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HHS Welcomes New Principal

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Harrison High School has hired a new principal, and it certainly looks like they found the right person for the job. This school year, we welcomed Ms. Kimberly Beukema (BYUKE-em-ah) to the community from Johnson City in upstate New York, and so far, it seems she is a great fit for Harrison High School.

Ms. Beukema is extremely experienced in the field of education, having served as an English teacher for ten years in the Binghamton City Schools as well as a literacy coach before transitioning to administration, first as an Assistant Principal for three years, then as Principal for the past five years.

Ms. Beukema earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in English and a Master's Degree in Reading from the State University of New York at Cortland.

In 2015, she was named *Principal of the Year for the State of New York*, from the School Administrators Association of New York State, having been nominated by her superintendent in Johnson City. Several students, parents, and teachers sent letters in support of her nomination.

Knowing this, when Ms. Beukema arrived in Harrison everyone wanted to make the adjustment smooth so she could get right back to work.

"They kept asking me if it was a culture shock," Ms. Beukema said when asked about how she was being guided in her transition. She referred to the Assistant Principals and the Superintendent as "a constant resource," saying they're all "always around to help."

The most important factor in helping assimilate and reducing the culture shock was meeting everyone, students and parents alike, she noted. Ms. Beukema was encouraged by the extensive support she received while introducing herself to the people here, saying that although parents and students are more "involved" than where she had come from, "all of the differences were welcome."

The most important impression that became quickly evident to her,

however, was that everything at Harrison is a team effort, and the tight-knit community spreads a feeling of unity and companionship throughout our halls.

Ms. Beukema said that when she was looking for a new job, she didn't know quite what to expect. After looking briefly at perhaps a move to elementary school administration in the same district, she received contact from Harrison, and she decided to come and interview.

"It was such an exciting opportunity," she said when describing the interviews here.

It seemed as if both the school and its potential principal sensed an immediate match.

In addition, students had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Beukema in the spring, and couldn't help but boast to their peers about all of the amazing attributes she possessed.

"It seemed like a match made in heaven," then-sophomore Krystal Shaw said after the meeting. "Ms. Beukema's enthusiasm towards the school, community, and betterment of the students radiated through all of those who attended."

Shortly after the meeting, word spread like wildfire about Ms. Beukema and her hopeful candidacy to be our new principal. Students and



The transition is going smoothly thus far. New principal Ms. Kimberly Beukema is all smiles in the main entrance hallway of HHS. She comes to this school having built a reputation for outstanding leadership and dedication to the success of her students. She is a relentless student advocate, and is currently in the process of meeting and greeting each and every member of our high school community from students to faculty and beyond. She prides herself on being approachable.

Courtesy of Anne-Marie Dillon

teachers alike all could not help but to try and picture this woman, from a place in upstate New York that most had never heard of, running our school. Once her undeniable confidence and esteemed track record became known, the excitement about her prospects grew rapidly in the community.

after the new Principal requested that each member of the faculty send in a photograph of themselves and a summary about themselves, in an attempt for Ms. Beukema get to know each and every staff member on a more personal level. While this seems over the top for a new principal, she says it was a "no-brainer."

"It was even crazier once school started," she said, "even after they made such great impressions on me with their introductions, I saw that they were staying here until 10:00 at night like I do! That was new for me."

Just remember, all of this is coming from a person who had never even been to Harrison before her interview process last spring. The reason she provided for taking the job was that both of her kids had moved out, and it was time to make a change in her life. While Ms. Beukema continues to speak highly with nothing but positive comments about her old district, she felt that a change was the best decision for the next step in her life. A lot of the acclimation process to the school was also acclimation to the community. But before you think she did everything perfectly, she did move to Rye, but she promised that that will be her only connection to them.

While not coming from an IB program at her old school, she said that the IB was "definitely an incentive," coming from a strong AP program in Johnson City. Already IB certified as an English teacher, she knew what this opportunity was, and definitely wanted to be a part of it.

While pretty much everything seemed like a welcomed change from her old school, there was one thing Ms. Beukema had to take with her: having a strong relationship with students. It was a non-negotiable that she would be coming here and meeting and interacting with students every day.

"Getting to know students here is something I've been looking forward to the most," she said. "I want to know everyone's name by the end of this year. It's something I had at Johnson City and I'd like to be equally approachable here as I was there."

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NEWS & FEATURES

Opening of Local Gun Shop Sparks Heated Community Debate

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According to *Harrison Daily Voice*, a new firearm store called L&L Sports, run by Louis Zacchio, is set to open at the Harrison Mall in a week or two. L&L Sports' closest retail competition is in Mount Vernon and Elmsford. The shop received approval from the Harrison Building Department in October. The shop will be a full-service shooting-sports retailer, selling rifles, shotguns, and handguns. Safety classes from NRA-certified instructors will also be offered.

The upcoming opening of the gun shop brought a lot of attention and concern to the town of Harrison's residents. According to *Harrison Daily Voice*, more than 3,100 people have signed a petition opposing the new gun store in the Harrison mall. The gun store would be in the center of town, within 500 feet of St. Gregory the Great's Church and 1000 feet of Parsons Elementary School. If anyone has major issues with the opening of the gun shop, they are

able to attend the town board meeting to state their claim. The board meeting held on Thursday, November 3 had a controversial debate about the potential opening of the gun shop.

Hundreds of concerned Harrison residents joined in attending the meeting to learn more about this issue and express their concerns directly to town officials and other relevant authorities. The meeting was essentially to provide reassurance as authorities listened to the people of Harrison's concerns.

Zacchio states, "I am taking every measure possible to protect

my inventory from theft or damage. I want to be a good neighbor. If you don't like a product you don't buy it, but you don't try to put the person selling the product out of business."



Zacchio has held state and federal licenses to sell firearms for 18 years and he's also a certified trainer. Zacchio said he is committed to the safe use of firearms and has built a solid reputation as an expert. He welcomes anyone to call him or ask him questions in person about his business practices as well as the safe use of firearms for sport or self-defense.

Zacchio is making many safety precautions and rules for the gun shop. For example, any gun leaving the store must be in its case and unloaded. Zacchio said he plans to put up a sign saying no one can walk into his store unless their firearm

is unloaded and in its case. Also, his store has two safes in a locked, windowless room with a motion detector alarm where weapons will be stored.

Zacchio said no one can walk out with a newly-purchased handgun if they don't have proof that the gun has been added to a county permit. He's also not allowed to let a non-permit holder handle a weapon unless he is holding the muzzle.

According to Harrison High School student, Emily Hassett, "Many students, including myself, feel unsafe within our town because of the opening of the gun store. We live in a very wholesome community and with the opening of the gun shop, our community won't ever be the same, especially if anything dangerous occurs."

Even with the town's fears, the gun shop will continue to open. According to *LoHud*, Zacchio already has his permit and he is entitled to open the shop. As stated by Harrison Town Board member Joe Stout, "It's not illegal and it's within the zoning so it's kind of hard to say no, it's a legitimate business."

Dakota Access Pipeline Controversy Spurs Local Protest

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The Dakota Access Pipeline is a project designated to create a pipeline over 1000 miles long through the Dakotas into Illinois. The leadership of the company responsible for the construction, the Energy Transfer Partners, aims to domestically produce crude oil from North Dakota to reach major markets, reducing the amount of railroad transport required to move the oil to other markets in the US to meet the domestic demand and thereby creating jobs and bringing money into local economies.

"Protecting landowner interests and the local environment is a top priority of the Dakota Access Pipeline project..." The Energy Transfer Partners claims to be committed to working with the demands and concerns of individual landowners to minimize disruptions and listen to questions from the community, according to the written policy on their official website. "...It is our intent to live up to our promises of openness, honesty and responsiveness before, during and after construction and throughout operations."

However, the manner in which the circumstances of the pipeline are described is far too idealistic and

unrealistic in practice. The Standing Rock Sioux tribe of Native Americans resides directly south of the proposed path of the partially constructed pipeline along the Missouri River and has filed with a judge to halt the construction and created an online petition for the president to create a federal order to shut down the construction of the pipeline. The issue has drawn hundreds of protesters to the plains of North Dakota to demonstrate and march peacefully. Yet there have been several confrontations with law enforcement and 20 people have been arrested thus far. The Energy Transfer Partners sued several pro-

testers on the grounds of obstructing the construction site and allegedly

threatening the contractors.

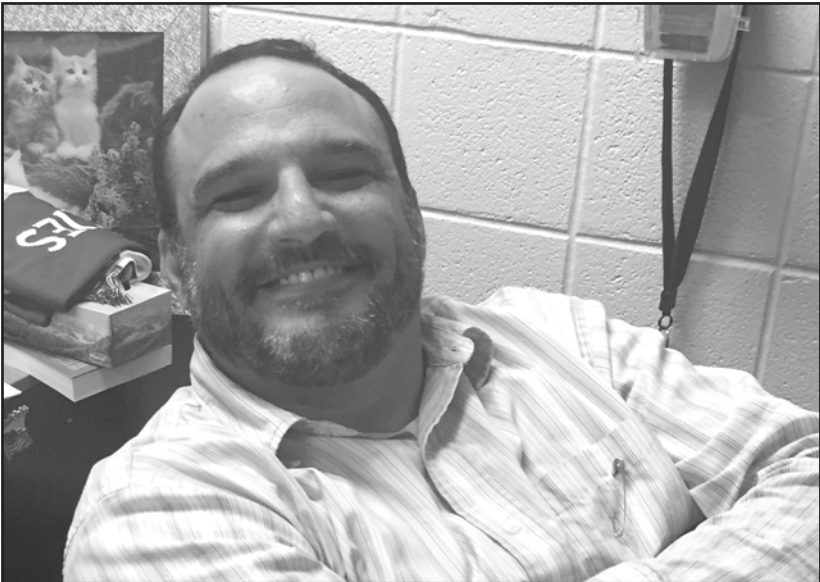
The Dakota Access Pipeline poses a cultural and environmental threat to the Sioux Native Americans and the inhabitants of the region; the pipeline would cross through and destroy sacred burial grounds outside of the Sioux reservation in which their ancestors were laid to rest. The tribe also fears the risk of environmental detriment and contamination if the pipeline were to break at its crossing with the Missouri River, polluting the water source. This concern cannot be overlooked nor neglected. Oil companies claim that pipelines are

more cost efficient and safer than the alternative of truck transportation which could result in crashes or fires, yet pipelines break and oil spills occur routinely causing costly damage both in capital and in environmental conservation. One such case was in the Kalamazoo River in Michigan in 2010, which took years to undo the damage of over 800,000 gallons of oil dumped into the water.

