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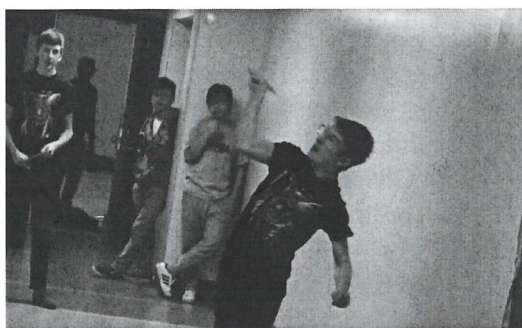
Fraquetball resumes

Tom Hobday
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, April 26, the first round of playoffs started. The season resumed after a long break, caused by damages to the hallway that Fraquetball is played in.

On Tuesday, March 22, Fraquetball was officially canceled for the first time in school history. Fraquetball was being shut down because of the holes in the wall, caused by players slamming into the wall to make saves. But on April 22, exactly one month after it was cancelled, the Fraquetball court is undergoing changes to fix it. Now, as soon as play starts up again, it will be playoffs.

There were three huge holes in the Fraquetball hallway,



Fraquetball play is as fervent as ever

and one smaller one. The walls are made of drywall, and are easy to break through. Spanish teacher Tim Leone-Getten proposed that the school put plywood up over the walls, and principal Dave Gundale agreed with that solution. The workers first fixed the drywall, then put the plywood over it. They will paint the plywood white, and play is expected to resume as soon as they're finished. The workers expect to be done by Monday.

There are two brackets of nineteen teams. Because of limited time, the games will be single elimination, unlike past years. That means if a good team has an off day, they

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Student walkout

Grace Gardner
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 26, some 60 OWL students walked out of school to protest the non renewal of a teacher's contract for next year.

Prior to leaving the building on Monday morning, the students met with student equity group Dare to Be Real (D2BR) teacher leaders Bridget Leba and Fiona Sheridan-McIver and D2BR founder Patrick Duffy, receiving support and information about protest methods. The students left the school building and walked to Rice Park in downtown Saint Paul, waving signs and wearing t-shirts. The students stayed at Rice Park until around 5:00 pm.

The protest sparked numerous discussions relating to racial diversity at OWL. The Purple Press hopes to cover some of those issues in our final edition in June.

Lip sync battles

Grace Bellamy
Staff Writer

The first notes of "Let It Go" play, and everyone turns their attention to the stage. Eighth grader Tom Hobday walks out wearing a Frozen Elsa dress, and starts to mouth the words to the song. Crew mates join Tom, and start to lip sync as well. Near the end of the song, 6th grader Pharrell Zens comes onstage and throws white confetti, to imitate snowfall. The crowd cheers and laughs as the song comes to an end. That performance will be hard to beat.



The lip sync battles that are now part of community

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OPEN NEWS

Mana-Tee: MS ultimate

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April 11th saw the first middle school ultimate league games in the state of Minnesota. OWL had two coed teams representing, with "Mana" playing Plymouth and "Tee" playing Ramsey. Both games took place at Ramsey Middle School in St. Paul.

With very long points due to wind and cold which caused lots of turnovers, the Mana won 8-6. The crucial moment was "When Leo [Dungan-Seaver, 7th grade] threw a beautiful floater flick and the defenders just gave up. They didn't think we were going to get it, but Oliver [Swanson, 7th grade] got it," according to 8th grader Connor Scott.

On the other hand, the Tee lost a hard game 7-3, with a score that did not reflect the near equal level of play

between the teams. Seventh grader Miles Pretel described what they hope to work on

next: "Movement and cutting into open space. We shouldn't focus so much on throwing and catching." Seventh grader Joe Deutch commented, "The points were really long, and it was really cold. The blanket came in clutch."

The middle school teams this year are being coached by Kathy Young and Jenny Asturias. There are several returning players who are proving

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Major League Soccer

Zhanna Dunagan

Staff Writer

Major League Soccer (MLS) could be coming to Minnesota sooner than we think. MLS is proposing an idea for Minnesota United to join as soon as the 2017 MLS season. Until the stadium is completed, they would most likely use the TCF Bank Stadium.

As part of their move to the MLS, it was unofficially announced that Minnesota United FC will change their name to just Minnesota FC, according to the U.S Patent and Trademark Office. Two of the MLS franchises are already "United." D.C. United is an MLS franchise first created 20 years ago, and next year an expansion team called Atlanta United will be joining MLS.



"I am very excited to have an MLS soccer stadium in St. Paul. I am an avid soccer fan and I continue to play year round. We used to have a professional soccer team in Minnesota and it will be nice to have it again," says Special Education teacher Jeff Steiner.

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The FrisbAes

Malachi Raymond
Staff Writer

The official season of OWL ultimate frisbee starts off to a rough start with a 0-3 record. "Even though we haven't won a game, we still have played very well," says Coach of the high school team Liam Shramko. This is only Liam's second year of coaching Ultimate Frisbee for OWL but last year he helped the manatees all the way to third place in the 2nd division so hopefully the manatees can do better this year. Liam is not as new as most people think though, he is an alumni of OWL, a previous captain of the 2007 ultimate frisbee team, and the inventor of Fraquetball.

This year we have 10 veterans, 8 new players, and one sidelined player; 12th grader Daniel LeTran sadly tore his ACL over the summer. As of key players, there is a good mix between cutters and handlers. Some main handlers include 11th grader Ma'ingan Sherrit-Stone, Sam Dale-Gau, and Patrick and Thomas Verner. Some of the main cutters

include Tom Hobday, Jordan Mitchell, and Jedi Casa. We also have a few hybrid players including Julius Williamson and Koua Yang.

With the season started we have already had the first tournament. The Hopkins Hustle was May 7 and 8, where we got to play against a bunch of other schools. "It is one of the most fun things you get to do in the Ultimate Frisbee season, It is a big highlight and something to look forward to," says 8th grader Tom Hobday. Next we are looking forward to the state tournament on June 5 and 6 which is also a ton of fun.

"There are many benefits with being on the A team like building teamwork, trust, and getting to know more people," says Jedi. Overall the season looks like it is going to be a good season with many more great games and amazing tournaments.

The Wo-Manatee

Siena Leone-Getten
Staff Writer

The high school girls ultimate team, the Womantee, opened their season against the Central Revolution on April 14th. The game was close in the first half, with Central leading 8-5. Windy conditions presented a significant challenge, forcing many downwind points and turnovers. After halftime, however, they gained a significant lead, and ended the game with 11-6. With the last point lasting nearly thirty minutes, the hard cap prevented any gain. That being said, last time the Womantee played this team they were shut out 15-0.

The girls coach, Jesse Petersen-Brant, is returning for the third year. There are many key returning players this year including 10th grader Doua Ci Lor, 11th grader Flannery Henke-Haney, 9th grader Athena Bolton-Steiner, and 10th grader Leona Derango. Additionally, the girls roster has grown considerably, with many promising new players, including 11th graders Anah Hardy, Irene Woods and Mayong Khang, all of whom have shown solid defense skills.

"Our goal is to be in division one this season," said 10th grader Doua Ci Lor, "We want to work really hard to get some wins, but also have good spirit." Jesse also com-

mented, "We've got a lot of potential this year and we are going to play hard to get some good points, hopefully win some games, so that's where we are focusing this year."

In their second game on April 19th, the Wo-Manatee beat the Roseville Riveters 10-5. 8th grader Lauren Mitchell, who plays on the high school team, says she hopes the team works on better offense in the wind. "We've been causing a lot of turnovers due to impulsive decisions when we have the time to make better choices."

The Wo-Manatee lost their third game to last year's state champs, the Great River Charter Stars on April 26th. "It was a solid performance from all of us. It was bitter cold and we pushed as hard as we could," said ninth grader Stella Cannon. The 4-12 score took the entire two hours time to achieve, and showed a significant gain in the Wo-Manatee's defense.

The team hopes to win some more games leading up to the Hopkins Hustle tournament. In the words of tenth grader Leona DeRango, "We've had a great first month, and were really starting to pick it up in terms of skill and competitiveness with other teams. I look forward to more success and improvement."

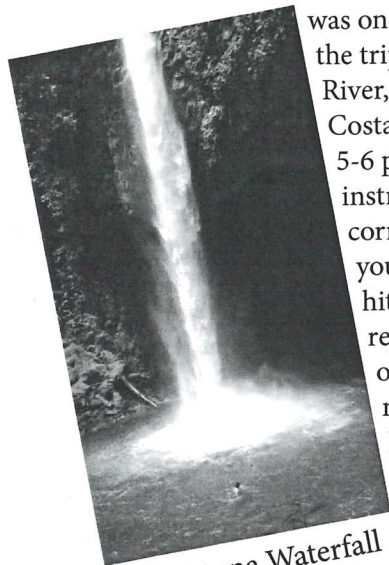


The high school girls team

Costa Ri-cap

Zoe Gale
Staff Writer

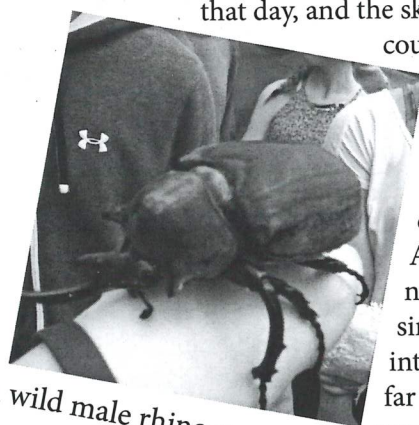
Open's Costa Rica trip lasted from April 1-9, with nine students ranging from 8th to 12th grade. Tom Totushek, math teacher, was the chaperone.



La Fortuna Waterfall

Most would agree that whitewater rafting was one of the biggest highlights of the trip. We traveled to the Sarapiquí River, which is surrounded by typical Costa Rican tropical forest, and fit 5-6 people per raft, including an instructor. If you don't put your feet correctly in the raft, there's a chance you'll fall out as soon as a wave hits you. "It was amazing. It was really fun and I enjoyed it because of the adrenaline and the swimming," said 10th grader Evan Hanna.

