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Spring is here!!

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School News

6th Grade Happenings

By : Maren Ettrich

The 6th graders have been working on many activities this week and last. The 6th graders have many classes that help them learn to work with others and learn about the world around them. One of these Classes is called STEAM which allows the 6th graders to work with kids younger than them. This teaches them how to work with people of all ages and gives the younger kids a person to look up to. It also gives an activity they can do for fun at



home as well. In this article, I will discuss the 2 activities they have been up to.

One activity that the 6th graders did was they got introduced to Ag Literacy. Which involves the 6th graders learning about how things work in the world. They also welcome younger kids to come and do some of the activities as well. This also gives the younger kids a lesson about the world around them but do it in fun ways. Another activity was the STEAM class making snow globes with cows on them. This was a fun way for both the 6th



graders and the younger kids to do an art project about the world around them.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Chamberlain

Little Shop of Horrors

By Ezra Stahlberg

The final days of tech week are wrapping up, and the Hamilton Masquers Club is getting ready to perform their spring musical, the "Little



Shop of Horrors." The masquers will perform this Friday and Saturday, March 21st and 22nd. The show will be held at the

Hamilton Central School Auditorium. The show is a little over 2 hours long with an intermission, and there will be connections for the intermission. The prices are 12 dollars for an adult, 10 dollars for students, and you can buy a four-person for 40 40-dollar packs. The show is advised for 12 and over and is said to be one of the funnier projects the masquer club will put on. They will perform at 7:00 pm on Friday and at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday.

The "Little Shop of Horrors" is a great musical that everyone can enjoy and will make you laugh. Owen Arquiett, DJ, and the ensemble would describe it as a "Thrilling musical with lots of twists that has aspects of dancing music, drama, mystery, comedy, and horror." be sure to make it to one of the showings if you can, as the Masquers Club has been working tirelessly on this project since November. It would be incredibly appreciated if all of HCS could attend

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at least one show to support your classmates in the Masquers Club to applaud all their hard work over the past 4-5 months.

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Agriscience Happenings

By Eve McCorkle

This week the agriscience class has been learning more about different species and breeds of animals such as pigs and cows. For example, two breeds of beef cows are a Hereford and a Red Angus. The students were filling out some information about the breeds of cows, pigs, and even sheep. It is very interesting to learn about what these animals have to offer for us humans and the land we live on. The students have been hard at work learning more and more each day.



The next thing that the students have started to do is how to create a resume for themselves. The students are talking about what things should belong on the resume such as achievements and past jobs. They were filling out some information about themselves that could go on the resume. Yet, the students who didn't finish doing their



leather keychains were finishing those up then they would start the process for the resume.

Overall, this class has been pretty busy doing new and interesting things every day. Be sure to check in next week to see what they are moving on next!

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School Spotlights

Senior Spotlight

By: Rihana Dye

This week's Senior Spotlight is Sarah Rogers! Sarah is a dance teacher at the Spot Dance center in town, while she also dances there in her free time along with sewing and reading! She has attended HCS her whole life and her favorite class taken all of high school was English 11.

I also asked the following questions:

What is your favorite song?

"I can't pick my favorite song but my favorite artist is Leon Bridges."

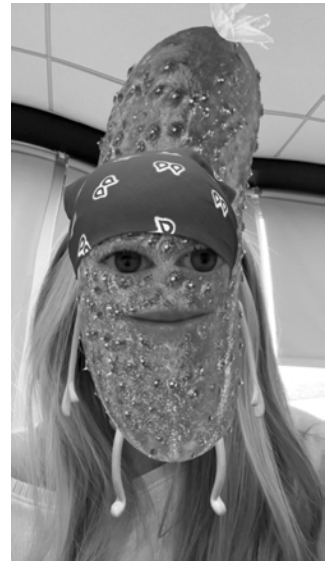
Best highschool memory?

"Making new friends, and everlasting memories."

Advice for underclassmen?

"Keep looking ahead to the future, don't get caught up in the little things."

Photo cred; Sarah Rogers



Exchange Student - Hero

By Rhiannon Murray

Last week I talked to Hero, an exchange student from Thailand! He had a lot to share about his experiences and how Hamilton had treated him. He is a part of the Rotary Exchange program which is a network of over 1.2 million kids and families. The program supports students in over 100 countries, ages 15-19. The exchange program lasts for the full academic year where they live with multiple host families. This

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program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students involved and I was very interested in learning more about it from Hero.

