz said. "I had a really hard time on the math section without a calculator. I know now that I should study for it next time."

The PSAT, along with the SAT, opens many options for students regarding their futures. Colleges often view the scores young scholars receive to determine their acceptance. These scores often give universities a good idea of a student's performance in school, allowing them to get in contact with students they find meet the qualifications and characteristics valued on their campus.

"The PSAT can open a lot of opportunities for people depending on the score they get," junior Ivan Ramirez said. "A good example is the National Merit Scholarship."

The National Merit Scholarship Program remains dedicated to recognizing and honoring students

in the United States who excel academically; the program accepts nearly 1.7 million applicants yearly.

To apply, a student must be enrolled in a United States high school or homeschooling program, must take the PSAT/NMSQT by their third year of high school, and plan to enroll in college no later than the fall following their graduating year. Those students who win the National Merit Scholarship receive an award in the form of a \$2500 scholarship.

Three students received recognitions from the National Merit Corporation for their efforts in taking the PSAT/NMSQT: two semifinalists, Ian-O'Berty Macena and Devin Katz; and commended student Miles Kendall.

"I definitely thought it was pretty awesome, and although I regret the fact that I won't be able to chase the finalist position, I'm undeniably happy with my performance," Kendall said. "I wish the semifinalists from our school the best."

In a recent post on his instagram account, Carruth gave them a congratulatory statement: "Congratulations to Ian, Miles, and Devin for qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship program...Go JAGs!"

Recognizing excellence in students proves essential to the jaguar spirit. These students challenged themselves, working hard to achieve outstanding scores and utilizing study tools such as Khan Academy and SAT preparation textbooks. These study tools come highly recommended by students, teachers, and even the College Board.

"I was actually pretty confident I got in. I studied really hard for [the PSAT]," Macena said. "I could probably describe it as the second best thing to ever happen to me."

No matter what drives them to succeed, these students prove more than determined to achieve greatness. It proves only fair they receive recognition for this devotion.

Scholar season: Seniors Devin Katz, Miles Kendall, and Ian-O'Berty Macena all received recognition for their outstanding achievements on the PSAT. "I'm really excited to have this opportunity and I hope that I get to be a finalist," Katz said. *photo courtesy of Steven Carruth*



AN IAN THE PRIZE: Senior Ian-O'Berty Macena achieved his goals of scoring high on the PSAT and being nominated as a semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. "I realized I got in when a friend from a different school got the same score as me," Macena said. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*



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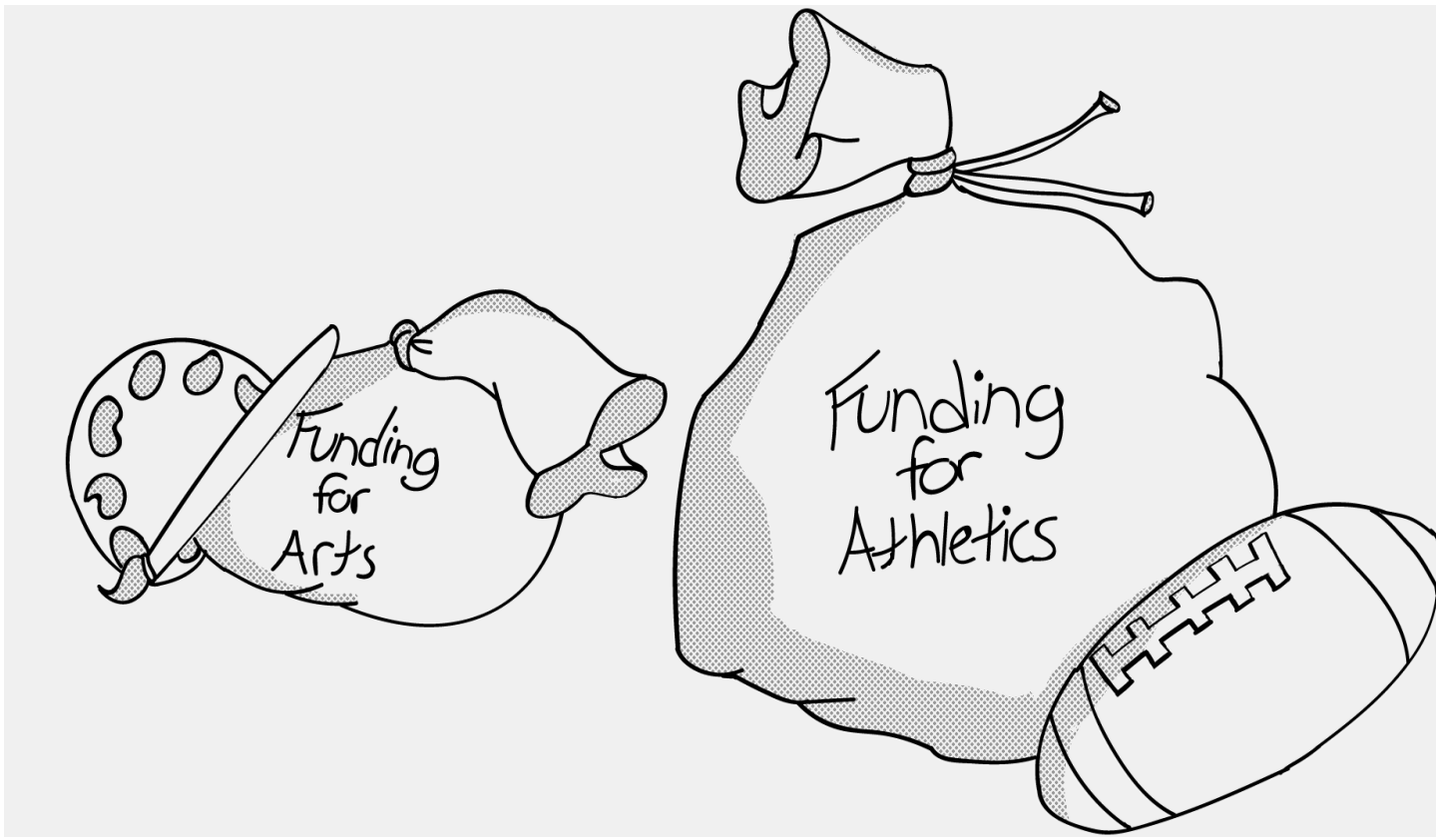


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OPINION

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Finding where the funding lies

When talking to students at this school year's outset, there was one common theme to most discussions- funding; or the lack thereof. It seemed as though every single person had their favorite arts program financially slashed, be it vocational arts or performing arts. Culinary, Drama, Engineering, Newspaper, and Chorus- there were practically boatloads of people all saying the same thing: "Our program has no funding." It proves quite a shame, yet an understandable debacle.

The school always seemed to have had money issues- one simply had to look at the empty lot that was supposed to be the school auditorium to figure that out. Then again, most public schools in the county, if not the state, faces adversity when attempting to find loose change for the arts programs. Often enough that it has become a common theme in many high school focused movies; and so many disregarded these unfortunate proceedings as the necessary evils of public school arts programs.

That remained the way students thought about these things right up until one fateful day. Students who purchased parking spots this year may remember seeing a massive moving truck pull up behind the school; at first sight, many students may not think much of this occurrence. But, upon closer inspection, one notices an entourage of exercise equipment, an amalgam of appliances from treadmills, to stairmasters, to bikes and all sorts of resistance machines leaving the truck. One pressing question made its way to mind as the sight unfolded; who forked out the cash for all this? As far as students prove aware, the school remained broke- at least, it appeared this way.

Unfortunately, even some teachers (who must remain anonymous for privacy's sake) conveyed to their classes that their programs took massive financial blows, and thus many class activities must come out of the teacher's own

pocket. At this point, some digging proved necessary.

Students began looking for answers, getting in touch with their peers and teachers to find out the details about this new weight room. It appeared the weight room received quite a financial investment for a renovation. The culmination of brand new machinery and an Astroturf floor in the weight room came out to a staggering sum of 120,000 dollars.

For those students who prove unaware, this is a ton of money that just went into some treadmills in a school that remains a mere five minute walk from a gym. Immediately, one has to ask themselves, if the school has enough money to deck out an entire weight room, then is there really not any money available to pump fresh life into the arts programs?

Apparently, the new weight room gained funding from the generous wallets of charitable parents and tax payers, rather than the school bank account. This further confuses many students; if people prove willing to contribute to a weight room the school has no real need for, why not spend that money on something the school actually requires, such as an auditorium. The addition of an actual auditorium, rather than a wobbly stage in the cafeteria, proves beneficial to multiple arts programs on campus.

It remains worth mentioning that it is unfair to blame the school or the faculty for this incident. Public education gets slashed all the time, especially in Florida, and unfortunately arts programs are typically the first to go when funding falters; just watch Disney's Lemonade Mouth.

However, this incident proves that the money is out there. It may not be sitting in the school bank account, but it is there. Spoken on behalf of many students, the arts programs remain beloved here on campus. If the athletes can get shiny new equipment, then the performers and creators of the school should be able to receive something as well to commend all of their hard work.

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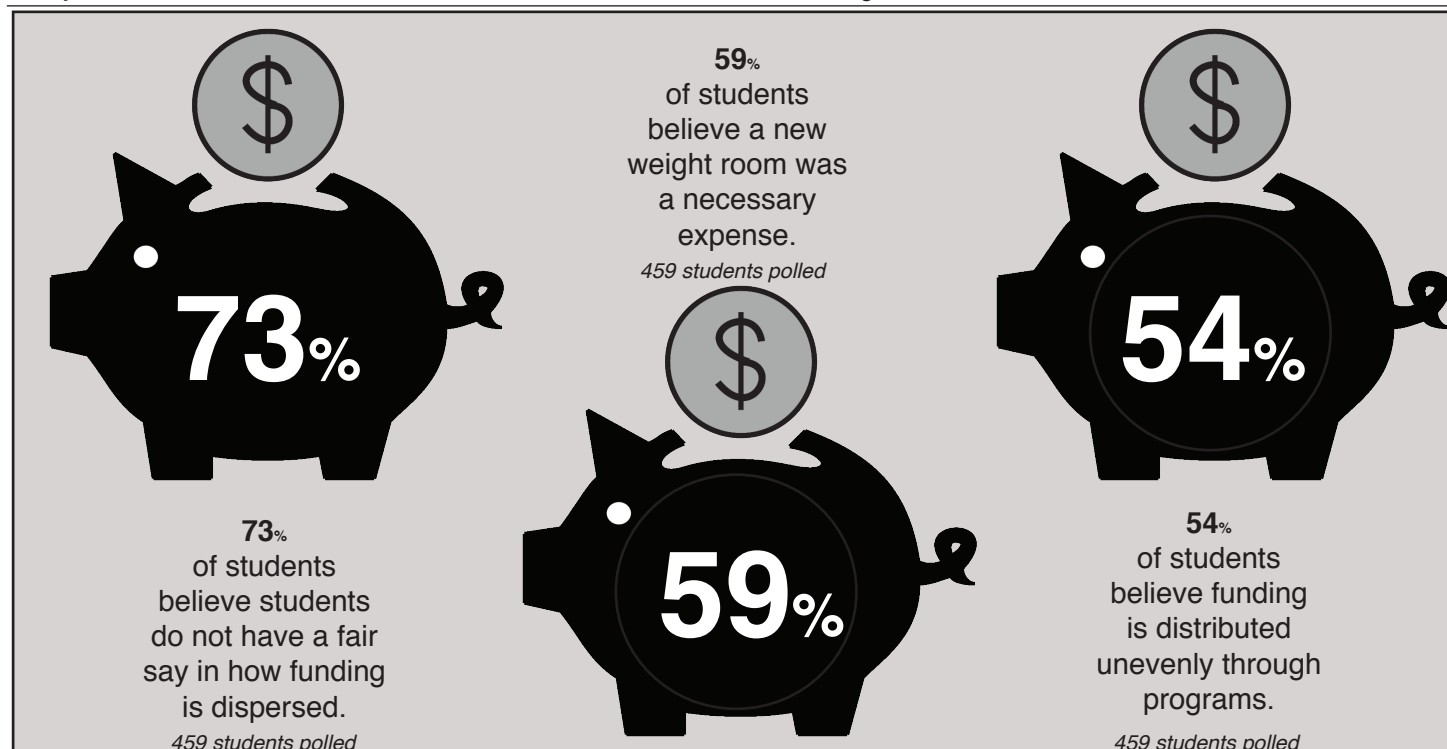
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Forgetting the past the wrong way