Since the people of the Sioux began protesting in April, protests have occurred all throughout the country, including the Westchester area. On September 14, there was a solidarity vigil with the Dakota Access Pipeline protest in downtown White Plains, sponsored by the WESPAC Foundation, the American Indian Alliance, and other entities. This local protest was also associated with the resistance movement against the Spectra Algonquin Pipeline Expansion, designed to run adjacent to the Indian Point nuclear power plant. We must respect and protect the voices of the Native American people who have been disenfranchised and whose words have been ignored for far too long.



Courtesy of Anne-Marie Dillon



Facially Hirsute. About halfway through the No-Shave November challenge, Assistant Principal Larry Mastrotta sports a distinguished salt-and-pepper beard. Students can buy votes to have this shaved into the style of their choice at the end of the month. All monies will go to the Harrison chapter of *Relay for Life*.

No-Shave November Raises Funds and Cancer Awareness

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If you see Mr. Mastrotta walking through the hallways sporting a beard, don't be alarmed: he's just participating in *No-Shave November!* Many people around the world are taking part in *No-Shave November*, in what has become an annual rite carried out to raise funds in support of cancer awareness. People embrace their facial hair by not shaving for the whole month, and donate the money they would typically spend on shaving or grooming for further research on cancer.

As participants in this project grow out their facial hair, cancer awareness is also growing among those witnessing the phenomenon. *No-Shave November* has been a tradition for many years, but it became popular more recently in 2009. This project was started by the Hill family when their father passed away from colon cancer in November of 2007.

This November, Harrison High School has decided to participate, and many male teachers have tackled the challenge of growing out their facial hair. The teachers who have eagerly offered

to participate in this event include: Mr. Mastrotta, Mr. Martindale, Mr. Brill, Mr. Gino, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Digioia, Mr. McLoughlin, Mr. Ciavarella, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Napolitano, and Mr. Blair.

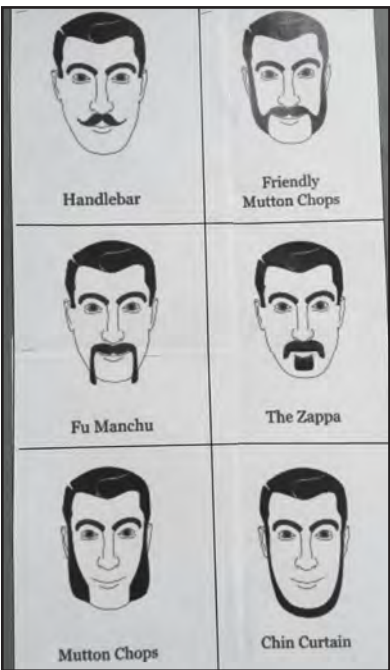
"What a wonderful opportunity to raise money for such an important cause while concurrently looking dapper," said an already semi-scruffy Mr. Kaplan.

While the hair grows and awareness increases, the real fun comes at the end of the month, when student votes will determine the style of facial hair that teachers must shave their facial hair into. The proceeds will be donated to the Harrison *Relay For Life* chapter, a community event that raises money to support the *American Cancer Society*.

All students are welcome to place votes on November 21 through November 30 for a desired style these faculty members must shape their facial hair into. Votes are being sold in the Student Union during lunch periods. There also was an event held after school on Thursday, November 1, wherein students watched the

participating teachers shave their 'staches and beards to start off the unshorn month to come.

"I think it's very impressive to see that the juniors who we have brought onto our committee have taken initiative and a leadership position in fundraising for *Relay For Life*," said Andie Steinberg, *Relay For Life* Event lead. "As the high school is participating in No-Shave November, it's important that we get as much participation as possible, whether



Stylin'. These are some of the choices students will vote on to dictate teacher facial hair styles at month's end.

it's volunteering to stop saving or donating money to the cause. Let's come together as a school and community and make a difference, and don't forget to vote for your favorite style to be shaved into at the end of November!"

All parts of the school are coming together and collaborating for the *No-Shave November* project. Teachers are offering to not shave for a cause. Students are donating money and voting on the style they wish the teachers to shave their facial hair into. The administration is showing their appreciation

through the participation of Mr. Mastrotta, Harrison High School Vice Principal.

Junior Samara Lipman, who is heading up the *No-Shave November* project, is also an integral member of *Relay For Life*.

"What I love so much about *No-Shave November* in the high school is that it is a non-discriminatory and unique fundraiser," she said. "In involving more than one school organization in this event, we are able to set an example to the rest of the school that instead of working as many separate groups, working towards many separate goals, and working as separate individuals, we can unite to work and plan together, we can unite to reach our goals, and we can ultimately unite to become one amalgamated student body."

No-Shave November is a very popular and unique fundraising event. Come down and cast your votes, as we spread cancer awareness and fundraise as a community and school.

B.Y.O.D.: Helpful or Hindrance?

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As a new school year rings in, the Harrison Central School District welcomes new changes. As the world is becoming more and more reliant on technology, Harrison High School has decided

to join the bandwagon and become more technologically savvy. This year, Harrison High School is introducing a complete BYOD (bring your own device) program through the use of Google and Chromebooks.

BYOD technically started last February by only allowing students to access wifi through their school Google accounts, however it's being enforced this school year. The students and faculty have mixed opinions about this new innovation to the school. Some believe it's very beneficial and even can stimulate student learning, while others believe it is highly distracting and can hinder student learning.

"I love BYOD because it gives students a sense of independence," says senior Kayla Hymowitz.

Many students enjoy the freedom BYOD has given them. The BYOD

program has been implemented into grades three through twelve, helping students become technological experts by the time they reach the high school.

Students have the opportunity to begin working independently, through their devices, at a much younger age, which helps improve their intellectuality and integrity.

Underclassmen praise the BYOD program, as they have had more time to get accustomed to it.

"BYOD is good because if you miss a day, it's easy to catch up and everything is online," said freshman Lily Rosenstein.

While many students have grown fond of bringing devices to school, others see it as a hassle. If students forget their device or their device is malfunctioning, it's very hard to keep up with a class that is focused solely on using the internet.

"I believe that demanding students to bring a device to class causes a distraction to them and those around them, and promotes dependence on technology rather than progression in academics,"

says junior Samara Lipman. "As a school, we should be focused more on learning, while in reality with the BYOD, our school day is overwhelmed with outer hindrances and the attempt to understand a system that has not yet been deemed completely useful."

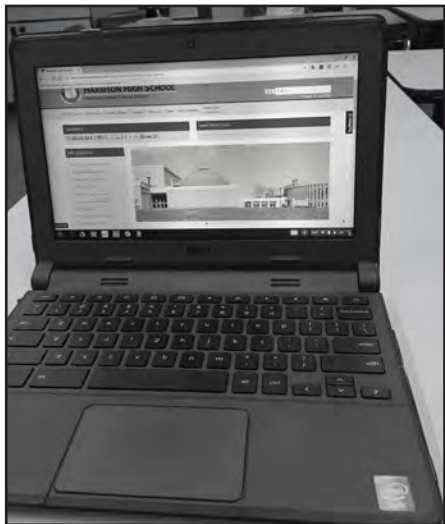
Many teachers find it easier to assign and grade homework through the BYOD program. This is often done through the use of Google Classroom. Google Classroom is an efficient and well-organized way for students to take and refer to notes throughout the school year. Websites such as Turnitin are also helpful because they allow teachers to check the validity and reliability of the work that students submit. While all of these are positive advancements, there are also downsides. For example, when the internet malfunctions, it limits classes and can put them behind schedule. There have also been complaints in the past of ineffective internet access in the library, which is hurtful to students trying to finish up work during free periods.

A big issue with the BYOD program is that teachers cannot see the device screens of the students, making it harder to ensure the students are taking their notes in an efficient way. This program is flawed with the risk of devices distracting the students.

Señora Garcia, HHS Spanish teacher, says, "It could be a distraction. It has to be monitored and have a purpose in the classroom"

In order to secure the trust of the students it's important that certain websites are blocked during school hours. This is important to helping students stay focused on learning while in the classroom or library.

Overall, we have received both positive and negative feedback on the BYOD program. It seems that, like anything, it should be used in moderation. Although the use of devices and technology can make learning easier and more efficient, it is important not to become solely reliant on this form of education.



Chromebook and chill. Everyone at the high school is encouraged to bring a device to class. Devices are provided to those who need them. It is an initiative toward making technology an integral part of the high school.

Courtesy of Kendall Gaynes

Photojournalist Alum Remembered

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On September 19, Professor Judy Polumbaum spoke at the Harrison Public Library to share and celebrate the life story of her famous photojournalist father, Ted. Every detail of the story captivated her audience. Judy's eloquent storytelling did justice to her father, who passed away years ago. She revived Ted's life journey - from his quaint, yellow childhood home to his triumphant career as a freelance photojournalist - as well as presented some of his captivating award-winning photography, though it's hard to say whether Ted's photos came alive through Judy's narrative or through their inherent allure.

To honor Ted Polumbaum's talents and impressive work throughout his career, his daughter has recently published *Juxtapositions: Images from the Newseum Ted Polumbaum Photo Collection*. *Juxtapositions* is more than Ted's collective work; while looking through

his photos, Judy noticed quirky similarities amongst them. She subsequently chose to arrange the photos in pairs - one photo alongside another that showed the similarity. However alike, the "juxtapositions" come into play when you take a closer look and notice that the photos within a given pair were captured in completely different contexts. Thus, her book sheds light on the interconnectedness of humanity, regardless of time, culture, or place.

Ted was very much at the heart of the very parts of history that students at Harrison High School learn about in class. At one time, he too was a Harrison High School student and editor-in-chief of the then high school newspaper, *Maroon Murmurs*. True, Ted was a United States citizen, but his life as a photojournalist allowed him to become fully immersed in the turmoil of critical moments in history.

