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Russia vs. Ukraine

BY: LAUREN ZAWATSKI

In Eastern Europe, unrest has erupted once again, causing global tension to ensue. On February 18 2014, Ukrainian protests demanding change within the country's predominantly Russian influenced government erupted in Kiev, causing at least 77 deaths over the past month. Ukraine's President Victor Yanukovich fled to Moscow amidst the attacks, and in his place Olexander Turchynov became the acting president. Russia believes this acting government is mutinous, and in response deployed a reputed 6,000 troops to Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula to safeguard the territory.

One of the primary questions currently posed concerning the present situation is why? Why is this conflict in existence? The answer is more complicated than most would expect. Local AP European History teacher Janet Meyers explains that the innate conflict is not necessarily a recent one, but rather the remains of centuries of unrest. "The events in the Ukraine are reminders of the importance of understanding how long the story of history actually is. Crimea has been a flashpoint throughout generations of conflict. This also reminds us that the story of figuring out how to govern ourselves



is endless and that we are vital to ensuring a good choice in American leaders since we are entangled in the global story," Meyers said.

However, a brief explanation of this more recent conflict develops by looking back to November 2013. Ukraine's government had been discussing possible association pacts with the European Union, a move that was well received by the Ukrainian people. However, such efforts were unexpectedly scrapped, leaving citizens with the impression that the Ukrainian government had succumbed to Russian influence on

the matter. Thousands upon thousands of protesters filled the streets of Kiev demanding a change -

three months later the same protests have persisted, and with even more violence included.

Secretary of State John Kerry recently announced a potential one billion dollar aid package to be sent to Ukraine, as well as sanctions freezing Russian assets. This dispute has not only become a colossal issue between both Ukraine and Russia, but globally as well. Oil prices have increased along with the Dow Jones industrial average and the NASDAQ composite. Such economic conditions could prevail and worsen as the conflict heightens.

In addition, Ed McConnell, Hopewell's own AP Government

teacher believes that there is more to this conflict that people may expect. He noted, "This is an enormously complex issue because of the mixes of national, ethnic, and religious groups found in Europe. The borders in Europe have been redrawn three times in the last 100 years, (after WWI, WWII, and the collapse of the Soviet Union) and many groups that don't like each other have been thrown together. Should Crimea be allowed to break away from the Ukraine?"

Hopewell's Fave Pizza

BY: HI-LITES STAFF

Results (Out of 230 Students):

- 1st Place:** Vocelli's Pizza: (45) 20%
- 2nd place:** Breezy's Pizza: (28) 12%
- 3rd Place:** Pizza Hut: (25) 11%
- 4th Place:** Gianni's Pizza: (24) 10%
- Tied for 5th Place:**
Papa John's: (21) 9%
Choo Choo Charlie's: (21) 9%
- Tied for 6th Place:**
Villa di Pizza: (16) 7%
Sheffield Lanes: (15) 7%
Schooch's Pizza: (17) 7%
- 7th Place:** Pizza Masters: (13) 6%
- 8th Place:** Pop's Pizza:(5) 2%



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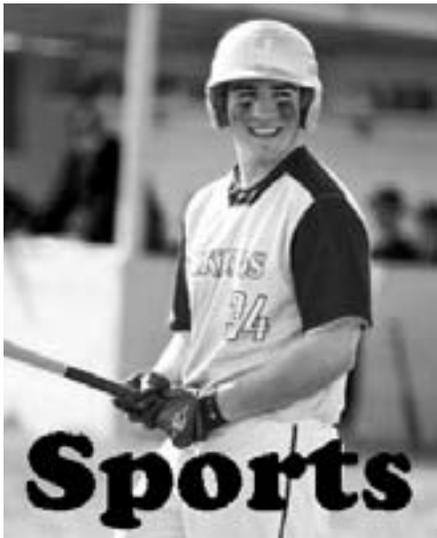
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NFL Draft Preview

BY: JUSTIN KRAUS, RACHAEL KRIGER
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The NFL Combine is over, Pro Days are coming up, and the NFL Draft will commence on May 8. Last year in the draft season, all the attention was on the offensive linemen; 2012 focused on big name quarterbacks, like Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III. This year, the attention varies between the offensive linemen, quarterbacks, and defensive linemen. Hi-Lites staff writers voice their opinions on the NFL Draft, or what should be the focus of the Draft.

Justin: One of the lesser known stories is that of John Urschel. Urschel enjoyed a successful college football career as a two year starter and co-captain playing right guard for the Penn State Nittany Lions. He was also first team All-Big Ten two years in a row and a second team All-American in his senior year. His football achievements are greatly out shadowed by his academic honors, however. He was academic All-Big Ten three years in a row and academic All-American two years in a row (these honors are awarded to student-athletes with the highest GPA's). In his senior



year, Urschel was also awarded the Campbell Award and the Senior CLASS Award, which are given to the college football player with the highest GPA in the country.

In addition to all of his football-related awards, he earned two post-graduate degrees (masters in math and a PhD in math education) in four and a half years of college. In his last semester of college, he taught Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry at Penn State. His most outstanding achievement came in late 2013, when his report- "Instabilities of the Sun-Jupiter-Asteroid Three Body Problem" was published and was named the leading mathematical theory in his field. Urschel is currently a borderline draft pick, but it is obvious that he has a future outside of football if it doesn't work out.