Schools nationwide erasing dark details of American history

Kailey Norusis
NEWS EDITOR

The public school system resides at the mercy of the state government. This sanctions the government's ability to filter the exact information taught in history classes, utilizing the display of propaganda, and going en masse unnoticed. While the blatant short term repercussions are clear, the long term effects of this vexation prove genuinely perturbing. Due to this erroneous modus vivendi the human race remains stuck in a time loop of repeating past mistakes. This use of propaganda leaves students all over the world ignorant and deluded, and mindless vassals to the political system to which they belong. The predisposition of history

makes it so textbooks may leave out something once in a while. However, at this point textbooks leave out large chunks of incredibly relevant information. For example, in high school level United States History classes, the school system cut out any information predating the Civil War, along with the discovery of America. These prove simply a few minor examples of events throughout history that textbooks no longer include. The Department of Education determines the information taught in all classes around the country, including history classes. The neglect of authentic history causes the repetition of past mistakes. People cannot learn from

past mistakes if political leaders refuse to openly admit these previous wrongdoings of the country. The concern of public ignominy makes it far more facile to follow the crowd than to do the right thing. The right thing is to teach students the truth regarding history, exactly as it occurred. However, this may cost teachers and textbook writers their jobs. The education system must change so that students can learn the veracity of history, as opposed to only historically significant events that make the current governments appear in the fallacy of rectitude. The entire point of history class is to learn about history. Not just the parts in which the United States proved a hero and "saved the day," or just the parts that prove easy to talk about. A thorough understanding of history proves essential so we can thrive in life. At



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First time for
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On Sep. 21, 1784, a momentous historical event took place: The Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advisor, America's first daily newspaper, published. The paper was founded by John Dunlap and began as a weekly paper in 1771, until it became a daily publication in the year of 1784.

Before the official publication of a daily paper, people could only acquire news once a week or even once a month. So, for the American people, this proved an incredibly exciting achievement. To be able to read about state events every morning ultimately led to a more educated and involved public.

People must be knowledgeable to a certain extent on current issues in order to function appropriately in society. An unaware public proves too easily manipulated by the people who hold positions of power.

Currently, the printing of newspapers are depleting rapidly and have been declining for the past decade. During this two hundred year gap, the invention of new technology steadily increased. With the invention of smart phones, computers, and e-readers, the world is quickly transforming into an age of a paperless world. However, the enhancements in technology should be considered amazing. Technology not only allows people from all over the world to communicate instantly, but it also drops an infinite amount of information at the feet of anyone willing to take it.

Despite that, this does not seem to be the case. Instead of technology uniting people, it separates them. As newspapers and paper books become less common because of this increase of technology, resulting in people becoming less and less educated in world affairs. Not to mention that this lack of stimulating reading material on a regular basis causes the public to have a significantly lower reading level than what once was accustomed to. As a result, a significantly less educated and informed public takes form.

The current system of education has allowed for history, language, and arts studies to be abrogated in order to implement the preeminence of STEM classes. While math and science classes are important, they should not overshadow history and language classes, of just as much importance to a person of a well rounded education. If a greater emphasis on these topics were placed in English classes in schools, then American students would not be so far behind in comparison with some of the other major countries in the world.

The transformation society's newspaper era underwent has not been a sudden change. Given that a few centuries passed since this age of excitement over a daily newspaper, societal normalities drastically changed as well. At one point, when novels first hit their peak of popularity, children and teenagers received criticism for reading too much. Adults simply could not comprehend this latest fad. Taking that into account, this generation's technological fad could be extremely similar. History never changes much, it merely repeats itself over and over again in different variations. Today, the older generation cannot comprehend the younger generation's apparent obsession with technology. This is simply a new variation of what has been happening for eons: the younger generation rebelling against the adults.

Regardless of technological innovations and the assistance to today's society, literature cannot be merely thrown to the wayside anymore. Newspapers prove an amazing creation. The depletion of a physical paper is fine as long as it is being supplemented with an online source where people can get their news. There are thousands of sources available, all people have to do is look.

Data courtesy of the Library of Congress

Just doing it with Kaepernick

Media in an uproar over Nike deal with Colin Kaepernick

Payton Post
STAFF WRITER

In 2016, San Francisco 49er's quarterback Colin Kaepernick knelt during the National Anthem to speak out against social injustice. Despite his reasoning to support the controversial movement and take action against racial segregation, Kaepernick hypocritically preaches, "Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything," in which he sacrificed nothing compared to the ones fighting for those representing the country he kneels before. Recently, Nike imprudently decided to make Colin Kaepernick the face of their 30th, "Just Do It," campaign. Initially, some people saluted the swoosh while others boycotted it. The ones avoiding Nike and their products cut the Nike logo off of their clothes, burned their shoes, and threw out any products they owned. Kaepernick's disrespectful actions

grasped the attention of nearly everyone in America. Veterans, current military soldiers, and even civilians who disagree with Kaepernick support the boycott of Nike products. Kaepernick coaxed the individuals who now follow his diabolic activism on social injustice. Many civilians put up a fight for their rights and freedom to stand for the flag that our country proudly serves. Fans of the National Football League (NFL) look up to Kaepernick as a role model. Kaepernick started a self-empowerment camp called the, "Know Your Rights Camp." The program intends to teach individuals various ways they can interact with law enforcement and working on self-motivation. As a way to redeem himself, Kaepernick created, "Our 10-Point System," for the individuals who attend the camp, and anyone who dares to

visit his website. The system states rights everyone should be aware of. Some of the points include rights such as freedom, safety, and education. Kaepernick's current goal remains convincing everyone on his side to kneel with him. After sacrificing his credibility, the former NFL player only surrendered his income salary while playing for the 49ers. Following the horrendous act of kneeling during the National Anthem, the NFL shunned Kaepernick and he no longer plays for the NFL. Along with the NFL attempting to sever all connections with Kaepernick, fans attempt to do the same. Even with people rallying against his choices, Kaepernick works to battle oppression globally, and believes he should convey his thoughts and beliefs through education and social activism. However, an immature individual should make sure to educate himself, before making the decision of instructing others.



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Getting tactical and not so practical

Midterm election campaigns switching things up this year

Nicole Rogers
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With Midterm Elections rapidly approaching, candidates, parties, and PACs prove determined to step up their advertising skills in an attempt to gain more supporters. Whether relying upon the power of comedic tactics, or attempting to instill fear in viewers by attacking opposing candidates, this year's campaign ads prove out of the ordinary. Focusing more heavily on inducing laughs rather than anxiety, the Democratic candidates went all out in the comedic sense with their advertisements. Dean Phillips, running in Minnesota's Third Congressional District, proves a prime example of this theme. His advertisement features the enlisting of the mythical Bigfoot to track down Phillip's missing-in-action Republican opponent, Rep. Erik Paulsen. This amusing take on campaigning definitely caught voter's attention.

The Democratic party also pointed out the flaws of many Republican candidates. They poke fun at the Republicans failed attempts to get rid of the Affordable Care Act and the sweeping tax cuts that passed last year. Receiving pointers and knowledge from actual comedy writers, these candidates proved willing to go the extra mile for their campaigns. Republican candidates retaliated to these jabs by claiming that Democrats would make Americans less safe. Duncan Hunter ran an ad against Democrat Ammar Campa-Najjar, taking a stab at his grandfather by bringing up his former affiliation with a Palestinian terror group. Campa-Najjar defended himself, claiming he shared no connection to his grandfather or his ideals other than "lineage." Of course, some Republicans possess tamer ads, such as Rob DeSantis, a Republican running for governor of Florida.

Inspired by President Donald Trump, DeSantis stars in his ad, "building a wall" with his daughter out of building blocks, and then spending quality bonding time with his young son while reading him Trump's book The Art of the Deal. Truly a heartwarming, family-oriented approach for advertising. Personally, it seems clear the implications these drastically different tactics possess. Whereas the Democratic parties search for the humorous and positive details of a situation, Republicans manipulate their way into power through fear and underhanded methods. Rather than attempting to gain a position of authority by their own merit and potential to benefit the people, they represent, they tear apart and degrade those who pose as a threat to them. Of course, everyone remains entitled to achieving their goals in whichever way seems most beneficial to them. So long, of course, as it refrains from spreading propaganda and humiliating their opposing candidates. Then again, those in politics time and time again prove more than capable of playing dirty in order to achieve their positions.



Nicole Rogers is the Editor-in-Chief for The Prowl. Rogers believes Republican and Democratic campaigns vary

FRIEND OR FOE?

Concern rises amongst student body over new Armed Guardians initiative

Sebastian Paula
OPINION EDITOR

Following the mass shooting that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas on Feb. 14, the schools and state placed many security protocols to prevent further incidents from taking place. Out of these newly established safety measures, the Armed Guardians program took form, consisting of members tasked with performing the duties of armed security school campuses. If police officers fail to provide safety at a certain school, then an armed guardian takes their place, and an officer must remain present from the beginning of the school day to the end.

The requirements to acquire a position in the Armed Guardians gives those willing to join some difficulty. To acquire the position one must carry experience working with adolescents and military experience dating back at least two years, pass a psychological exam, and prove 21 years of age or older. The psychological exam gives volunteers their hardest challenge, with only five out of 35 applicants passing. For those who manage to pass, they may only roam and secure the school designated to their location.