During the Bolshevik revolution, when mass accusations were being made against U.S. citizens for communist subversion, Ted had to testify alongside John Reed to

the House Committee on Un-American Activities - the same John Reed who wrote the document about Socialist activism in the context of African Americans that IB students study in history class. Ted's real ex-

periences and photographs translate the truth of history far greater than any textbook reading. He brings to life things that a mere textbook cannot.

twentieth century. His work shows compassion, whether photographing athletes, artists, politicians, movie stars, parades, protests, and more.

For Ted to be so involved in society through his photography is

tional life story and photos. The book contains rare photos of Martin Luther King, Jr., President John F. Kennedy, his wife Jacqueline, chef Julia Child, and more.



Juxtapositions. This is the cover photo from the new collection, *Juxtapositions: Images from the Newseum Ted Polumbaum Photo Collection*. This wonderful and talented photojournalist, a Harrison High School graduate, is now being celebrated for a colorful life, photographing and experiencing critical moments in history. His daughter, Professor Judy Polumbaum has generously donated a couple of this stunning collection to our high school library.

Courtesy of Ted Polumbaum



Proud of her dad and his work. Judy Polumbaum spoke to those gathered about the storied career of her famous photojournalist father. He was a former editor-in-chief of Harrison's high school newspaper.

Courtesy of Thomas An

DECA - Giving You The Business

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The DECA club is back and better than ever! DECA is a business club offered at the high school that stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America. It is designed to give students a very hands-on and immersive taste of the business world in terms of business management, entrepreneurship, and marketing. There are many different competition clusters that students can join, each offering a different experience related to business marketing, management, finance, entrepreneurship, and hospitality and tourism. With over 32 events to compete in, there is an event for every type of student.

Founded in 1946, DECA has been preparing students for the business world for 70 years. Though established so many years ago, it has always adapted to modern technology, which is one of its attractions that engages students in the club. Split into the high school and col-

legiate divisions, DECA is affiliated with almost 3,500 schools and has about 215,000 members. These impressive numbers demonstrate the popularity of the club, with representation from high schools across all 50 states. DECA describes themselves as beneficial preparation for emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in all sectors of business. They seek to help create future leaders, businessmen and businesswomen who will excel in the modern economy and actively better the future business society. In regards to DECA's reputation of being a competitive club, DECA offers scholarships for extraordinary participants, acknowledging how dedicated students are to succeeding during their competitions and their individual events.

Harrison High School's own DECA chapter consists of roughly 70 students, led by advisors Mr. Santo and Ms. McQuillan. Students here

divulge in a range of events, such as the popular stock market game, broadcast advertising, and the innovational plan to name a few. The stock market game tends to be a very popular that students take part in. Although it does not have competitions, it is essentially a virtual simulation of what it is like to be on Wall Street. Participants are given an amount of fake money and they must invest this money into different stocks. The student or group (up to 4 people) with the most money at the end of the competition in January is the winner. With many students interested in business activities at Harrison high School, DECA is consistently one of the school's most popular and successful clubs. Our school's chapter is consistently a top performer, regularly attending the regional, state, and national competitions.

For all students who compete

in their Regional events and place, they will participate in the State level competition in Rochester, NY in March. If students place at state level in their event, they will proceed on to compete at the national level. DECA has an impressive international conference known as the International Career Development Conference in April. This year, the national competition will be held in Anaheim, California. Harrison High School's DECA Chapter is preparing efficiently and studying hard in order for more students to be successful in the hopes of competing at the national level.

Senior Luke Steinthal has been participating in DECA since his sophomore year. He has taken part in the broadcast advertising activity, the stock market game, and the innovational plan. As Luke explained why he enjoyed the club, he stated, "I love the atmosphere that it creates and I like how each year I have been

able to try a new activity. I have liked all the activities I have done but I also found it great that there are so many to choose from, so I wanted to try more than one." Luke also mentioned that as someone who wishes to study business in college, he feels DECA is great preparation and is giving him a taste of what is to come. Through DECA, many students are able to better prepare themselves for "the real world" after they graduate high school. The skills learned through DECA will hopefully benefit all participating members, making a lifelong impact through many business related experiences.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the DECA club as they participate in Regional, State, and National events, as well as their fundraising events that will take place soon!

Bad News for Bees = Bad News for Us

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Recently, scientists have noticed a dramatic decrease in the global honeybee population. Reasons suspected for leading to the decline in the honeybee population include rising water temperatures, loss of habitat, pollution and/or pesticides. Whatever the reason, the possible extinction of the honeybee population is cause for alarm. Honeybees are important to the sustainability of our food sources, and a decline in the honeybee population could affect crop growth immensely. Without honeybees around, there would be a great deficit in crops that depend on pollination to take place.

This recent decline in the honeybee population is a huge problem for not only the U.S., but internationally as well. Nearly one third of the world's crops are reliant on honeybees for pollination (that's nearly \$30 billion of just the nation's crops.) Foods as diverse as grapefruits to alfalfa, pumpkins, berries and other sorts of vegetables and fruits rely on pollination from honeybees.

Though there are many factors that may contribute to the decline of the honeybee population, many are beginning to believe that the main culprit may be the pesticides that cover pollen. According to Quartz's Article by Todd Woody, "The pollen was contaminated on average with nine different pesticides and fungicides though scientists discovered 21 agricultural chemicals in one sample. Scientists identified eight

agricultural chemicals associated with increased risk of infection by the parasite."

The lack of honeybees threatens not only what we eat, but farmers' businesses as well. Honeybees pollinate 130 crops in the U.S, including apples, mangoes, nectarines, cabbage, and other fruits, vegetables, and nuts. Labels have decorated pesticides in order to warn farmers of their possible side effects, but the effects on honeybees is not included in the warnings. These pesticides are vital to remove certain pests and fungi from crops but were not intended to kill the bees.

In just the last ten years, over 40% of the bee colonies in the U.S. have suffered Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). As stated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "It is believed that bees ingest the pesticide, becoming lost in a daze, not able to find their way back to their hive or they end up dying on their way back home."

Organizations have been working to try to find a solution to this catastrophe as soon as possible. According to *Reuter's News Service*, there may be a way to save the bees. "Planting strips or patches of wild flowers could attract pollinators to

fields of crops, and reduced use of pesticides or a shift to organic farming could also restrict the damage. Smallholder farmers in Africa could

let wild plants grow on part of their land, people in cities could plant flowers in their back gardens or window boxes."



Bee Alarmed. The growing extinction of the honeybee population is affecting nearly one third of the world's food crops. It is a serious ongoing problem that needs to be addressed now, so that remedial measures can be put in place to save them.

Courtesy of Anne-Marie Dillon

Junior Grace DiLeo said, "I feel that the decline in honeybees is a scary thought to acknowledge. Honeybees pollinate so many everyday foods that I consume. If we don't find a solution that lasts, there could be severe effects on everyone. We will have to adapt to a new way of life. Some cultures don't even accept certain foods into their diet; they are already eating specific types of food. If the food that they are permitted to eat becomes

extinct, then they will have to break their religious dietary requirements in order to live a healthy lifestyle. This will also affect many people whose jobs depend on the agricultural business. They too, will have to find a new way to make a living. I hope a solution can be found so that it won't have to come to this."

Another junior at Harrison High, Anne-Marie Dillon, said, "The decline of the honeybee population is a problem that is largely yet to be fully understood, but pesticides play a major part in causing issues such as the colony collapse syndrome that plague honeybee hives. As a beekeeper, I've noticed a promising uptick in the amount of press/attention paid to the issue, and the beekeeping community is stronger than ever. The decline in the honeybee population could prove catastrophic: they're one of our most important pollinators. It's scary as a beekeeper witness firsthand the honeybee colonies dying off."

The decreasing numbers of honeybee populations is a serious and ongoing problem that is yet to be solved. Hopefully, with the assistance of removing certain pesticides and shedding more light on the topic, more will see the true consequences of this problem, and be inspired to make all the necessary changes to preserve both our honeybees and our food sources.

Calling Uber, Drivers Not Needed

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As the world rapidly changes due to continually advancing technology, the innovation of driverless cars hardly seems surprising. However, it still raises both excitement and concern. Although many companies, including Tesla, Ford, and Google, have tried participating in this revolution, the most successful thus far is the popular car service, Uber.

According to *The New York Times* article "No Driver? Bring It On.

How Pittsburgh Became Uber's Testing Ground," by Cecilia King, driverless Ubers are hitting Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Select Uber users will be able to ride in a driverless car at no cost. As this is part of a pilot program, many are apprehensive about the results of this program.

Being that this project represents a big undertaking, Uber is not working alone. "Volvo and Uber announced a \$300 million dollar

project to jointly develop autonomous cars, the deal isn't exclusive, leaving both the option to potentially work with other companies," according to *CNN News* reporter Matt McFarland. If these self driving cars work well, the impact on society could be tremendous, transportation would become cheaper and roads will be safer, but in order for these autonomous cars to work, they first have to be trusted by society.

Only 48% of Americans are willing to try a fully self-driving car, according to research the Boston Consulting Group released this summer. As a response to this, Uber said: If the passenger ever feels unsafe, you can request that the driver take over the vehicle, or press a button on a screen facing the back seat that would end the ride.

The concern for autonomous vehicles extends to Harrison High School as well. Sophomore Jace Struzzi said, "I personally don't feel safe with having the car drive itself, I know that it is an innovative idea and could make transportation cheaper, but I rather pay more and feel safe than pay less and potentially get in a crash."

Others who are close to getting their licenses worry about the possibility of sharing roads with these driverless cars.

Cameron Berkowitz, a junior who just got his license, said, "The new driverless Ubers are not safe, because it is not a person making decisions, it is a computer." This thought scares many. A computer doesn't have feelings and might not have as accurate driving skills as a person that is actually driving in any situation.

The New York Times article stated that, "some state officials said they also believed that driver-

less cars could be safer than those steered by drivers, helping avoid driver-related deaths."

Although the future brings exciting new inventions, it also brings those which spark fear. Regardless



The Driverless Car. While many seem fearful of the idea, self-driving cars could truly impact our society. Less than half of Americans are currently willing to try it, but Uber has already been road-testing these vehicles in Pittsburgh.