On another topic, anybody who has been alive in America in the last three months knows the story of Michael Sam. When Sam came out to the world as gay in January 2014, he became the first football player to be gay while still playing. If he is drafted, most experts place him in the third round, he will become the second ever American Professional Athlete to be actively gay. The first ever was NBA player Jason Collins in 2013. Sam's sexuality has vastly overshadowed his football ability. He was elected SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Year for 2013, and being a consensus All-American his senior year. Whether Sam is drafted early or not at all, his bravery has given this year's NFL draft a landmark place in history. How the NFL reacts will forever set the mold for active gay athletes.

Rachael: In this year's draft, most of the talk has been about Johnny Manziel, Michael Sam, and Jadeveon Clowney. An underrated player that deserves recognition, and possibly a higher pick than what is expected of him, is Alabama quarterback AJ McCarron.

McCarron has won two National Championships with the

Crimson Tide in his sophomore and junior years. In his most recent season, McCarron threw 28 touchdowns and seven interceptions. His completion percentage was 67.6 and he had 3,063 passing yards. McCarron, although his statistics are not as crisp as Manziel's, he has experience.

During the NFL Draft, McCarron ran a 40-yard dash time of 4.94. His vertical jump was 28 inches while his broad jump was 99 inches. He came in at 6'3 and 220 pounds and is projected to be selected in the second or third round.

McCarron has shown throughout his college career that he is a natural born leader. The two year starter led the team to win both BCS National Championship games in 2011 and 2012. He was even voted the Offensive MVP in the 2012 win over the LSU Tigers.

McCarron's natural leadership, standard Combine numbers, and two BCS National Championships should make him an early second round, and possibly even first round, selection. Teams that are in need of quarterbacks are Jacksonville, Houston, Cleveland, and Oakland.

Santino: In modern times, athletes are eager to leave college early and attempt to go straight to the pros. After two years as the starting quarterback at Texas A&M and winning a Heisman Trophy his freshman year, Johnny Manziel is prepared to enter the 2014 NFL draft. Standing at about 5'11 and weighing in at 207 pounds, Manziel had impressive combine stats. He ran a 4.68 40-yard dash, 31.5 inch vertical jump and a 6.75 3-Cone drill. Although he did not throw in Indy, most teams are not too worried about that.

Jadeveon Clowney is another well known athlete. After three years at South Carolina, he feels that he is ready to join the NFL. At a towering 6'5" and weighing in at 266 pounds, he ran an impressive 40 time in 4.53 seconds. Also, 37.5 inch vertical leap and a 10 foot 4 inch broad jump. His most impressive stat was his bench press, at 21 reps.



Winter Sports

Wrap-Up

BY: KRISTEN SPEZIALETTI

Girls' Basketball

The Girls' Basketball team enjoyed a very successful regular season (18-4), surpassing many expectations. They defeated rival, Central Valley, twice, and were awarded the fourth seed for the WPIAL playoffs. Unfortunately, their season came to an abrupt end in the first round with a loss to Ringgold.

Boys' Basketball

The Boys' Basketball team finished 5-17. Although it wasn't the most successful of years, the boys' team achieved more total and section wins than the past two years, and continued the process of building the program.

Boys' and Girls' Bowling

The Hopewell Bowling team continued its dominance, with both teams winning the section. The Boys' and Girls' squads were both very successful at MACs, with the boys taking first and the girls second. Both teams qualified for WPIALs, however neither placed. At Regionals, Girls' individuals were Cassandra DeRose and Kylie Gozur, alongside Andrew Brunette, Shane Martin, Anthony Matuga, and Kyle Everette. The Boys' team placed fifth, and qualified for states. They finished 12th at States.

Boys' Wrestling

Many Hopewell wrestlers finished out the regular season successfully, competing in the WPIAL Qualifiers. This year's team, captained by Dustin Winkle and Travis Sonson, had 8 students competing at WPIALs. In order to qualify for WPIALs wrestlers placed in the top 5 for their weight class at

the WPIAL Qualifiers.

Boys' Swimming

The boys' swimming team competed at WPIALs in 5 events. The Medley Relay, consisting of Noah Repman, Jake Smallwood, Jake Kennedy, and Logan Palochak, placed 2nd at WPIALs and the 400-Free Relay placed 5th. Three individuals competed at WPIALs, Jake Smallwood, Logan Palochak, and Noah Repman. Smallwood competed in the 50-Freestyle (6th place) and the 100-Freestyle (7th place). Palochak competed in Backstroke (2nd place) and Butterfly (5th place). Repman competed in 100-Backstroke (7th place).

Girls' Swimming

The girls' swimming team competed at WPIALs in 5 events. Lia Kopar, Elizabeth David, Victoria Rohm, and Gabrielle Ruttinger competed in the Medley Relay (15th place). Alexandra Greenleaf, Jennifer Greenleaf, Sarah Mooney, and Gabrielle Ruttinger competed in the 200-Freestyle Relay. The 400-Freestyle Relay was swam by Elizabeth David, Victoria Rohm, Jennifer Greenleaf, and Gabrielle Ruttinger. Victoria Rohm and Elizabeth David competed for individuals, 100-Backstroke and 500-Freestyle, respectively.



Steelers Update: Free Agency Frenzy

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

Ryan Clark tweeted his congratulations to Mike Mitchell on March 12, on becoming the newest member of the Pittsburgh Steelers. "Congrats brother. You have the opportunity to play in the greatest football city in the world. Enjoy it. It's a blessing!" Mitchell

was signed on March 12 to a five year contract with the Steelers; he previously was a part of the Carolina Panthers organization. Although Clark is sincere with his congratulations, it might be Mitchell who gets the starting free safety position.