If the participant manages to pass all the requirements, they must undergo a minimum of 130 hours of training. This includes target practice and several exercises relating to school emergencies. The new guardians gain access to a 9mm handgun and a uniform. The guardians' arsenal remains without any additional equipment until further notice.

However, since the armed guardians lack the same certification as police officers, students worry about the negative outcomes that may result from an unknown and armed presence from a freshly established program attempting to protect them.

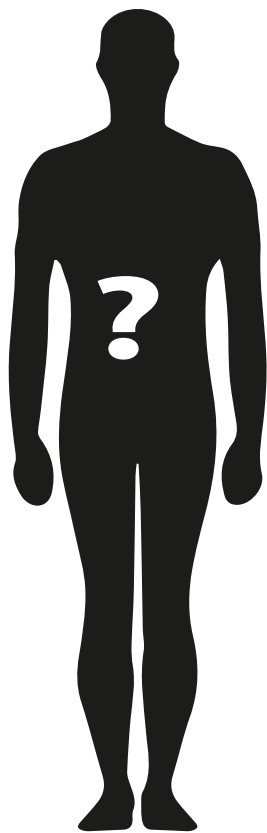
"It isn't safe to add another untrusted factor to a situation like this. Kids were targeted by their own peers and now we're supposed to place our trust in complete strangers? Forgive me if I have a hard time trusting someone like that," senior Kishan Rampersaud said.

In addition to the outrageous requirements needed to fit the role of an armed guardian, the salary that the guards earn equate to about \$25,000 to \$33,000 a year. The average yearly salary needed in order to make a healthy living typically lies around \$40,000 to \$50,000. Taking on the occupation automatically leaves more risk than reward.

With the psychological test, along with its below average earnings, the Armed Guardians program struggles to acquire members efficiently. Previously, the organization intended to gather 80 members before the start of the new school year. Only about 35 volunteers passed every requirement. On paper, applying to the Armed Guardians program gives no major payoff. The guardians serve as a replacement for police officers that cannot roam the campus of certain schools. However, many school districts in Florida, including Broward, declare that they see no need for armed guardians.

"We already have two officers on campus. It's better to have two police officers than two armed guardians," Principal Steven Carruth said.

The establishment of the Armed Guardians program relies heavily on specific requirements with hardly any participants reaching the passing level. With its unreliable procedures and their lack of experience, the Armed Guardians results in an unreliable organization. Many other options exist that can replace their uses.



Letters to the Editor

Strong opinions

"I think the opinions section is definitely beneficial for the students. It gives them a chance to voice their thoughts on the school in a progressive way."

Miles Kendall
senior



All in this together

"It's honestly really cool how involved students are with the school; we have so many new clubs this year and socials going on that it really goes to show how much the students care."

Kayla Rodriguez
senior



Hitting the books

"I think our school offers a lot of rigorous classes that can really help prepare students for the future; I take a lot of AP and AICE classes which really help keep me on track."

Shelby Stott
sophomore

Pushing polls

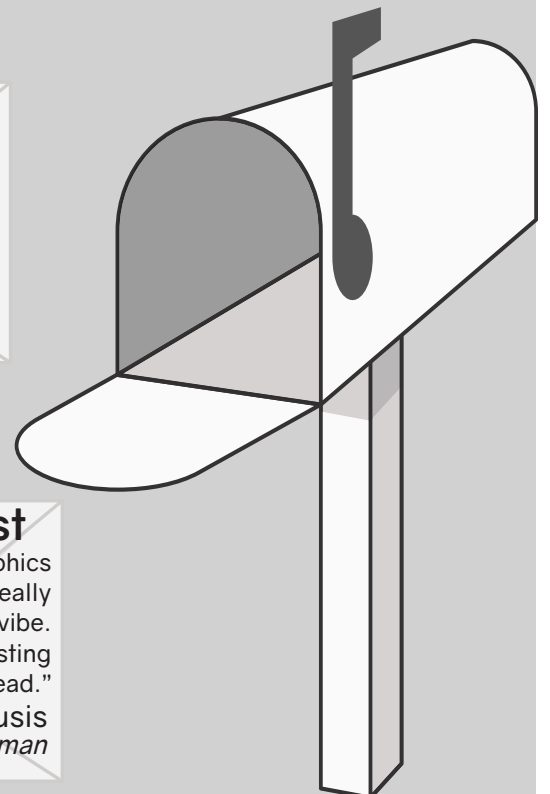
"I definitely think there should be more polls in the paper, especially more lighthearted ones. I think it would be a fun way to get more people involved."

Felipe Gonzalez
junior

Cartoon enthusiast

"The cartoons and graphics and photos and everything really give the paper a really cool vibe. It also makes it more interesting for people who don't like to read."

Connor Norusis
freshman



TEARING UP THE PRESS

Newspaper publications around the US respond to President Trump's anti-press campaign

Nicole Rogers
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One of the biggest red flags a diplomatic leader may prove a tyrant lies in their attempts to turn the public against journalism and the media. President Donald Trump serves as a perfect representation of this behavior, as exemplified in his relentless attacks on the press or, as he likes to put it, "Fake News."

There remain many historical figures who held a great deal of power and weaponized it against those in the journalism profession in an attempt to keep up a good appearance; for example, Adolf Hitler. Of course, this in no way means that President Trump may follow in Hitler's tyrannical, maniacal, destructive path. The only other characteristics the two share reside in their racist ("Black guys counting my money! I hate it... I think that the guy is lazy...laziness is a trait in blacks"), bigoted ("a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States" 2015), and sexist ("grab her by the p**y") beliefs, blaming of any economic or social issues on immigrants and minority groups, mistruthfulness to the public, attacking those who question their ideals and practices, keeping their personal finances and plans private even when asked, etc. Obviously, this vague resemblance between the two proves barely a cause for concern.

The journalism profession remains centered around the sharing of important news and facts, responsible for maintaining a well-informed and politically involved public. Without this constant circulation of new ideas and social awareness, the people ultimately fall prey to manipulation from those in higher powers. Keeping up with the times proves absolutely essential, especially today, in light of the nation's current division and openly hostile behavior.

Still serving as his favorite form of communicating with the people,

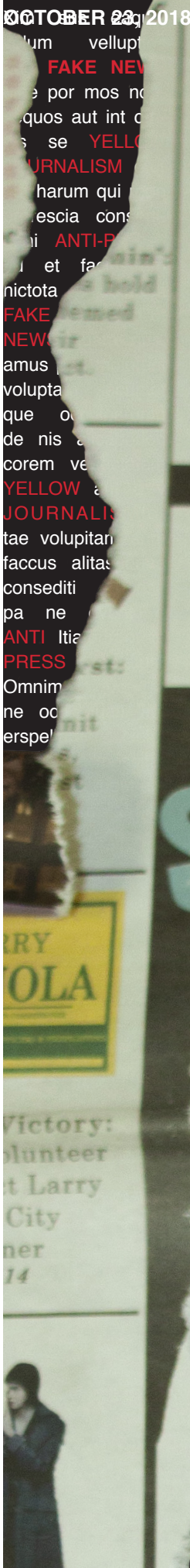
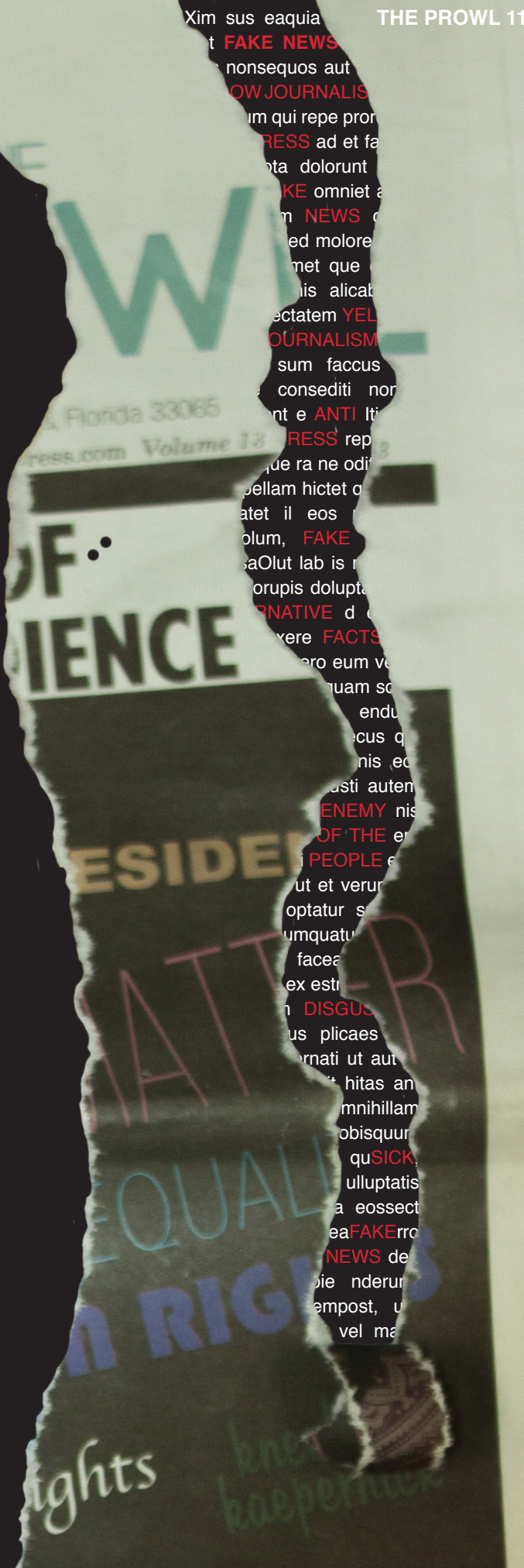
President Trump posted an anti-press tweet on Aug. 18, reading "THE FAKE NEWS MEDIA IS THE OPPOSITION PARTY. It is very bad for our Great Country...BUT WE ARE WINNING!" Soon thereafter, the president deleted the tweet. However, he then proceeded to further tear apart the people's use of free speech, referring to the press as the "enemy of the people," a phrase that picked up fire and spread throughout social media with impressive speed.

Inspired by President Trump's continuous assault on the press, the Boston Globe, followed by over 350 other newspaper publications, published editorials responding to and calling out President Trump on his false accusations. Spreading like a wildfire, the Press's counterattack dominated social media and gained an overwhelming response from those pursuing a career in journalism.

This constant influx of hate against the press proves extremely ineffective in deterring people from pursuing a career in journalism; on the contrary, the rebellious and eager to be heard younger generation proves more determined than ever to expose the truth and use their words to inspire justice. When faced with adversity, journalists refuse to back down; no longer will the world receive the comfort of their silence. In the name of social justice, journalists demand the freedom to speak out and be heard. To be blunt, the only people who need fear the press remain those with something to hide.

The press is not the enemy of the people. The press represents the people. If we the people, the governed, intend to hold any form of power over those who govern us, then we must fight to keep our freedom of speech from being destroyed by the person who currently serves as the leader of our nation.

-Information gathered from nytimes.com



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Spreading a new epidemic...