Another highlight was hiking in the Arenal Volcano National Park. On a given day, the tip of the Arenal Volcano is most likely covered, because the environment at that altitude is perfect for warm, humid air coming from the Atlantic to form clouds. We were incredibly lucky, because the entire volcano was visible the day we hiked on one of the national park's trails, and we had a direct view at the top of the trail. "The Arenal hike was probably one of the best experiences so far in my life," said 8th grader Henry Bowring-McDonough. "The clouds had completely cleared that day, and the sky was so blue. I



A wild male rhinoceros beetle I put on my hand.

at the end of the volcano.

The trip to the hot springs was incredibly relaxing, and the place looked like a resort. We went the evening after kayaking on Lake Arenal and the hot springs ranged from 90°F to over 110°F. "The hot springs weren't what I expected. They were much nicer and the relaxation was too real," said

senior Adriana Lantense, tightly-scheduled was a great chance (and swim) and lax.

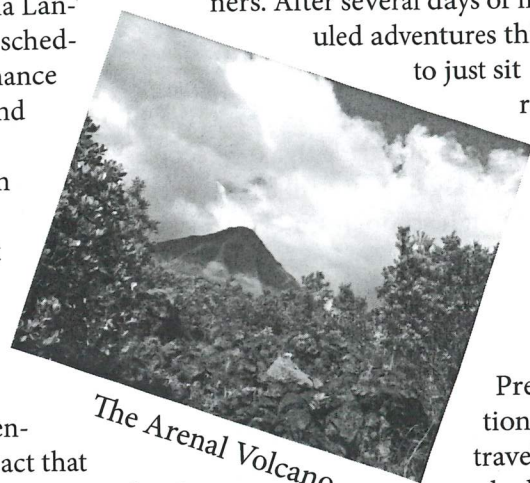
When I first talked to Tom about international trips while writing the Purple article, he mentioned the huge impact that can have on young people. Not students who went have fun, it was an experience that anyone would go out and do again. Immersing yourself in a different culture can be intimidating, but it was easy to adapt to Costa Rican ways while we were traveling.

"The Costa Rican culture is one that I had a very careful time becoming comfortable with. It was almost a culture shock for me how different customs are over in Costa Rica. However, I wouldn't take back that experience for anything in the world. It is so, so important for one who can to visit another culture and live in it, if only a few days,"

Henry. A very common saying in Costa Rica was "Pura vida," which translates literally to "pure life." People used it as a greeting, when saying or just acknowledging

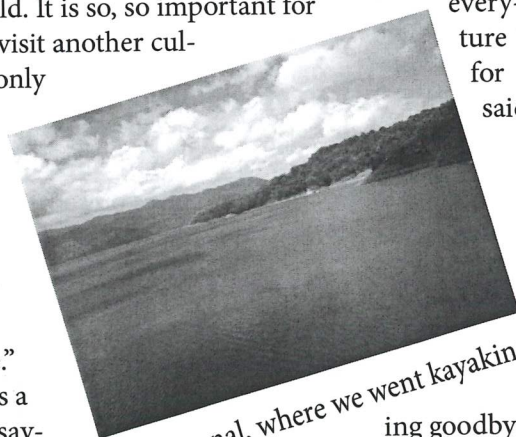
None of this would have been as informative and gone as smoothly without the help of our tour guide, Isabel, and our bus driver, Orlando. The whole trip was punctuated by information about Costa Rican education, government, customs, and ecological features, all provided by Isabel. Orlando drove our bus everywhere we went, got up early every morning, went to bed late every night, and deserves all the thanks we could give him. "He's a really nice guy. I thought we'd honestly get a different bus driver every trip, but he stuck with us the whole time, which was really nice," said 11th grader Diego Luke. "We got to know him better, and not see him as just like someone that drives us around, but as a friend."

OWL does hope to go on more international trips in the future, as long as there is enough student interest. Pura vida!



The Arenal Volcano

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Lake Arenal, where we went kayaking

ing goodbye, someone on the street.

Robots

Miles Pretel and Lachlan Cotner
Staff Writer

During spring break, the Owl robotics team, Open Circuits, advanced to the finals at the regional competition, placing seventh out of more than 60 teams. This is OWLs all time best placement at regionals.

"It was really fun to like, succeed" said Leona De-rango.

Owl has only had a robotics team for 3 years. The first year they won the Rookie Inspiration for doing the best as a rookie team. In 2015 the team won the Be FIRST Award for exemplifying the core values of FIRST.

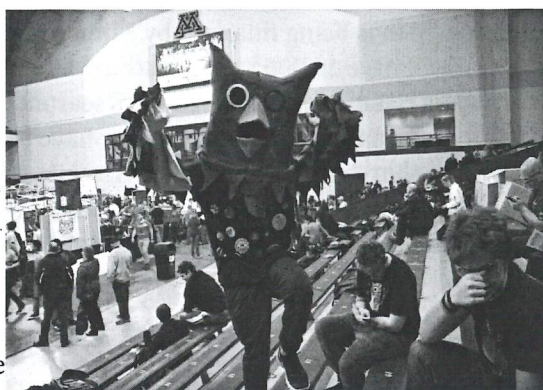
This year was the FIRST stronghold challenge and they built a robot to neutralize the opponent's defenses and to scale a

tower. They won six out of eight of their matches, with 2 losses. The goal of the competition is to bring boulders from one side of the field to the

other by picking them up, crossing defenses, and throwing the balls at the tower. Last year, the team made a robot that could do all the tasks but wasn't super good at all of them. This year, the Open Circuits decided to specialize and just make a robot that could do one thing super well: breaking defenses. The team was the second highest team in breaking defenses with a score of 455, the first place team had 460.

At the competition there is one day of practice rounds, then a day and a half of qualification matches and finally the playoffs. On the first day, the teams make final changes to the robot and the drivers get to practice before the actual matches. Franklin Bajenske, Eli Mangan, and Ella King all tried driving. They decided that Eli would be the main driver and Ella would drive when there were different defenses that she was better at.

After the qualification matches the top 8 teams draft two other teams each to be their "Alliance" for the playoffs tournament. This was another benefit of open's specialized strategy, even if they didn't end up ranked high a top team might've still picked them to break defenses. Considering their rank last year this was probably a good plan. However, when the qualification matches were over OWL was ranked 8th! Some of the top teams selected each other so suddenly



Open Circuits mascot cheering

State History Day!

Sovigne Gardner
Staff Writer

OWL had a record-setting performance at State History Day this year. Of the 26 projects that traveled to State, six projects qualified for Nationals in Washington, D.C., including 8th grader Theo Sage-Martinson's junior individual documentary; 11th grader Siena Leone-Getten's senior individual documentary; 10th graders Leona DeRango, Sam Dale-Gau, Eli Sage-Martinson, and Blake student Bjorn Holm's senior group documentary; 7th graders Freya Ebbesen and Isabella Graziani's junior group website, 11th grader Mae Goodrich's senior individual website; and 11th graders Grace and Sovigne Gardner's senior group website. All of these projects received first place in their categories except for Grace and Sovi-

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they were choosing their teammates for the fifth alliance. Many other low-ranked teams came to them to try to get the Circuits to choose them. "People kept coming up to us saying stuff like 'We're the best at breaking defenses, choose us!' But the whole time I was just thinking 'Actually we are the best at breaking defenses,' said driver Eli Mangan.

They selected the best teams remaining that complemented their skillset, robots that shot boulders at the enemy tower. Unfortunately, the best tower shooters were the top teams that were already part of different alliances so even though the Open Circuits did their job well they

were unable to win the competition.

The Open Circuits team is broken into sub-teams. They have a build team, a programming team, and a marketing team. The



The team rests during the competition

build team builds the robot and makes the control devices. The programming team makes the robot respond to the controller and they tell the robot what to do with different information. The marketing team tries to get sponsors to get money to build the robot.

"The robotics season was challenging, but at the competition we did really well and we had the best season yet, so that's encouraging for next year, when we get a new game, and have a new robot to build."

Name changes are now a common occurrence for Minnesota United. In 1976, Minnesota began its professional soccer history when the Kicks were officially made a team for North American Soccer League (NASL). The next team was founded in 1994 and was called the Minnesota Thunder. Then in 2010, the Minnesota Stars were created. In 2013 Bill McGuire purchased them and the name was changed once again to Minnesota United FC. Now in 2016, after being awarded an MLS spot, they are most likely changing their name to Minnesota FC.

Leagues that Minnesota soccer clubs have played in really have evolved over time; for the better or for the worse. The first league Minnesota was a part of was the North American Soccer League (NASL), between 1968-1984, known as the Golden Era. The FIFA sanctioned United Soccer Association and the unsanctioned National Professional Soccer League combined to form NASL. Towards the mid 1970s to the early 1980s NASL was the standout of the Golden Era, with the attendance of most games reaching over 40,000. The New York Cosmos added world class stars to their team including Franz Beckenbauer, Pele, and Carlos Alberto. TV channels started to broadcast the games, and as many as 10 million people watched them. NASL made lots of rule changes to keep Americans intrigued, but as teams started to drop out of the league, it ended in 1985.

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meetings were inspired by science teacher Rebecca Palmer was influenced by two of her crew students, 10th grader Malik Sims and senior Elijaah Terrell, who were dancing and singing in the stairway. Rebecca was talking about the idea during lunch, and she mentioned that it would be fun to have at a community meeting.

The process to prepare for a lip sync battle is practice, but that looks different for every crew. Science teacher Rebecca's crew watched videos of lip sync battles and tried to copy them. We only practiced about twice, says 8th grader Madeline Gray, whereas both crews that participated in April 14th's battle started rehearsing about two weeks in advance. To do well, Madeline said "Don't be ashamed to make a fool of yourself in front of the entire school." 7th grader Miles Pretel said that they only finished the choreography in the last two days before the battle. He said that they had to understand how the audience would respond, and whether they wanted people clap because it was good, or because it was funny. "I was just nervous that I would mess it up," said Miles.