Clark hasn't been released yet, but rumors are swirling around the NFL that ever since the Steelers signed Troy Polamalu and Ike Taylor to extensions, Clark may be on his way out. Mitchell brings youth to the defense, at 26 years old. This offseason, that has been the Steelers main focus: bringing youth into Dick LeBeau's defense. LaMarr Woodley, a seven year Steeler, was released, but signed with the Oakland Raiders while Ryan Mundy, Clark's backup, recently signed with the Chicago Bears. Also leaving the Steelers on defense were Larry Foote, Curtis Brown, and Al Woods. Woods is now a member of the Tennessee Titans, while Foote and Brown remain free agents. Leaving the team on offense was Emmanuel Sanders and Levi Brown. Brown has not been claimed by any team, however, Sanders is now a member of the Denver Broncos.

With all the losses, there have been some key players added and re-signed. Guy Whimper, who played his first season with Pittsburgh, last year, was active in 11 games, starting in two. Another offensive lineman signed was Cody Wallace, the center that took over for Maurkice Pouncey; his deal was for three years. Also re-signed were Will Allen and Greg Warren. Allen, who signed a one year contract, was on the Steelers roster from 2010-2012 before joining the Dallas Cowboys. Allen, a safety, returned during week six last year and finished the season with 42 tackles. Warren, who has been a part of the Steelers for nine years, also signed a one year deal. The long-snapper has played in 133 regular season games with the Steelers, as well as nine post-season games.



Students of the Month

BY: LAUREN ZAWATSKI

Sophomore Logan Palochak was chosen as the underclassmen Student of the Month for March. Logan is a member of the Latin club, and he also plays volleyball and swims. Swimming is one of Logan's



dominant endeavors; he finished second at the WPIAL meet in the backstroke and fifth in the fly. He was the only non-senior on the relay team that finished fifth in the 400 meter free relay and second in the 200 meter medley relay. One of his greatest accomplishments occurred at the state competition during his freshman year, where he ranked as the twentieth best freshman backstroke swimmer in the entire state. Some of Logan's favorite courses include Mrs. Kanitra's World Cultures class, and Mrs. Henry's Algebra II class. During his free time, Logan enjoys swimming more, eating, and hanging out with his friends. Logan eventually plans

to attend Ohio State University to major in Petroleum Engineering and he will join the swim team.

For the upperclassmen, Alec Lopez was deemed Hopewell's March Student of the Month. His favorite subject is history, with his favorite class being POD/Economics taught by Mr. Todd. In his free time, he enjoys baseball, football, and basketball. An interesting fact



about Alec is that he moved to the United States at age 9 from Mexico. Among the clubs he is involved in are Spanish Club, Student Council, Class of 2014, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Twice he has participated in the Polar Plunge event in January, braving the freezing waters of the Beaver River to raise money for Special Olympics. For his senior project, Alec managed the Hopewell Varsity Baseball Team. In addition, he has six pets: four dogs, one cat, and one turtle. After he graduates, Alec plans to enter the Job Corps to train for a career in nursing, and join the military.

Be Our Guest!

BY: JENNIFER CRANMER

Most people have seen the iconic film *Beauty and the Beast* on screen, but now Hopewell musical students brought the movie to life on the auditorium's stage, March 21-23.

In past years, musicals have included *Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat*, *Singing in the Rain*, and last year's, *Guys and Dolls*. This year's *Beauty and the Beast* commemorated Celeste Beley's tenth year as Hopewell's musical director. Lead roles included the following: Kianna Skal as Belle, Adam Speers as Beast, and Alex Barna as Gaston. Key supporting roles: Derik Hansen as Le Fou, Danny Watts as Lumiere, Ian Skal as Cogsworth, Alaina Stroud as Mrs. Potts, Alisha Zanath as Madama de la Grande Bouche, Brianna Minnick as Babette, and Emily Seretti as Chip.

Senior and three-year musical participator Lauren Zawatski had high hopes for *Beauty and the Beast*, "I think fan turnout will be really high this year because this musical is universal and really fun to watch." As it turns out she was completely right: the musical was sold out all three days and received wonderful reviews from everybody present. Lauren also believes that seventh and eighth graders participating in the musical this year was helpful because, "We were able to expand dance and musical numbers and they're like little siblings to us. We are a big family!" Kianna Skal agreed and said the seventh and eighth graders are great, "They have so much energy and are lots of fun."

Beauty and the Beast had many characters and roles that needed to be filled. Putting on a production of this magnitude took a lot of dedication and work. Prior to the show, Kianna Skal said, "Every show has its ups and downs, but things are going well. Because we have such big costumes and so many people, it has been tricky getting the costumes, but we will have them by the show."

Congratulations to all participants in this year's musical!

Scholarships

BY: BRIE MILLER

Free money. Scholarships are vast and varied. With a few hours of your life you could earn thousands.

The Henkal Corporation's Duck Brand Duct Tape "Stuck at Prom" Contest is open to residents of the United States and Canada. The contest rewards individuals for creating prom attire made completely out of duct tape. The contest begins March 11th. For a registration form and official contest rules, interested students should visit the Duck Brand website <http://www.duckbrand.com/promotions/stuck-at-prom>.

Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship offers a scholarship where you could receive \$5,000 for simply being a vegetarian high school student who promotes vegetarianism in your school or community. More information is available at <http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm>

The NCTA Help Santa Find the Perfect Real Christmas Tree scholarship offers \$5,000 to \$10,000 to persons ages 6 to 16 for the winning essay. For more information visit <http://www.realchristmastrees.org/dnn/default.aspx>.

The School Band and Orchestra Magazine Scholarship give scholarships to musicians who have written great essays. There are a variety of topics, but one past topic was "How a Music Education Has Made me a Better Student." Visit <http://sbomagazine.com/ME2/dirsect.asp?sid=F304E8D78FBE4F74B99F91D7AA49CDBA&nm=Essay+Contest> for information.

Arm your friends with money skills by running a workshop to teach them. Sign up at www.dosomething.org/money and they will give you three pre-made workshops to choose from.

Everyone who runs a workshop, and tells them about it, will be entered to win a \$7,500 scholarship. No essay or minimum GPA required. Get more information on the \$7,500 Financial Education Scholarship at <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/scholarships/158878-7-500-financial-education-scholarship>



Anyone older than 18 can apply for the 4th GotScholarship. The 4th GotScholarship \$40K Give Away is easy and free to enter. There is No GPA, no essay and no financial need required. The winner will be chosen from a random drawing. The \$40,000 must be used for educational expenses. Open to all fields of study. Get more information on the 4th Got Scholarship: \$40k Give Away at <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/scholarships/158736-4th-gotscholarship-40k-give-away>.

Even if you are not an elks member, you can still get money from them. The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Award gives 500 four-year scholarships. The amount per year is between \$1,000 and \$15,000. The scholarships are open to high school students and you don't even need to have membership with the Elks. Lean more information at <http://www.ecisf.org/default.aspx>

The College Prowler "No Essay Contest" awards \$2000 to a student in a random drawing every month, if you register on the site. Register and learn more information at <https://colleges.niche.com/scholarship/apply.aspx>.

Hopewell, Meet

Ms. Barr

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

Everyone has a 'cool' teacher at school. Whether they are cool for not giving homework, giving you the easiest way to earn an A, or just sarcastic and funny, there is one teacher at Hopewell that is on

most people's 'cool' list. Ms. Milena Barr, who teaches, or as she says "attempts to teach" American Literature 11 and Honors English 9.

Ms. Barr grew up on the state streets in Davidson Heights near the high school. She says her favorite childhood memory is roller skating at Thrills on Wheels at Melody Lanes saying, "I went through most of my childhood on roller skates." Growing up, Ms. Barr, at first, aspired to be race car driver then a dental hygienist, but seeing a 'What does Tobacco do to Your Mouth' video, that ruined her dental career. "My grandmother always said I was going to be a reading teacher; her two best friends were teachers. So that was my plan all through high school." She said her favorite classes in school were Drama, Graphic Arts, and her 9 grade English class, which she attended at Hopewell. However, her worst class was Geometry. "I'm a math moron," she says.

If she could trade places with a teacher for a day, she chose Mr. Samek. "Students seem to like his class and always express their desire for a Psych II. No one ever says, 'I wish there was second American Lit 11 class!' Rocking the mustache, philosophizing and blowing kids' minds with psychological facts-how could that be bad?" She said that if she could meet any four people, living or dead, she said, "Meeting up with God would be first on my list. I have MANY questions. If God doesn't count as a 'person', then I would like to make the acquaintance of Winston Churchill. Then Gene Simmons, Edgar Allan Poe, and Andy Warhol or Ralph Waldo Emerson." She also says that the biggest inspiration in her life is her grandmother. "She had such a strong insight into people; her intuition was always on spot. She never doubted herself. I think about all of the things she used to tell me. She was right. At the time, I didn't want to listen. Now, I can't believe how hip and savvy she was, when I just thought she was too old to get it. She was strong, smart and never took any...gruff. I hope to be that way too."

Ms. Barr's accomplishment in her life that she is most proud of is that fact that she takes care of herself and lives her life happily. Another thing she is proud of is when former students come back to share with her their happy and successful real lives. "Knowing that I may have had a hand in that happiness, I win." She counts going to see music as one of her hobbies, and has seen Metallica, Guns-N-Roses, Faith No More, Motorhead, and the last concert she attended was the Avett Brothers and OldCrow

College Visit 101

BY: TAYLOR SKELTON

Deciding on a university to attend can be one of the most stressful and difficult decisions.

However, visiting the colleges you are interested in is crucial. Before you commit years of your life and thousands of dollars, try the university out and make sure it is the right fit for you.



Here are eight things you should know about when planning and attending your college visits.

Take notes and ask questions

When you are talking to professors, admissions counselors, or students, try to take notes. Later on if you are caught between schools these little notes may help you to make a pros and cons list. These can be beneficial to making your ultimate decision. Questions are also important. If you are curious or want the truth, just ask. This is your future, don't be shy!

Talk to students

Tour guides have been trained to market the school. It is their job to stay peppy and say that their university is the best. So try talking to students who aren't getting paid to make you like the university. You could be a future student, so getting info from current students is a good idea. They know a lot about student life that admissions offices won't give you.

Spend a night

If the university offers it, spend a night. Most colleges encourage this, and you won't get the real feel of resident life until mom and dad aren't around and you've experienced it for yourself. The student you stay with will have a lot of inside information for you and through them you will get to meet people and have the student experience.