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of one's personal views on the topic, it is clear that along with driverless cars comes both liability and advancement. Who knows what may be invented next?

opinions & editorials

Join in, but judiciously

Staff Editorial

Start with the simple question: do you enjoy everything you do? It's safe to say there's not a single person who would answer yes to that question, especially a high school student. The reason for this is pretty cut-and-dry: college. There is some preconceived notion in high school that quantity is greater than or equal to quality, and that's where the problem finds its roots. Many ultra-competitive students could be in seven or eight clubs, with many meeting on the same day. Based on a simple time versus commitment ratio, the contribution by these people to most (if not all) of these clubs is menial at best. Meanwhile, this student puts every single one on their college application, thinking that these extracurricular activities are their tickets to the schools of their dreams. They're wrong.

The ridiculous notion that colleges are unable to recognize when someone is joining clubs just to look good to them doesn't accomplish anything. People who submit this massive list of clubs don't gain any advantage. Colleges know when you're trying to put one over on them. They may have never seen your application before, but they know you. They've seen the student with your GPA who is trying to differentiate themselves from the pack by throwing club upon club upon club on their list of extracurricular activities. So how do we attack this problem and wind up with an intelligent solution?

Before a club is put on an application, a student who wishes to include the club on their application should be required to get written approval from the faculty adviser. This should result in fewer fake references to clubs, and perhaps increased legitimate participation. A good rule of thumb is that quality of work is superior to quantity. Increased, focused participation will better prepare students to enter workforces in careers relative to their passions and will vastly improve the school's extracurricular community.

Another contention is that seniority does not always merit leadership positions in clubs. Far too often incompetent upperclassmen are handed the presidency of a club simply by virtue of their age. The misconception that experience breeds aptitude is a potentially dangerous by-product of the high school social hierarchy. Seniority does not always mean someone is better at something.

Having incompetent people toiling in a club they don't care about for three years in the hopes of putting "Important Club Officer" on their application senior year is detrimental to all. The student can't focus on things she/he cares about more, and the club will falter with indifferent leadership. Any club would be better off in the hands of an extremely knowledgeable sophomore rather than a clueless senior. That sophomore is also more deserving of that prestigious listing on his/her college application, which, as they say, is how everything comes full circle. Enjoy what you do, but do it well.

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Post-Election Problems at HHS

Chris Wallace

Staff Writer

Harrison High School is very diverse. The student body contains multiple ethnic backgrounds, transfers from outside the district, and a variety of cultures. We have seemed to lose track of that over the past couple of months due to the 2016 Presidential Election. A school that was once together and thriving has now split apart. Students have been clashing over comments and ideas put forth by both candidates. Only one question arises from this calamity: How do we reunite the student body?

You could ask any student at Harrison High School and they'll tell you the election has made the school hectic. One junior, who wanted to remain anonymous said, "This election is showing people's true colors. I can't be friends with Trump supporters. They're ignorant, sexist, racist people. I will not accept Donald Trump as my President and I will not tolerate the actions and comments of his supporters."

This is stemming from Donald

Trump's comments on Mexicans, African Americans, Muslims, and even his recent scandal where he was secretly taped years ago, speaking about sexual assault. Many people in the school dislike the President-Elect due to these comments and scandals.

Another student, also asking for anonymity, said, "To be strictly honest, I don't really follow politics but we, as a country, shouldn't have elected that man president. I don't really like Hillary Clinton either, but I'd rather anyone but Trump."

A large group of students have very strong opinions and not in future President Trump's favor. Another group is standing behind him strongly.

Those who support Trump do it in style, decked out with "Make America Great Again" hats, Trump shirts, hoodies, and sweaters. They have signs and stickers. They also have their voices. They make sure their opinion is heard. Over the past couple of months, some of these

supporters have been following the debates and rallies closely. They know every political point made by every political party, every scandal, and still they protect and praise their President Elect. One junior, wishing to remain unnamed, said, "You know, many people who don't like Trump



A School Divided Cannot Stand. The hat has a great message, unless it is used to antagonize.

don't even follow politics. They don't go to the rallies. They don't watch all of the debates. They are politically uneducated. Then they take a stand for Hillary Clinton simply because of what Trump said that they might've taken offense to. If you're Anti-Trump you shouldn't be Anti-Hillary. They know nothing about the Arch Ruler God Trump."

Most people don't know what is meant by "Arch Ruler God" and probably never will but that shows the devotion and following of the Trump supporters here at Harrison High School. This is where the problems come in.

From asking around and even from my own experience, a majority of the time Trump supporters at Harrison throw a political comment into a regular conversation and that's where the spark that ignites controversy comes from.

Arguments arise over the smallest comments out of pure hatred of Trump or pure love for him. Then the arguments escalate until one person

ignores the comments. This creates animosity amongst each other. They day after the election, a group of Anti-Trump students and a group of Trump supporters had to use separate exits from the cafeteria so no problems would arise. Sometimes the Anti-Trump students start the debate amongst classmates and the same thing happens. It has to stop.

No matter your view on the opponent, we have to take a stand not to segregate ourselves but to unite. No matter what you do, Donald Trump is elected. Unless impeached, he will run the country for at least four years. We have to grow to accept that, whether we like it or not. We can't antagonize each other anymore, whether it's holding up political signs or taking those signs, throwing them out, and then stomping on them. The country has to come together. It starts with the kids. The most influential kids are teenagers. It starts with us.

United States? Not Currently.

Jack Roshco

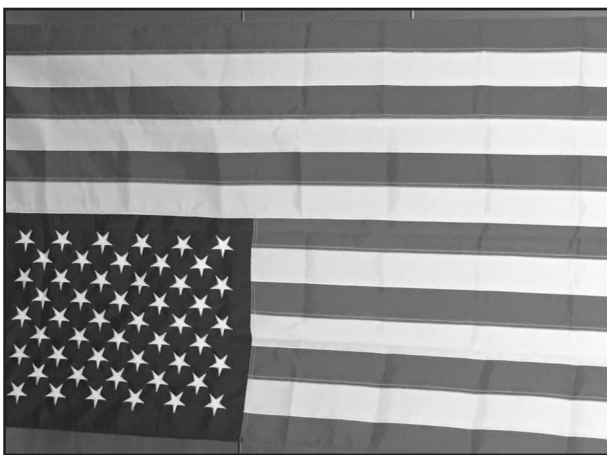
Co-Managing Editor

Well, America, are you happy now? The simple answer seems to be no. You're rioting in the streets. However, November 8 has come and gone and (as unlikely as it sounds) Donald Trump is the President-elect of the United States.

Let's pose a question to the public, and answer it as you see fit: what do we do now? The election of either candidate would not have united the country under any circumstance. If Clinton were President-elect, the same division and the same disunity would still be following us. However, we've run into a set of circumstances where the people who are inciting the problem seem to think they are solving it. The answer is simple: Donald Trump will be the President, and we must treat him as such. Are we happy about it? No. But it's the answer.

Hillary Clinton's positive outlook and even-keeled demeanor comforted supporters who were threatened by Trump's brashness

and his sometimes-problematic rhetoric. However, that's the rhetoric that won. So, here's the deal: riot in the streets all you want, but it will accomplish nothing. You will gain absolutely nothing except indignity if you continue further with this futility.



Half a nation in protest. While Clinton won the popular vote, Trump won the electoral vote and the Presidency. Protests have been occurring on a daily basis since the election. The divided nation eagerly awaits Trump's cabinet appointments and transition team.

Courtesy of Kendall Gaynes

Your goal is for Trump to change his proposals, yes? This is not the person who responds well to this kind of negativity and child-like behavior; because it's behavior he exhibits himself. You don't beat the bully by bullying back. You beat the bully by getting the bully's parents to yell at him. Right now, there are over 630 elected parents in Washington whom you can call and ask to reprimand your next President.

Stop marching in the streets like you don't know how

elections work. I'm utterly sickened that so many people felt that this man was the best choice to have command of the strongest military and nuclear arsenal in the history of the world, but I'm not crying about it. Rudy Giuliani likely is going to be Secretary of State and that's unfortunate. Sarah Palin is getting some job, which is both hilarious and terrifying. But the sixty-million people who voted for Clinton and the hundreds of concerned students in this school who will be voting when Trump is up for re-election are forgetting a very important thing: this is a republic, and Donald Trump is not the Government of the United States.

Everyone must remember that there are Senate and House races in 2018, and as the constituents of the people running for those offices, you hold the ultimate power. You pick up that little glowing rectangle that controls your existence and call your local Congressman or call your Senator's office and make it per-

fectly clear that there are policies of Trump's you don't like.

But don't root against Trump, guys. He's your President now. We didn't like it when Republicans said Obama was not their President, so don't do it now. As President, his job is to make decisions to better the lives of American people. Don't hope he gets nothing done. If he does something you don't like, count on Congress working with the President to compromise and work out a law that makes your life work. For much of this reporter's lifetime the government has been an entity that stagnates and shuts down rather than compromises. Republicans and Democrats alike should be counting on those who we elected to work together and find what unites us, and to not let what divides the populous now divide us forever.

Tough Transition for Freshmen

Sofia Guaraglia

Staff Writer

A few months ago more than two hundred intimidated teens walked into a big new school, in hopes that their new journeys at a new school would be a success, not a failure. Every year a new set of teens come into the high school and the older kids label them "fresh meat." These freshmen work hard every day to not fall behind others in the transition between middle school and high school. Even with more work than they're used to and the pressure of more responsibility, the freshmen still get through every day alive and well.

Freshmen students have gone through various adjustments since entering the high school, such as starting off their day with a first period class rather than going to homeroom as they did at LMK. Although these freshmen probably got 4-6 hours of sleep last night, they still find a way to pay attention and keep their heads up and eyes open throughout the whole lesson. After these hard lessons of high school work, the freshmen are thrown into the crazy halls of their new school and into the cafeteria. Many freshmen find the fear of lunch in a crazy new and big school

frightening.

Emily Diaz, freshman, says, "The first day of school walking into lunch was really scary, just the fact of not knowing if you have lunch with any of your friends and the possibility of having nowhere to sit in a huge crowd of older unknown teenagers made me want to go home."

Going into a new school with no idea about what's going to happen and how everything works is really hard and unsettling for freshmen. The little things are hard but big things are also hard: like getting good grades, and having to write es-

says in two days instead of weeks.