The modern version of NASL is a Division II team, one step below the country's top league, the MLS. NASL salaries range between \$15,000 to \$100,000 per year. Most players however, are paid less than \$40,000.

The season is split into two parts: a spring season and a fall season. The spring season starts for United on April 2nd, and their last game is on June 11th. As for the fall season, it starts for them on July 2nd and the regular season wraps up on October 29th. The spring season is short, with only 10 games, however in fall season they play 22 games. In total United plays 32 regular season games. Most games are broadcast, either on ESPN3 or local television KSTC 45. Once Minnesota joins the MLS, most of their games will be aired on ESPN and ESPN 2.

On February 24th, stadium plans and pictures were released. The stadium is estimated to cost around \$150 million, which is being financed by Minnesota United.. The stadium will have 20,000 seats and the estimated completion date is right before the 2018 MLS season.

"I mean I guess whatever they have to do, were lucky enough to have an MLS team. The city could have voted against it because we just got a Vikings stadium that costs around 1 billion dollars, so in a way we got lucky," says 8th grader Micah Gundale.

Ever since the first battle, both students and teachers seem to look forward to this segment of the community meeting. Lots of students think that it adds interest to the community meeting. "It provides a more entertaining atmosphere for [the audience]," said 9th grader Kathryn Brazel.

The most recent battle was between Tim's crew and science teacher Sorcha Nix's crew. Both crews had some difficulty in hearing the music.

Sorcha's crew won with songs "Get Your Head in the Game," from High School Musical, and "You Belong With Me," by Taylor Swift. "We just kind of YOLOed it, and it worked out," said 11th grader Siena Leone-Getten of Sorcha's crew.

The next lip sync battle will be between two English teachers' crews -- Leo Bickelhaupt, and Kevin Hansen. Leo's crew is very excited, according to 11th grader Grace Gardner and 8th grader Quinn Christensen, and wishes the best of luck to Kevin's crew. Kevin said that his crew welcomes the challenge that Leo's crew will bring, and is very confident that they will win.

How to survive college trips

Sovigne Gardner
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again—spring has finally arrived, and 11th graders are starting to think about which colleges they might apply to during the next school year. For many, this includes visiting college campuses to discover which schools they would like to apply to, and which schools they don't want to attend. Like many other students across the country, my sister Grace and I went on college trips during our spring break.

These visits typically include an Information Session where an admissions officer tells you about the school and a Campus Tour where a student shows you around and answers questions. Students can also set up times to talk to coaches during their visit. Most of the time coaches will take time out of their day to talk to you about their program. Grace and I talked to rowing coaches at nine of the ten colleges we visited.

Columbia:

Located in New York City, Columbia has some really unique opportunities. There is a program where students can go to events in the city for reduced prices, like Broadway shows, the Met Opera, sports games, and museums.

Columbia's sports complex is way up on the north end of Manhattan, and it hardly felt like it was on the island, because it's right by Inwood Hill park, and there are not a ton of buildings. Everyone was really friendly, although a student came up to us and said "Do not come here, it is hell!" (I'm pretty sure he was joking!) I was surprised by Columbia's beautiful campus, I had imagined that it would not feel like a college campus because it is in the heart of New York City.

University of Virginia:

The University of Virginia was founded by Thomas Jefferson and the buildings were a really cool glimpse into the past. The great thing about the information session and tour was that everything was student led, because they really focus on student involvement. On our tour, we even got to see an a capella group perform, which was really cool! I can't stress enough how beautiful the campus is. Virginia has a very nice climate, there were actually flowers on campus!



The central quad at UVA

During the tour, the guy emphasized how safe he felt on the campus, and the girl said nothing. Obviously he would feel safe, he's a tall white male! Although the tour guides were charming, they seemed insincere. After the tour, we visited the rowing coach, who just said "You know you need good grades to go here, right?"

Bryn Mawr:

Bryn Mawr is an all-women's college in Pennsylvania and it was probably one of the most beautiful campuses I visited. We had the opportunity to stay overnight in a student's dorm room, which was really fun, but after visiting two colleges earlier that day Grace and I were pretty wiped out. Then we had to wake up at 5:00 am to go to rowing practice! It was below freezing during practice, so Grace

and I were offered survival suits. We were going to decline, but ultimately decided that comfort was more important than pride. We also got to eat breakfast with the team, which was really cool! After the information session and tour I could definitely see myself here.

Rutgers:

We unfortunately didn't get to tour the school, but we did get to talk to a faculty member and two of the rowing coaches. The assistant coach actually drove us around the campus and showed us where the athletes work out when they are not at the boathouse! We also had a chance to talk to the head coach. Even though we didn't

have a conventional visit, Rutgers was one of the best college experiences because we were able to get a very comprehensive view of the school. Everyone I met made a really good impression on me!



Probably what Grace and I looked like in our survival suits

UPenn:

UPenn is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is often referred to as the "forgotten Ivy." This was probably the most bizarre of our college experiences. Our tour guides were two students from the Wharton School of Business (Donald Trump's alma mater). One of them was a really tall white guy, probably around 6'4", and the other was a short Asian girl.

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can be eliminated. The Flying Pickles (Daniel Letran and Chua Moua) look to be the favorites to win the title, during the regular season they beat El Tigre (Tom Hobday and Ma'iingan Sherrit-Stone) and the Alpha Numericals. (Math Teachers Tom Totushek and Damon Liberatore.) Both were convincing wins, and that is in the strongest lunch. In the other lunch, Los Geezers (Tim and English teacher Leo Bickelhaupt) are looking strong, but they might not be able to stand up to the fire power of the Flying Pickles. The Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies (Yeeleng Xiong and Koua Yang) are the first seed in that lunch, and have the easiest path to the title.

Originally, the chances of saving the season looked slim. The district employs carpenters, and the carpenters have a union. With a limited amount of carpenters, jobs get done slower. If a school wants to take matters into their own hands though, they can't because that would be taking money away from the carpenters. So now the school had to wait until was available. Luckily, we got some relatively fast. When asked when the walls would be fixed, Dave said "when the district hears that we need to fix a "Fraquetball" court, that's not going to be high on the priority list." An example of how long it takes the district takes to fix things is the water fountain outside of social studies teacher Sarah Dickhausen's classroom. The water fountain has been broken all year, with a brief week of it working. Workers were

supposed to work on it over spring break, according to Tim and Dave, but it remains unfixed. But now the district is coming through, making "really good time" according to Dave.

Many players were upset with the canceling. "Fraquetball being cancelled really sucks. I was all ready to have a game and then they said it was canceled. It was very disappointing," says 8th grader Jedi Casas. Many other players had expressed anger. They say they were looking forward to the remainder of the season, and were surprised when play was cancelled. Co-Commissioner Daniel LeTran on the other hand, understood the decision. "It's upsetting but understandable. I'm glad they are enforcing the rules." When asked about the decision, Co-Commissioner Chua Moua laughed. He said "I had a big part in that decision, I broke the

wall." Now, players are excited for the rest of the season. Jedi says, "I can't wait to get back playing. The rest of the season should be interesting."

The season is looking like it is a good one. There were many teams fighting for top seeds, and the playoffs look like they are going to be exciting. Now, after a long break, play will resume by as soon as Monday. Now, playoffs start right away, with first round series only lasting one game because of time constraints. Fraquetball will end up with a champion this year after all.



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Six pieces of advice:

1. You probably are going to see at least one college that doesn't fit you at all. This is 100% okay, and if this happens, at least your college choices just got easier! The goal is to expose yourself to a variety of places to see what you like.

2. DO NOT ask questions the tour guide or admissions officer already answered. It's annoying and wastes everyone's time (I'm looking at you girl visiting Georgetown).

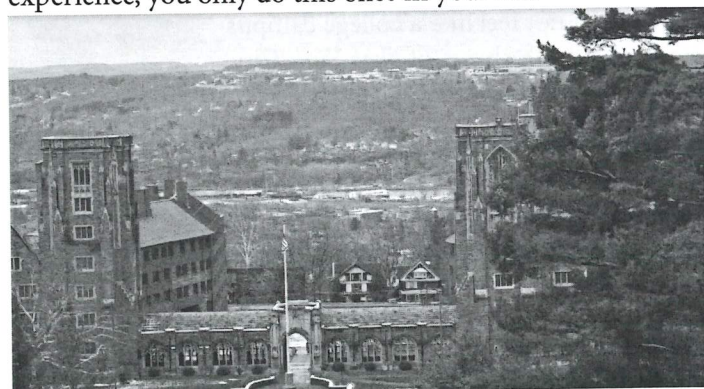
3. If you are doing a long trip, sleep every chance you get. Trust me, you will need it! Nothing is worse than doing a college tour when you can barely keep your eyes open.

4. If you know what kind of major you are interested in, you should research what options the school has. You don't want to ask your tour guide a question about a major that doesn't exist at the school, that's just embarrassing!

5. Every college offers extensive financial aid, and they really look for geographic and socioeconomic diversity. I don't know if I'll end up going to school in Minnesota or on the East Coast, but I do know I will apply to a few places

and hopefully get a good financial aid package at one of them.

6. Most importantly, don't stress out too much! It's in the colleges' best interest to be welcoming. Unless you mess up really badly and burn down some buildings or something, no one will care if you make some mistakes. Just enjoy the experience, you only do this once in your life!



We thought it would be warmer on this trip than in Minnesota but instead it snowed. Typical.

STUDENT LIFE

Crime in the school

Theo Sage-Martinson
Staff Writer

A minecraft shirt wearing blonde 6th grader was clocked at 8.1 mph on the second floor circle road at 10:01 am on his way to Kevin Hansen's class.

St. Paul Public Schools security officer Charlotte (last name here) was on duty as part of SPPS effort to stop iPad Walking when she spotted the youth.