Eat in the dining hall

Food is a big deal. You will have to be continually eating in the dining hall for the length of your stay on campus. Unfortunately, you will be a poor college student, so eating out won't be an option all that often. Make sure the food isn't downright disgusting.

Read the bulletin boards in the student centers

When you are in student buildings, residence halls, or the gym, make sure to read the flyers. These will give you a feel of what's happening on campus. Advertisements for clubs, dances, and other events will help you better picture life outside of the classroom.

Attend a class that pertains to your major

If you know what you want to study, visiting a class just makes sense. You will get to observe students in the field and see how they get to interact in class. Try to stay after for a few minutes to talk to students about the major. Find their likes and dislikes, or if they have any regrets. Make sure you call ahead; most colleges need to make appointments for these types of things.

Schedule a meeting with a professor

Academics are a huge part in your college decision. If you have already decided on a major, make sure to meet with a professor that you could possibly be working with in the future. They can give you a rundown of the program and other information like graduation

requirements. Meeting a professor can give you a feel for classes and the type of style they use. Make sure to call ahead for this.

Explore on your own

After your scheduled tour or meeting, just walk around on your own. Tour guides show you the campus' selling points, but the prettiest buildings don't give you the real picture. Also, the manufactured dorm room, made for visits, isn't going to show you what college life is like. Dig a little deeper and roam around. You'll be surprised the qualities you find to like or dislike on your own.

When you are on your visit, try not to get overwhelmed. This is a huge moment in your life, and an even bigger decision. Enjoy your time on campus, and after a few visits you will know where you belong or feel most comfortable. Best of luck to you all!

Hopewell Student Drops Album

BY: JUSTIN KRAUS

Jet White, or as Hopewell students know him, Devaughn Debelak, has dropped a mixtape here at Hopewell High School. It took Debelak three months to record *I Promise* in his personal recording studio. "I've had the recording studio since early October. It is the size of a walk-in closet, so it's decent sized."

"I've wanted to record something since I was 11. My favorite song is 'Almost famous' it's just about having a good time." *I Promise* is a hip-hop album, and Debelak said that his musical style resembles Mac Miller. "In-house producers, Tinox and Yuc Beats, provided me with my beats for this album."

Hopewell students report favorable reviews of the album.

If anybody wants to check out Debelak's album, he said, "Come see me at my locker, the first one's free." On his plans for a second album, Debelak said, "Probably late May, definitely before the school year ends."



My College Experience

BY: TAYLOR SKELTON

College- just thinking about it can be frightening. This could possibly be one of the most crucial decisions you'll make in your lifetime. College searching can be difficult and stressful. Take it from me; I've visited A LOT of colleges. Being the indecisive teenage girl that I am, I still have yet to make my final decision. Here is a little about my experiences on several different campuses...

Washington and Jefferson College

This was the first University I ever visited, and it was definitely a good way to start off my search. Pulling into the financial aid parking lot, I remember grinning and taking in all of the beautiful buildings. Some were newer and others had been preserved overtime. At lunch I was lucky enough to meet the President of the school. She told me about a dinner she had hosted for about a dozen students the night before, and the joy she took from listening to their stories. It was amazing to see how interested she was in the lives of her students. Next I met a professor. He teaches a class they have at the college that is specifically designed to help freshmen adapt to college life. Everything was very personalized and all the professors answered my questions enthusiastically. When



I got to talk to the students, they didn't have anything bad to say about the university, except for the fact freshmen dorms aren't air-conditioned. They even have themed dorms, yes, if you really wanted to, you could live in an animal themed dorm. However, one thing that turned me off to the school was the fact that they don't really offer a lot of graduate classes. Often, students have to transfer to further or finish their degrees.

West Virginia University

This was one of the bigger universities I visited, but one of the most resourceful. They offer special centers for almost every subject of study, that students can stop by anytime to get extra help such as, the writing center, the chemistry center, and the statistics center. Additionally, they have this contraption called the PRT. It's like an above ground subway system that helps connect the two campuses, Downtown and Evansdale. This can take students all over campus for free, and has been in use since the 70s. They had one of the best cafeterias I've seen as well. They have several dining centers on campus, and if you have a meal plan you can eat anywhere you'd like. Options are important so you don't find yourself consuming chicken fingers every day. In the center of the Evansdale campus they have the student



union building where you can eat at restaurants with your meal plan including Chick-Fil-A and Subway. Another plus, the dorms are larger than most universities. On the other hand, freshmen class sizes range for 150 to 250 students, and teacher assistants are often used in your first year classes, whether they speak fluent English or not.

Duquesne University

Duquesne had to be one of the most personal visits I had gone on. When I arrived I was greeted by my admissions counselor and taken into a meeting to discuss my hopes for Duquesne and how to get the most out of financial aid. Next,



she directed me to one of the top professors in the Occupational Therapy program. The professor sat down with me

for over an hour and laid out the entire program; she even wrote up a mock list of classes for all five years at the university. Then, she took me through her classrooms and her lab center, which she informed me never had more than 35 students in them. She went above and beyond to give me all the information about my program. After that, she introduced me to a few of her students who were leaving a classroom around the corner from us. They admitted it was a rather difficult major, but they said they received endless help and support from advisors and faculty. Also, they explained that every freshman gets an alumni advisor that now holds the career you are currently working towards that you can contact at any time for help or job hunting. The one student had mentioned that he had missed a few days because of an illness, and that day he received an email from his professors checking to make sure everything was alright. One downfall, you have to walk up hill after hill to get to almost any class or building on campus.