“Hi everyone, Hero’s here! For those who don’t know me, I’m a Rotary exchange student from Thailand. Has anyone ever been to Thailand? If not, you should definitely make it there someday! It’s been about six months since I arrived here in August 2024.”

Who is your host family/ how many have you been with? “My first host family was the Lorantys, and now I’m staying with Paul and Jason, who both work at Colgate. Soon, I’ll be moving in with the Amann-Burns family. Just to be clear, I didn’t do anything wrong! Rotary Exchange students have to switch host families as part of the program. That means I’ve already packed and unpacked all my stuff three times and trust me, that’s a lot of work!”

How has your experience been here in Hamilton? “Looking back, my experience so far has been incredible. The beginning was definitely tough, my English wasn’t great, and I was too shy to talk to people. Thai culture is also very different from here, so adjusting took time. But now? I feel like I’ve truly found my place. I’m still me, just a version of myself I never would have discovered back in Thailand. I’ve come so far since I first arrived, and I’m grateful for every moment!”

How was JV basketball? “I played basketball in winter, I almost scored on my own team during one game... by accident! Close call, but at least I’m improving.”

Are you planning on doing any other activities while at Hamilton? “I am planning on doing track and field in spring. I hope that it will be a lot of fun and I am very excited.”

Anything else for the readers? “If we’ve never talked or had the chance to become friends, don’t be shy! Come say hi, I’d love to get to know you all more. Excited for what’s next on this

adventure! Only 4 months to go I’m gonna cry, I’ll miss you guys!

Owl Of the Week- Recap Edition

By: Rihana Dye

Throughout the past couple of weeks, I’ve interviewed Mrs. Houck, Mrs. Murray, Dom Mensche, and Mrs. Torre and asked for their advice on how to handle stress or reduce it! We got some great advice from these people! Maintaining your stress levels is good for both your mental and physical well being, so make sure that if you ever need help to contact someone to get the help you need to maintain yourself!

Here are my favorite pieces of advice from each person!

“Never be ashamed or embarrassed to ask for help. Everyone needs help in life at times” - Mrs.Houck

“Don’t try and take all your problems at the same time. Tackle them one by one” - Dom Mensche

“Learn your triggers. It helps to understand what situations or events are most stressful to you. This can be different for everyone.” - Mrs. Torre

“Make a list and prioritize, to be less overwhelmed” - Mrs.Murray

If you need any more advice on how to deal with stress, school counselors, therapy and even a trusted adult can help!

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Local News

Weekly Weather Preview

By Cheyanne Bennett

Next week looks to be a pretty much mostly cloudy and rainy week but sooner than we know it will be summer and start being much nicer out than it has been recently.



Monday, March 24th, 2025: Rain and snow in the morning turning to light rain in the afternoon with a high of 44 degrees and a low of 36 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday, March 25th, 2025: Partly cloudy early with clouds with showers later in the day with a high of 45 degrees and a low of 32 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025: Cloudy with a high of 39 degrees and a low of 26 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday, March 27th, 2025: Mostly cloudy with a high of 36 degrees and a low of 25 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Friday, March 28th, 2025: Mainly cloudy with a high of 37 degrees and a low of 28 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday, March 29th, 2025: Mainly cloudy with a high of 44 degrees and a low of 34 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday, March 30th, 2025: Snow showers in the morning will turn to rain showers later in the day. The high will be 46 degrees Fahrenheit, and

the low will be 36 degrees Fahrenheit. Winds will be 10 to 15 mph.

I hope you all had a great week!!!

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US News

238 Deported to El Salvador

By Michael Hayden

On Sunday, March 16, the Trump administration defied a court order from a federal judge and deported 238 alleged members of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua to El Salvador. After a meeting with Secretary of State Marco Rubio, El Salvador President Nayib Bukele agreed to jail members of this group in his country's Terrorism



Confinement Center, or CECOT, one of the most notoriously brutal and overcrowded prisons in the world.