"He was heading towards... Kevin's room, the first signal I got was at 8.1 mph then 7.9 mph then 7.4 mph.



The clothing of the culprit.

When he went by me he was a blur I am used to seeing 5.4 mph and what that looks like. It was like a rocket on legs," reported Charlotte. "I had to get up to 6.5 just to get close enough for him to hear me."

The 11 year old merriam park boy pulled over quickly. The boy has several other misdemeanors for iPad walking. If the child is arrested again for a walking crime he will have his iPad taken away.

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Foot bump

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Last week in Rebecca Palmer's first hour class, OWL seventh grader Walter Tudge bumped the leg of fellow seventh grader Philip Guborp, without apologizing.

The incident was reported as the most aggressive act any Minnesotan has taken since 1876 when William Williamson III implied that his friend might have made a mistake on one of his tax forms.

"It was awful," Philip said, recounting the incident. "His shoe was a little muddy and I was wearing my white pants that day, so it was a mess."

Philip's pants have thankfully been cleaned after extensive work by his mother. But, according to Philip, "I'll never heal physically or emotionally. My leg has a little red-dish mark on it now."

When asked about why he did not instantly apologize for the incident, Walter replied as such. "I thought I had hit a backpack, so I didn't say anything."

According to Philip, however, the bumping was pre-meditated. "There was death in his eyes, he knew what he was doing."

Walter is faced with three months of not being allowed to sit at the lunch table with everyone else.

Quarter 4 expectations

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St. Paul, MN- Calling the move "cute," and "innocent," a report stated that local teacher Kevin Hansen naively expects students to keep working despite reports from students that there's "like two months left, c'mon," of the school year. His expectation for the last two months are reportedly "too much," according to senior Julius Williamson.

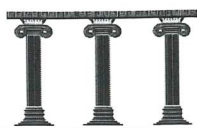
The work he's asking students to complete is three student composed poems, a paragraph about their favorite animal, finish a coloring book before the end of the year, and one single grammatically correct sentence.

The move has motivated other teachers in the building. Veteran teacher Leo Bickelhaupt said the move was "kinda refreshing," to see, saying it was "cute," and made

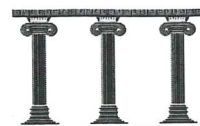
him remember his first few years teaching when he also thought that the school year ended when school got out, not when third quarter ended. He later said that he might even try to pull something like that on his students.

The Open School Students Union released a statement in a press conference the following day. "Obviously this must be some mistake," the report says, "There's no way this work will actually get done. We are working with their representatives to find a solution, because the current situation will not work." Their proposed fix, which has so far been declined by the district, includes no actual work, and several clauses stating students may skip class at any point.

So far Kevin has not regressed his plan for his students, and declined our requests for an interview.



COLUMNS



Antonio vs. Hair



Antonio Carvale
Staff Columnist

This is quite a hairy situation. Ah classic pun. Someone put me out of my misery.

So about a week or 6 ago, dumb kid sister and I were watching Terminator 2 because unlike every other young year old in the world, she's not as much as a loser as I thought she'd be. So we were watching T2 and she's messing with my hair cause she's a dumb kid. And she's all "your hair's too long, can I cut it?" And I

was like sure, because no change here but I just love to find ways to make my life worse. And Jesus flippin christo I hit the mothership with this one. So she started with scissors and just like 9/11 my hair was up and big as hell then outta nowhere BAM. It was gone and in flames and it was all a setup, thanks Obama.

So after seeing the ground zero just chillin on my head like a hat of shame, I told dumb kid sister she did alright. True? Flip to the hell of the got damned NO. But on account of her being a dumb kid, I wasn't gonna be the one to break it to her that life never works out the way you think it will and being a dumb innocent kid is the last time I can consider you legit before growing up and becoming as fake as the rest of the world. Whoever wrote that dumb rye catcher book is a total copycat. So seeing how proud she was while laughing at my new hair was basically game set match. Yet at the same time game over considering I look like a goddamned goomba from super Mario.

Other things I look like are included but not limited to, a shark, a hedgehog, ripely from alien 3, a box turtle, Dave, a chicken drumstick, Danny devito, a whale, your mom's new boyfriend. Nice. the dude from Full Metal Jacket who kills himself, an egg, golem, mr potato head, an ostrich, a thumb, and anything that survived Chernobyl.

Any more things I look like can be written in ketchup on the lunchroom ceiling. That's the only sure way anyone will notice.

The real question is why I let a dumb kid cut my hair? Trick question. Your mom. Nice.

Because this is war baby, and if the nazis don't find a way to harness the ufo technology we're going down and they're going up, and you should all be thanking me,

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Islamophobia

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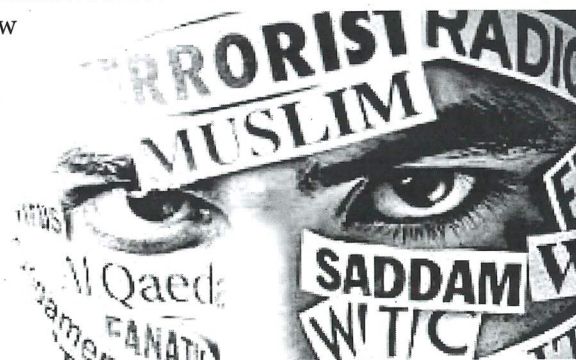
In almost every grocery store I'm stared at. I'm often asked, "did your dad make you wear that?" When I say no, they look perplexed. The people who call me terrorist don't even tell me to my face.

My dad had me go to Muslim schools for most of my elementary and middle school years so I wouldn't have to deal with the post 9/11 backlash. He didn't even tell me about Islamophobia and racism towards people like us until the Boston marathon bombing when I was in the sixth grade. When I finally found out, I thought back to certain situations outside of school and it explained a lot.

But I have it good. Imagine getting hit by a truck and beaten by two men. Or having "go back to your country" spray painted across your garage door, getting spat on while driving, getting kicked off an airplane for speaking your native language. Going to Trump rallies to peacefully protest, and along with Black, Latino, Asian and Native Americans getting beaten by Trump supporters.

Islamophobia has swept the nation. This form of racism (yes racism, I will explain) has existed since the time of Malcolm X, when the FBI would spy on anyone who identified with the Nation of Islam, a sect of Islam that focuses on black issues. It only recently got popular when it occurred to rich white people that it might affect them. (It doesn't... unless they're a rich white Muslim. Then maybe) From Bill Maher, "They will (expletive) kill you like the mafia." Bill O'Reilly made claims that we should be watching Muslim communities on account of them being suspicious. Islamophobia has become a hot topic and a way for white news anchors to make even more money.

Starting with the basics, Islamophobia is the fear of, or discrimination towards Muslims. It is in fact racialized (I know I know Islam is not a race, keep reading) and wouldn't exist if the majority of Muslims weren't People



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Trump used confusion! GOP fainted!

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If you've watched or listened to any news lately, you've probably heard about Donald Trump. If you haven't, go watch the news. Now. Seriously, you need to be better informed if you haven't heard about Donald Trump. So, today I'm trying to tell you about the Tale of the GOP's Confusion, beginning with Donald Trump's announcement of his candidacy.

Way, way back in June 2015, Donald Trump announced he was running for the republican presidential nomination. He's floated the idea a few times, but this is the first time he's actually done it. And he's done a splendid job of it; he's the front-runner for the republicans. Unfortunately, many republicans don't like him that much. Or even at all. So, when the front-runner doesn't have the heart of the party, it might be a problem.

The republicans are split between the crazy @\$\$ Trump supporters, the potentially crazier evangelical Cruz supporters, and the slightly more moderate Kasich supporters. None of these factions will really be enthusiastic about either of the others. Cruz and Kasich supporters are #NeverTrump, Trump and Kasich supporters are #NeverCruz, and Cruz and Trump supporters don't want to vote for Kasich. This means that the republicans don't really know what they want to be - which is dangerous for them winning the presidential election.

Some people are hoping for a brokered convention, which means that no one has enough votes to get the nomination, and the delegates are freed from voting for the candidate they were made to. This could lead to someone getting the nomination that hasn't even been running, like Paul Ryan, or Mitt Romney. (Ryan has said he won't accept the nomination, but remember Mitt Romney? He won 47% of the popular vote - the 47% of people who would never vote for a democrat.)

But regardless, the GOP today is confused and broken. Hopefully (for me) this leads to a victory for the democrats in November, but if it doesn't, I shudder to think of a Trump or Cruz presidency - it would likely end up badly and potentially end in a recession or something even worse, like a fascist dictatorship. (If you haven't seen a Trump rally and think I'm mistaken, go look at one and see how I'm right.) I hope that this great nation elects someone respectable, like Bernie Sanders, to the office of President. *

Spring

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As some of you may have noticed it is now spring.

Spring brings all sorts of things, some of which quite nice and some of them about as fun as walking across burning, broken glass while angry suburban moms shout at you about who made the best casserole at the most recent school sanctioned potluck.

Some of the obvious nice things include the frisbee



season and warmer weather. However, there are some less visible effects. One of my favorites is the longer days. With more daylight each day it allows for more time for whatever you wish to do, such as toppling grandmas.

Another less visible effect of spring is animals are returning from migration or coming out of hibernation. Seeing all your favorite adorable critters is always a plus, especially when they are on the side of road. Yes, roadkill season will soon be in full spring, giving you an ample supply of crispy critters for your personal enjoyment. Whether you want to put them in your neighbor's yard or in your oven for Easter dinner, the choices are endless.

Now, with all these good things going on it seems only reasonable that there are some negative ones. A major thing this season is testing. Some of you may have been acquainted with the test known as the MCA. Now, unlike the rapper MCA of Beastie Boys, this test has neither sick flow or Led Zeppelin sampling. Instead you're in for a treat of long periods of silence over a low undertone of crying. However, both these MCAs run the chance of dying halfway through, either of cancer or technical problems.