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High school trends come and go with each passing generation, but one fad gained national attention concerning its risks to students. The inhalation of e-cigarettes, or vaping, gained traction a few years ago and the use of these cigarettes gradually grew with each year. Health organizations intend to slow this process down and, eventually, prevent the excessive manufacturing and selling of e-cigarettes to young individuals. Given that most e-cigarettes are different than normal cigarettes, they gain the opportunity to sneak onto school grounds. The most common of these cigarettes, known as e-cigarettes, look like mini flashlights or flash drives. With their sleek and black design, students use them in classrooms, bathrooms, or anywhere else. Regardless of its form, what grabs students' attention comes back to the flavored vapor that manufacturers sell. With several options to choose from, students grab the flavor they prefer the most. The increasing use and manufacturing favoring flavored alternatives led to the acquisition of a ban under age use of vaping. Students quickly learned the benefits of vaping as opposed to smoking, realizing that since vaping produces water vapor instead of smoke, e-cigarettes contain many chemicals that can hurt the lungs and contain heavy metals. Some of the known chemicals link to serious health issues, but students showed no signs of decreased use. The consequence

for getting caught while using one of the devices prove as severe as repercussions faced when found with drug paraphernalia.

"We treat vaping the same way we treat tobacco," said Principal Steven Carruth "If you're caught with it, then you will most likely be suspended."

Even though most students know the results that follow if they vape, they continue to use them throughout the school. The school bathrooms remain the

most popular destination to vape. They consider this the perfect opportunity to take out their JUULs. Children also vape in classrooms and in hallways when given the opportunity. Since the vape produced by these tools come out white and dissipate quickly, adolescents acquire the chance to vape the majority of the school day. Currently, schools perform no specific actions that counteract students' use of JUULs except treat them as tobacco use. Thus, leading to suspension or expulsion.

However, students believe that adults should stay relieved that the younger generation prefers to vape instead of smoke or use other drugs.

"It should be done responsibly," senior Joseph Troia said. "We don't know the potential harm it can cause yet, so it would probably be best to keep it to a minimum until proven otherwise that it isn't that bad for you."

Although the main chemical, nicotine, proved harmless by itself, its side effects results in disastrous consequences. Specifically, nicotine addiction, which forces consumers to take in more nicotine-heavy products. Thus, allowing students to expose themselves to other harmful substances roaming inside the e-cigarettes. Regarding the use of e-cigarettes and vaping, students show no signs of stopping their usage. In fact, the prominent use of vaping continues to rise. With no method to combat their JUULs, kids see no reason to stop.

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*Joseph Troia
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SMOKING OUT THE FACTS

30.7% of e-cigarette users started smoking within 6 months.

30.7%

28% of 12th graders at U.S. schools reported using a vaping device in the past year.

28%

There was a 900% increase in e-cigarette use by high school students from 2011 to 2015.

900%

50% more kids vape than smoke traditional tobacco cigarettes.

50%

1.7 million high school students said they had used e-cigarettes in the previous 30 days.

1.7 MIL

63% of users ages 15-24 surveyed didn't know that vapor pods contain addictive nicotine.

63%

Data provided by edutopia.org

FEATURES



GETTING SWAMPED

Jaguars get washed out at Swamp Bowl

Gloria Greenfield
BUSINESS MANAGER

photo by Cesar Delgado



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High school: four years of a student's life filled with equal parts school work and school spirit. This year's annual Swamp Bowl took place on the Jaguar field Thursday, Oct. 4, against the Jaguar's rival football team, the Taravella Trojans.

One of the most anticipated games of the entire football season, the Swamp Bowl fills the stands with crowds of excited students, teachers, and parents alike. According to Assistant Principal Michelle Stein, the student government sold 1,556 tickets (including 210 adult tickets). The competition, all in good fun between the schools, remains a talking topic for weeks on end both before and after the game. Bragging rights, along with seeing the losing principal get doused with mud, attracts plenty of student interest.

While the Trojans took the claim to bragging rights, poor weather conditions made Principal Carruth narrowly avoid a bath in the mud. Despite the disappointing loss, school spirits remain high within the Jaguars.

"Swamp Bowl is a huge rivalry in my house," Stein said. "My husband is the athletic director over at Taravella--I was happy to see the stands filled with lots of Jaguars."

In anticipation for the big game, the students of each school showed pride and support by wearing their designated colors to class in addition to the game itself. Glades students showed their team spirit while dressing from head to toe in all black, along with

wearing t-shirts designed by student government. On the other hand, the Trojans wore all white to show pride in their school's football team.

At 6:50 p.m., when the opposing teams took the field, both sides of the crowd made the bleachers rumble and loud roars and cheers erupted towards the players. With the help of the Jaguar cheerleaders, the crowd rooted for their team with great cheers and anthems to follow along to.

"I believe that most of the students showed their school spirit by cheering and wearing all black. [That] was really cool to see," freshman Mariana Muñoz said. "I showed my spirit and support by wearing all black as well. I also decided to stay the entire game to cheer on our football team."

Despite deteriorating weather conditions 'swamping' the leagues of fans, they cheered their side however long the rain allowed. However, security escorted viewers, cheerleaders, the band, and even players from the field when they received a lightning warning.

"It was right before halftime," junior Jack Schwartz said. "I was having a blast, too. It was kind of disappointing when we had to leave the field."

With the safety hazard looming, many decided to pack up and go home. Some dedicated fans, however, made the choice to stay and see the remainder of the game through. Despite Jaguar's best efforts and a crew of supporting fans behind them, the team unfortunately lost 50-14.

"Maybe with the new weight room, it'll give the [players] some of their motivation and confidence back," senior Jeremy Sousa said. "We can definitely win a Swamp Bowl one day soon. I think there's just one thing that we're missing and once we figure it out that W is one hundred percent locked in."





SMILES ALL AROUND: New English teacher Reyna Thompson joined the Jaguar staff this school year, and looks forward to teaching his new students all his expertise. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*

Fresh faces

New teachers mark their territory in the jungle

Chloe Dumas
FEATURES EDITOR

New faces swarmed the campus of the school on Aug. 15, but the freshmen proved not the only addition to the Jaguar family. The campus is currently jam packed with a whopping additional 17 faculty members. These new additions fill positions in the arts department, core academic classes, the Exceptional Education and Student Services (ESE) program, and seats in the office.

With all of the changes being made to schools across the county, taking on the task of joining an educative staff with little to no experience can prove quite challenging. New faculty needs to easily adjust to change, and be ready to take on a heavy workload at a moment's notice. However, the increasing number of on-campus staff proves promising for the school's future.

A total of seven teachers took on the challenge of teaching core academic classes, including, but not limited to: social studies, science, mathematics and English. One of the most obvious and troublesome tasks serves as how the staff adapts to their new and sometimes intimidating workplace. The newly hired instructors experience difficulties between handling their classrooms, balancing their everyday lives, connecting with their students, grading papers and completing paperwork in a timely, consistent manner.

As complex as this seems, these brave, capable educators adjusted comfortably to the new environment and relentless mass of hormonal teenagers. They made the transition into high school teaching look fairly easy, if not practically effortless. After an insane amount of hours spent completing interviews and performing background checks, the anticipation of receiving the final phone call stating, "The position is yours," proved completely worth it for many. Reaping the rewards from hard work and patience proves a great source of satisfaction. Like the freshies joining the student body, these teachers took on a new school and proved determined to conquer it.

"I am extremely nervous, yet excited to begin this recent chapter in my life," new math teacher Michael Lipsky said. "I look forward to teaching at Coral Glades. I started later than the rest of the staff because I was notified that I passed all of the background checks and the long interview process days into the new school

year. That was pretty nerve wracking." Lipsky explained.

As a previous teacher for younger students and an SAT math tutor, Lipsky hopes to inspire his students to excel in their academics with his outright witty personality and determination. After all, a little bit of hard work and a positive outlook on life can make a huge difference as far as achieving success goes.

Of course, teachers were not the only addition to the Jaguar family. As of this school year, administration increased the amount of people working at the front desk by a total of seven people. The front office includes: clerical (3), school counselors (2), a medical clerk, a book keeper and a budget keeper.

Every student's best friend throughout their high school career, guidance counselors prove themselves essential to the planning of their futures. From applying to college, finding ways of earning service hours, or when looking for a source of emotional support, counselors remain an essential part of school life for many students.

Yannique Burford (9th grade counselor), and Marta Barreras serve as the facilitators for the attaining of students' academic or career goals, and assisting them in developing their social and mental capacities. They provide a source of advice and, of course, guidance to many, and prove more than happy to assist their pupils.

Many teachers play a key role in developing the mindsets and goals of their students. While foreign places and faces can prove quite intimidating, the ability to embrace

change remains a vital part of life. As returning students get to know their new instructors, and new teachers and students alike adjust to their hectic high school campus lives, the jungle appears more alive than ever.

As Marian Wright Edelman once said, "Education is improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." With that thought in mind, fresh-faced teachers in our school take pride in the career of educating. Teachers pave the way to a successful future for their students. Despite the harsh workload and hours, the new staff moves forward with the goal in mind of inspiring the new generation.

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Michael Lipsky
teacher

ANONYMOUSLY HEARD ON CAMPUS

Documenting iconic quotes said by students throughout the school

"My friend got a schedule change and got put in orchestra. She doesn't even play an instrument."

"I've been going to this school for four years and I still don't know where the blue hallway is."

"I was just minding my own business and she threw a muffin at me out of nowhere."

"This guy comes up to me and yells in my face that 'Capitalism is perfect!'"

"I was so tired I tried brushing my hair with a toothbrush this morning. It had toothpaste on it."

"The economy is crumbling, I haven't slept in two days, everything sucks, but at least there's Netflix."

RAISING THE STAKES

Concerns arise over safety of females on school campuses

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In light of the recent Kavanaugh hearing, girl's perceptions of safety in schools altered. Witnessing all of the court cases delineated the fact that an accused assaulter can still be presented with such a high governmental position proves a risk to ethical and moral issues. The sad reality that an accusation made must be thoroughly investigated because of the countless times that women took advantage of similar situations also plays a role. Due to this, girls remain feeling threatened for something as simple as pursuing their right to an education.

In many underdeveloped countries, girls are shot at simply for attending schools. They prove unable to safely receive an education and ensure a bright future for themselves. In the United States, education is a right granted to everyone, yet girls still remain subjected to unsafe behavior at school.

Catcalling in hallways and unwanted suitors remain just two examples of how girls can feel

unsafe in school. Sometimes, teachers, a person considered trustworthy, face investigation and arrest for sexual harassment and assault.

At neighboring school Marjory Stoneman Douglas, one of the many schools in which a teacher has been accused of sexual assault, 35-year-old coach Andrew Medina was found guilty of displaying sexual behavior towards two students. Claims stated that he asked one of the girls out and continuously made inappropriate comments to another, leaving both girls incredibly uncomfortable.