None of these 238 people has been tried for any crime in either the US or El Salvador. The Trump administration instead invoked the 1798 Alien Enemies Act, which allows the US government to deport noncitizens without a hearing and based only on citizenship. However, this law only grants this power during wartime, so James Boasberg, a federal judge in Washington, D.C., gave an order on Saturday night that any deportation flights be turned around and the alleged gang members returned to the US for the next 14 days so that they could have a fair trial. The Trump administration did

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not heed this order on the grounds that it was given verbally, not in written form, and therefore was not enforceable.

Currently, there is no plan to bring 238 deportees back to America, and the Trump administration has submitted a motion to remove Boasberg from the case. However, deportations have been paused in the meantime.

Image from El Salvador presidential press office via AP

Tornado Outbreak Through Central US

By Cheyanne Bennett

On Saturday, March 15th, 2025 the strongest and worst storm of this year so far went through many of the Midwest and South parts of the United States. These storms started Friday night and went through Saturday morning. There have been many tornadoes and tornado warnings that have gone through many towns and places in the United States. The amount of damage was still not known on Saturday morning. The National Weather Service furiously sent out many tornado warnings and the radar was lit up a lot to let people know there were severe thunderstorms from Wisconsin to Mississippi.

Approximately three people have been killed and many hurricane-force gusts of wind that created blinding dust storms happened. Many meteorologists were looking at the damage on Saturday. The National Weather Service said "The storm will gain new strength and take aim at the Southeast with the highest risk of deadly tornadoes and severe thunderstorms. These severe thunderstorms became more intense through Friday night in the Midwest and possibly could hit more than 900 miles throughout the region, from Louisiana to Minnesota.



Powerful winds were sweeping across central parts of the United States on Friday, the wind gusts got up to approximately 90 mph in New Mexico and the Plains which got as strong as a category 1 hurricane. "In Texas, approximately 3 people got killed on Friday by vehicle collisions caused by heavy winds and dust storms which reduced visibility", according to local authorities. The NWS in Amarillo said, "Dangerous winds and blowing dust are causing lots of issues, like accidents, downed power lines, and low visibility."

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Stock Market Downturn

By Gavin Rutledge

As of March 17th, the U.S. Stock market has gone through a major downturn, erasing trillions of dollars in value and causing chaos in the global financial system. The S&P 500 (Standard and Poor 500) is a stock market index that tracks the performance of 500 of the largest traded companies in the U.S. They are very reliable and regarded as one of the best indicators of the U.S. Stock market. The S&P 500 index has dropped around 8.6% by March 10th. The cause of this crash could be a couple of things, such as Donald Trump's tariff policies, which can serve as a spark to this crash. This crash presents an opportunity.

History shows that markets recover from things like this. Markets with a 10% drop could recover

within months while bear markets (declining more than 20%) can linger longer. Strategists emphasize patience over panic. Selling now locks in losses while buying quality stocks at a discounted price could pay off when the economy



stabilizes. It is murky as to where the stock market will go from here.

Image source: X.com

Trump Attempts to Void Biden's Pardons

By Michael Hayden

In the last few hours of his presidency, Biden preemptively signed a series of pardons for everyone on the committee investigating the January 6 riot at the Capitol, as well as several others, in order to protect them should Trump follow through on previous threats to prosecute these people.

On Monday, March 17, President Donald Trump attempted to void the pardons for the January 6 committee signed by Former President Joe Biden, announcing in a post on Truth Social: "The 'Pardons; that Sleepy Joe Biden gave to the Unselect Committee of Political Thugs, and many others, are hereby declared VOID, VACANT, AND OF NO FURTHER FORCE OR EFFECT, because of the fact that they were done by Autopen. In other words, Joe Biden did not sign them but, more importantly, he did not know anything about them!"

Autopens are devices used to replicate signatures quickly. Similar devices have been used by American presidents since Thomas Jefferson was in office. So, there is a precedent set that a president does not have to sign orders and laws with their own hand for those orders and laws to be valid. Additionally, there is no evidence to suggest that Biden did not know what he was signing. However, Trump has expressed his intent to take this matter to the courts.

Panama Canal

By: Maren Ettrich

Early into Donald Trump's presidency, he announced that he would make many changes to our country. These changes included changing

the name of the "Gulf of Mexico" to "Gulf of America." It also includes buying land for America to own and make money off of. One such piece of land is the Panama Canal. After becoming president in January 2025, Donald Trump's main goal was to lower the prices in America and make more money for the country. He believes that buying this land will do just that.