As miserable as this test may be it pales in comparison to things like the AP tests or the ACT. These tests are hours long and have much larger consequences for failure. If you fail your MCAs your teachers might get smited by the high priest Smellaria Silva (no relation to our glorious superintendent whatsoever) but if you fail your AP test you miss out on college

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of Color and the majority of people think of Muslims as Middle Eastern or South Asians. Islam, believe it or not, is the second largest religion on earth. Christianity is the biggest. The majority of Christians are white. And they aren't blamed for every single act of one of the people of their religion. There are 2.2 billion Christians on earth, that would be a generalization, correct?

Well, Islam has 1.6 billion followers what's the difference? The color of their skin. If this is not enough evidence to prove this is an issue of race, listen to this. There is a religious group called Sikhs these people are known to wear turbans. Turbans are also a part of middle eastern culture. It's common for Sikhs to be beaten to death (I kid you not) one of the many cases is one in Fresno, California on December 26, 2015. The man was beaten, then stabbed waiting for a ride to work in the cold. When the perpetrators are asked why, they say they "look Muslim". So basically they look brown. Again, the idea of Muslims has become a Middle Eastern or South Asian looking person, and if you want to get even deeper into it notice that Black Muslims have it worse than non-black Muslims, or how the darker your skin is the easier it is to be affected by Islamophobia. (I do recognize the privilege I have being a light skin middle eastern and Muslim, darker Muslims I've met have it worse.)

If that's not enough, I think everyone knows the infamous label put on every Muslim in this country: terrorist. Whether it be homeland security or an ignorant person passing you by. Notice that the media will never call the Columbine shooter, the Charleston Shooter, the #our-threewinners Shooter, the Sandy Hook shooter, the list goes on, have never been called terrorists. It's not just the media it's also institution. Dylan Roof the terrorist who shot up a church filled with black people in charleston wasn't charged on account of terrorism. Because killing nine innocent people during Sunday worship is not terrorism (sarcasm). Especially when they're black.

Statistics show that white terrorism is America's biggest threat. According to a study done by the New America foundation based in D.C., there are more white people committing acts of terror than people of color, and you're seven times more likely to be attacked by a right wing extremist than a Muslim. When these people commit these acts, it's passed off as, he had no friends -- I wonder why -- he was a quiet kid. Blah blah blah. If I were to steal a bag of chips and the camera saw my hijab, instant terrorist.

I'll finish on a personal note. I've been called terrorist once or twice. Stared at in the grocery store, at the bank, in small towns. The sad part is my parents moved from Iraq to escape terrorism, to let me have a better life. My family has had a long history in defending the Kurdish and Iraqi borders from terrorism (in the Pesh Merga forces), and in my family six people have died in the fight against ISIS/

Daesh. My two cousins fled from Iraq recently and are now trapped in the border of Macedonia along with other refugees, and I'm called a terrorist. 92% of people killed by ISIS/ Daesh are Muslim, but white news anchors and presidential nominees have the audacity to make it about themselves.

My parents came here to flee from terrorism, to protect me from it and one of these days I could end up like Deah, Yazor, Rezan, Mohamed, Mohanad, and Omar (young Muslims killed by white supremacists here in the U.S. From the #OurThreeBrothers and #OurThreeWinners) and yet I'm still called the terrorist.

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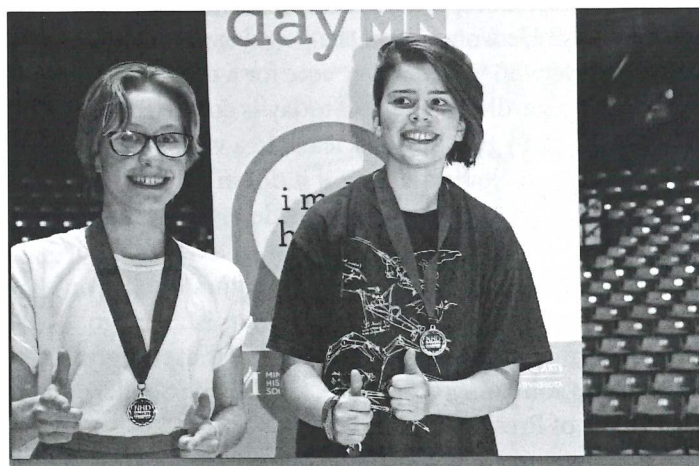
gne, who received second place. Four projects took home third place (first alternate to Nationals), two projects took home fourth place, and eight received honorable mention.



On top of this, seven projects received topical prizes, and Eli received the Kurtzman History Day Internship.

Many of these projects will be available for viewing at the OWL State History Day Project Showcase on Friday the 13th at 5:00pm.

"I'm so proud of our students; they represented OWL with pride," said history teacher Katie Craven.



An open letter to hell-icopter parents

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Imagine if you will, a world where you've made it to college. Yes, you managed to pass calculus and statistics classes, and you just barely scraped by in AP lit. You go to campus and meet many people including a crying freshman, your disgruntled Latin professor and your creepy roommate. As you walk into your dorm room and settle into your haphazardly put together Ikea bed, your mother walks in the room and sets down her luggage. She insists that she's here to watch you and will be in your dorm room for the next month or so. You swear you can never escape this woman, and proceed to get an RA (resident assistant) to kick her out. She keeps



showing up at random times, pretty much ruining your first year of college.

That sounds like a horror story, right? However, this is the sad reality for Reddit user "uncreativemynameis" and many other students or grown adults. They have the misfortune of being born to "helicopter parents", a new breed of adults that, according to Webster's Dictionary is "a parent who is overly involved in the life of his or her child" and as I and many other people have seen or experienced, ends up running every part of your life with the intensity of an under-achieving dad at a Little League game.

In my book, there is a fine line between protecting your kids and overprotecting them. Protecting your kids can be somewhere along the lines of teaching them about the dangers of drugs, whereas performing an FBI level background check on all their friends would be considered overprotective. If you would happen to fall under the second category, please continue to read this article. Feel free to take some notes.

The value of independence

If you continue to shelter your child like you do now, they

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credits, which could cost hundreds or even thousands of dollars to get while in college. Alternatively, if you do poorly on your ACT you run the risk of not getting into whatever expensive Ivy League school for your silly degree that has a career forecast as bleak as yourself. That's right, there are tests that actually affect your future. Definitely a negative thing.

A second thing is the abundance of flowers. For those of you with allergies you may already dislike flowers. Flowers, much like Santa or babies, use their good looks to get away with things. Flowers have been linked to drug trafficking and the illuminati. Also, heroin is made from poppies, which are flowers. I think anyone in a tinfoil hat should know enough to educate you about the evil doings of flowers.

As the end of the year comes around we start to have a few, maybe just a couple, well a little more than a few, ok more like a bazillion events. Like fo' real, bro, like a bazillion. I honestly think that if I were to attempt to attend all the dang events that you fools come up with I would either need a time machine or some sort of ridiculous, moronic clone that looked like me or something.

But, joking aside, there is a ridiculous amount of events, which for someone like me who doesn't really care either way isn't much of a problem, but it's really annoying when everyone is all like "why didn't you show up the Nerd Club Banquet?", "why didn't you show up at your trial?", "why didn't you come to your Great uncle's funeral?"

In all honesty spring is my favorite season, with things like cycling and frisbee. And I won't have any homework soon or have to interact with any annoying kids, which is a plus.

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A gold sparkly pencil was reported missing from table 5 in room 2216 at 8:23 yesterday morning. This is the third pencil reported missing from 2216 between 7:30-8:40 on a B day. "This may entail a serious investigation hopefully one of our intensive hallway sweeps will bring out this pencil thief," said principal David Gundale.

An iPad Air 2 with a gray case made by stmbags.com was reported missing from 2319 at 10:47 two days ago. "They probably just lost it," said Dave.

A tall male student wearing a green shirt was spotted leaving the premises early Tuesday morning. It is believed that the student was making a routine pizza run. "The students left the building at 10:03 and returned with a shady box at 10:11 yesterday," Dave said.

At 1:23 yesterday two students were taken to the office for several iPad violations including discovering how to play Pokemon online. "We got those suckers," Dave said.

Political Commentary

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Staff Writer

Seeing that the presidential elections are rapidly approaching, I figured it'd be a good idea to inform everyone of our current presidential candidates and where they stand.

Firstly, we've got our main man, the front runner Donald Drumpf. Basing his campaign on the common man and his life, Drumpf endorses lowering taxes for himself, because he is just like you or me. He feels that gun control is a bunch of 1984 poppycock, trying to prevent America's given right of buying automatic weapons while also being clinically insane. One problem with Drumpf is that in his political speeches he promotes targeting the families of those people from other countries who are certainly all terrorists. Firstly, the Green Goblin from Spiderman already did that. Secondly, Drumpf is going on TV and promoting war crimes and people want to make him president. When I do that I just get "arrested" because that's "immoral" and "illegal" and is a sign of me being a "violent psychopath."

On the other side of the metaphorical river we have Colonel Bernie Sanders. Colonel Sanders is a bit more critical of the human race than Future President Drumpf is. Colonel Sanders wants to



restrict our basic human right of polluting the area that we live in until it is unrecognizable and then moving to Canada because we messed up the other place. Wake up sheeple, this guy is bad news. He thinks guns can hurt people, and that not everyone should have them. When you say the world "oil" or "terrorism" in front of him, he doesn't go into a mad bloodrage and level half a city block. You know what that sounds like? Blatant communism.

On the original side of the metaphorical river there is Rafael "Ted" Cruz, the girl on fire. According to his website he fights a lot with the supreme court in order to keep church and state one body. This means that when Azathoth, The Nuclear Chaos returns from the inky void of the outer universe, his church will be a part of our government. Which means that Azathoth will have to stop killing people with just a look, and he'll have to use due process and stuff. Azathoth ain't got

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will never learn how to fight for themselves. I know some kids my age that can't make food or use a stove because their parents have been doing everything for them. Lucy L., a suburban mom summarizes: "Don't do something for your child that he or she is capable of doing for themselves." I can see why a parent would want to care for their kid for as long as possible, but when parents do the work for an extremely competent child, the kid never learns how to do something themselves. Parents won't be around forever, and then what? We need to learn early that life is like unsweetened iced tea, beautiful to look at, but on the inside it's a cold and bitter hell that does not care about you or your loved ones.