One of the girls told her mother, who brought the situation to the school board. Medina continued working at the school after only a three day suspension as part of the security team for about a year, instead of being fired due to the charges, according to Sun Sentinel.

This is not the only school where girls fight off unwanted attention from teachers

and male students on a day to day basis. Girls complain about everything from sexual assault and being relentlessly pursued, to having inappropriate comments spoken about them to their faces and behind their backs.

Teachers, often found guilty of this crime, in most cases continue working at the school after a minor suspension instead of being fired. Of course in some situations the teacher is fired, but in many, the necessary and proper action may not be taken against the teacher.

Girls prove not the only students subject to inappropriate and unsafe behavior at schools. Boys often experience it too; however, one key difference proves clear: it remains less talked about. Students and schools must work together to permanently eliminate sexual assault and harrasing behavior that currently takes place at norm, so as to make every student feel safe and comfortable.

11.2%

of all students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation.

23.1%

of females experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation.

4.2%

of students have experienced stalking since entering college.

Only **20%**

of female student victims, age 18-24, report to law enforcement.

Data gathered from rainn.org





HANDS ON ACTIVITY: Senior Angelica Robles-Viveros takes part in hand painting an International Day of Girl sign at new club Girl Up. Each color of the handprints represents a different women's rights issue. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*



More often than not, when we think of Serena Williams, we think of tennis and victory. However, she embodies so much more than that. Williams serves as a mother, a source of inspiration to aspiring athletes, and an emblem of the plight of most African American women today.

It all started with the cat suit. Nike, the company which custom makes all of William's fabulous tennis gear, including, but not limited to: clothing, sneakers, etc., created a one-piece uniform with compression in order to combat William's past problems with blood clots. Naturally, the suit appeared extremely form fitting, as this helped to keep her blood flowing smoothly.

Now, one may think this "inappropriate." However, athletes often face many healthy risks in their professions, and must take certain precautions to ensure their physical well being. So, it seems absurd that her prioritizing her physical health over style might receive backlash from the public; I mean, it is her health being discussed.

Unfortunately, the tennis executives, clearly unconcerned with her physical requirement for the specialized suit, criticized her outfit, deeming it "inappropriate" for the occasion. Of course, Serena being Serena, decided to retaliate by performing in a tutu, instead.

Naturally, people proved quick to reprimand her for her completely justified response towards the unfair treatment; something many would overlook, and even praise, had it been a man in her position. Seeing the objectification and unfair treatment towards something as impudent as her choice of attire, it proves completely understandable that she might lash out.

The sound of the tennis ball bouncing off the porous racquet and the grunts of each opponent strike through the arena as the spectators remained silent amidst the depth of this 'match of the century' filled the court, and then, BOOM!

One may imagine that someone fell and chipped a tooth, but it proved something much worse than that. The umpire called a violation for coaching during the match, followed by a penalty when Williams angrily slammed her custom racquet into the ground. This is the start to a controversial twitter debate.

The US Open Match commenced with a roaring crowd. Many came to support the talented and undefeated Naomi Osaka, while others casted their attention on the notable 'Queen with a Racquet', if you will, Serena Williams. To say it served as an intense match qualifies as the understatement of the year. Osaka started strong, essentially plundering Williams with a 6- 2 win in the first set. She was a power house with a 31-0 record prior to the Open, but most never doubted Williams's ability to defeat her.

Now that the penalty was called, a point being deducted from the total score, Serena allowed her anger to get the best of her, stating her preference of losing over lying and winning, even pressing for an apology.

Now, throughout Williams entire career she has been subjected to excessive racist, sexist, and body-shaming comments; but the question lies in whether that concerns her, or her unyielding will to succeed as a woman.

To me, this match really showed the harsh realities for many black women all over America. The stereotype of being an ungrateful, non-comprising, and angry individual just because you know exactly what you demand for yourself is bogus. The double standard clearly advanced far past corporate America and advertisements, directly into even sports.

Serena faces accusations of having unkempt hair, resemblance of a man, and an overly muscular body, but no one really takes the time to just focus on her talent. It seems like so often, black women face criticism for everything but their actual career path. Why can Serena not just be associated with tennis? Not her interracial marriage or her attitude, but just through her raw talent and passion for her career.

Unfortunately, the portrayal of black women by the media remains tainted by those who have the power to control that portrayal: men.

Stretching the club list

New clubs spark interest amongst the student body

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With the new school year picking up speed, students take on the roles of team leaders by creating or joining clubs with a school sponsor. School clubs provide a great opportunity for students who may share common interests in hobbies or real life situations to join together.

These unique and abundant clubs allow students to enhance their knowledge on something they hold interest in or help build a passion they developed, and share it with their peers. Learning better cooperation, social, and communication skills all prove integral parts of joining these extracurriculars. Clubs also provide individuals with a chance at leadership and entrepreneur positions. Not to mention, participating in and holding officer positions for these clubs always look impressive on college applications.

New club on the rise, Launch X, founded by sophomore Murtaza Hussain, is based and founded upon the concept of entrepreneurship and the steps and hard work it takes to build a successful company.

Every Thursday since Aug. 16, club members meet in sponsor Mrs. Plass's room to collaborate and brainstorm ideas on how to start up a business and the key components needed to keep the company running smoothly, such as getting the public engaged in what it offers them (both as a community and individually). This provides members with key experience and knowledge meant to help them should they decided to create their own company.

"Entrepreneurship has always been something I have been interested in. Therefore, I wanted to create a club where not only do we promote entrepreneurship, but build real companies. Age is just a number," sophomore Murtaza Hussain said. "I might consider becoming an

entrepreneur. But as of now, I'm still exploring my interests."

Another upcoming club, Education Rocks, supports a major non-profit organization with a main objective to end poverty through providing an education to children in less developed countries.

By partnering up young adults with a child in these developing nations, they help raise money to send them to school and aid the kick-start a brighter future for them. Sophomore Lindsay McNeil teamed up with her uncle, who also plays a major role in the Education Rocks organization, last year to independently send a girl in Bali to school.

Through this club, students choose a child they will communicate with through letter; this way they get to know the child they help send to school. They raise funds through club fundraisers and hosting bake and candy sales.

McNeil brought this organization to the table and made it into a club because she felt empowered making a positive impact on someone else's life and felt honored to have the opportunity to receive a free education.

"Kids have this amazing opportunity to make a positive global impact, and not a lot of students have that chance. When I sent my student, who lives in Bali, to school last year, it really was an eye opener for me because it really helped me see what kids my age in different parts of the world experience on a day to day basis," McNeil said. "Some kids my age, including myself, don't see how remarkable it is to be able to have a free education and it makes me feel extremely grateful for what I do have."

Through the establishment of multiple diverse and opportunistic clubs, students now can take advantage of becoming the leaders they always hoped to be. In their efforts to change their school and community environments, the newest clubs on campus hold the capacity to make the world around them a better place.



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An insatiable mockery of a show

Netflix's new series "Insatiable" suffers backlash on body-shaming

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FAT

PIG

UGLY

Thin
Slut

Pretty

Released on the eve of the new school year, the Netflix series "Insatiable" turned heads due to its controversial content. The series received a heavy amount of backlash from its poor depiction of weight loss and blatant body shaming. The show "Insatiable" is a Netflix original produced and written by Lauren Gussis, starring Disney channel's Debby Ryan, Dallas Roberts, and Christopher Gorham. The show is based off a teenage girl named "Patty," who faced bullying throughout her life because of her weight. After suffering a facial injury sustained from a homeless man punching her in the face, Patty goes through drastic changes. Unable to eat solid food for months due to her broken jaw, Patty comes back to Masonville High School a hundred pounds lighter and turning heads. The series takes a turn when Patty is shown with an angel and a devil whispering into her ear, seemingly at all times. She seems an ordinary girl around her fellow peers, who shower her in compliments and affection. Behind her innocent facade however, she proves a vengeful spirit ready to take out her abusers. Throughout time, women have been told to be popular, keep up a healthy social life, and come off as approachable to males. In order to be a "worthy" human, their bodies must be thin and their faces pleasing to the eye. Many women go through the insecurity of not being acceptable to society and this show does anything but send a positive message about this. Insatiable serves as nothing more than a mockery of body insecurities. Before the show's release, audiences around the world were disgusted by the trailer Netflix released months prior. Seeing as the trailer started out with a series of clips of Debby Ryan wearing a fat suit and stuffing her face, it proved apparent from the beginning body positivity held little place in the show. When the show released, the criticism blew up to the point where Florence Given made a petition titled,

"Cancel Netflix's Body-Shaming Series 'Insatiable,' on Change.org. All this, just to send Netflix the message about what the show depicts and that the executives must come to an agreement to take it down.

The number of issues brought up by the Netflix series continues to grow. The concept of sin proves a classic trope in comedy, but the show takes it out of the ball park. Patty is seen slapping people across the face, murdering two of her fellow students, physically abusing them, and then is left to ponder if she is really to blame. These scenes also mock the religious concept of sin and redemption through such acts.

Debby Ryan's "Patty" is a psychotic character, committing numerous crimes and believing her action remain justified. The angel-and-devil-on-your-shoulder concept poorly corrects any of her abuse towards her bullies. However, throughout the entirety of the show, Patty serves as only one of the numerous trouble-making characters. Another troublesome character is "Dixie Sinclair," the preppy social media character played by Irene Choi. Sinclair was one of Patty's abusers who would yell, "Butter Ball," through a bullhorn around the cafeteria, further prompting Patty's insecurity issues.

While most students served roles as the stereotypical bullies, one legal figure proved a key figure to objectifying the "true beauty" standard for women. The Patty-obsessed attorney Bob Armstrong, obsesses over her role in a pageant because she was supposedly the prettiest girl there due to her loss of weight, gives the show yet another factor contributing to its lack of body positivity. Armstrong later goes to court to protect Patty from prison.

The show "Insatiable" represents a poor depiction of dark comedy. With a lack of the comedy portion, objectification of women, and body-shaming, the show is a complete unappetizing excuse of filmmaking. But due to the scandal, Netflix users go and watch the series to witness such atrocity that is the series "Insatiable." The series proves a poor representation of Netflix's original series and an insult to almost every single member of society.

Blooming into the industry

Former Youtube star Troye Sivan releases his album "Bloom"

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Spring came back around early this summer after Troye Sivan's new album "Bloom" released on Aug. 31. The album proves filled with energetic and vibrant melodies. The highly anticipated album finds support from Sivan's fanbase that grew with him since the start of his career as a Youtuber.

"Bloom" proves a romantically brilliant album that carries a story about two lovers. The first song listed on the record, "Seventeen," depicts a story about two lovers with one younger than the other. The production of the music behind it does not trigger tears, rather, its instrumentals makes someone want to dance the night away.

"My My My" and "Dance To This" possess a similar tone compared to the first song, but prove clearly made to use as a party anthem, especially if a song features Ariana Grande. The music videos for both of the songs showcase as inviting and intricate pieces of art.