The Panama Canal is a place of major trading between countries all round the world. It connects the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. It is 40 miles long and takes 10 hours to



get from one side to the other. The Panama Canal was built in 1914. It was handed to Panama in 1999. It is the biggest trading place in the world and almost every ship passes through when trying to get to the other side of the world.

The question that remains is what happens now. Well, Trump has announced his plan to buy it back many times. But Panama and its people have stated that they do not want the Panama Canal to get handed to the USA. They feel the USA already has too much money. They also feel that it would not make sense for them to buy it because America is far away from the Panama Canal and the canal was given as a gift.

Source: CNN

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JFK Files

By: Gavin Snyder

As some of you know, the JFK files were released earlier this week. Because of there being over a thousand released, it will take time before we hear of any interesting information. This is the second time these files have now been released by President Trump. However, only a few are



being released because of the sensitive information in the unpublished files. This was the same thing that was previously said by President Trump when the first half of the files were released. The people in charge of releasing the files have stated there will be no groundbreaking news that we already don't know about. Along with the JFK files, the RFK and MLK files will also be released along with it but this won't happen for a while.

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Global News

Lebanon And Syria Agree On a Ceasefire after MULTIPLE DEATHS

By- Dorothy Disha

This past year the Middle East has been in chaos. From Israel to Palestine and Syria to Qatar, movements for peace are necessary to resolve tensions. Lebanon's Defence Minister Michel Menassa and his Syrian counterpart Murhaf Abu Qasra agreed on a ceasefire this Monday. This is



most likely based on the three soldiers in Syria's new army, and seven Lebanese soldiers killed in border clashes within

two days prior to the ceasefire decision. On the Lebanese side, 52 people were wounded, the health ministry said. The Lebanese and Syrian defense ministers also agreed to continue contact between the army intelligence directorates to prevent further deterioration on the border. This marks a historical event, where both struggling countries promote peace and to help each other.

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Sources- CNN, NBC.

French Parliament Member Demands US Return Statue of Liberty

By Michael Hayden

Proposed in 1865 by Édouard de Laboulaye and created by sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi and engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the construction of the Statue of Liberty was meant to celebrate the close relationship between



America and France and to commemorate both the centennial of the Declaration of Independence and the abolition of slavery in the US. Raphael Glucksmann, a French member of the European Parliament, feels that the US no longer embodies these ideals of liberty and freedom that led his country to gift it to us in the first place, and as such, it should be returned to France.

"We're going to say to the Americans who have chosen to side with the tyrants, to the Americans who fired researchers for demanding scientific freedom: 'Give us back the Statue of Liberty. We gave it to you as a gift, but apparently you despise it. So it will be just fine here at home,'" Glucksmann told his supporters at a convention on Sunday.

This came in response to the Trump administration's attempted budget cuts to the National Institutes of Health. Last month, they introduced a policy that would cap government funding for indirect costs to medical research, such as electricity and biohazard disposal, at only 15% of the direct costs. This will cause programs researching conditions such as Alzheimer's, cancer, and heart disease to lose several hundred million dollars of funding in total if the policy is ultimately implemented. In response, France has started a government initiative that will provide

these researchers with funding if they work in France instead.

Image via Ellis Island Foundation, Inc

China's Mixed Economic Signals

By Gavin Rutledge

China's economy, which is the world's second-largest, has recently had conflicting messages in 2025. This has left investors and analysts uncertain. The data shows a 5% GDP growth in 2024, but under the surface there is rising unemployment, slower factory output, and more. Since the global trade tensions have escalated with the U.S. tariff threats from Trump, this can cause more uncertainty with the economy.

Unemployment rose to 5.2% with youth joblessness at 16.1% and factory output slowed. Deflation is a problem as well with consumer prices barely up (0.2% in 2024) and factory prices down (2.2%). It is unclear where China's economy will go from here.

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Snow Leopard Sighting

By: Pyper McEwan

There was recently footage of four snow leopards that are rarely seen climbing up some snowy cliffs in northern Pakistan. This sighting has created some excitement. Snow leopards are among the world's most elusive animals in the wild. People have tried but it is very hard to catch one on camera, let alone four of them at once. This sighting has been marked as a success story. They have been trying to get pictures of these snow leopards for quite some time. There is a woman from Pakistan who has been tracking their pawprints in the snow for two weeks, trying to capture a picture. The woman told reporters

that the four snow leopards were a mother and her three cubs.