Supervision: how much is too much?

Breaking news: adolescents are going to make mistakes and learn from them, but only if you let them take those risks in the first place. Nowadays, in the age of cellphones you have the freedom of sending your kids out in the neighborhood knowing that at the slightest sign of trouble, they can call you. However, you don't need to know where they are at every moment. When a parent won't let their child go out and learn about the perceived dangers in the world, they end up with a kid who is unable to deal with minor scrapes and bruises. According to jezebel.com, some parents are going overkill and monitoring their kids day and night by implanting chips in their children. You heard me right. This is their child, not some one-eyed dog-show reject. It's okay to let your kid roam, even vital to do so, but chipping is way too far.

Let them weigh in; it's their life. Cue Bon Jovi track: "It's My Life." When it comes to decisions, start them early. Let them chose their hobbies, friends and activities. Not only will they be happier, but they will also learn how to make decisions, which is a skill they need later in life. Take this story for example; my neighbor has a co-worker that makes up one half of a mother-daughter duo that have some indecisive tendencies. The mom did all the decision-making for the daughter, but now she's in college, and has been for the past nine years. The daughter can't choose what her major will be and her mom continues to pay for college all these years.

To sum it up, making disgruntled calls to college professors and ruthlessly judging your child's friendships is hard work. Bonnie Rochman from Time magazine says "High level of involvement is stressful for parents," and I'd have to agree. Helicopter parents need to learn to lay back and let their kids manage their own lives, not only to raise accomplished adults, but also to get them ready for the real world.



Batman v. Superman 5.5/10

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Critics love bad movies because they get to be mean. Although the downfall of movies doesn't have to be a bad actor. In this case it was a lot of bad advertising. Batman vs. Superman was sold as an epic fight between two heroes, they truly made a mistake, they should have advertised it as what it was: the setup for the Justice League.

The plot behind the movie is decent, I think they could have made an okay movie with the plot they had. Basically, Lex Luthor manipulated Batman into disliking Superman and makes Superman fight Batman by kidnapping one of his loved ones. Then Lex takes advantage of the time while their fighting, so he can hatch his evil plan because the heroes are distracted.

I've heard many people talking about how bad of a

Batman Ben Affleck is. So they clearly haven't seen Batman and Robin starring George Clooney as Batman. Haha that's a joke right he wasn't actually Batman right? Now I know that people have been saying, "It wasn't made for the critics," but in my opinion, no movie should be made for the critics (cough cough The Revenant). Although that is no excuse for unrealistic science and a badly written script.

So earlier I said something about "unrealistic science," but it's worse than just unrealistic. It's right some-times and the rest of the time it's

like, come on guys you got it right half the time. I thought you we're better than this. The big one they messed up was kryptonite. Contrary to popular belief, kryptonite does have an effect on humans, it's just that the kryptonite takes longer

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Dorothy must DIE book review

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When Amy Gumm first arrives in Oz, she is greeted by Pete, a young boy who tells her that she is in Oz and then quickly runs away. As she wanders forest with her new-found munchkin friend Indigo, she meets The Tin Woodman, who promptly kills Indigo and arrests her. Welcome to Oz!

You may be confused. Oz has changed since we last saw it in The Wizard of Oz. In Dorothy Must Die, Princess Dorothy is in charge, and everything must be perfect. For her, that is. She doesn't really care about the rest of Oz. It has become a world of fear, sadness and despair, and Amy has to deal with it.

Amy's trailer has been swept up in a tornado, thrown around a little bit, and fallen into a mystical world. She is a real long way from Kansas. Amy is sort of like Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz. Only instead of Toto the dog, she has a rat. And instead of a house, she has a trailer. And instead of being greeted by Glinda the Good Witch, she is greeted by the Tin Woodman, who is not interested in

skipping and singing their way to Oz.

The Tin Woodman brings Amy to Dorothy, and she is thrown into the dungeon knowing that Dorothy will decide her fate the next day. In her prison cell, she is rescued by Mombi, a witch who is part of the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked. Mombi tells her that she must be the one to kill Dorothy, and whisks her away to their headquarters. Amy is then trained to be wicked by Mombi and her fellow witches Gert and Glamora. When she is ready, they will send her to the palace where she must kill Dorothy. Can she do it? Probably not. But will she try? Definitely.

This book could have gone very badly. Author Danielle Paige was walking a thin line between stupid parody and terrifying horror story, but she rocked it. Amy Gumm's character is very well thought out and she feels relatable throughout the entire story. "What had I done to make them think I was a potential teen girl assassin?" Amy is reluctant to kill Dorothy when she is first introduced to it, but as she lives in Oz she begins to accept

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you see, Second grade was a very hard time for me and one thing led to another and outta nowhere I just sold my soul to the devil and people think it's offensive to assume that all pregnant people will give birth to the baby from eraserhead until proven otherwise. Add that to things haircut me looks like. Overall my hair has only attracted attention from my favorite kind of person excluding myself; girls. And if having a choppy ass haircut will get chicks to talk to me then so be it. Getting a Bad haircut. 10/10. Just like my Instagrams @the_thunderbird_. I'll quit shamelessly self advertising when I'm dead.

Spartacus out. Ps. If anyone needs to do something wild to get into a gang or something, leave your name in ketchup on the cafeteria ceiling, right next to the other message in ketchup telling me I look like an Italian Leo minus 20 years, plus 40 pounds and only half as hot. Then if you're still alive after all that, email me.

Spartacus out.

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time for our slow government, and to him all of existence happens in the blink of an eye.

Back over on the western half of the river which is constantly ravaged by raiding parties from Caesar's Legion, we have Hillary Clinton, who's like Bill Clinton but not. Clinton likes to do girl stuff, because she's a girl. She wants to make America a place full of pretty princesses and unicorns and icky girly stuff. Well I say no, I ain't letting her into my metaphorical bedroom. It's mine! You can't take my Hulk Hogan posters or my Hot Wheels! Get out or I'm calling mom!

I hope this has been a really informative experience for you and that you use the knowledge to NOT VOTE CUZ YOU'RE IN LIKE MIDDLE SCHOOL OR SOMETHING. HAHAHA NERD.

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themselves to be solid handlers including 7th graders Miles Pretel and Leo Dungan-Seaver and 8th graders Connor Scott and Jack Goodrich. In terms of cutters, new recruits including 8th grader Will Nixdorf, 7th grader Joe Deutch and 6th graders Lily Hobday and Nora Verner have shown great promise.

Team goals for this year are to improve cohesiveness and learn the game better. The two teams hope to, according to Miles Pretel, "learn all the skills we need to have to be on the A team and work together better." Additionally, they hope to work on their throwing and cutting to the open spaces with a vertical stack.

Tee had a bye the second week of games, but Mana played Chippewa middle school in Arden Hills on April 18th, and lost 2-11. Both teams have played one more game, both of which were lost to some suburban teams. However, an advantage they have that has been recently used is the ability to scrimmage against a legit team- each other.

Avengers Civil War

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The trend of superheroes fighting against each other this year is like movie writers that have been assigned with some History Day theme for their projects, the theme being something like "Inner Conflict in Superhero History," or what have you.

In the latest version of that theme, Captain America: Civil War, the Marvel superheroes Captain America and Iron Man decide it's about time to... fight each other for... some reason? So what's the reason? How come these former cohorts are wanting to beat each other up? Well, there's a simple but complicated answer.



It turns out that Captain America is dealing with some beef from what I assume is the U.S. government, while on the other hand, Iron Man is assisting the government in dealing with Cap, and there you have it. They both gather a team of newly arrived heroes and former Avengers, and bam, civil war time.

The lineup of heroes on both sides are as follows: Team Captain America with Hawkeye, Sharon Carter (Peggy Carter's daughter, who appeared in the first Captain America movie as Cap's bodyguard), the Winter Soldier, and Ant-Man. Team Iron Man is made up of War Machine (obviously), Black Widow, Black Panther, The Vision, and, although it may not be completely confirmed, Spider-Man. Additionally, there is a rumored appearance of the Hulk.

Okay, okay, so, personally, in my humble opinion, I really feel like Team Iron Man will win. I mean, if you've been fully informed about the movie, is it not obvious? Iron Man, for starters, has a freaking suit of high-tech armor 'n stuff! It's provides some pretty efficient defense as well as an array of offenses. All Captain has is a shield and some steroids that "modified" his body and weight class. Sure, the shield is made up of this "invincible" (but fictional) material and whatnot, but really, just yank the thing away from him and throw it in the ocean or something. Bam, defeated. Also has anyone noticed how much Iron Man's team dominates Cap's? Iron Man has another super high-tech armor dude with him, Spi-

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Quinn & Lauren's top 3... bakeries!

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this bakery --

out when the oven beeps. Remember cash since this hidden gem doesn't accept cards!

And don't be fooled by the lack of a sleek interior. This bakery focuses less on their decor and more on their delicious pastries.

What to order: Their croissants have been compared and prized over those in France. If you stick to the pastries and bread, you can't go wrong.

Bread and Chocolate

867 Grand Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105

An old favorite for fans of Grand Avenue. This bakery shares owners with Café Latte, located across the street, and is famous amongst its sweet-toothed fans for always being able to satisfy a craving. Don't forget to stop by the

Red Balloon bookshop after your snack!

If you get there early you might snag the best seat in the room -- by the fireplace. In the crisp and cold months the whole venue is cozy. You leave feeling warm and with a cup of hot coffee in your hands. In the warm and humid months, it's cool and relaxed, and you'll only have to stop in a few times before the servers know you by name.