The album includes songs that

previously remained overshadowed by the former released singles. Songs like "Bloom," "Lucky Strike," and "The Good Side" exemplify some of Sivan's incredible hits that deserve far more attention than they received.

The self titled song "Bloom" makes spring time come early. The lyrics to the song brings a sense of joy to listeners. The beginning lines, "Take a trip into my garden / I've got so much to show ya / The fountains and the waters / Are begging just to know ya / And it's true, baby / I've been saving this for you, baby," pours out the warm and joyful feeling of falling in love with another male.

The song "Bloom" also works for an incredibly supporting LGBTQ+ musical hit. Sivan's song prevails as beautiful and meaningful, one that people can emotionally connect to, and even learn from.

Furthermore, Troye Sivan expresses a bright confession in the song "Lucky Strike." The song delivers

a fun and heartwarming vibe for most listeners to enjoy during a nice ride. Though it hints that Troye moved on from his previous relationship and found a better suitor, the song proves a modern disco romance hit from the 80s.

The album contains a single sorrowful ballad titled "The Good Side." The heartbreak in the song tears at one's heartstrings. With the solemn acoustic guitar and his mournful voice, it seems as if he sings directly to the listener. The songs contain hints of the artist Sufian Steven's, creator of the album "Illinois" and "Call Me By Your Name," theme of the "Mystery of Love."

The songs "Bloom," "Lucky Strike" and "The Good Side" remain personal favorites from the album.

Troye Sivan possesses a soothing, cool voice that one might think makes the songs dull, but on the contrary, adds to the life of the record. Without his voice, the entire album would change for the worse, causing it to crash and burn monumentally.



In the wake of disaster that is currently my life, a shining light of hope hailed down upon me in the form of a gift that could only have come from God himself. Dedicated members of the geekdom everywhere recently rejoiced when the creators of beloved Sci-Fi series Star Trek announced their latest project: a Star Trek spinoff series based on none other than fan favorite Captain Jean-Luc Picard himself.

Now, I grew up watching old episodes of the iconic television series and fangirling over the adventures of the USS Enterprise's quirky crew, seeing as it (supposedly) ended in 2002. It absolutely broke my heart to accept the fact that I simply grew up in the wrong era, and missed the opportunity to enjoy the series while it was still running. So, to hear that one of the only things that got me through an otherwise dull childhood may return to the big screen really tickled my fancy. Finally, the millennials and Gen Z can appreciate the majesty of the Star Trek Universe on our own screens. Hopefully, we can refrain from ruining this too.

The series, sponsored by CBS All Access, will not be a reboot of The Next Generation, contradictory to previous fan theories; rather, producers describe it as an exploration into the next chapters of Captain Picard's life after his adventures on the Enterprise. Most information about the series, such as the episode count, date of release, and even the title of the series remains tightly under wraps thus far. People involved in the project, keen to enjoy our suffering, adamantly refuse to spill too many details on the casting of roles as well. Although, one very juicy tidbit of information managed to reach the public's attention.

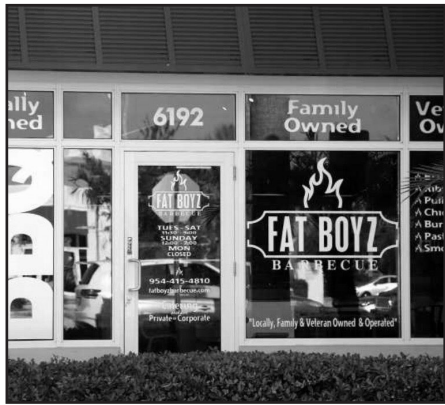
While exploring Captain Picard's future, the writers, naturally, also plan on revealing some of the character's past. Something I personally am extremely excited to receive an insight on. Of course, this means that some talented, young actor has to fill the very big shoes of playing a younger Picard and Sir Patrick Stewart; a tough role to play indeed. Successfully portraying such a talented actor and intricate character proves an intimidating challenge to most people in the profession. It seems almost impossible that anyone could possibly prove worthy of taking up the job. But, there does indeed remain one talented man who just so happens to hold experience in portraying a younger version of Sir Patrick Stewart in a movie franchise.

Yes, the moment the nerd community has been waiting for since the beginning of time finally arrived; James McAvoy, our lord and savior, has offered his majestic self to play young Captain Picard in the new series. Having already flawlessly played a younger Charles Xavier in the X-Men movie series and built a deep connection and friendship with his senior actor, taking on this role seems hardly a challenge for McAvoy. Not mention his acting prowess in general allows him to easily adapt to whatever role comes his way. In case I have not been clear enough, I hold a deep, sacred love for this beautiful, flawless, absolute king of a man.

As an avid fan of both these higher beings, the fact that I may receive the opportunity to watch them star in yet another project together, playing the same role, and just generally existing within the same plane of cinematic mastery makes my life a little more worth living. In fact, the Star Trek universe may just have provided a cure for my crippling depression. It might be a good idea to update my prescription for my inhaler, because I feel very strongly that this new series will quite literally take my breath away.

Grilling up savory meals

Family and veteran owned "Fat Boyz" opens up in Coral Springs



Grillin Out: A new barbeque restaurant opened in Coral Springs for food connoisseurs. "The menu looked mouthwatering," senior Barisha Cranston said after spending an afternoon at Fat Boyz with an appetite for a savory sweet.

Photo by Barisha Cranston



You Just Got Served: The dishes served at "Fat Boyz" satisfies the need for mouthwatering recipes right off the grill. "The Pulled Pork were both tender and booming with flavor, neither tasting even the slightest bit fatty"--sophomore, Kylee Weener.

Image Courtesy of southflorida.com

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Fat Boyz, originally a family and veteran owned barbecue food truck, managed to swiftly establish a restaurant and catering service that became deeply engraved into the lives of the citizens of Coral Springs. They perfectly captured the true essence of genuine southern cuisines.

Although it remains a rather small establishment, it gained popularity and proves well loved for its inviting and energetic vibes. It remains as the perfect barbeque spot for the entire family to enjoy on a night out. With its warm atmosphere and great food featuring addictive flavours, it caused numerous people to become regular patrons of the restaurant.

Standing in front of the restaurant, one finds it hard not to appreciate the pleasant and soothing scenery that creates a perfect balance of man-made structure and nature. Just by looking at the exterior of the restaurant, one can be assured that

the service and food will be of good quality and their money well spent.

Upon entering the restaurant, one's senses become pleasantly assaulted with the fragrant smell of smoked cuisine and barbeque sauce. The quiet murmurs of the satisfied patrons of the restaurant and soft lights perfectly complement the interior design to create a tranquil ambiance.

I arrived at the restaurant on a Wednesday afternoon, attending as a party of one at such a young age, I felt a little bit intimidated. However, all my doubts and fears flew out the window once I discovered the kind and positive attitude of the servers. I am still impressed by not only how the wait staff took their job seriously, but took initiative and pride in their job as they carried out their tasks.

I ordered the smoked mac-n-cheese, corn nuggets, Big Mah potato salad and Kansas City style beef brisket burnt ends.

Although not

artistically arranged, the presentation of the food still did not hinder the experience; rather, the simplicity of it earned my appreciation.

Upon taking a bite of the smoked mac-n-cheese, my taste buds became ignited by its unique taste and creamy texture. Its taste only surpassed by that of the burnt ends, which proved succulent and flavorful. Despite its unusual name, this dish remained enjoyable and appealing to all of the senses. Although I am not a person who typically enjoys sides, I simply cannot deny the wonderful taste of the Big Nah potato salad and the corn nuggets.

This experience only cost me approximately \$20; not only does their food and service remain top notch, but their prices also prove extremely reasonable. I enjoyed the atmosphere, the decor, the food, the affordable prices, as well as the service. I whole heartedly believe that I will definitely visit Fat Boyz again soon.

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Judging with the Jags

A devilish joke of a movie

Warner Brother "The Nun" possesses theaters across the nation

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The Nun proved itself a clichéd, stereotypical horror movie. While moderately captivating, it remained disappointingly expected. This runoff from The Conjuring, follows the origins of the Valak that must be exorcised from the 2016 film. Although delving into the unknown earlier lives of characters can be interesting, in this case it remained expected and illogical.

The origin of the Valak (that disguises itself as a nun throughout the movie) is not focused on. The spirit originated in the dark ages, while the movie takes place in the 1950s; so, the movie proved not a true origin, but merely a first encounter story. A bombing taking place during World War II cracked the structure that kept the monster secure and at bay for all those years.

This serves as just another example of a classic horror trope. The idea of an evil escaping from some sort of structure plays off of the myth of Pandora's box. The lore of Pandora's box repeatedly appears in both literature and films, but specifically the horror genre. The idea that some great force must be opened to unleash a great evil, proves a poor, unoriginal banality that many people grow bored of.

Succeeding the alleged suicide of a nun at the Romanian Abbey, the Vatican sends forth a priest and naïve nun to investigate, later assisted by a local named Frenchie.

Therein lies the first problem: why might the Vatican concern itself with the suicide of a nun in the middle of the backcountry of Romania? Normally they would prove indifferent, but in this instance, the Abbey held the sacred relic of the blood of Christ (the only thing that could be used to seal the demon). The story line proved nonexistent.

The plot comprised the truism of the age long war of good versus evil. The Vatican and Catholicism portrayed blatantly as good and then the demon portrayed as blatantly evil. Portraying a nun as evil proves a pathetic attempt at originality, only succeeding in scaring young children attending Catholic school. Although, even then they will most likely return to class laughing disrespectfully and mockingly at their teachers.

There proved consistently more laughing than screaming in the theater, even from the elementary school kids that sat in the row in front of me, especially during the expected jump scares and even the climax fight scene at the end of the film. As for me, the best part of my experience most definitely remains the large popcorn, which I completely took advantage of the free refills, and not the supposedly "scary" movie that I so looked forward to watching.


 — Not worth your time
 — Dissapointing
 — Just okay
 — Pretty good
 — Amazing



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A bittersweet addition

Singer Ariana Grande releases her new album "Sweetener"

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Making approximately 137,000 sales during the first week of the release of her fourth studio album, Ariana Grande's "Sweetener" took to the top of the Billboard 200 charts. According to Google Trends, search interest preserved itself in the days following the release of the album. However, the album fails to perform to its fullest potential for both sworn fans and casual listeners alike.

Upon the first initial listen, many may notice the notes and influence of popular collaborators such as Grande's close friend Nicki Minaj, along with Pharrell Williams, and Missy Elliot. Opposing the style of her previous three albums, Ariana's new songs feature a heavy bassline and strong rhythm heavily influenced by R&B and funk. With Grande remaining as a four time Grammy-nominee for her characteristically Pop voice, it proves hard to see where the style change can show negative. However, along with the overall flow of the album and lyrical value of each song, in that decision Grande goes wrong.