Of course, there have been other sightings of snow leopards here and there but it is very rare for there to be four in one go. The mother leopard was spotted first then soon after that the



cubs were following behind. The leopard was first spotted from a rooftop at someone's house, the person who spotted the leopards

walked up the snowy mountain to find them and take their picture. This was an exciting moment for a lot of people, and they intended to remember the mother and her cubs.

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Info: CNN

Opinion

Food Review - Ray Brothers BBQ

By Rhiannon Murray

This past Monday night the gang suited up in our best post-practice clothes to go celebrate our favorite leprechaun, Chloe LaFrance!! We were celebrating her birthday and not the fact someone tried to steal her pot of gold. As we arrived around 6:50 pm, we were immediately seated which was very shocking because we expected to wait. As we sat down a dear friend of my parents, Jenny, served us. For beverages we each got a slightly different drink, our birthday girl got a diet coke with a lemon, Lex got a shirley temple (in a bottle), Mads with a shirley temple but half club soda, Adey with a lemonade, and myself with a Roy Roger (a shirley temple but with diet coke instead of sprite). We also put in an order of nachos to start off our meal. We talked and giggled for some time reliving awesome moments from our previous

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high school years until our food came. For food Chloe got boss wings with a side order of mac and cheese, Lexie got a pulled chicken sandwich with cornbread, Adey got an order of nachos, and both myself and Madison got the special which was a bacon smash burger, I got fries with mine and Madison got cornbread. Everyone's food was so good (we of course had to try one another's to get a feel of all the food) and we barely had any leftovers. After we finished dinner our amazing server brought over an apple cake and ice cream for Chloe's birthday. I also have to add myself and Chloe got lotto tickets because she needed one on her 18th birthday, neither of us winning a single penny, if anyone is surprised.



Reviews :

Chloe : 100/10 - I LOVE Ray's!!!!!! It's my favorite place to eat within a 50 mile radius. I thought our service was super fast and awesome last night. My wings were AMAZING and it was wing night which made it so much better. I loved that the girls set up a little birthday surprise for me because that cake was delicious!!

Rhi : 9.5/10 - Our food was very good and it came out pretty fast. I thought the service was amazing and I will definitely be going back. It only got points off because it was wing night so I could not all my wings flat so I got something else.

Mads : 10/10 - I got the special which was a Blue Cheese SmashBurger, it was phenomenal. Cornbread on the side, perfection!! I will be going back when it's warmer to sit outside and listen to music. Perfect score for me!!

Adey : 10/10 - I don't like barbeque sauce that much but the nachos I had were top tier. Our waitress was very very nice and she was super

quick with both our drinks and food. It was a plus we didn't have to wait for a table and I even had extra nachos to bring home!!

Lexie : 8.5/10 - I LOVE Ray's and my food was so good. I did however take points off because my Shirley temple came in a glass bottle and I had to muster up the courage to ask for a separate cup with ice which was scary. Overall food was great and I was happy to be with Chlo on her special day!

Capitana: a Review

By Michael Hayden

Cassandra James's debut novel, *Capitana*, tells the story of 17-year-old Ximena Reale, pirate hunter in training, as she goes on a mission to rescue the queen from renowned pirate captain Gasparilla and attempts to earn the promotion to Cazadora. Along the way, she must grapple with her feelings toward the empire she serves, as well as choose which family she will ultimately remain loyal to: her birth parents, a pair of infamous pirates, or Admiral Gabriel Pérez, the cazador who took Ximena under his wing after her parents' execution.



So often, media starring a “strong female character” falls into the trap of making her utterly infallible to the point that she is no longer interesting. James, however, has managed to create a main character who balances lethal competence with doubts and fears. Ximena is ruthless, a skilled fighter, and the top of her class at the academy. However, she still has challenges to overcome. Others judge her for her parents' crimes. Her faith in the law is tested as she sees, over the course of her mission, how it is enforced throughout the empire. Additionally, Ximena is completely incapable of trust at the beginning of

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her mission, and she has to learn how to rely on others and work as part of a team. She is an excellent example of a protagonist who is capable and inspiring but still capable of character growth.