La Roche

La Roche was an abnormally small school. However, the dorms

were gorgeous. They were large and came with all of the amenities. Every other floor had a free laundry room and a personal gym on the bottom floor. The ultimate highlight of my visit was discovering the dorms did NOT have communal bathrooms.



Every room had their own facilities. This was the first non-suite dorm room I had found with its own bathroom.

When I toured the school I was a little let down, all the classes fit in one high school sized building. There was no actual campus to wander around, you were confined to a building. Actually, I believe the gym was as large as, or larger than the school itself.

When I looked at these schools online, they all seemed pretty perfect. However, when I got on campus I saw things I did and didn't like. So, what I'm trying to say is, you will never get the experience that you get on campus, over the phone or online; you have to visit schools. Whether you go on a dozen visits or just two, it will greatly help with your decision. Happy hunting!

Opinions on Our Generation

BY: GRACE WARGO

Current society encourages individualism. Will that be the defining feature of our generation? Generations are often critical of their successors. Almost as if one generation's successor practically rebels against the previous, so they become polar opposites. That's what separates you from your parents and grandparents. What do the previous generations think about Generation Y? Two interviewees from different generations gave some insight. Speaker A is a Baby Boomer, and Speaker B falls into what is considered the beginning of Generation X.

Baby Boomer:

The Positives: They [Generation Y] are creative, bold, and not afraid to speak up (even if

wrong).

The Negative: Unfoundedly confident. Rely too much on technology. They think only for the moment, not their future. Long range goals: Minimally existent.

Gen X:

The Positive: Young people today are far more connected to the world than when I was a kid; they have a plethora of information at their fingertips. Therefore they're usually quite comfortable with technology. That can be a positive thing. I often see humor, kindness, consideration for others, and real talent in today's youth.

The Negative: Young people today are often disconnected from those around them. Many are narcissistic, seemingly unaware of "others," and a bit aloof. Being prompt and on time doesn't seem too important to them.

Most expect to receive whatever they wish for. Some even have their parents accompany them to interviews! What's up with that?

Do you think it is harder to grow up today then when you were in high school?

Boomer:

Yes. They have too many choices, too many tempting vices, "bad" role models on TV, videos, etc.

Gen X:

Growing up today isn't harder, it's different. Everything changes; growing up is no exception. We didn't have "social media" when I was a kid. Today, the whole world may know what you did last night before you wake up and remember for yourself. Privacy has been greatly diminished. We never locked doors, and we didn't worry

about strangers. That's not the case today.

When you think about the behavior of America's youth, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?

Boomer:

It could be the nation's salvation, if youth could actually see the nation's downward direction. The youth of the nation make the changes.



Gen X:

I'm optimistic. Today's generation will be "running the show" in the future. Simply put, they are tomorrow. If I was pessimistic, I would not surround myself with this generation; yet, I do it every day when I come to school. Their communication skills will develop. They will learn empathy, and they'll learn about the world that they will soon inherit. It will probably take a little while, but I think they'll be just fine.

Let's surpass expectations and be a generation that represents our nation.



Our Generation

BY: BRIENNE MILLER

Generation Y, the one that anyone born after 1980 and before 2000 belong to, has many names; Millennials, the Net Generation and the Trophy Generation, due to the tendency for kids in this demographic to get trophies from activities regardless of their actual achievement levels, are among a few. Sociologists also call us the 'boomerang generation' or the 'Peter Pan' generation due to our tendency to delay adulthood.

Professors and sociologists explain that those in our generation are responding to the mistakes made by previous generations in regards to marriage and career options. In generations before, it was normal to get married, start a family, and start a career immediately; and those in our generation are finding that those

decisions lead to unhappy career choices and divorces and don't wish to repeat those mistakes. It's not that the members of



this generation don't want to get married or start a career, it's that they want to do it right the first time. Along with the influence of previous generation, housing prices and the cost of higher education contribute to members living with their parents for longer periods of time.

Generation X and Millennials were among the first to grow up with computers and the internet. Not only having the computer, but many of those in generation Y have lived with 250+ channel cable and various forms of media including social networking.

Strauss and Howe's book "Millennials Rising: The Next Generation" says that those in Generation Y often reject the attitudes of the Baby Boomers and Generation X. Strauss and Howe also describe Millennials as civic-minded. Several polls in

the U.K. have found that those in Generation Y are more open minded on controversial topics than their parents were, often leading to culture wars.

As they watched their parents' divorce and friends come out of the closet, Gen Y has become one of the most generations open to change of any kind. Yet despite their liberal leanings; members of Generation Y tend to be much bigger conformists than the more individualistic Gen X'ers that came before them. They want to have an impact on the world, but they're happy to do so wearing the same jeans and sneakers as their friends.

The young adults of this generation tend to be extremely confident -- some would say overconfident. They tend to enter the workforce with very high expectations both for themselves and for their employers, and they

often have plans to effect change at their company from day one. Because of the option of moving back in with their parents, Gen Y has the luxury of bouncing from job to job

until they find one that suits them. This lack of fear about holding on to one job tends to make them outspoken and unafraid of the boss.