Ariane Guyonnet, also a freshman, stated, "In middle school we would have weeks of preparing for writing an essay and our teachers would basically hold our hand every step of the way. In high school, it is crazy that we have to write essays in less than a week and our teachers just tell us the subject and provide some guidance and that's it, we're on our own."

"Getting good grades in high school requires a lot more staying late at school for extra help, studying during the weekend, taking notes,

paying attention, and completing assignments like homework," said freshman Angela Amerilla.

Freshmen have to work hard to make it through the first year of high school. Coming into this new environment is very intimidating and hard for the freshmen. With their hard work, determination and bravery, they already have made it through the first quarter of the new school year.

HHS HALLOWEEN

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Senior Hallway Traffic Issues

Chris Wallace
Staff Writer

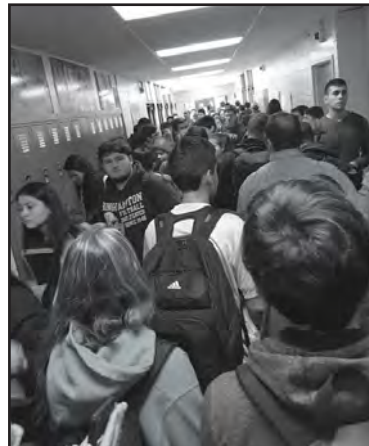
By this point in the school year, we have all experienced the traffic jams and chaos that takes place in the "senior hallway." This hallway is the one with the benches by the girls' locker room. There are varying opinions surrounding this hallway. Many students have no problem with it, while others feel the hallway needs to be equipped with "traffic lights" and "crossing guards."

The senior hallway is commonly known as the main route to the gym or nurse. It's also recognized to be the hangout spot designated for the seniors. Many seniors who don't have class hang out there, rather

than the furnished cafeteria or the newly built senior patio. This causes a traffic-jam throughout the hallway while students attempt to transition from one period to the next. Many of the inhabitants of the walkway refuse to get off the ground during the change of periods. This cuts the already narrow hallway down halfway in size. With a student body of close to 1100 students, this can be a frustrating experience. Many of those 1100 feel and express their frustration.

Adolfo Lopez, a junior, said, "Sometimes it's not too crowded, but at other times it's impossible to

get through. It's frustrating early in the morning trying to find a route to get to my class." When asked why he thinks this is a tradition, he responded, "I think it's a sense of entitlement. People think once you're a senior that's a perk you obtain. It's really dumb to sit on the floor and eat my food when we



Impassable. The senior hallway is a crowded mess between classes.
Courtesy of Kendall Gaynes

have a decked out cafe and an outdoor patio with tables and shade."

There are many ways to take control and eradicate this issue. One possible way is to have security direct traffic. At first many people might try to be rebellious, but

a constant presence will make sure the hallway can be used for students to make their way from one class to another. Another way would be to install benches elsewhere inside the school instead of building onto the foundation. The new patio is hardly used to its full potential. Putting an end to the entitlement theory surrounding the hallway could also be an efficient solution. At the end of the day, it's just a hallway. Your status is not built off a hallway and by loitering there; you're only making the lives of your fellow students harder.

LGBTQ+ in Popular Media

Natalia Galeano
Staff Writer

With new innovations being made to technology every day, there are endless ways to catch up on social media. Whether it's through streaming shows online, watching TV, using your cellphone, or using an Ipad, you can really watch anything anywhere nowadays. Although this might seem to be a revolutionary change within society, it's also really damaging.

The LGBTQ+ presence in TV shows and movies has grown over the years, but has it helped? LGBTQ+ representation in the media is crucial for the community and others within society. However, LGBTQ+ people are often wrongly represented in the media or rarely even shown.

In today's world of entertainment, LGBTQ+ people are seen, but negatively displayed in offensive or stereotypical ways, which can affect how others perceive this community.

In some cases, the community hasn't even been represented in the media, affecting the LGBTQ+ community's movement. The media is a big part of everyone's life, TV and

movies give people an opportunity to learn and see different things in different point of views. Although

normities are seen by making them fit society's stereotypical perspectives.

This happens a lot with



Showing more of the spectrum. RuPaul's Drag Race helps show that not all gay men are flamboyant and feminine. There's a real need for more shows like this.
Courtesy of Logo

the media has worked on giving LGBTQ+ characters the right representation, there is still work to be done in order ensure this representation is accurately shown.

Writers have the opportunity to create characters that can influence people's lives and show others the struggles certain groups of people face. Instead, they often use this opportunity to ruin the way certain mi-

LGBTQ+ characters. Usually on comedic TV shows there's the typical gay man, who is always flamboyant and in love with Cher or Britney Spears. While this type of character may spice up a TV show, in reality, this is very rarely the case.

Not every gay man is a flamboyant, feminine man, who loves fashion and such, but unfortunately that's the stereotype most gay men

fall under. Many times, lesbian women are seen as "butch lesbians," and bisexual women are seen as the "slut" character simply due to her sexuality. All of these examples are stereotypes that affect the LGBTQ+ community greatly because those stereotypes are now how some people will see gay and bi people.

Writers clearly aren't noticing the great impact they have on society. People will listen and generalize the types of characters they frequently see on TV, believing that is how they truly are in society. The media needs to stop carrying these stereotypes throughout TV and movies because writers' inaccurate perception of others is hurting many groups of people who are constantly stereotyped.

Although there some TV shows like *Grey's Anatomy*, *The Fosters*, *How to Get Away with Murder*, *Scandal*, *Modern Family* and movies like *Carol* and *Imagine Me and You* and *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2* that dare to break the typical gay stereotype, there are still many TV shows and movies that continue to create

these stereotypical and often offensive characters.

It's important to realize that there are many situations in which the media has helped the LGBTQ+ community. For example, *The Fosters*, a show that presents the life of an interracial lesbian couple with a family, does not focus on only the mothers, but on the family and how they go through life just like any other family. Another example is *RuPaul's Drag Race*, a show which has brought attention to gay men. This show helps to show that not all gay men are super flamboyant and feminine; there are many different types of gay men. While there are many examples of good representation of the LGBTQ+community in the media, there are also bad representations of the community. This is a very serious problem which must be acknowledged by the public in order to make a difference in society.

An Open Letter to Colin Kaepernick

Jack Roshco
Co-Managing Editor

Dear Mr. Kaepernick,
Stand up. And stay that way. What you've started isn't what you thought you'd start. What you've started isn't what you wanted to start. What you've started is actually the antithesis of what you claim to be "fighting" for.

Fighting social injustice is a noble, noble pursuit that some of history's most important figures have undertaken. However, what you're clearly missing is the following bombshell; you're not Dr. King, or Gandhi, or even Malcolm X. You're a \$19 million-per-year quarterback on arguably the worst team in football, and you started the season backing up the worst starting quarterback in football. Of all the people who I want leading a social reform movement,

you're only one, maybe two, steps ahead of Charlie Sheen or David Duke. You talking about white privilege is like Roger Ailes funding an anti-sexual abuse telethon hosted by Donald Trump on national TV.

Look, there's nothing respected more than a person trying to command change. Your cause is to be applauded. But how many even know what your cause is?

The vast majority of people who have heard of your actions have never heard (or ignore) why you're doing it, because they stop reading after the article says "Kaepernick sat for the anthem for the umpteenth straight week." They don't care that you're trying to draw attention to the oppression of people of color in this country. The people who stop read-

ing there are bald eagle-loving American patriots who just see some uppity athlete fighting for problems he can't possibly understand, by virtue of his paychecks. The sympathy you garner is not much.

You don't draw attention to a problem by doing something that draws more attention to yourself. Sitting for the anthem is a monumentally stupid way to achieve any goal other than attaining negative publicity. Did you expect people to listen to your message? They won't. People in the NFL were taking a knee for the anthem on September 11th. Because of you, 2,996 innocent deaths were disrespected, desecrated, and devalued by a bunch of rich, privileged men following your lead. And that is shameful, especially be-

ing that you clearly feel no remorse. But you expect people to listen to what you have to say on matters of police brutality or income inequality.

Colin, perhaps there is no right way to fix the world. It would be nice to have a real solution, but you don't seem to have one.

The fact that you behave as if you're a martyr, or some kind of leader, is disrespectful to the aforementioned civil rights bastions. You're belittling their legacies by trying to do what they did.



#7 takes a knee. Colin Kaepernick has made a point of showing his protest during the playing of the national anthem before games.
Courtesy of SD City Times

Yes, you love your country, and you sincerely want to help. However, the first step in helping here would be standing the hell up.

ARTS & entertainment

Landmark Solo Retrospective for Herrera

Anne-Marie Dillon and Daniel Schapiro
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In a landmark solo retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art, groundbreaking contemporary artist Carmen Herrera is perhaps at last receiving her due acclaim. The 101-year-old Cuban-American artist's long-neglected oeuvre of graphic, near-sculptural pieces has been presented with a rare late-in-life sense of wide recognition, one thought typically to be reserved for those of the 30-and-under demographic within the New York art world.

Isolated by the double-mark of being a Cuban woman artist, Herrera was quickly rejected by the major New York institutions after her immigration from Havana in 1939. She turned instead to France, where her formative years as an artist ensued. As an outsider to Parisian culture, Herrera was heavily influenced by its distinct architecture as well as the colorful, abstract style embraced within the elite, international artist circle, Salon des Réalités Nouvelles.

However, Herrera soon came to reject the vibrance of this mode of abstractionism, just as America's elite institutions had rejected her decades prior. She began to limit her palette to just two colors at a time, allowing a remarkably incisive yet simplistic exploration of color, shape, and form. This deviation would come to define her career for the decades to follow.

Perhaps the most well-lauded piece within the exhibition is the dual-paneled acrylic work *Blanco y Verde*. Belonging to a larger body of nine showcased works of the same name, *Blanco y Verde* was considered near-sacrilegious after its conception in 1959. When viewed from afar, the piece appears as a single blank canvas interrupted by an architectural, modest green triangle. Only upon closer inspection can one discern the two-paneled approach Herrera used, in which a stark white canvas was paired in diptych style with a second blank white canvas. Herrera's manipulation of horizon

leaves the viewer with a sense of disillusionment stemming from visual falsity, which heightens the take-away sense of irresolution.