Ximena is also a startlingly accurate representation of a teenage girl. James, who is a recent graduate of Princeton's creative writing program, is young enough to still remember what it was like to be a 17-year-old girl. She has managed to capture the complicated feelings that a teenage girl has towards a hot but annoying older boy in a way that most older authors cannot hope to achieve. Many adult reviewers have disliked *Capitana* because of the romance between Ximena and her class rival, Dante, but I find that it actually makes Ximena more relatable to a high school audience.

In between all of Ximena's budding relationships is an amount of well-written action appropriate to a pirate novel. The various battles and duels are vividly described and easy to visualize. The final duel with Gasparilla is particularly fun because of the interesting terrain it takes place on. Some of the action can be less than fun to read, however: there are some fairly graphic descriptions of keelhauling, drowning, and injuries caused by a whip, so this book may not be for everyone.

The only thing that I did not like about *Capitana* was the second fake out at the end. The first fake out is necessary to make Ximena's final opinion on the empire clear. The second one would not be a problem, except for the fact that it is in the chapter immediately after the one containing the first fake out. The two false endings feel contrived simply because they're right next to each other. Otherwise, the ending is very satisfying, and the epilogue does an excellent job of introducing the coming sequel.

Overall, I loved *Capitana*, and I think it's perfect for our school library. I would recommend it to any high schooler who enjoys both action and romance.

Cover art by Micaela Alcaino

Sports

Varsity Baseball

By: Pyper McEwan

As we all know baseball season is right around the corner. There are many people excited for baseball season to start. So I asked Levi Neuenschwander and Thomas Roy some questions about the upcoming season.

1. Are you excited about the season starting?

Levi Neuenschwander: Hanging out with Cooper and getting matching mullets, and also the practices. And just getting dialed in to win.

Thomas Roy: Hopefully a winning record, and bus rides to games we know we will win. And those bus rides are way more hype.

2. What's your favorite part about baseball?

Levi Neuenschwander: My favorite part is winning and striking people out and winning games with all my friends.

Thomas Roy: My favorite part is probably getting some McDonalds after a good victory.

Girls Varsity Softball

By Eve McCorkle

This week, the girls' varsity softball team started their long-awaited season!



They began their practices in the gym. The girls were also outside for a couple of days taking advantage of the weather and the field. The girls have been working pretty hard for the first week of practice! Now let's see how some of the players and the coach are

feeling and are looking forward while the season progresses.

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First, I went and found Rhiannon Murray for a quick interview about what she was most looking forward to during this softball season! “I am most excited to be hanging out with the best teammates ever, win a bunch of games, and hopefully make it very far and win sectionals.” That is a great answer and seems like she is looking forward to a great season with her teammates! Next, I asked Izzy Catania and here is what they had to say, “I am most excited to be able to play with my friends on the team and to be able to play on the varsity team for an entire year.” Yet again a great answer! Lastly, I went and found Mr. Darrow and asked him what he was most looking forward to this season and here is what he said about it. “What am I most looking



forward to... the chance to see what a team that didn't graduate any seniors could do another year older.”

Overall, there seems to be a pattern throughout the interviewee's answers that we got today, so

good luck with your season, girls. Do great things! Be sure to check in next week to see how the team is doing!

Photo Creds: hcsvarsitysoftball (Instagram Account)

Colgate Hockey

By: Dylan George

The Colgate men's and women's hockey teams ended their seasons this past weekend in hard playoff battles. Although both teams could not win and move on, they each had strong battles and fought until the very end.

Men's Hockey: The Colgate men's hockey team hosted the Cornell Big Red in the ECAC quarterfinals this past weekend, where they were swept 2-0 in the series. On Friday night, the

Raiders lost a hard battle with a final score of 4-1. Alex DiPaolo scored the lone goal on the night, while goaltender Andrew Takacs had 24 saves. In a win-or-go-home scenario on Saturday night, the team fell short again, losing 3-0. The Raiders finished the season with an overall record of 18-15-3 and finished third in the ECAC with a record of 13-7-2.