While job security might not be near the top of the list for the young Gen Y, financial security certainly is. Having watched their parents loose bundles in the stock market or the housing market crash, Gen Y tends to be savvy about finances and value a healthy 401k plan from their employer. Gen Y are likely to see work as something that helps them live the rest of their lives rather than seeing work as life, they work to live rather than living to work. On the whole, they'd rather work at an interesting job for less money that allows them plenty of time out of the office (or working at home) rather than putting in 12-hour days for a six-figure salary. They don't want to be cogs in a corporate machine, nor do they

want simply to be told what to do by an overbearing boss. They want to shape and be shaped by their daily work experience -- and if that experience could include working with their friends in a casual and fun environment, so much the better.

The most significant difference between generations X and Y are that X kids are often thought of as the abandoned generation -- raised at a time when both parents had to enter the workforce leaving their "latchkey kids" to fend for themselves -- while Gen Y'ers are considered the most parented generation in history. They are also the largest generation of youth in history -- being three times larger than Gen X'ers .

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Spring Forward into Fashion

BY: SOPHIA STOKES

A new year always represents a new style. What's the biggest style trend? Does this match? Why does this look so bad? So Hopewell, let's get spring 2014 started with a little bit of fashion.

The most popular pattern for this spring is definitely anything with daisies on it. Daisies



are the style flower of the year. Incorporating any type of flower into your wardrobe also makes everyone think about spring. Also, a bright eye popping color this year is orange. Dark orange is very popular this spring.

Although spring is coming up, it's still not 70 degrees outside, and most people don't like wearing puffy winter coats. Instead, try a Varsity/bomber Jacket. You don't have to be on a Hopewell team to have one; they sell them all over the place. Varsity Jackets on average are around \$40. They keep you nice and cozy on those windy, rainy days.

With spring almost here, most people want to get out of the blue jean trap. Shorts throughout the years have been mostly blue jean shorts. This year, girls, they're coming out with dressed-up shorts. You can get plaid, checkered, flowered, or any patterned shorts you want. Match these with a solid color top that matches a color in the

shorts. Patterned shorts usually cost an average of \$25. These shorts will spice spring up! Just make sure they're within dress code.

During the winter, people always wear sweat shirts, hoodies, and long sleeved shirts. So this spring, let's show some skin and not be all bundled up. Plain t-shirts, the type for gym class, can get a bit boring with everyone wearing the same thing. This year, try an amped-up tee. Amped-up tees have patterns on the shoulders, with patterns like sparkles, crystals, gems, etc. These cute Tees on average cost around \$20. These T-Shirts add some glam to your style.

This year in winter, the most trending thing was combat boots (a.k.a. military boots). But since it is no longer winter, a new type of shoe is needed. Popular for this spring are Sky-high Wedges. Wedges are a sandal with a high heel, making you really tall! The really popular ones this year are all patterned. A pair of these shoes costs an average of about \$25. You'll be rocking the halls.

Depending on what stores you go to, prices vary on different items. Although spring fashion is not the most important thing on everyone's agenda, it is always great to try something new. Trying something new makes you discover who you are as a person. So, try something new this spring and style it up! Let's make 2014 a fashionable year.



Bits and Pieces

BY: JUSTIN KRAUS

1. That little pocket inside of the pocket of your jeans? It originates from the original Levi's jeans during the gold rush and was used to hold gold nuggets.
2. Vikings never wore horns on their heads.
3. Napoleon was average height for his time.
4. Chewing gum does not take seven years to pass through the digestive tract; it takes as much time as normal food does.
5. The Great Wall of China is not the only man-made structure visible from space, nothing man made is.
6. Bats are not blind. 70 percent of bats use sonar, but all can see.
7. Bulls are not enraged by the color red. In fact, bulls see in dichromatic color, meaning they only see in two colors, and red is not one of them. It is the waving of the flag that enrages them.
8. Ostriches do not hide their heads in the sand. That is stupid.
9. Houseflies can live for 60 days, not 24 hours.
10. Hydrogen Peroxide actually inhibits the healing of scars or wounds
11. Hair and fingernails do not continue to grow after death.
12. It is impossible to actually repair split ends. They can be made to look repaired, but not actually.
13. Sugar does not cause hyperactivity.
14. Humans cannot catch warts from toads. Warts are a human disease, toads cannot get.
15. Cracking knuckles does not cause arthritis.
16. Diamonds are not formed from super-compressed coal.
17. Mac computers can still get viruses.

Fangirling: Diagnosed

BY: LAUREN TRIMBER

Bloodshot eyes staring at a glowing screen. Breathless excitement the moment a boy band comes onto the TV. According to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*—nicknamed the Bible of mental disorders—internet addiction and fangirling are officially mental illnesses.

Dictionary.com defines fangirling as an obsessive female fan. While some are content with watching a favorite TV show every week or staying updated with a band online, others go to the extent of threatening *One Direction* on Twitter. According to *The Daily Shift*, one girl tweeted the young Brits, “Follow me or I’ll break my

dog’s neck.” Even though fangirls are more common, fanboys are just as “mentally ill.” Common male addictions include comics, sports, and famous women.

But how far is too



far? History teacher Mrs. Kanitra decided the additions to mental disorders is “Completely absurd... saying they’re disorders are an

excuse.” Although she never had an obsession herself, Mrs. Kanitra did admit to liking Kenny Rogers when she was younger.