In her colossal geometric piece-



Carmen Herrera. *Green and Orange* (1958) is included in this major retrospective of the 101-year old artist at the Whitney.

Courtesy of the Whitney

es, one is further struck by the subtle yet powerful use of contiguous lines that appear to be tautly wound about the canvas. This tightness directly opposes the feeling of openness derived from the pieces' vast areas

of negative white space, ultimately entrenching one's desire to resolve Herrera's discordant visual elements.

Herrera's subjectively radical and brutally minimal work would later go on to influence and affirm the works of Post-WWII American contemporary minimalists like Ellsworth Kelly in his Renaissance-period, in addition to imparting influence on fellow abstractionists Frank Stella and Josef Albers. However, it is difficult to truly chart the extent of Herrera's impact given her limited accreditation as a mid-20th century female Cuban artist.

In an era of abstraction deemed post-painterly and minimal, Herrera travelled uncharted territory in her treatment of the painting as a physical object. Though flat in its palette and geometric subject matter, Herrera achieves a markedly high sense of motion through her use of "wedging" multiple canvases together, with the exhibition ultimately calling into

question the titular assumptions of sight itself.

As one gazes at the green center of *Blanco y Verde*, it is easy, satisfying even, to let the eye extend from thick to thin, to imagine the green center beveling its way into an ocular ether of white infinity. Yet Herrera challenges this stereotypically feminine and organic notion of form through her brutal juxtaposition of opposing canvases. Left with unresolved lines of sight, the viewer becomes dubious of the vector of sight itself. The question then arises: does the green represent juncture, division, friction; or unity, fusion, resolution? The answers, perhaps, lie somewhere amidst Herrera's decades-long, dynamic—and perhaps ultimately inclusive—relationship with the institutional art world.

Find your own answers at "Lines of Sight," on view at the Whitney Museum of American Art, 99 Gansevoort Street, through January 2, 2017.

Arts & Culture Column

Anne-Marie Dillon
Graphics/Design Editor

A selection of some of the many accessible and enriching New York City cultural happenings for the months of November and December.

"Pipilotti Rist: Pixel Forest," New Museum

The work of renowned Swiss video and installation artist Pipilotti Rist will be surveyed in an immersive retrospective presentation at the Lower Manhattan New Museum. Opening October 26th to wide critical acclaim, Rist's expansive exhibited body of work investigates the intimacy of digital media and the evolutionary human condition through a multi-floor menagerie of enveloping video projection and textural installations. Youth admission to the New Museum is free for those with valid student ID.

"Insecurities: Tracing Displacement and Shelter," Museum of Modern Art

Curated by MoMA's own Department of Architectural Design in conjunction with their curatorial team, "Insecurities" examines the ways in which architecture has evolved to fit the emergent needs of those within refugee displacement crises. The exhibition, open through January 22nd, 2017, and largely consisting of photographic work, questions the boundaries between the temporary structure and the permanent dwelling as they per-



Kerry James Marshall. This is an untitled work of a painter, done in acrylic in 2009, featured in the retrospective.

Courtesy of MCA Chicago

tain to the complex nature of forced human displacement. Students 16 and under may attend "Insecurities: Tracing Displacement and Shelter", in addition to other coinciding exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art, for free.



Brendan Benson. This 2011 photograph of the Dadaab Refugee Camp is part of the *Insecurities* show at the Museum of Modern Art.

Courtesy of MoMA.org

"Kerry James Marshall: Mastry", The Met Breuer

In a groundbreaking retrospective surveying over 80 of the painter's works, renowned African American artist Kerry James Marshall continues onwards in his journey to establish the African American figure in American art canon and dissolve stereotypes within the visual depiction of black history. Marshall's bold, graphic, and mainly figurative body of work centers around the theme of the African American experience, specifically as it relates to traditional Western artistic archetypes. "Mastry" will be on display at The Met Breuer until January 29, 2017. All ticket prices are "pay as you wish."

HEY HUSKIES!

What is your favorite side dish on Thanksgiving?



"My favorite side dish is the mashed potatoes"
Nick Gaeta,
Freshman



"Mashed potatoes are definitely the best Thanksgiving dish, no question."
Shannon Nelson,
Sophomore



"Taking the mashed potatoes and making it into a swimming pool and pouring gravy to fill up the pool, then dunking turkey into it like a person diving into a pool"
Joey Tiburzi,
Junior



"The ultimate thanksgiving side dish is sweet potatoes with marshmallows on top"
Jess Petrucci,
Senior

90-Second Interviews



“90 Second Interviews” is a feature wherein we sit down with two teachers and see how many random questions they can answer in only 90 seconds. This issue we turn to librarian Ms. Catherine Johnson and math teacher, Mr. James McLoughlin.

Interviews coordinated by Richa Mehra and Isabel Rosenstein

Johnson



Spirit Animal? Scarlet tanager.

Favorite Book? *Man's Search for Meaning* by Victor Frankel.

Cat or Dog Person? I was attacked by a dog when I was young, and my mom is scared of cats, but I have a cat. I try to be a cat person, so I guess my answer would be neither or both.

Last picture taken on your phone? I took a picture of my dining room because I'm redecorating.

Favorite season? Fall.

One place you would like to travel to? Katmandu or Timbuktu.

What cheers you up? HHS students.

Favorite Holiday? Christmas.

If you could teach any other subject, what would it be? I wish I had the knowledge to teach physics.

Favorite TV show? *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*.

Favorite movie? *Get Crazy*.

When younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

An actress.

If you were a food, what would you be? Matzoh ball soup.

What's your favorite clothing store? Nordstrom

What college did you attend? Bethany College, then Columbia University.

McLoughlin



Spirit Animal? A tiger.

Favorite Book? *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad.

Cat or Dog Person? Dog.

Last picture taken on your phone? A picture taken at my friend's engagement party in Minnesota.

Favorite season? Fall.

One place you would like to travel to? South America.

What cheers you up? Playing sports (soccer and golf), or talking to friends, or watching music videos.

Favorite Holiday? Christmas.

If you could teach any other subject, what would it be? History or Physics.

Favorite TV show? *Game of Thrones*, *Homeland*, and the new show *West World*.

Favorite movie? *The Shawshank Redemption*.

When younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? A police officer.

If you were a food, what would you be? Corned beef and cabbage.

What's your favorite clothing store? J. Crew.

What college did you attend? SUNY Geneseo.

Final Season for *Pretty Little Liars*

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Pretty Little Liars fans all around the world are left speechless after receiving news that 2017 will be its last season.

After its premiere on June 28, 2010, *Pretty Little Liars* took teenage girls everywhere by storm.

The show revolves around 4 high school students: Spencer Hastings, Hanna Marin, Emily Fields, and Aria Montgomery, and takes place in the town of Rosewood, Pennsylvania, a made up suburb in Main Line Philadelphia.

The show begins a year after the mysterious disappearance of Alison DiLaurentis, the queen bee at Rosewood High School. After a year of ongoing investigations, the police declared Alison dead. The pilot introduces viewers to the lives of Alison's friend group after her "death." At the end of the first episode, all four of

the girls receive an anonymous text message from, A.

From that point on, they continue receiving messages and signs from this unidentified A character. The plot of the show revolves around the girls facing challenging obstacles while trying to find the identity of their stalker, while also mourning the loss of one of their best friends.

After six seasons of being put through difficult challenges, love triangles, leads on who A is, the deaths and lives of so many characters, and so many other thrilling discoveries, the show is coming to an end.

Marlene King, the show's writer, has been putting extreme amounts of time, effort, and creativity into creating a thrilling ending to the show while also making sure to answer the many questions surrounding what has been going on in this show

throughout its six seasons.

"It's been an honor to work with such a talented cast and crew over the last seven years," said Marlene



How far will they go to save Hanna? The cast members of *Pretty Little Liars* are all set to put a bow on top of seven seasons of plot twists and turns. The show has always been a popular teen favorite, and will be sorely missed. Fans are eager to see how it all turns out in this final season.

Courtesy of TV Guide

King in a *Variety.com* interview. "We are a family, and it will be hard to say goodbye to a show that has made such an impact on young audiences and been a mouthpiece for cultural change. I'm excited for fans to finally have all of their questions answered, and I believe they will be satisfied with the wild ride that is our last ten episodes."

After seven long years of plot twists and unexpected events, people all around the world must say goodbye to some of their favorite characters. Teenagers have truly grown up with *Pretty Little Liars*, and the end of this will mark the end of an era.

The Quick Death of Vine (2013-16)

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The popular app Vine, used by many teens worldwide, now needs to say goodbye. Vine, an app where you can take six-second videos to share with your friends first started 2013, and now is shutting down in

2016. This social media app really had an effect on today's society, making "Vine stars" like Cameron Dallas and Lele Pons the most followed people on social media. The owners of the company, social media powerhouse Twitter, recently announced their discontinuation of the app, but did not state exactly when it will be completely shut down. If you want to save your vines, the company gives you a way to turn them into

"GIFs" before the app is deleted.

There were many reactions from Vine users, some being very content with the decision, others dispirited that they will not be able to use the app anymore. So what is the reason for the death of Vine?

Those who are upset want to know why they will not be able to use the app anymore, and will no longer be able to see their favorite Viners come up with more entertaining videos.

"I have so many memories on that app of me and my family," said freshman Alessia Franciosa. "There were many laughs that I will miss so much. R.I.P. Vine."

Although Vine is a frequently used app like Snapchat and Instagram, it never really grew to be as popular, despite the many marks it has made on the world it created, and all the life-changing experiences

many users encountered. The social media world would have never been the same without it, and now that it is gone is really going to be hard for many people who used it.

In truth, this app is struggling to become profitable. When it does close down, many jobs will be cut, which accounts for 9% of Twitter's workforce. The real reason for its decline is the other social media app, Instagram. Instagram is another social media app that has users take photos and videos, which can then be posted for every one of your followers to see. This app has been more popular than ever in the last year, and most make it part of their daily routine to check their feed now and then every day.

"Since Vine is closing, all the Vine editors are moving to Instagram and are talking badly about the social media app, which are causing fights

to break out" says freshman Kate Brenner.

Since the editors of Vine do not have any place to go, it makes sense that they are moving to the app that shut their handiwork down. Rumor has it that Instagram doesn't want any of the Vine editors, because of a fear they might make the app look more like Vine.