Women's Hockey: The Colgate women's hockey team traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they faced off against the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers in the NCAA quarterfinal match in hopes of winning and advancing to the Frozen Four. The Golden Gophers took a 3-0 lead in the third period. Then, the Raiders could bounce back with a pair of goals, making the deficit just one. Unfortunately, they were held scoreless for the rest of the third period and lost 3-2. Elyssa Biederman and Avery Pickering scored goals for the Raiders. The Raiders finished their season ranked 5th overall in the country, with an overall record of 30-9-0.

Both men's and women's hockey teams had great seasons but could not complete their goals in playoff play. They will look to avenge these defeats next season.



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The Players Championship

By: Dylan George

This past weekend, the PGA held one of its biggest tournaments of the year: The Players Championship. Although the four majors—The Masters, PGA Championship, US Open, and The Open—are considered the best golf to watch, the Players Championship is nicknamed “the 5th Major,” and this year, it lived up to its name.

Every year, TPC Sawgrass, located in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, hosts The Players Championship, which is known to be one of the most difficult courses in the US. All the big names, such as Scottie Scheffler, Collin Morikawa, Justin Thomas, and Rory McIlroy, showed why they are some of the best players in the world. Defending Champion Scottie Scheffler had a fantastic start to the weekend, shooting a 69 on Thursday. However, he was unable to continue this hot streak, so he finished the tournament at -4 and tied for 20th. On Friday, Justin Thomas knew he needed to shoot well to qualify to play on Saturday and Sunday. Thomas ended up having one of the best rounds of his career, tying TPC Sawgrass’s course record, shooting a 62.

The top of the leaderboard was closed all weekend, and even a playoff was needed to decide the winner. On Sunday afternoon, bad weather forced the players to stop playing and go in for shelter. After a four-hour delay, they were allowed back out and were fortunately able to finish the final round. However, after four rounds, Rory McIlroy and JJ Spaun were tied and needed to play in a three-hole playoff to decide a winner. This playoff was played at 9 am Monday. Rory cruised past Spaun and won the Players Championship, finishing at -12 on the weekend.

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March Madness Preview

By Ezra Stahlberg

College Basketball's regular season is officially ending, and the playoffs are underway. The Men's Division One NCAA tournament seeding bracket was set on Sunday night with great round-one matchups. With round 64 beginning on Thursday night, here are my top five matchups for the first round of March Madness.

5. Louisville vs. Creighton: This matchup is an exciting eight-seed vs nine-seeded with two teams that have the potential to go far in the tournament. Many believe Louisville's athletics and ability to play on both sides of the ball will win them this game. I think the primary factor is Creighton's relentless offense lead senior center Ryan Kalkbrenne, a 7 foot 1 center who will be unmatched in size throughout the game; he has shown all year he is a prominent scorer, averaging 19 points a game and will help Creighton edge out a win against Louisville.

4. Gonzaga vs. Georgia: This matchup includes a solid Georgia team with a prominent and efficient scorer in senior forward Asa Newell, and one of the best eight seeds March Madness has ever seen in Gonzaga. This Gonzaga team is led by senior forward Graham Ikeand, who puts up 17 points and 7 rebounds a game. This is a test of what Gonzaga can do and is why I'm ranking it so high; they have serious potential to make it to the following weekend.

3. Kansas vs. Arkansas: This matchup features two evenly matched teams that could go either way. Both teams have prominent, experienced scorers who have been in the tournament. These teams could both win this game, but my main decider is how well Arkansas can defend 7-foot-2 senior Hunter Dickinson. If they can find a way to stop him, I see them winning this close matchup.

2. New Mexico vs. Marquette: Both teams have dominant, almost 20-point scorers and do very well on each end of the floor. New Mexico, although a 10 seed, has shown that they can

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compete with good teams, winning against UCLA and keeping it close with Saint Johns; the main deciding factor of this game is whether or not Marquette can't stop Junior Guard Donovan Dent, a prolific guard that can score at very high rates. With Dent's recent unstoppable performances, I could see this game going either way and will surely be worth a watch.'



1. UNC vs Ole Miss: Despite UNC being an 11-year-old, they have shown in their play against Xavier that they should not be taken lightly. These teams have played well in big games throughout the year and have shown strides in going far in the tournament. This game will be incredibly close and competitive. However, with UNC's momentum from the play in the game and their star scorers RJ Davis and Ian Jackson, they will shock the world, beat 7-seed Ole Miss, and go very far in the tournament.

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