Meanwhile English teacher Ms. Barr said of the new diagnosis, “I think it’s definitely [justified], but I don’t think the term fangirling is accurate. It’s okay for little kids as long as it doesn’t interrupt their everyday lives.” She thought the same thing about internet addiction, explaining that both are alright as long as the person can still function in society. Ms. Barr confessed to obsessing over *Kiss*’s Gene Simmons, speaking of the life-sized posters that she still owns.

With both professionals and Hopewell’s teachers scoffing at the new mental disorders, will there ever be true help for those suffering?

Underrated Musicians

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

Ever go to a concert and an opening act comes on that you have never heard before? After they perform three or four songs, they vanish from the show. Sometimes, they might get a Google search or otherwise, completely ignored. Underrated musicians are all over the place, in every genre. Here are some underrated musicians in certain genres that deserve a listen.

Country: Whenever the words “country music” are said, most people will think of Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton, Kenny Chesney, and so on. A new face that has arrived onto the Nashville scene is Jon Pardi. Pardi just released his first album *Write You a Song* on January 14, 2014. Pardi’s first single off the album was “Missin You Crazy” and his second, which has gained some notoriety, “Up All Night” spent one week on the Billboard Top 100 Songs, coming in at number 86.

Rock: While pop British boy bands have been on the rise (i.e. One Direction), a British rocker deserves a listen, and his name is Jake Bugg. Bugg, 20, released his



first self-titled album in April 2013 under the record label, Mercury Records. His second album, *Shangri La*, was released on November 13, 2013. Bugg mixes folk, rock, and a bit of country into both of his albums. Recently, he performed his song “Me and You” on American Idol. Bugg’s self titled album was also on People Magazine’s list of Best Albums of 2013.

Rap: Kellee Maize. Yes, a women rapper has made the list, but fear not, she’s not a Nicki Minaj-type. Maize is not signed to any label, which means she puts her albums out independently. Maize has five albums *Age of Feminine* (2008), *Aligned Archtype* (2010), *Integration* (2011), *Owl Time* (2012), and *The 5th Element*, which was released on February 14, 2014.

Pop: As noted before, the boy band scene of pop music has been ruled by One Direction for the past year. Emblem3 is another boy band, but they don’t hail from across the ocean. The band, made up of brothers Wesley and Keaton Stromberg, and their friend Drew Chadwick, are from Huntington Beach, California. They were discovered on the X Factor, while on Simon Cowell’s team, and placed fourth on season two. The trio released their album *Nothing to Lose* on July 26, 2013. Their most noteworthy songs are “Chloe (You’re The One I Want),” “3000 Miles,” and “Sunset Blvd.”

The Forgotten

Part Two

BY: MADDY HOPKINS

"It means," she said, "you will soon die." A grin twitched at the side of her mouth that she tried to chase away. Part of her relished the idea of him being hers forever. To look at such beauty for the rest of eternity...

Baldr's handsome face sank, but he shook his head. "That's not possible. Frigg made them vow. Everyone is under her contract."

"Everything?" The obsidian of Hel's living eye flashed, unnerving in the lack of light. "She hasn't forgotten anyone?" Being a goddess, though, Hel knew. His mother had overlooked something—seemingly harmless mistletoe. Surely, mistletoe couldn't hurt anything, they thought. Especially not a god. Especially not Baldr.

"You'd—you'd tell me if you knew something, right?" His body language betrayed his uneasiness. The shift of his weight. The tightening of his shoulders.

"Of course not," Hel answered, face stony. She wished him dead. He had it so easy. He deserved to experience her unending cold. She

deserved his warmth.

"Do you hate me that much?"

"I don't hate you."

"Then...what?" His face lit up in mischief. A grin played at his lips. "Jealous?"

"What?" Hel scoffed. And she could have sworn her heart actually beat.

"You wish for my heat." That grin. She hated it. Couldn't look away. Their eyes were locked and Hel inhaled sharply. Why was her body buzzing like she was actually alive?

Baldr stepped closer. Reached out. Brushed his fingers along her living cheek. Intense fire consumed her all at once and she gasped. Her head was spinning and she was breathing raggedly even though she was dead and didn't need to breathe and she couldn't fathom why. She was simultaneously being compressed and stretched, in pain and bliss, and it was so potent she gasped again and jerked away.

"N-no. No, that's not it," she lied. His words were truth spearing her heart. And it shouldn't hurt because her heart was numb. It was dead. But it did. It hurt how much she ached for that heat. She'd drawn away, but all she wanted was that warmth. She

wanted that agonizing pleasure. She wanted the touch of his hand.

"You're lying." He smiled, genuinely, laughing breathily with crinkled eyes, and Hel realized it was the first time anyone had looked at her that way. A train derailed in her mind.

"How do you know?"

He didn't answer but instead said, "Here." This time, he cupped his hand around her cheek, and the same fire enveloped her, chasing out the cold. It was the tenderness of a warm hug, the vitality within the sun, the torture of beauty.

She didn't even register closing her eye.

Suddenly, the ice swept in again. Her lungs, just remembering how to breathe, froze solid and she felt she was suffocating. Drowning in a death-chilled ocean. Her eye snapped open.

Baldr's image was flickering; he was awakening. Panic filled the hollow cavern of Hel's chest. "Baldr, please stay."

"I can't. This is only a dream." His voice was growing softer.

He was nearly gone by the time she remembered. "Baldr, wait! Mistletoe!" But he had blipped from existence before she'd finished. **To Be Continued...**

CAUGHT IN HIGH-LITES