Boasting her impressive four octave range in the 40 second long introduction "raindrops (an angel cried)," the song sets an expectation for an emotional and lyric heavy album. This, however, proves wrong with the appearance of her second song "Blazed (feat. Pharrell Williams)." The heavy funk beats and fast paced rhythm makes for a catchy song, but the repetitive lyrics leave for an emotionally empty track. Only records like "God is a woman," "get well soon," and "no tears left to cry" break this formula. For the most part, the rest of the songs continue the repetition. Due to this, the album fails to connect to fans who held strong value in the meaning of Ariana's songs.

Not to mention that obvious disparity exists in between the tracks. The songs lack a cohesive rhythm, making it unclear how they all fit under one category. Only the prevalent beat and clear voice of Grande remains consistent throughout every record. Theme, lyrics, and the general premise each track contains wildly differs. While this serves the listener an interesting switch up, it makes the album messy and at times, confusing. Suspense, while entertaining in a horror film, does not serve well in the music industry.

Take into consideration how Grande's previous albums vastly contrast from the most recent. Packed with pop ballads and emotion, they embody what "Sweetener" lacks. "Yours Truly," "My Everything," and "Dangerous Woman" all preserve the same style through album art, rhythm, and lyrical meaning. "Sweetener," a 'fresh start' for Ariana, features color photography rather than her previous signature black-and-white aesthetic, and a complete overthrow of the soft instrumentals listeners adapted to.

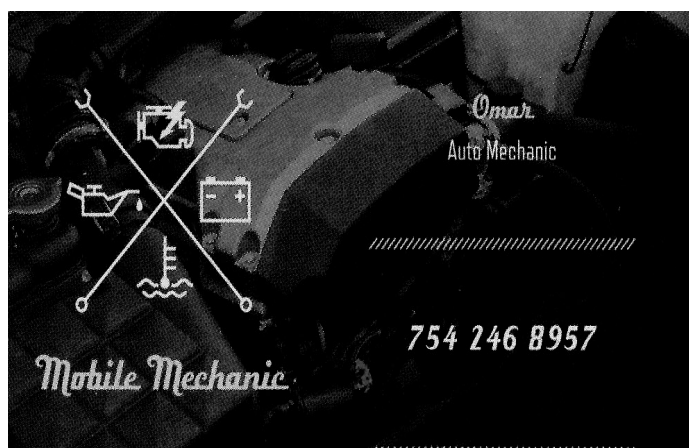
Overall, the album embodies messages of love, happiness, and starting anew. However appealing on paper, to the ear it completely fails to live up to heightened expectations and pleas from fans. While definitely catchy and upbeat, Sweetener seems to please only the most devout of Ariana Grande fans who can overlook the obvious flaws others find. Overall, the mediocre album generates mixed feelings throughout, and mostly dissapoints listeners.


 — Not worth your time
 — Dissapointing
 — Just okay
 — Pretty good
 — Amazing



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EQUIPPED FOR SUCCESS

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After waiting for years, the school finally unveiled the new and improved weight room. Students and staff, such as the sports teams and Physical Education classes, feel a new sense of excitement with the arrival of their new fitness center.

"This was all made a reality by generous donations," weight training coach Mark Montimurro said. "The equipment is really some of the best quality you can find; it's like our own personal LA Fitness."

The new weight room takes place of what used to be the mini gym. The former mini gym, which stored wrestling mats and a basketball hoop, was used by the wrestling and basketball teams for practice, as well as Physical Education classes.

In comparison to the old weight room, the current version, with far more space, added new features to enhance student-athletes' fitness. New features include a stairmaster, treadmills, an astroturf area, new benching equipment, and weights emblazoned with the school crest. With the employment of up-to-date stations, Montimurro expects his students to utilize the facility to the fullest extent.

Moreover, the new weight room also includes equipment that students used from the previous weight room. Items, such as dumbbells, barbells, and medicine balls, still remain available for students to apply in their workouts. Typically, students feel a sense of eagerness to train with as many items as possible; with so many options to explore, students

can choose to use any of them. However, by adding more brands and new resources, students must take upon the responsibility of cleaning up the areas and restoring them to the way they found them before.

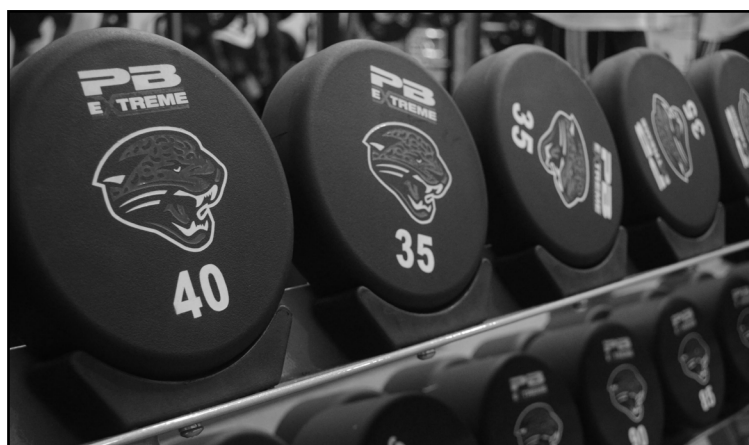
Furthermore, the new weight room also added a Gatorade vending machine, containing Gatorade-brand protein bars and sports drinks. Therefore, students can replenish the electrolytes lost from doing various exercises, such as lifting and running. After all, it remains important that students stay hydrated and energized after a strenuous workout.

With the addition of the weight room, students can focus on improving their workout regimen. During class, students gain the opportunity to use the particular equipment and stations to amplify their athletic attributes. Moreover, student-athletes participating on sports teams retain the ability to elevate as well, strengthening their muscles necessary for their in-game performance.

The accessible resources that the new weight room includes provides students with the ability of improving their fitness. It allows student-athletes to boost their endurance and get in better shape, without the cost of signing up for a gym. Specifically, the advanced resources assist to refine muscles in the upper and lower body, as well as the core. With so much new equipment and opportunities to explore, students interested in physical fitness now prove more than well-equipped to carry out their exercise routines on campus.



DO YOU EVEN LIFT: Senior Andrea Barbaran works on improving her upper body strength in her weight training class. *photo by Makayla Joyce*



WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE: new equipment such as new weights featuring the Jaguar crest grace the sleek, renovated weight room. "The new weights look really cool, I couldn't wait to test them out," junior Logan Bordenkircher said. *photo by Mina Kendall*

SPORTS BRIEFS

Serving looks

With the girls volleyball season ending, the players look back at a hard-working and successful year, adjusting to their play styles. As the season progressed, the girls started to feel more comfortable with Coach Sloan. Her intentions to make the team realize their potential to succeed worked according to plan. The volleyball team had a variety of new girls that with experience playing, but not on an official team. Coach Sloan worked intensively with varsity to grow and win every game, but she especially impacted the JV squad, providing them with the right techniques needed to improve. Moreover, the teammates' chemistry played a huge factor in their success. "The team instantly bonded together, communicating well and cheering each other on," sophomore Katie Sinks said. Both JV and varsity worked cohesively on the court, whether its communicating or while playing, knowing what it takes to win.

- Angelique Bergamini



Defying gender roles

The varsity cheerleading squad breaks stereotypes by adding their first male member to the squad, senior Estefano Livelli, proves ready to make Jaguar history. "It's super fun and I'm so happy I tried out, but one thing I regret is not trying out before. I wish I had started my freshman or sophomore year," Livelli said. Cheerleading proves a female-dominated sport; statistics show that ninety-seven percent of cheerleaders are female, and Livelli makes up a part of the extraordinary three percent breaking gender norms. Many males remain hesitant to try out for cheerleading, because of its "dainty" qualities. This feat accomplished by Livelli breaks boundaries, not just for himself, but through inspiring other males interested in cheerleading to break through the stigmas and pursue the intense sport.

- Emlyne Francois



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Kicking off the new year

Jaguars hope for a successful season as football starts up

Isabella Pulido
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Regardless of the team's end result, what matters most to them proves in how they continue to play with maximum effort. These Jaguars play every game with a winning attitude, keeping up the hard work and energy every step of the way. They refuse to accept defeat, instead using their losses as fuel to inspire them to continue to practice and work hard to improve their skills.

For instance, although they suffered a loss against Coral Springs Charter on Sep. 14, the team showcased that they refuse to back down against any team that challenges them. After trailing 7-0 at the end of the first quarter, the Jaguars displayed a competitive second quarter, only trailing 21-13 at halftime. The team got outscored 20-0 to close out the game, but our Jags demonstrated toughness and the mentality to never give up. They continued to give it their all throughout the entirety of the game, enjoying themselves and making the school proud with their determination to improve.

"To succeed as a team, it requires determination and us counting on one another," senior Dylan Mascoll said. "It doesn't matter if we win or lose, it's about the memories we share and the fun we have."

Remembering to enjoy themselves on the field, the team proves determined to make the most out of each game and play because they love it. The adrenaline and satisfaction of playing on a closely bonded team proves worth the struggle, and allows them to shine through rain or sun.

Of course, there remains more to the game of football than just solid team mechanics. This gruelling sport requires certain personal aspects in order to play well, such as concentration, durability, and the ability to work hard.

With intense concentration, players must possess the ability to constantly

think one step ahead of their opponents. Keeping their head in the game proves essential. Reaction time and pace play a huge part on both sides of the field. For those playing offense, players must make smart, yet decisive plays in order to score a touchdown. On defense, they must focus in on how the other team reacts, trying to stop them from scoring. This game takes strategizing and brain power; there proves far more to the game than just using sheer brute force to take on the opposing team.

A large factor impacting the result of the game also includes the team's durability, both mentally and physically. To gain this level of toughness, the team relentlessly trains, both during the season and in the offseason. Just like any other competitive team, the Jags put in countless hours of work in order to improve their game. They practice everyday after school from 3pm-6pm from Mon.-Sat., carrying out intense practices and drills to build their abilities to their best extent.

Being a part of the Jaguars means working collectively as a group to accomplish more together. Players realize the sacrifices that it takes to win; playing the game to do whatever proves necessary to win, not worrying about individual success. Through team bonding exercises and participation on all sides of the team, these Jaguars prove determined to keep up the positive moral; they continuously prove there really is no "I" in "team."

With the team's hard work and effort, they play their very best every single night. It takes an excessive amount of time and energy to carry out the work football requires of its players. Therefore, it seems obvious that they receive all of the support and school spirit from fans for every game. The team may not win every single game, but our Jags definitely always make sure that we see them give it their all out on the field. It proves certain that the team plans on continuing to make this season the best they can.



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Rolling with the literal punches

Athletes obtain injuries at an alarming rate in the new year

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With the new school year underway, numerous players already sustained gruesome injuries, most notably in football. These injuries occur both during football practice and in games.

Of course, the severity of an injury differs on the situation and sport. Most of the sports known for major injuries typically center around football and wrestling. However, playing these physical sports at such a young age can potentially impact them, both mentally and physically. As most teenagers possess smaller dispositions than professional athletes, the injuries they sustain often prove far more intense than those suffered by adults.