What to order: If you're looking for something simple, their croissants are divine, but if you're in the mood for something sweeter, give their cookies or cinnamon rolls a try. They make the best pastry icing in the Twin Cities. And be sure to try their freshly-squeezed orange juice!

Patisserie 46

4552 Grand Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419

This James Beard nominee makes the best bread in the Twin Cities, and has rivaled Parisian bakeries for their numerous awards.

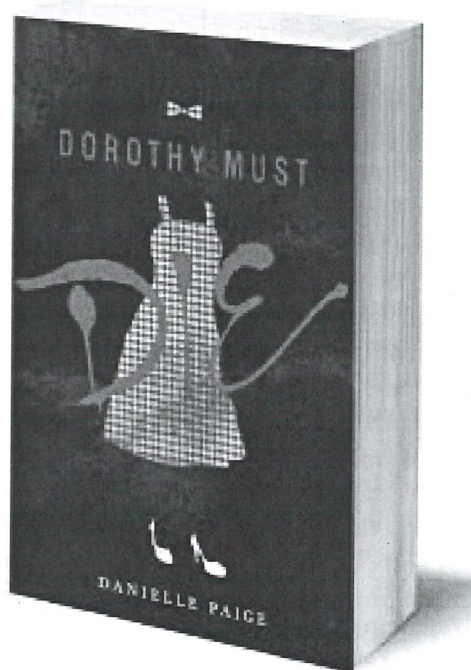
Snugly nestled on a street corner, this bakery's cozy decor and charming interior beckon all passerby to stop in for a treat.

What to order: Their desserts and pastries are wonderful, but the best this bakery has to offer is its bread. Order the traditional baguette, the 46 baguette, or a plain croissant for guaranteed success.

Dorothy from page 15

the idea. However, occasionally the narrator rambles on just a tad too much. I get that the author is trying to tell us that the Oz Amy is in is not the Oz we know and love, but sometimes I could flip a few pages ahead and see that nothing had happened.

One of my major disappointments with this book was that the book is entitled Dorothy Must Die, but she is not dead by the end of the book. Don't worry this is not a spoiler. The series is a trilogy and if you are planning to read the book, that is a pretty nice thing to know. But seriously, I missed out on some serious Dorothy killing action. I realized halfway through the book that there wasn't going to be a great Dorothy killing scene because the series is a trilogy. I don't think anybody should be allowed



to write a book about killing someone and not have them dead at the end of the book. I was reading a book, expecting Dorothy to be dead at the end of it and now I have to read two more books. That's ridiculous! I am reading this book because I want a dead Dorothy and she doesn't even get to die. I'm very disappointed.

Even though Dorothy does not end up dead at the end of the book, it is still a great book that everybody should read. The plot is well developed and the protagonist is relatable. I would suggest anybody who has read The Wizard of Oz or at least seen the movie should read this book.

Chains book review

Clarice Timm
Staff Writer

The moon lit up the Lockton's library. Isabel made her way over to the snuff jar standing on the corner of the desk. While holding her breath Isabel slowly lifted the lid and pulled out the keys. Finding the smallest one, she inserted the key into the hole of the desk drawer. She then found what she was searching for, a list of names tilted "Committee to Preserve the King's Peace" tucking the list into her pocket Isabel tip-toed through the house and slipped outside as quiet as a ghost. She made her way along the streets seen only by cats, rats, and a slave hurrying by with a bundle on her head. Since the slave she saw carried a lantern, and no doubt had a pass from her master, she was allowed to be out after dark. Isabel was not.

Isabel is the protagonist In the book *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson. Isabel is a slave that is trying to escape. The paragraph above demonstrates her personality traits of bravery and being self driven. The novel takes place during the American Revolution. Anderson wrote many other well known books including *Speak*, *Fever*, and *Wintergirls*.

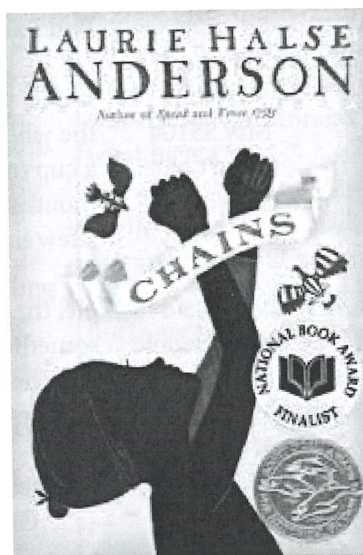
The story begins in Rhode Island during the 1700s at Miss Mary Finch's funeral. Mary Finch was Isabel (the main



Laurie Halse Anderson, the author character) and her sister Ruth's Mistress. Before she died, Isabel and Ruth were written in her will to be freed, although Mr. Roberts who is Mary's nephew insisted it was nonsense and the girls were to be sold to a new family. Since Isabel is a self-driven strong person she attempted to argue for her freedom, but despite her efforts it was no use in the situation.

Later Isabel and Ruth were sold to a couple named the Locktons and moved to the city of New York. At her new home Isabel is always at work cleaning and cooking with Becky, who also works for the Locktons. In addition Isabel is punished much more than she was at her previous home, deeper into the book she gets the letter "I" burned onto her face, standing for innocence. "Melancholy held me hostage, and the bees built a hive of sadness in my soul. Dark honey

filled up inside of me, drowning my thoughts and making it hard to move my eyes and hands. I worked as a puppet trained to scrub and carry, curtsy and nod."



Isabel also makes a friend named Curzon who is also a slave. When Curzon joins the army he is captured and along with many other soldiers he is held in a prison with no food and freezing temperatures. When this happens Isabel makes it her responsibility to secretly deliver food scraps to the prisoners without getting caught by Madam (Mrs. Lockton, or Anne).

Although Isabel has other things to worry about when she comes home one day to discover Ruth gone. When she questions Madam she simply says that has been sold because Ruth has been possessed by the devil. The real reason Madam

thought this was because Ruth occasionally had seizures.

Now that her only friend is imprisoned, her sister is gone, and she's treated with disrespect, will Isabel be able to get Curzon out of prison alive, find Ruth, and escape to freedom? For a thirteen year old slave this is a very difficult task, one that is almost impossible to accomplish even for an adult slave during the time. Read *Chains* by Laurie Anderson and find out for yourself.

Batman v. Superman from page 15

to effect our systems than the system of a kryptonian. So what I'm saying is that after Batman has been working with the kryptonite for what the movie makes it seem like months, the kryptonite would have had a substantial effect on his performance in the fight at least. They not only got the effect of kryptonite on Batman wrong but on both heroes. For Superman with the kryptonite tear gas thing, the effects on superman were immediate but when he is flying with the kryptonite spear it's pretty obvious it's not immediate because he is flying with kryptonite on a two foot pole in his hand and it takes a few minutes to kick in. Batman would have not been able to fight so ding ding knockout, but if we bypass that science then superman would have fallen after one cloud of gas -- ding ding second knockout?

Overall the movie is a 5.5/10 -- better than the wrong critics say, but not as good as the hardcore fans say.

Zelda Highlights

Milo Zimmerman-Bence
Staff Writer

#5: Forsaken Fortress

I would have put the Forsaken Fortress higher on the list for sure, if I were more confident that it is an actual island. It really only serves as a dungeon that you go through twice, once at the beginning of the game, and the other time after you get the master sword. Both times are extremely fun, and pretty challenging. Nothing happens much at the start of the game, since you don't have your sword, but the second time, boy is it intense. At the end, Tetra's pirates arrive and help you rescue your sister, and the Helmaroc King attacks.

#4: Windfall Island

Windfall Island is not important to the story. However, it is the third island in the game, right after Outset Island and Forsaken Fortress. It's also where all the mini-games and shops are, so that's a plus for me. Well, I mean, Beedle's Shop Ship is pretty much anywhere you go, but it only has Bait, those weird Hyoi Pears, and occasionally bombs. So, yeah. There really is not much else I can say about it.

#3: Forest Haven

The site of the second dungeon, the Forbidden Woods, the Forest Haven is home to the Koroks, a plant-based race, and the Great Deku Tree. You get the Deku Leaf at this island, which helps you glide when you jump. Also,

Civil War from page 16

der-Man, and freaking Black Panther! Black Panther, guys! C'mon!

Let's be honest here. Civil War's popularity began to really rise after hearing word of a rumored appearance from Spider-Man, a Marvel superhero who had never been involved with the Marvel cinematic universe at all on the big screen. Sure, in comics and TV shows that may or may not even be canon, he interacts with the big dudes all the time. But never once has Marvel produced an actual canonical movie of Spidey and the Avengers. So now you should have some insight on why this boosted Civil War's popularity. People were looking for any signs: any easter eggs and what-not, relating to Spidey. That was until he actually appeared at the very end of Civil War's second trailer, awkwardly spouting out only two words:

"Hey everyone."

It may have been a little unprecedented that he was kind of completely made in CGI, but personally, I was satisfied anyway.

Also, Ant-Man's immediate inclusion into the Marvel cinematic universe is pretty cool. He gets one movie, and bam, he's with the big guys.

Critic reviews have already surfaced into the public,

the dungeon is pretty good. I was stuck on the boss for the longest time, though. I don't really know what it is, but it's this plant thing that hangs from the ceiling on these weird vines that you have to use the boomerang to sever, then, attack the head inside when it falls and opens up.

#2: Outset Island

At number two I'm putting the first island in the game, Outset Island. I really don't know how to describe it. It's incredibly relaxing, yet energizing at the same time. That's all I can say, honestly. Sorry about that.