Vine will be missed by many, from its videos that make you laugh forever, to its more emotional and sensitive videos that help encourage good in this world. The internet is not happy about the decision, but business is business and people will save their Vines as GIFs so they can look back on good memories. Change is difficult, but often necessary. It was nice knowing you, Vine.

Leon Russell Leaves A Musical Legacy

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Southern rock icon Leon Russell died on Sunday November 16 in Nashville, he was 74. His website said he died in his sleep but there was no specific cause given.

"Honey Bridges, his daughter, told CNN he was recovering from a quadruple bypass when his health took a turn for the worse," according to Ralph Ellis, a writer for CNN News.

Russell, a member of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame was a pianist, guitarist and a songwriter who touched millions. According to Ellis, Russell recorded in the 1960s with a group of Los Angeles session musicians nicknamed the Wrecking Crew, Russell captured the public's attention as the top hat-wearing pianist and bandleader on Joe Cocker's "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" tour in 1970.

By the time he released his first

solo album, in 1970, he had already played on hundreds of songs as one of the top studio musicians in Los Angeles.

Throughout the 1970s Russell went on to become a headliner and he wrote and performed hits like "Tightrope" and "Delta Lady." "Superstar," co-written with Bonnie Bramlett, rose to No. 2 on the pop charts when covered by The Carpenters, according to Russell's official website. He collaborated with Willie Nelson and Ray Charles, whose 1993 recording of "A Song for You" won a Grammy Award.

Russell's popularity had peaked in the 1970s, he then set aside rock, though he kept performing. According to Jon Pares, a writer for The New York Times in 2011, after making a



Courtesy of Anne-Marie Dillon

duet album with Elton John, "The Union," he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. At the ceremony, Elton John called him "the master of space and time" and added, "He sang, he wrote and he played just how I wanted to do it."

Elton John praised Russell on Instagram, saying, "He was a mentor, inspiration and so kind to me. Thank God we caught up with each other and made 'The Union.' He got his reputation back and felt fulfilled. I loved him and always will."

Russell has four daughters, and three grandchildren. A private service is planned in Nashville, with a public service planned in Tulsa.

"He was really sweet and he had a dry sense of humor. He was very funny," his wife told CNN.

Amanda Denet, a Harrison High School sophomore and a country music fan, was very upset about his death.

"His music was a large part of my childhood because my family loved his songs," she said. "I used to listen to them when I was a child and I loved how modest he was. His music will live on forever and he will always be in my heart."

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Varsity Football Finishes Strong

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The Harrison High School Varsity Football team faced a challenging season this past Fall, finishing the season with 5-4 record. With the return of six offensive and six defensive starters, the Huskies hoped to show their dominance on the field this year.

According to senior guard and middle linebacker, Robert Donahue, "As soon as our season ended last year, we began focusing on this season and what we wanted to accomplish. We're focusing on getting the underclassmen and rising players to step up and fill in for the guys who've graduated. It's coming together."

The team was led under the direction of Coach Dominic Zanot for the third straight season. The senior captains Sonny LoFranco and Robert Donahue raised the bar for the Huskies and helped the team strive for greater success throughout the season.

The season started with a close loss of 22-20 to Eastchester. The Huskies then faced their rivals, the Rye Garnets, at Nugent Field at Rye High for the 87th time. The Rye Garnets had won 13 out of the 14 past games against Harrison, but Harrison had high aspirations to seize a victory.

The Huskies got off to a slow start, trailing 21-0 at halftime. By the end of the third quarter, the Huskies were down 35-0.

The Huskies came alive in the fourth quarter. With 10:53 minutes left in the game, Harrison junior running back Brett Silber scored the first

of two nine-yard touchdown runs. Silber's second nine-yard touchdown came with a few minutes left in the game, but not enough time for the Harrison team to make a comeback from a 30 point lead held by Rye. Silber finished with 88 rushing yards for the game. Thomas Gresham also added 73 yards on the ground, including a 64-yarder, and Brian Newsome had an interception that stopped Rye from scoring again.

The final score was 42-12.

When asked what the team could have done better against Rye, Brett Silber stated that, "We should watch more film. Not just as a team but individually. Each player needs to watch more film at home and study his position to better prepare himself for in-game decisions."

Coming off the loss to Rye, it pushed the team to come together and work harder for three straight wins: against Beacon 28-21, Peekskill 21-12 and Lincoln 53-6. The mid-season winning streak ended on the road against Our Lady of Lourdes Warriors in Poughkeepsie

by junior running back Austin Evans. Two fumbles by Harrison in the third quarter allowed to Warriors to increase their lead to 31-7 and they followed with two more touchdowns during the remainder of the second half to win 45-13.

The Huskies had little time to

of 12-0 in the first seven minutes, but the Indians scored 31 unanswered points and won 31-12.

Despite the loss against John Jay, the Huskies were able to end the season strong with victories in the Section One Playoffs against Walter Panas, 14-7, and Tappan Zee, 35-34.

These victories proved that the Husky football team was able to overcome the challenges presented earlier in the season.

According to Brett Silber, the final success of this team could be attributed to the fact that "We came to practice everyday with 100% intensity no matter if we just won or lost the week before. It really helped us prepare and bring our best for the upcoming game."

The team will continue their rigorous training and they know with determination that they will be a stronger and more triumphant football team next year. The fans are already eager for the return of Husky Football next Fall.



The Big Game. Four Huskies on the sidelines during this year's contest against the Rye Garnets. This year's game came early in the season. Rye won 42-12.

Courtesy of Thomas McAdam

JV Field Hockey Taking The Lead

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The Girls' Junior Varsity field hockey team has come a long way from previous years. This year the team had a winning 4-3-1 record. The team started the season with two big wins against Bronxville 6-0 and Nyack 3-0. The leading scorers for these games were Faith First, Gabby Straus and Alex Baio. The season was already looking up.

Harrison High School has had multiple coaches for the junior varsity field hockey team over the past four seasons. Lauren Tobias was the Huskies' coach last year during the difficult two-win season.

This year Ally Menetti stepped up to coach the field hockey team and has been a huge help to the success of the JV field team. Coach Menetti's offensive mindset is clear as Harrison has scored at least one goal each game, clinching victories over their opponents.

Last year, JV Field Hockey only won two games and the players only scored about one or two goals, com-

pared huge improvement this year.

By the end of the first game this year,, the team scored more goals than they did throughout the whole season last year. Even during tight games, the Huskies' offense was able to break through and score to win.

The greatest success of the season was being able to defeat the Rye Garnets' Field Hockey team for the first time in many years. The score was 2-1 as Harrison earned a hard fought victory when Faith Fuerst and Gabby Straus scored. The score was close, but with Emily Hassett in goal, the Huskies were able to shut down Rye.

Last year, Harrison lost both games against the Garnets, by scores of 2-6 and 1-5. In order to beat the Garnets this season, Harrison practiced every day since the beginning of September working on their en-

durance and stick work. The team's hard work paid off with a victory.

Gabby Straus attributes the

team's success to the team's growth together.

"We have been growing as the year goes on due to more practices, and most teammates playing year round with other teams outside of Harrison," she said.

Junior Varsity field hockey players are in better shape this year compared to previous seasons due to conditioning daily that included perimeter runs around the school and scrimmages on the entire field with varsity whenever possible. The increased fitness regime especially allowed the midfield players to build endurance and sprint down the field to play both offense and defense.

The change in strategy and better understanding of the game has helped the players be-

come stronger.

According to sophomore Faith First, "I think that we are in better shape this year and we have more of an idea to get the ball down the field faster by hitting the ball up."

In addition, the team has been learning to use the sidelines on the field and make more open space, which will help protect the ball more throughout the game.

Greater emphasis on team bonding also has been a contributing factor in the team's success.

Team bonding helped the teammates get closer, which made it easier for younger and older grades to communicate in positive ways on and off the field. The Field Hockey team has overcome many obstacles over the last several years to post a winning season. The morale is high for this team, and they are looking to only become stronger.



Team bonding converts to wins. The JV Field Hockey team took a big step forward this season and finished up with a 4-3-1 record.

Volleyball Team Fights Hard

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The Varsity Girls Volleyball Team remained determined during their competitive 2016 fall season. The final record of 5-12 summarized the difficult season that these Huskies fought through.

The team debuted their season with a victory of 3-1 against Somers, but then encountered some tough losses against Nyack, John Jay, Our Lady of Lourdes, Somers Ardsley and Eastchester. Returning Coach Candy Light and Senior Captains Megan Clow, Olivia DeLuca and Melissa Yanez raised morale and pushed the team to come back.

Senior player Ally Huhne said, "One of the biggest challenges this year was that we had a much younger team and many of us were not used to playing with each other. It took us a lot of time adjusting to each other and learning the strengths and weaknesses of each player so that we could come together as a team."

This coming together was evident in victories of 3-1 against Byram Hill and 3-0 over Scarsdale.

The record showed that this season had many ups and downs. However, many of the losses were close sets. The players never gave up and only worked harder as a



We've got this one. Harrison Girls' Varsity Volleyball huddles together during a match against Scarsdale at Harrison High School. The Huskies won 3-0. Featured here are Leslie Yanez, Tamara Day, Kana Iwasa, Megan Clow, and Lily Sherwood.

Courtesy of Megan Clow

team, which often led to better results.

According to senior Ally Huhne, "When we were down in a match, we did not focus on the fact that we were down by a certain number of points, but on what we needed to do to get the ball back. We stayed focused on one point at a time and stayed positive, never getting down on each other."

The season had many highlights, including the playoff game against Lakeland on October 27. The Huskies were seeded number 17 and were up against the number 16 Lakeland Hornets.

Senior Megan Clow said, "It fueled the fire for sure."

The Huskies triumphed 25-12 and 25-16 in the first two sets and then lost 21-25 in the third set. With focus and determination the Huskies pulled through to win the fourth set 25-18. Strong defense and offensive serving by Freshman Leslie Yanez helped them run up the score. In the final play of the match, senior setter Melissa Yanez set up a running backset for sophomore hitter Tamara Day to score on a kill.