Suffering an injury of such a high magnitude can seriously derail an athlete's future abilities to play, as well as negatively affect their body's endurance and confidence. Not to mention, the time it takes for these injuries to heal negatively impacts both the player and the team; the longer they remain off the field, the farther behind they become.

For football, it involves players from each side tackling the opposing squad in order to score a touchdown, or preventing the other team of doing so. On a frequent basis, multiple players have sustained injuries that have kept them out temporarily, for the season, and even others that prove career-ending.

Among the student-athletes injured, sophomore Seth Long suffered a hard hit on Aug. 28 during football practice.



While going over a play, another player tackled him with him so much force that he was knocked unconscious. After being airlifted to the hospital, doctors diagnosed Long with a severe concussion.

Another unfortunate scenario happened to sophomore Connor Driscoll during the first varsity football game of the year. While laying on the ground after being tackled, a player on the opposing team jumped on him, nearly snapping his neck. Temporarily paralyzed, the injury proved almost career-ending. Driscoll was brought to the hospital by ambulance and, fortunately, made a full recovery.

"While playing a sport like this, you're going to get injured. It's about how you bounce back that matters most," Driscoll said.

Football players put their bodies at risk every game. However, the football players, along with other student-athletes that participate in a sport at this school, remain unfazed by the possibility of suffering an injury. In fact, their love for the game secretes the negative aspects of the game, replacing their worries with excitement.

"I know I can get hurt in any game, but I just love the sport so much; so the possible chance of injury won't stop me from playing the game I love," sophomore Fuad Rivas said.

Ultimately, every player knows the risks of sustaining an injury while playing their sport. Despite that, each student-athlete remains headset on enjoying their favorite sport. Maybe, it derives from the thrill of the crowd from making an entertaining play, or the celebration amongst the teammates after a win.

Of course, injuries prove a serious problem in sports other than just football.

"Sports injuries are unfortunate, because you lose the opportunity to compete with the people you have become so close with," junior Logan Bordenkircher said. "But, there's no crying in baseball. We just gotta roll with the punches."

No matter what motive drives that passion, the willingness to continue to play despite those risks requires courage and aspiration, something that these Jaguar athletes possess.

Swinging in to commitment

Junior Kayla Holden commits to University of Tennessee

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After what started as an unofficial visit to the campus in Feb., 2018, junior Kayla Holden recently committed to play golf collegiately at the University of Tennessee. Among her numerous selection of colleges to choose from, such as the University of Florida, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and Texas Christian University, just to name a few, the University of Tennessee stayed at the top of her list. Only a junior, Holden already proves determined to make her mark.

"I chose Tennessee because of how well I connected with the coaches," Holden said. "Being at the campus felt like home and I felt like it's a place where I can grow as a person and as a player."

With an impressive number of years of experience under her belt, already playing four years of golf competitively, Holden played witness to her game improving exponentially over time.

"Golf is my passion," Holden said. "I've been playing competitively for four years, but I've been playing golf my entire life."

Evidently, it appears as if Holden proved destined to achieve great things in this popular sport. In the Pro-Junior tournament at Crandon Park in Key Biscayne, Florida, she and her father, Russ Holden, who spent nearly two decades as a PGA caddie for Bernhard Langer, finished in second place. In this event, Holden helped her team card a 64, where she chipped in twice, including once from 50-yards out for an eagle. Clearly, talent runs through Holden's family tree.

To add to her resume, Holden, averaging 73.8 for 18 holes last year, made the Sun-Sentinel first team honors. An extremely impressive feat to accomplish this early on in her life. She also tied for 34 at the Class 3A state tournament, won districts and regionals, and won the Broward County Athletic Association tournament (3-under par).

In addition to these accolades, Holden participated in the 2018 Junior World Golf Championships in July at the Torrey Pines Tournament in San Diego, California. Many renown professional golfers, such as the legendary Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and

Ernie Els, have won at this tournament in years past.

Even while playing in these tournaments, the word "surprised" does not fit her vocabulary while discussing how astounding her play is every tournament.

"I'm not surprised by how well I've done because I knew that as long as I put in the work necessary to succeed, the results would come," Holden said.

Proving that keeping the faith in oneself, hard work and commitment remain all one needs to achieve success, Holden proves determined to continue improving her golfing skills.

This year, Holden continues to hold her own, as she averages around 36.4 for 9 holes, and 73.2 for 18 holes within the first three tournaments of this season alone. Compared to the average high school golf players, these scores certainly surpass the standard that a top player would normally produce. She seems well on her way to reaching professional golfing levels.

"I think my performance this year has been great, even though my scores weren't exactly what I had hoped for," Holden said. "I've grown a lot as a player, as well as become much tougher mentally, in terms of starting to believe in myself more."

Clearly, Tennessee hit the ultimate jackpot by receiving someone this special as a member of their university.



Evidently, the most significant message voiced throughout the United States is change. For African-Americans, this quota means wholeheartedly to them.

In 2012, George Zimmerman, a neighborhood-watch volunteer, shot and killed Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old boy in Sanford, Florida. His acquittal a year later led Alicia Garza, an activist, to post on Facebook: "Black people. I love you. I love us. Our lives matter, Black Lives Matter." African-Americans took the last three words of Garza's statement passionately. Immediately after her message, "Black Lives Matter" went viral, after several high-profile killings of African Americans at the hands of police.

The Black Lives Matter movement, originated in the African-American community, protests against violence and racial injustice towards black people. The participants address the unjust police brutality against black minorities and continue to spread awareness across the country, emphasizing the importance of making a change.

The Black Lives Matter civil-rights movement derives its tactics and philosophical ideas from those of nineteen-sixties-style activism. For instance, with the Occupy movement, it abstains from hierarchy and centralized leadership, and its members have frequently been at odds with older civil-rights leaders, in opposition with the Obama Administration—as well as in disagreement with one another. Consequently, it was not surprising when Aislinn Pulley, a community organizer with the Black Lives Matter in Chicago, declined the White House invitation, viewing the meeting as nothing more than a "photo opportunity" for the President. She posted a statement online, in which she said that she "could not, with any integrity, participate in such a sham that would only serve to legitimize the false narrative that the government is working to end police brutality and the institutional racism that fuels it." Her skepticism remains caused by the fact that she lives and works in a city whose mayor, Rahm Emanuel, Obama's former chief of staff, is involved in a controversy stemming from a year-long coverup of the fatal shooting by police of an African-American teenager.

While attempting to change political indifference, the movement encountered obstacles that stood in the way of their message. For instance, However, despite the criticism and backlash of oppositionists, such as President Trump, the members of the activist group steadily fought for their voices to be heard.

In order to spread awareness of the matter, exposure is essential to gaining such traction. Of course, one man contains the power to change the world; however, it requires everyone to unite as one to create that change.

To demonstrate, former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who remained unemployed for more than a year in support of his movement, continued to spread the realization of the matter. By Kaepernick inking a new deal as the cornerstone of the Nike brand, the outcry of the African-American faction gained the necessary exposure to create change. He inspired a player protest movement with his decision to kneel during the national anthem, despite the scrutiny from doing so, and created mixed emotions of support and anger.

For years, the fear of losing lucrative sponsorship deals, and a place on the team, kept a lid on addressing activism of this magnitude. The outlook among black athletes in America was summed up in a quote from Michael Jordan, one of the most prominent basketball players ever. Asked why he wasn't more politically active, Jordan reputedly said: "Republicans buy sneakers, too."

The NFL, along with other high-official opposers, are not looking too good with the deal between Kaepernick and Nike. With the endorsement of Nike, this type of platform allows him, along with the Black Lives Matter movement, to spread their message across the country.

By making these sacrifices and performing such selfless acts, the motive of this democracy brings them one step closer to achieving their goal to end social injustices nationwide. Accomplishing this feat allows the movement to follow in the footsteps of beloved Civil Rights leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Making change and demanding justice proves the biggest goal driving Black Lives Matters and those who support the movement.

GETTIN SPOOKY

Students welcome back spooky season as October commences.

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Considered one of the most popular holidays of the year, Halloween finds its grasp on the internet once again. As soon as Oct. 1 hit calendars, people everywhere experienced their inner fright taking over. Through the use of social media, “spooky season” consumed the entirety of the internet in mere hours. Stretching from a range of small tweets to full blown videos, people celebrate the upcoming holiday through their own inventive methods.

After surfacing from the deep dark depths of Twitter and Tumblr, “spooky season” roams all social media feeds and bios. During the first week of Oct., it reached the Twitter News section, made everyone that followed this tradition change their bios to a more “scary” theme, and overflowed social media with countless memes and videos. Eventually, it leaked to other platforms such as Instagram and YouTube.

A trend that picked up on Instagram, and flowed through the rest of social media afterwards, consists of putting “spooky” in front of the user’s original username. This, in addition with their new and frightful bios, made nearly everyone join the Halloween celebration. YouTubers began the month with horror-themed videos, scary pranks, and fall-seasoned crafts. Though their upload consistency fluctuates, new hair-raising videos arrive every day from a variety of different content creators.

In addition with its social media influence, “spooky season” spread to gaming industries as well. Specifically, Epic Games, the developers of Fortnite, who prove known to implement memes into Fortnite if the demand arose. For example, the “Thank the Bus Driver” meme was placed into the game due to the fans’ constant pleas. The same occurs now with the “spooky season” trend finding a place in the game’s newest season. With a variety of new skins, or costumes, to choose from, players can show off their Halloween spirit any time they desire.

“Fortnite has been the most popular game for all types of memes to come together, and where new ones can form,” senior Christopher Forestal said. “It’s both amazing and hilarious that the developers took this opportunity to go all out for the holiday season.”

Of course, this trend proves unwelcome by a small group of people. Finding the whole aspect of “spooky season” unappealing, many take to social media to declair their annoyance with these so-called “skeleton wars.” Their sheer exasperation over the use of the words “spooky,” “scare season,” and other trademarked themes for the spooky season trend, however, proves futile in the face of the skeleton soldiers that plague them.

“I just want the memes to stop,” senior Luna Alkurdi said. “I can’t go on Instagram, or Twitter, or even Snapchat without seeing some meme about skeletons. It’s not even Halloween

yet, why are people so obsessed with this trend?”

Unfortunately for these folks, spooky season proves here for the long run.

Debatably, the frontrunner of the “spooky season” meme, the music video “Spooky Scary Skeletons” made an appearance on nearly every Halloween-based meme or activity. Despite its old age, the video arises each time this fearful month hits. With its Disney-like art style, the skeletons’ choreography, and the upbeat, yet chilling, theme, the video can be enjoyed by all. Currently, no other “spooky” meme reaches the consistency and enjoyment of “Spooky Scary Skeletons.” However, many memes shaped “spooky season” to its current form, opening gates that would lead to a yearly phenomenon of hilarious creations from people across the world.

Despite having about half a month left until Halloween officially takes place, the internet works their wonders to hype the holiday to its fullest potential. Regardless of how the holiday turns out, the journey of how it became remains essential to the development of “spooky season.”