#1: Dragon Roost Island

I mentioned Dragon Roost Island in my review of the game, and called it my favorite part of the game. While I don't still agree with that, it is still my favorite island. Not only is it my favorite location, but it's also home to my favorite race in the game, the Rutos. Also, you get the grappling hook on this island, an item that comes in handy later on. At the end of its dungeon, Dragon Roost Cavern, lies the first boss, Gohma, who is upsetting the wind dragon Valoo. You defeat her by using the grappling hook to swing over her head, causing a giant rock to fall and crush her. You then attack her eye, until she gets back up. Do that three times to start the second phase, where you just need to wait until she's vulnerable, then attack.

and they show to be almost the exact opposite of Batman v Superman, with a rating of 98% on the review site Rotten Tomatoes. Although it may not remain perfect in the future, that's still amazing considering how professional and unfor-giving a critic can be. But seriously, this movie is already a hit with many critics and articles citing Civil War's alleged perfection.

Well, I predict that the story and plot of Civil War will be pretty proficient. I'm not saying this movie sounds like the most perfect piece of cinema ever, but it's still pretty high on my list. Being able to cram a bunch of superheroes like that into one movie without screwing it up is pretty amazing, to be honest. The whole thing with the History Day-like theme for superhero movies this year is actually pretty interesting. Just to have two movies come out around the same time of the year, both reflecting two goodie good guys engaging in fisticuffs of epic proportions, is pretty groovy, even though critics hate Batman v Superman's guts.

So yeah, you should really consider going to see this movie, even if you're not much of a superhero fan. If you don't believe me, type in Captain America: Civil War on Google, and let the search results do the talking for you.

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE



This month's edition is all about the one and only music teacher: Alex. How well do you know him?

1. Alex won 1st in state in all-around gymnastics in high school. Oddly enough there is no actual evidence that this happened online. "Let's have him do his routine at a community meeting!" said 7th grader Haakon Neske.
2. He learned how to ride a bike last year. Apparently he just didn't have time to because of all of his extracurricular activities. "I helped him out this summer in our alleyway," said his father, "I held on the back of his seat for a little and he rode away just like during his driver's test."
3. Alex can fit 20 jet puffed marshmallows in his mouth at the same time, apparently it's a vocal exercise. "My goal is to go for 30 then my tone could be even better," he shouted after me as I walked back to class after my interview with him.

Jeff Guevara

Senior Profile

What is your favorite memory from your time here at OWL?

It would have to be meeting the incredible people here at owl over the past 4 years.

What song lyric describes you the best?

Um. Gerardo Ortiz "Tal Como Eres" Feat Kevin Ortiz because it talks about the connection that two brothers have.

What was your favorite field work or retreat?

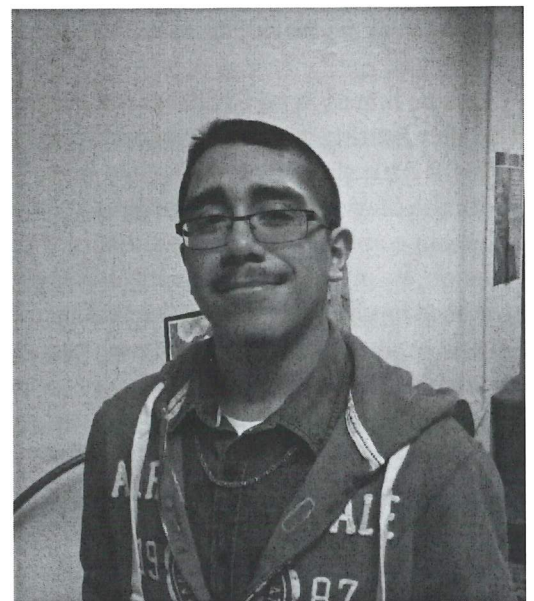
It would have to be the 11th grade one where we visited many colleges here in Minnesota and took a trip to Wisconsin.

What will you miss most about OWL?

The people in general. We are just like a huge family.

What are your plans for your future?

Go to St. Paul college or Mankato state and get a career in music production or radio communications.



Two truths and a lie: #3 is a lie - Alex can't fit 20 marshmallows in his mouth! what were you thinking!

Ask Grace!

If you were to write a book that wasn't continuing a popular series, what would it be about?

I would write a historical fiction, and it would take place in the 20s. It would be about a girl trying to get out of the mob and speakeasies and other illegal stuff business to go to college. Outside of her working at a speakeasy (her family somehow got her into it, I haven't worked that out yet), she would work at for a newspaper. She would meet a person from a college, and want to go to college. It would revolve around her trying not to get killed because mafias do that when you try to leave.

--Swimming Grace

I would definitely write realistic fiction. It would be a super cool rowing story, probably one about how a rowing team went from the underdog to national champions. It would be classic sports fiction, but on a girls' rowing team! It would be really exciting and fun to read, and probably start with a big defeat in fall season, then heavy training during the winter season, and finally their race to the top in spring season. I'm excited just thinking about it!

--Rowing Grace

What superhero would you want to be?

So, she's not really a superhero, but she's really awesome. She's from The Avengers, and not the Marvel version. She's from the 1960s Avengers about two British spies, and her name is Emma Peel. She is one of my favorite characters from a TV show, because she's such a strong

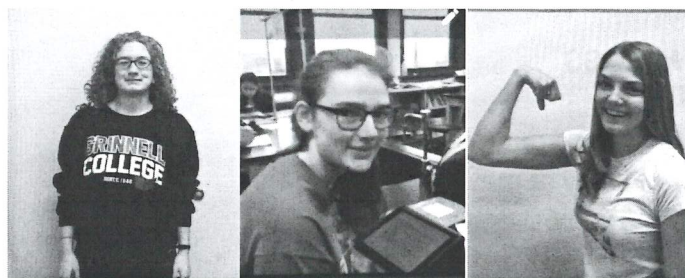
character! The thing that is especially cool is that this not only took place in the 60s, but was filmed in the 60s. It makes her being such a strong character even better. Emma has a Ph.D. or something, and is a physicist or something, and super smart and good with a gun.

--Swimming Grace



I think that I would want to be Captain America. I mean, nothing's better than the patriotic, old fashioned, red, white, and blue, classic hero. He's loyal, honorable, and always fights for justice. Seriously, he is the epitome of the American Superhero, not to mention he's tough and starts out as a wimpy guy with a big heart. Who doesn't love the underdog becoming a powerful leader? Honestly, he's the best at fighting, but that's not why he's the superhero I'd like to be. He's truly heroic and never compromises his morals, and that's why he's the top of my superhero list.

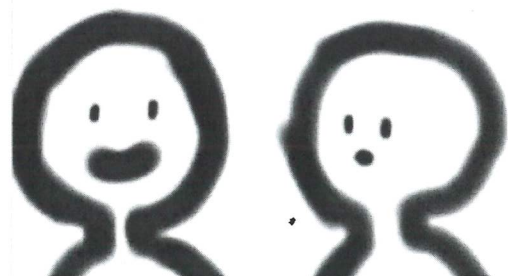
--Rowing Grace



Are you wondering about anything? Email askgrace.owl@gmail.com with your questions, and they will answer!

Comics!

Did you hear about the red and blue ships that crashed?



Both crews were

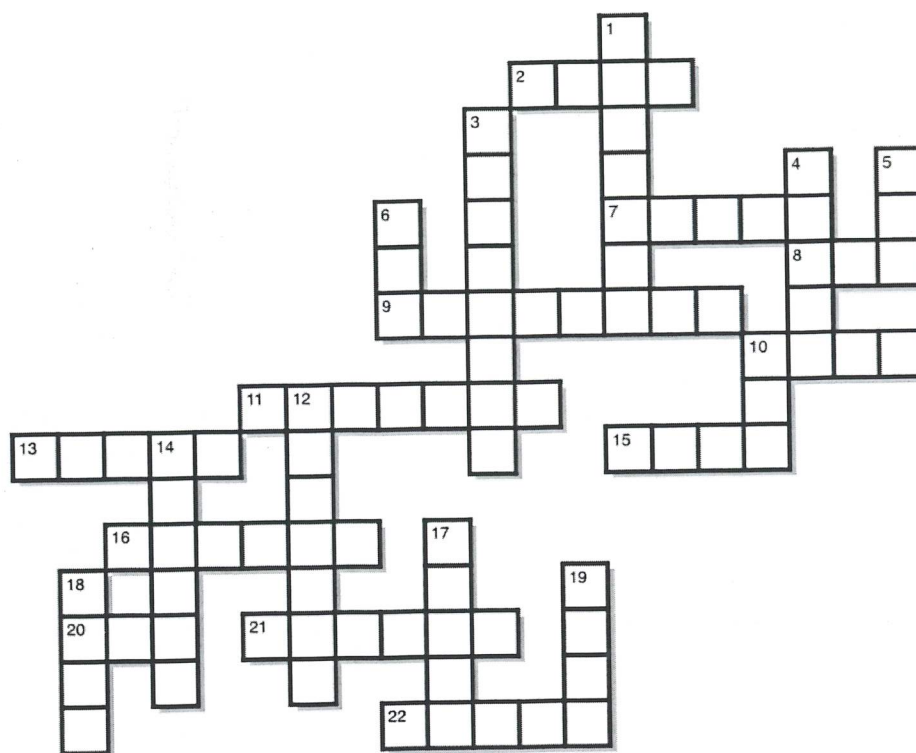


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Teacher Crossword

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ACROSS

- 2 I need more cardboard
- 7 I may or may not be a student
- 8 The best crew at OWL
- 9 Megan/Sorcha's mascot
- 10 I am Athena and Jalen's uncle
- 11 Bulldogs
- 13 They play chess everyday in crew
- 15 I got knocked out in a fight and also like skijoring
- 16 The mascot of Kevin's crew
- 20 This crew's mascot is also their crew leader
- 21 Jedi's uncle
- 22 The crew that counts spiders

DOWN

- 1 The crew that won February's dance off
- 3 The mascot of Damon's crew that was unfortunately run over in last month's paper
- 4 Obsessed with Hamilton and History Day guru
- 5 The largest crew
- 6 I love my green pants
- 10 We play soccer with dodge balls and frisbee with bean bags
- 12 The crew in the auditorium
- 14 Two crew leaders with one crew and the same name
- 17 My biggest fear is butterflies
- 18 Sorcha and my piano are my only loves
- 19 Apples up!