The ability of the Huskies to regroup and play hard as a team was what ensured the final win 3-1 that

day. This win placed them against the number one seed Walter Panas the next day. Panas held a perfect record of 14-0 and had made it to the state volleyball semifinals two of the past four years.

The Huskies knew that they would face a difficult match. Although they were defeated 3-0, the Huskies played their best and came together as a team. It was great that the team was able to upset Lakeland and make it so far in the playoffs.

The Varsity Volleyball team will be sad to see the strong senior players Megan Clow, Olivia DeLuca, Kana Iwasa, Ally Huhne, Lily Sherwood, and Melissa Yanez leave the team, due to graduation.

However, the future of the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team will be promising, as many young players will return again next year. The team will learn from their losses and take note of the successful strides made this year. It will definitely help ensure the team's future success.

Swimming Through A Tough Season

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Staff Writer

The Harrison Girls' Varsity Swim Team is a very small but powerful group of girls. In every meet, this Husky team has put as much effort as they could into their races. The final record for the team was 3-6.

The Huskies faced the start of a tough season in their opening meet against Yorktown with a loss of 24-70. Despite the challenge, the Husky swimmers remained focused and finished in top places in many races. Christie Byrd captured first place with a time of 1:17.27 in the 100 backstroke and second in 500 freestyle, and Laura Byrd held onto second place in the 100 freestyle. The team also saw great success in third place wins by Arianna Amoriello in the 200 freestyle, Stephanie Mejia finished in the 200 individual and 100 butterfly and Melissa Contreras in 100 breaststroke.

Swimming is a very versatile sport that takes not just the strength and physical capability of these girls, but also their mental and strategic effort. There is always a challenge when going into meets like against Rye, where there are 40 swimmers going up against 11.

The small size of the swim team has made it difficult to be competitive as an overall team in races. The graduation of many seniors and

other swimmers moving away really impacted the team this year.

"Eleven swimmers is really not enough swimmers when you are trying to fill in all the lanes and all of the events, but we manage," say freshman swimmer Joey Robb.

It becomes quantity over quality in the meets, especially in a six-lane pool. The team knows that when other teams are close in size with them, they really do need to push it in their races to win. Swimming on a

small team really engages the swimmers to go faster and harder.

This strategy helped secure wins against Byram Hills 54-40 and Albertus Magnus 51-43. These victories helped the varsity swimmers learn not to be intimidated by the size of larger teams.

Every swimmer has shown great success in their races due to their determination and perseverance.

"The varsity team is very hard

working," says freshman Christine Byrd, a three-year swimmer on the team.

Now that the season has come to an end, the varsity swim team hopes that next year will be the year their team really regroups with even more swimmers, and more fans.

"We are just building up to next year to go out and win, and using this year to learn and grow, and be as strong as possible," explains 15-year veteran varsity swimming

coach, Phil Dearstyne.

Both coaches and swimmers have really put much effort into the team, trying to make it better and better every year. Being successful is not just about winning, but is also about become stronger and faster for the following years to come. So, the team is now looking forward for what is to come next year, and so are their fans



Staying afloat through choppy waters. Harrison Girls' Varsity Swim Team smiles and puts forth great efforts, despite competing with the adversity of having a small team. Pictured here are: (back row, left to right): Stephanie Mejia, Christine Byrd, Joey Robb, Arianna Amoriello, Clara Kennedy, (front row, left to right) Laura Byrd, Kanako Nishida, Melissa Contreras, Stephanie Tatiewa, and Adrianna Mannino. Missing from picture: Jenna Berkower.

Courtesy of Phil Dearstyne

League Champions!

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The Harrison Girls' Varsity Tennis Team have extended their undefeated winning streak dating back to last season and have clinched the Section 1 League championship for the second year in a row. Coach Quan Huynh, returning for his second year, has been instrumental in leading the team to another victorious season.

The team's current record has been 21-0 since the fall of 2015. This season's record holds strong at 10 wins without any losses. This outstanding record has placed the Girls Varsity Tennis Team as #2 seed in Westchester County and has gained them entry into the Conference Title Tournament for the fourth year in a row.

"Our players go out and always compete to the best of their ability," said Coach Quan, explaining the team's continued success.

After dominating in preseason scrimmages against Yorktown and Rye Neck, the Huskies were eager to face the competition for real. The season started with some tough opponents. The first match was against arch-rival neighbor Rye. The match at Rye was filled with much suspense as it all came down to the last match of the day. A long 7-5, 7-5, hard-fought match for the first doubles team of captains Elisa Pettinato and Lauren Nielsen secured the win. With additional wins from Jessica Saviano and Sydney Saviano in singles, the second doubles team of Lindsay Amann

and Jessica Hart, and third doubles team Rachel Schmaier and Juliana Sica, the team secured a 5-2 winning match.

In the first week of the season, the Huskies were able to demonstrate their strong presence in the league. The Husky team did not

know what to expect against a highly touted New Rochelle squad, but ended up with a 5-2 victory.

Other highlights continued the undefeated first week, including wins from first singles player Deanna Giambo, second singles Sarina Iraj, and third singles Elisa Pettinato in a

6-1 defeat against John Jay.

In week two, the Huskies encountered Ardsley, a tough addition to the Section 1 conference this year. The Harrison girls were able to pull through with wins from doubles players Alyssa Fisher and Sara Bove, and Juliana D'Onofrio and Julia Ap-

plebaum.

The undisputed hardest match of the season was against Byram Hills, which always presents a challenging match for the Huskies. The team was tied with Byram Hills 3-3 and depended on a win from the third doubles team of Jess Hart and Juliana Sica. There were tense moments in a close 10-point tie breaker when the doubles team was able to get several points at net, win the match and help the team to a 4-3 triumph.

"With this win, the Huskies are currently ranked second in the coaches poll of top 10 girls tennis teams in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland County," said Coach Quan.

The team has a lot of promising young talent including up-and-comer Julia Kischkat. This younger talent will come to the forefront next year to defend the team's undefeated title.

Although the season has been a challenging one, the Huskies' focus and determination enabled them to pull through as a team. The team will now continue on to the Conference Sectionals and have high hopes of competing at State Championships for the first time in recent Harrison history.



League champs! From right to left) Back Row: Coach Quan Huynh, Deana Giambo, Jessica Hart, Lauren Nielsen, Elisa Pettinato, Sarina Iraj, Julia Appelbaum, Alyssa Fisher, Julie D'Onofrio, Julia Kischkat, Front Row: Sydney Saviano, Rachel Schmaier, Juliana Sica and Jessica Saviano.

Courtesy of Gena Pettinato

The Titans Are Back

Sammy Kaplan

Co-Sports Editor

Two straight section final appearances, two consecutive losses, saying that this year's Varsity Hockey team has unfinished business is an understatement.

"That loss to Pelham stuck with a lot of guys last year," Titans Head Coach Jason Head said, according to *The Harrison Review*. "Even though we're in division one now and we're not going to get a chance to see them in the playoffs, they've been motivated."

The Rye Town Harrison Titans have hit the ice for the 2016-2017 season, and there are holes that need to be filled. The most evident is between the pipes.

The Titans graduated two year starter and goalie captain Joey Livornese, who backstopped the Titans to two straight section championship appearances. *RHTitans.com* reported that, Livornese was awarded an all section honorable mention, and achieved all league honors.

Taking the reigns in goal now is Junior Sam Smith.

"If five years ago you told me I'd be the Varsity Hockey team's starting goalie I would call you cra-

zy," Titans Goalie Sam Smith said. "I didn't play hockey until eighth grade, but I had tried street hockey goalie at my summer camp, and when the modified hockey team needed a goalie I thought how hard can skat-

ships.

"I want to help continue the winning tradition that has been instilled in this team over the past three seasons, Smith added. "I devoted my whole summer to hockey in order to

tion championship."

The Titans also lost key offensive pieces Doug Harrison and Max Picker. The Picker-Harrison combined for 102 points, with both of them receiving all section honors, according to *The Journal News*.

To fill this void up front the Titans have added freshman Anthony Cipollone. *TheHockeyNews.com* reported that, Cipollone announced his commitment to play division one hockey at the University of Vermont at the age of 13, making him one of the youngest players to ever verbally commit to play NCAA college hockey. The freshman phenom also participated in STX's "68" combine, a skills camp featuring the top 68 players in the country for their birth year, according to STX.com.

"I'm just happy to be able to represent the school and the community, Titans forward Anthony Cipollone said. "There's something special about high school hockey."

Another key part of the offense includes senior captain Jackson Schultz. Schultz is a crucial part of the Titans on and off the ice. He contributed 36 points last year, and at the same time was a leader in the locker room, according to *RHTitans.com*.

"Jackson knows how to get the best out of everyone," Titans defenseman Matt Milone said.

Rounding out the rest of the offensive attack is senior and alternate captain Sam Adler, senior and

alternate captain Will Pizzutello, junior Max Chalfin, and junior Sammy Kaplan.

Defensively the Titans top six defenseman are all returners who logged heavy minutes down the playoff stretch.

For most of this defensive unit it will be our third year playing together," Titans defenseman Joe Bucci said. "All the defenseman on the roster were apart of last year's team, and each one of us know what it takes to get back to a section championship game."

This sense of togetherness does seem clear up and down the Titans roster, as *RHTitans.com* revealed that, 20 players are returning from last year's team.

"We're a tight knit group," Titans defenseman Louie DiCiccio said. "We're more than a team for the next four months, we're a family."

According to *News 12 Varsity*, the Titans open the season on November 19 against Byram Hills at Rye Playland, making them one of the first teams to take the ice in the new campaign.

"Aside from a few new systems we're implementing, I think it's going to be our ability to make in game adjustments that is going to be a game-changer this year," Coach Head said, according to *The Harrison Review*.



Check, please! Rye/Harrison's Matthew Milone throws a body check onto Pearl River's Michael Galgano during a Section 1, Division 2 first round playoff game at the Playland Ice Casino in Rye on Sunday, February 21st, 2016. Rye/Harrison won 7-2.

Courtesy of Adrian Szkolar/The Journal News

ing be."

Smith has been a member of the Varsity team since the end of his eighth grade year, and has been a member of three playoff teams, two of which captured league champion-

prepare for this year."

"Sam is ready for this," Titans defenseman Mark Hlushko said. "He's put in hours and hours of work, and with him in net we have a chance to get back to another sec-